

DRAFT MINUTES

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Minutes of a Meeting of Tywardreath & Par Parish Council held on Thursday 1st December 2016 at Par Running Track Pavilion at 7.00 pm

Present Cllrs Wildish, Brasier, Hughes, Phillips, Scafton and Taylor

In attendance Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent
Amy Pearce - Environment Agency (part)

16/118 Apologies Cllr Foster, Cllr Fowler
PCSO Rebecca Harris

16/119 Declaration of interests

Pecuniary - None

Non Registerable – Cllr Hughes, Cllr Scafton and Cllr Taylor declared a non registerable interest in the grant to Fourways contained in the proposed budget

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

16/120 Public Questions & Participation /Police Report

Public Questions

Amy drew attention to the proposal that the Flood Group Emergency Committee could be handed over jointly to St Blaise and Tywardreath & Par parish councils as Charles Retallack was stepping down from the Committee on 31st December. Amy asked if the parish council wished to work with St Blaise or would prefer to form its own Committee. Cllr Taylor undertook to speak to Charles about the current situation. Amy would email the current Flood Plan to the Clerk and suggested possible dates for a meeting, which Cllr Taylor and Cllr Wildish agreed to attend on the 16th December at 7pm.

Police Report

There had been 13 recorded crimes in November – 4 x violence with injury, 2 x violence without injury, 1 x rape, 1 x robbery, 2 x other theft, 2 x public order, 1 x possession of drugs and 26 police incidents recorded.

16/121 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3rd November 2016

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

16/122 Matters arising not on the agenda (for report only)

1. Par Beach Public Conveniences. The Clerk had no particular concerns to report.

2. Co-option of Councillor. The Clerk reported that she had advertised the vacancy on the notice boards and the parish council website with a cut-off date for applications of midnight on 22nd December.

16/123 To receive the Cornwall Councillors reports

Cllr Scrafton – reported

- I have attended a number of meetings during the month, including two full meetings of Cornwall Council, two meetings of the Cabinet, the Community Network Panel, the Imerys Liaison Group, St Austell Bay Economic Forum and the Resources Policy Advisory Committee.
- I am delighted to be able to report that I have reached agreement with Cornwall Council whereby Par running track and its associated facilities will come under community control. This will take effect at a date of my group's choosing, but before 1st April 2018. The agreement allows for GLL (who have secured the overall contract for Cornwall Council's leisure facilities) to run the track under my group's leadership for up to a year – this will allow time for us to form a suitable legal entity and ensure that our plans are robust. I should like to thank this Council for its undertaking to provide funding for the track for two years. This will be an important element in enabling us to get through the early stages of a very complicated task. At its meeting on 28th November, the Cabinet formally agreed to meet the cost of the resurfacing of the track, which is due to take place in the spring.
- I have also been involved in negotiations over the arrangements to transfer Par Library into the hands of the Par Bay Community Trust – and physically from its current home into Cornubia Hall. These discussions continue, but appear to be moving in a positive direction.
- There are proposals for the temporary closure of Par Green and the suspension of one-way traffic in Eastcliffe Road for part of January, to enable road works. I have asked Cormac to look at the experience of a year or two ago, when Eastcliffe Road was resurfaced and Par Green became two way – and where there were some consequent traffic problems – and to consider whether the arrangements they propose are the most effective from the point of view of traffic safety.
- I have indicated to Cornwall Council that I oppose the application from Park Leisure for a full alcohol licence for Milos Restaurant. This is on a number of grounds. The Council has informed me that as a result of my objection the application has been refused. Cllr Hughes noted that another application could be submitted and he had formally advised CC licensing of his objection in the event he was away if this happened.
- Finally, though the Chancellor of the Exchequer made his autumn statement yesterday, there is so far no news about the fate of funding for the STARR project, some elements of which could have a significant impact on this parish. We can but hope.

Cllr Taylor – reported

- A busy month. As well as Parish sub committees, and a councillors surgery, meetings attended included an additional Community Network Area meeting considering the subjects of the Local Plan with the portfolio holder and a second agenda item on changes to NHS funding.
- Also Cabinet and a Cornwall Council meeting where the Cornwall Local Plan and the budget for 2017/2018 were agreed.
- Meetings of Par Bay Big Local and Par Bay Community Trust as well as a Roundhouse meeting that was held in Bodmin. I also attended the Youth Market held at Cornish Market World on Saturday last.
- An elderly constituent asked me for help. She had been quoted £4000 for the installation of loft insulation. While insulation is a good idea, the cost quoted is not. I am trying to get her a low or no cost quotation.
- I listened in hope for news on the funding for StARR from the Chancellors Autumn Statement but those hopes have not yet been fulfilled.
- I attended the AGM of PL24 and a Neighbourhood Plan meeting in Tywardreath.
- As previously reported, the yellow zig zag lines outside many schools are not currently enforceable. Some just need repainting and signage to enable enforcement by the Police. Civil Enforcement officers still await government legislation that was promised but has not yet been enacted. A meeting today agreed that any school entrance is a point of potential conflict between pedestrians of any age and vehicles. These zig zags need to be effective.

Cllr Hughes – reported

- The Cornwall Local Plan was formally adopted at the meeting of Cornwall Council on 22nd November and has become the Council's Planning Policy with full weight.
This is important because, as far as permitted by national law, we can now apply its details, making planning more relevant to Cornish needs. It can be shown that, at present, there is 5.25 years-worth of land available for development. This is important as it stops developers being able to fall back on national policies, which are generally “developer-friendly”. The Local Plan will be supplemented by a series of Supplementary Planning Documents covering specific topics and providing detailed guidance on interpretation of policy. Most of these are already well developed and should be available in the next few months.
- Local Government Boundary Review and Governance Review
As reported last month, this is underway: first drafts are being prepared and consultation is in hand. As I said then, it is important that Town and Parish Councils take part in the consultation as it will affect you. As funding cuts result in more responsibilities being devolved to Parish level, the pressures on their volunteer councillors, and in particular on Parish Clerks is increasing and the role of Cornwall Councillors as intermediaries with the Council is likely to increase.

- After delays resulting from understaffing at County Hall, work is getting underway on “improvement” to the play facilities at Poldrea. £20,000 has been allocated for this work and a consultation is planned for early in the New Year on how best to use this money. I have been in touch with a number of people who are keen to get involved and who are talking about the possibility of raising further funding to enhance the improvements.

16/124 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives

Imerys Liaison. Cllr Scrafton had attended a recent but had nothing of note to report

16/125 To receive and note minutes of Parish Council Committees

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

16/126 Correspondence List

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

16/127 Accounts for Approval

Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Phillips seconded and it was RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £4,400.33 be approved.

16/128 Resolutions from Councillors

None

16/129 Tywardreath Allotments

The Clerk was continuing to allocate the plots. John Truscott had started the clearance of the new site at Poldrea but there was a significant amount of work to be done.

16/130 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Hughes reported on a second meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held on Tuesday evening. He was pleased to report that we seem to be forming a balanced, multi-disciplined group who are willing and able to play an active role in developing the plan. What was particularly encouraging was that they are not just the “usual faces” and include several younger members who bring different perspectives to the project. He wished to record special thanks to Gill Butler for the hard work which she had put in to revive the Plan and encourage these new members. It was hoped that the first leaflet/questionnaire would be going out early in the new year.

16/131 Par Beach Play Area

No update

16/132 Tywardreath Buttermarket

No update

16/133 Land at Vine Place

No update.

16/134 Budget 2017/2018

Cllr Phillips presented the draft budget agreed by the Finance Committee and he proposed, Cllr Scrafton seconded and it was RESOLVED that it should be adopted by the parish council, together with a precept requirement of £41,838.00 for 2017/2018. It was noted that last year a Band D property in the parish had paid £39.53; this budget would increase this amount by approximately £1.00

16/135 Parish Councillor's Reports

Cllr Taylor reported that the Saints Way marker from Highway to Kilhallon was still missing but he was chasing this up.

Cllr Wildish asked members to consider if the parish council wished to work with St Blaise or did they think Tywardreath & Par should have its own Flood Plan.

Cllr Phillips noted that the finger post at the top of Driving Lane had been damaged again.

Date of Next Meeting 5th January 2017

Meeting Closed 8.00pm