

DRAFT MINUTES

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Minutes of a Meeting of Tywardreath & Par Parish Council held on Thursday 3rd November 2016 at Par Running Track Pavilion at 7.00 pm

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

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

16/100 Apologies Cllr Fowler
PCSO Rebecca Harris

16/101 Declaration of interests

Pecuniary - None

Non Registerable – None

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

16/102 Public Questions & Participation /Police Report

Public Questions

None

Police Report

There had been 4 recorded crimes in October – 1 x violence with injury, 1 x burglary dwelling, 1 x criminal damage, 1 x other theft and 34 police incidents recorded.

16/103 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th October 2016

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

16/104 Matters arising not on the agenda (for report only)

1. Par Beach Public Conveniences. The Clerk reported that there were ongoing, relatively minor maintenance issues with the toilets and also that the income from the 20p coin pay system was likely to leave a £5,000 pa shortfall against the cleaning costs, which would have to be covered from the precept. Maintenance costs would also need to be budgeted for, although hopefully the income from letting the empty space would help.
2. Co-option of Councillor. The Clerk reported that there had been no call for an election so the parish council was now free to fill the vacant seat by co-option.

Cllr Wildish proposed, Cllr Scrafton seconded and it was RESOLVED that the agenda item Par Beach Play Area should be discussed first and the meeting should be closed to allow the public present to take part.

16/105 Par Beach Play Area

Mike Freemantle referred the meeting to an event in 2014 when the public were consulted on the kind of facilities they wanted to see installed at the site. After consideration of the responses the FOPB group had identified a scheme costing in the region of £60,000, which encouraged children to play imaginatively. Cllr Scrafton had also researched some options for less expensive schemes and he asked what amount of money the parish council envisaged spending, as this clearly needed to be the starting point. The general feeling was that a scheme in the region of £30,000 would be appropriate and Cllr Scrafton agreed to work with Mike to progress the project, including obtaining quotes for consideration.

The meeting reopened.

16/106 To receive the Cornwall Councillors reports

Cllr Scrafton – no report

Cllr Taylor – reported

My wife and I have been on holiday, so there is somewhat less to report than is usual. I have nonetheless attended various meetings and events including:

- A brief visit to the St Blazey Reclaimed Autumn Fete at the Burrows Centre where this parish was well represented. A pity the weather did not cooperate.
- A meeting with residents at Kilhallon. This was followed a few days later by a meeting with Cormac officers and residents at Kilhallon where various remaining highway defects were aired.
- A Community Network Area meeting in Lostwithiel where various highways issues were discussed amongst other items.
- I chaired a Transportation PAC at County Hall and held a pre meet for the November PAC.
- Cornwall Community Flood Forum has converted itself into a Community Interest Organisation. According to the bank the constitution of the CIO prevents any individual from viewing the accounts online. As Treasurer this is a problem. Fortunately the old CCFF bank account still operates at least pro tem.
- I attended an extraordinary Council meeting this week at County Hall where the subject discussed was the Parliamentary Boundary Review.

Cllr Hughes – reported

1. Cornwall Local Plan

At its resumed Inspection in May, the inspector accepted the revised figure of 52,500 new homes by 2030 as a realistic figure and, in general, accepted the allocation between Network Areas. The allocation for our Network area remains as in the original submission. He did require some adjustments in St Austell and

also some changes to reflect changes in Government regulations since the plan was submitted.

To comply with the bureaucratic procedures, these changes had to be “consulted” and the inspection re-convened to consider any responses. The inspection has now been successfully concluded. The Plan will be brought to the Council for adoption on 22nd November. Once adopted, we can apply the policies in the Plan rather than having to fall back on the National Planning Policy Framework, which, as we are all aware, is heavily slanted in favour of the developer.

It will also mean that Neighbourhood Plans, which related to the Local Plan, will have more “weight” with inspectors at Planning Appeals. It will also mean that those areas without Neighbourhood Plans may be seen by developers as “easier” targets.

2. Boundary and Governance Review

As I have reported before, the Local Government Boundary Commission is reviewing the divisional boundaries of Cornwall Council. Initially, this was to be completed in time for the elections in May next year, in our opinion, far too short a period to come up with realistic and workable boundaries. We negotiated an extended period of time (until next summer) but in exchange, had to commit to a simultaneous governance review which, amongst other matters, will review the number of councillors which we should have on Cornwall Council (currently 123). A working group of councillors and officers has been set up and has produced an initial report suggesting that the revised council should have between 105 & 115 members, based on evidence of current and expected councillor workloads.

It is recognised that current councillors are covering the “casework” previously handled by several times the present number of District and County Councillors. It is also apparent that, with devolution of more responsibilities from County to Town and Parish Councils, the direct workload has been reduced but, particularly for smaller parishes with few or no full-time officers, Cornwall Councillors are having to provide more practical support.

Another problem is the geography of Cornwall. Some urban members may have divisions covering less than a square kilometre whilst other divisions are hundreds of times bigger and may include 7 or 8 parishes. Time taken in travelling both within a division and to Council meetings also varies hugely. There are serious concerns that, particularly in the larger and most far-flung areas, a significant decrease in the number of councillors could result in the public feeling that they are under-represented (democratic deficit).

Parishes and the public are being asked to comment on the proposed arrangements (T & P PC has received such an invitation). I would strongly urge you to respond. This is a real opportunity for you to help shape Cornwall for the future. At the outset of the council there was, justifiably, considerable outcry about the lack of consultation. You are now being asked again. Please take the opportunity.

16/107 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives

None

16/108 To receive and note minutes of Parish Council Committees

Planning – minutes noted
Environment – no report
Finance – no report

16/109 Correspondence List

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

16/110 Accounts for Approval

Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded and it was RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £1857.17 be approved.

16/111 Resolutions from Councillors

None

16/112 Tywardreath Allotments

The Clerk was continuing to allocate the plots. Concern was raised about a request from the Allotment Association that the parish council should relax its rule to give priority to residents of the parish in allocating plots in relation to two people as this could create an unwelcome precedent. However, whilst members were reluctant to deviate from their policy it was accepted that these two cases were unique and the result of an inherited position. In view of this it was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded Cllr Brasier and RESOLVED that as a one-off measure these two plots should be treated as exceptions and the Clerk should grant tenancies to the people concerned. Cllr Phillips had discussed the issue of the overhanging trees at the Glenview site with the tree officer at Cornwall Council and he had confirmed that they were not covered by a TPO. Cllr Phillips would arrange for them to be felled.

16/113 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Hughes reported that the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group would be at 7pm on 15th November in the New Inn back room. He was pleased that the project appeared to be gaining momentum, with some keen residents on the SG.

16/114 Tywardreath Buttermarket

Cllr Foster reported that Mike Worne had done the metalwork for the seat and had submitted an interim invoice for materials.

16/115 Land at Vine Place

No update.

16/116 Fourways Centre

Cllr Taylor reported that Fourways Charity pay Kernow Youth CIC almost £40,000 pa to provide the staff to carry out the youth work. The Management Committee had so far managed to fund this from reserves inherited from before

Cornwall Council ceased funding youth work and from raising funds from other sources but were in danger of running out altogether. Should that happen, the youth work would cease and the charity would have to be wound up. The Management Committee would naturally be seeking assistance from major donors such as the Big Lottery and Children in Need but many of these organisations looked for evidence of match funding and it was anyway by no means certain that they would be able to secure all of the money required from this sort of source. Cllr Taylor asked the parish council to consider budgeting for a donation towards these expenses, given that the facility was used by youngsters from Tywardreath & Par as well as from St Blazey. Members were in general agreement that the Centre offered an extremely useful service to the youngsters in the community and should be supported if possible. The Finance Committee would consider this request when setting the budget, although Cllr Phillips and the Clerk pointed out that the parish council now had many more calls on its precept and would need to be mindful of this; as with Cornwall Council the parish council budgeting exercise was becoming increasingly challenging.

16/117 Parish Councillor's Reports

Cllr Foster reported that the wooden seat in Tehidy Road had been vandalised.

Cllr Wildish queried the position in respect of the Flood Group, given that Charles Richards had stood down as Chairman. Cllr Taylor would investigate.

Date of Next Meeting 1st December 2016

Meeting Closed 8.20pm