

DRAFT MINUTES

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Minutes of a Meeting of Tywardreath & Par Parish Council held on Thursday 4th February 2016 at Par Running Track Pavilion at 7.00 pm

Present Cllrs Wildish, Hughes, Scrafton, Phillips, Taylor, Waddington

In attendance Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent
4 members of the public (part)

15/119 Apologies Cllr Allen, Cllr Brasier, Cllr Foster, Cllr Fowler
PCSO Rebecca Harris

15/120 Declaration of interests

Pecuniary - Cllr Wildish declared a pecuniary interest in the grant application from St Blaise Town Council

Non Registerable – Cllr Taylor declared a non registerable interest in the grant application from St Blaise Town Council

Dispensations - Cllr Hughes has been granted a dispensation by the Parish Clerk in any matters pertaining to allotments, effective until 2017.

15/121 Public Questions / Police Report

Public Questions

Gill Butler queried the position in respect of the transfer of the skatepark site. Cllr Scrafton was unaware of any progress but would investigate and report back.

Martin Eddy reported on a planning application to be submitted by the Trust for the change of use and internal and external alterations for Cornubia Hall. It was hoped to establish a business and community hub, incorporating *inter alia* a library and associated services, a theatre, a café and offices. Martin noted that the Trust would be interested in bidding for some CC devolution money when it was available

Police Report

There had been 6 recorded crimes in January – 2 x violence with injury, 2 x violence without injury, 1 x shoplifting, 1 x drugs and 23 police incidents recorded.

15/122 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3rd December 2016

It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded Cllr Scrafton and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

15/123 Matters arising not on the agenda (for report only)

None.

15/124 To receive the Cornwall Councillors reports

Cllr Scrafton reported

- Councillor Taylor will doubtless speak of our concerted but ultimately futile efforts to convince Network Rail to see sense over the closure of the A390.
- I continue to work on the future of the Par Running Track. Last week, I met a group of volunteers who are willing to help prepare a business case etc ready for submission to Cornwall Council. That group has already begun its work. Time is short. I remain convinced that it will be in the best interests of the wider community for the track to be brought into community ownership.
- I introduced a motion to Cornwall Council last week calling for the portfolio holder responsible to convene a round-table discussion between all interested groups to discuss the problems created by traffic and parking near schools. I would like to see schools, parents' representatives, police and other blue light services, neighbourhood groups and anyone else with an interest sit down and discuss between themselves what could be done to alleviate some of the problems. That motion has been referred to a committee.
- I also supported a motion calling for the introduction of a bye-law that would enable wardens to fine dog owners who cannot prove that they have on them the means to pick up after their dogs. All too often, wardens know who the offenders are, but are unable to catch them *in flagrante delecto*. This would be another tool in their arsenal. That motion has also been referred to a committee.
- I participated in a walkabout with Cllr Taylor and representatives of Cornwall Council and the Environment Agency to look at potential flood risks and alleviation prospects. One area of potential interest in assisting with alleviation might be the part of the running track land that adjoins Moorland Road near the scout hut and the fish and chip shop.
- I continue to be involved with others in the exciting work relating to the future of the Roundhouse.
- In respect of a letter from the PCA about dog mess Cllrs noted that it was that this was an ongoing, although unacceptable, problem. However Cllr Allen had suggested a possible way forward by highlighting the issue using a dog fouling stencil, at a cost of under £25. Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Waddington seconded and it was RESOLVED that this equipment should be purchased.

Cllr Taylor – reported

- Although I have been busy with regular meetings this month, the closure of the A390 to through traffic has taken up a lot of time. My thanks go to Doug Scrafton for his solid support with this. We tried everything we could think of to reverse the decision to close the A390 at the Tywardreath Highway / Bridge Street level crossing from Friday (29th) night till the morning of Monday the 8th of February. We were not successful however. A drop in session at the Football Club saw nine staff brought in by Network Rail (NR) to tell us what they were going to do, while continuing to not listen to local people. A hastily prepared petition opposing the closure was presented by local people to NR with more than 1700 signatures.

My thanks go to all of the people that have shown their support or otherwise contributed to our efforts to minimise the damage. This has been a Public Relations disaster for Network Rail.

The official diversion takes a detour via Bodmin, the A30 and the A391. Naturally, many people are using local country roads to get around rather than the lengthy official diversion route. As these backroads are mostly not wide enough to permit vehicles to pass, drivers are using the verges. A lot of mud is the obvious result and time will tell what damage is done to the road surface. In my experience many motorists drive sensibly along the backroads and through Lanescot but some do travel at excessive speed for the conditions. Please drive safely and keep your speed down.

I have requested that the yellow lines on the approach to the level crossing from Tywardreath Highway are not enforced for the ten day period of closure to enable people to park and cross on foot and go about their business. Please be mindful of access to properties.

The address supplied by NR to enable claims for compensation for loss incurred by the closure is: Claims, Network Rail, Western House, 1 Holbrook Way, Swindon, SN1 1BD

I cannot say what if anything NR may pay but it is certainly worth making them aware of the financial burden they have placed on the community.

We have learned a lot over the last few days that I won't go into here but I am determined that this will never happen again and no other community in Cornwall will face this degree of severance for what should be a routine replacement of equipment. Of course this work is necessary but to attempt this at short notice could only result in major disruption.

As an aside, living beside the Highway has never been so quiet. My breathing has improved noticeably with the reduction in particulates and NOx's from diesel exhaust fumes.

- I have attended meetings of PBBL and PBCT as a part of my normal workload during the last month.
- As mentioned before, I am a part of the group that is trying to improve the lot of the Roundhouse and turntable. We have been successful in getting £50,000 from the Coastal Communities Fund to be spent on a feasibility study to determine what is possible for the structures.
- Kilhallon landslip results on the land structure are back and repairs will now be undertaken as soon as practicable
- The Clerk asked if it would be possible for Cornwall Council to claim against Network Rail for all the damage to verges and the cleaning of the small roads around the road closure, including Tywardreath, Treesmill, the Castledore to Pelyn X road and Sandyway, Lanlivery Lane and Black Hill (in Lanlivery parish). Cllr Taylor agreed to follow this up.

Cllr Hughes – reported

- In December, on a visit by the Boundary Commission to Cornwall, the Council was told that our current electoral divisions did not meet the Commission's requirements in terms of numerical balance and questions were

raised as to the optimum number of Councillors. The Council was instructed to carry out a comprehensive review, to be completed and agreed by March 2017 in order that the May 2017 Cornwall Council elections could be carried out on the new boundaries. After consideration, the Council made a considered and closely argued response explaining why it was neither desirable, nor possible in practical terms to make such a substantial change within the timescale set out, in particular since it gave insufficient time for meaningful consultation with the electorate. I am pleased to report that last week we received a response from the Commission agreeing that we could have until March 2017 to prepare and consult on our submission with the implementation to come into effect at the 2021 elections.

- At last week's Council, a motion was presented instructing the Leader to present the strongest opposition to the Government's proposal to bring the Fire Service under the control of the Police and Crime Commissioner. It was argued that over the past four years Cornwall Fire and Rescue service had established nationwide recognition for the excellence and efficiency of its services and was leading the way in coordination of "blue-light" services. It was considered that the Government proposal would be a retrograde step. After serious debate it was agreed by a large, cross-party consensus, to support the motion, with an amendment urging that everything possible should be done to bring the Police service in Cornwall back under our control.
- Two other motions, with which I was involved, were referred back for consideration by the appropriate committees. The first sought to introduce a "Public Spaces Protection Order – Means to Pick-up". This would require dog owners to demonstrate that they were carrying suitable means to clear up after their animals. Where this has been tried it has had a significant impact on dog-fouling. This will be considered by the Communities PAC in May.
- The second asks Cornwall Council to take a leading role in a multi-service study of ways to reduce the safety and nuisance problems caused by vehicles dropping-off and picking up outside our schools. This will be considered by the Transport PAC at their April meeting
- The Leader announced at the meeting that Cornwall Council has been shortlisted for the "Council of the Year award" to be decided in March.
- I have informed the Planning Officer that, unless the Parish Council give me strong reasons to the contrary, I would not be minded to call in the two planning applications recently referred back to the PC as I agree with the officer's recommendation.

15/125 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives

Community Network: Cllr Wildish reported that the devolution fund had been discussed at a recent meeting and how this should be distributed would be agreed at the next one. It was agreed that a decision on whether or not the parish council should put in a bid for some funding and for what project(s) should be an agenda item in March.

15/126 To receive and note minutes of Parish Council Committees

Planning – minutes noted
Environment – none.
Finance – none

15/127 Correspondence List

The correspondence list was ‘left on the table’ for Cllrs attention

15/128 Accounts for Approval

Cllr Phillips proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded and it was RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £1,540.35 be approved.

15/129 Resolutions from Councillors

None

15/130 Public Conveniences in the Parish

The Clerk had confirmed the parish councils agreement to Sir Richard Rashleigh’s proposal to grant the parish council an easement over the area currently leased to Cornwall Council, provided he could vary the route from time to time and limit the right to access to the play area and toilets. The easement would end if the properties ceased to be used for the prescribed purposes. However, the completion of the transfer of the Par Beach facilities was still being held up until the completion of this this Deed of Easement. In respect of Hamleys Corner toilets, Cornwall Council had confirmed that the authority was not prepared to undertake any repair/remedial work connected to the asbestos survey in general and the loose downpipe in particular. Cllr Scafton had asked for confirmation that the grant funding was still available and was awaiting a response. Cllr Phillips proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should obtain quotes for the refurbishment of the Par Beach toilets, with a view to undertaking the work immediately after the proposed handover date, 1st April 2016. The Clerk would also obtain a cleaning quote from Cormac.

15/131 Tywardreath Allotments

The Clerk had received a list of the current ploholders together with details of outstanding rent due. It was interesting to note that there were vacant plots listed when Cornwall Council appeared to be holding an extensive waiting list. Cllr Phillips reported that the engrossments for transfer would shortly be available and gave a breakdown on costs to date. It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded Cllr Scafton and RESOLVED that the Chairman and Clerk should sign the completion paperwork on behalf of the parish council as soon as it was available.

15/132 Par Bay Skatepark Project

No update

15/133 Neighbourhood Plan

No update

15/134 Par Beach Play Area

Cllr Scrafton had reminded FOPB that he was waiting for their promised ideas about possible equipment and was awaiting a response. He also reported that a trench had been dug across the property, which he had discovered had been done by contractors working for Park Leisure installing a gas pipeline. The Clerk confirmed that permission had been neither sought nor granted for this. Cllr Waddington then proposed, Cllr Wildish seconded and it was RESOLVED that the parish council should grant a wayleave for the pipeline at an annual token payment of £80, with Park Leisure indemnifying the parish council for all risks relating to the pipeline and paying the parish councils' legal costs.

15/135 Tywardreath Butte rmarket

No update

Cllr Wildish and Cllr Taylor left the room for the next item and Cllr Waddington proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Phillips should take the Chair.

15/136 St Blaise Community Space

Cllr Phillips stated that he did not think the parish council could justify making a contribution to this as the site was out of parish, given the additional calls on the parish councils' funds with the transfer of the allotments and toilets. Cllr Scrafton felt a small amount could be appropriate. After discussion it was agreed to defer a decision until the March meeting as several Councillors were absent and with both Cllr Wildish and Cllr Taylor declaring an interest only four members were available to vote and, although this would be legal, it was felt to be inappropriate. The Clerk would check with the Monitoring Officer before the March meeting in respect of Cllr Taylor's interest as Cllr Hughes was unconvinced that he needed to declare as he had been advised to do by the Clerk.

Cllr Wildish and Cllr Taylor returned to the meeting

15/137 Land at Vine Place

No update

15/138 Flood & Emergency Planning Committee

Cllr Allen and Cllr Taylor had attended a recent meeting chaired by Amy Pearce of the Environment Agency and reported that until a decision on the parish councils adoption of the Plan was ratified things could not move forward. Cllr Scrafton proposed, Cllr Waddington seconded and it was RESOLVED that the parish council should adopt the revised Community Flood Plan submitted by Charles Richards, with the proviso that it was rather limited but a good basis for compiling a Community Emergency Plan. It was further proposed by Cllr Scrafton, seconded Cllr Waddington and RESOLVED that St Blaise Town

Council should submit the Community Emergency Grant application on behalf of both St Blaise and Tywardreath & Par Councils.

15/139 Parish Council Environment Committee

Deferred until the March meeting.

15/140 Proposed Changes to the National Planning Policy Framework

It was proposed by Cllr Wildish, seconded Cllr Phillips and RESOLVED that the parish council should endorse the CALC response to this consultation.

15/141 Cornwall Council consultation on significant changes to the Cornwall Local Plan Strategic Policies Proposed Submission Document

Cllr Scrafton explained that the Revised Plan would make no material difference to Tywardreath & Par parish council and he proposed, Cllr Waddington seconded and it was RESOLVED that the document be noted.

15/142 Parish Councillor's Reports

None.

Date of Next Meeting 3rd March 2016

Meeting Closed 8.57pm