

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

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**Minutes of a Meeting of Tywardreath & Par Parish Council held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 at Par Running Track Pavilion at 7.00 pm**

**Jordan Rowse recited and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed as a member of the parish council by the Chairman**

**Present** Cllr Wildish, Cllr Brasier, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Phillips,  
Cllr Rowse, Cllr Taylor

**In attendance** Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent

**16/154 Apologies** Cllr Foster, Cllr Scrafton  
PCSO Rebecca Harris

### **16/155 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.

### **16/156 Public Questions & Participation /Police Report**

#### **Public Questions**

None

#### **Police Report**

There had been 6 recorded crimes in January – 3 x violence without injury, 1 x criminal damage, 2 x other and 16 police incidents were recorded.

### **16/157 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016**

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

### **16/158 Matters arising not on the agenda (for report only)**

1. Par Beach Public Conveniences – future use of empty space. It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Phillips and RESOLVED that this unit must generate an income towards the running of the toilets so the application from FOPB to use it for storage must be refused. However, it was suggested that FOPB could be offered the Hamleys Corner toilet facility until such a time as the parish council had another use for it. Members agreed to visit the site before the March meeting to consider if it would be suitable.

## **16/159 To receive the Cornwall Councillors reports**

### **Cllr Scrafton – reported**

- Since the Council last met, I have attended a number of meetings, including full Cornwall Council, Cabinet, several all-member briefings, a briefing on the current state of play on the STARR project, a Community Network Panel meeting, a meeting of the Board of Corserv and others.
- I am delighted that the objections that Roy Taylor and I registered over plans to introduce higher parking charges, and a new evening charge, for parking at Par beach (and objections that other Councillors raised in their parts of Cornwall) has resulted in these measures being suspended. At last week's meeting of the Cabinet, the portfolio holder for finance indicated that any shortfall in income for the 2017/2018 financial year would be met from other council sources.
- The development of the STARR project proposals to address flooding issues in the Par Bay catchment area continues. Much work is being done behind the scenes, though little may be apparent at present.
- The appeal by Wainhomes against refusal of planning permission for a new development above Mountside Avenue is due to take place during the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> March. I am encouraging all those who have views on this application to attend, so that they can be heard by the Inspector.
- Finally, I should mention that I remain fully engaged with the development of the arrangements for the takeover of Par track by a community group. This is a major undertaking and occupies a great deal of my time at present. The group are in the process of establishing themselves as a charitable community benefit society, which they hope to achieve next month. In the meantime, following a public meeting last evening concerning the skateboard park (which is part of the overall running track project), there was agreement to press ahead with seeking planning permission for this, so that it can proceed as quickly as possible.

### **Cllr Taylor – reported**

- Access at schools. It has been agreed that the zig zag lines at school entrances will be made compliant and thus enforceable throughout Cornwall where it is practical to do so over a period of two years taking advantage of routine maintenance opportunities. Not the answer to the many issues at school drop off and pick up times but a step in the right direction that will at least reduce the risk to any pedestrian at a school entrance.
- The local flood group needs to update its documentation and I suggest recruit more people to become involved. The flood plan has to be enhanced to include other emergency scenarios to become an emergency plan. A representative of Groundwork attended a recent meeting of the Flood Group with a time limited offer of free training for Community Flood Wardens. I have agreed to speak on the subject to the St Blaise Town Team on Wednesday February 22nd at 6 pm at St Blaise Football Club, all are welcome to attend.

- The Community Network Panel met in Fowey recently and amongst other interesting items on the agenda was “drought risk and you” focusing on the Fowey River catchment. For me this emphasised the importance of rainwater harvesting as this will impact on both flooding and drought. Another agenda item was “Keep Cornwall Fed”. A presentation from Stuart Millard about a means to tackle food poverty utilising food that would otherwise go to waste. More information is available at: [www.keepcornwallfed.com](http://www.keepcornwallfed.com)
- Although work continues in the background to develop StARR it still awaits government funding. I will not waste any opportunity to promote the scheme as it is so potentially valuable to our community. It will relieve more than 1000 homes from the threat of flooding while releasing additional land for economic development that will impact on this parish as well as St Blaise.
- The Neighbourhood Plan has been relaunched, reinvigorated by a new team of interested people. I am participating and wish it well.
- It is pleasing to report that our complaints about parking charges have been heeded and the proposed £1 evening charge for Par Beach car park is not being implemented.
- I cannot agree with the cabinet decision to back the proposal from the Independent cabinet member for Economy and Culture to spend in excess of half a million pounds on a speculative bid for European Culture Capital 2023. True, it is money budgeted for Economic Development and in the right circumstances would likely get my support. These are not the right circumstances however and there are many examples where a little more money would make a huge difference. I have been frustrated in trying to get safety measures carried out on our highways, there are toilets and libraries being devolved to Town and Parish councils because Cornwall Council cannot continue to fund them and there is never enough money for adult Social Services. A reality check is needed.
- Regrettably I had another commitment last evening and arrived just as the SK8 meeting finished. I understand that the transfer of title for the skate park site will take place by April and then a planning application is to be made for the development.

**Cllr Hughes** – reported

- He fully endorsed Cllr Taylors comments on the European City of Culture.
- Cllr Biscoe had informed him that Cornwall Council was hoping to recruit more CEO’s.
- He had suggested to Cornwall Council that the Par Beach car park should be much better maintained (ie each month in the summer) now that it was generating a sizeable income
- The Local Plan was formally adopted by the Council in December and now forms the basis for planning and strategy in Cornwall, superseding the saved policies from earlier policies. The minimum of 52,500 new homes to be constructed over the period 2010-2030 is considered too high by some but was the lowest figure which the Inspector was prepared to

consider as substantiated. Failure to accept this figure would have meant that the Plan would not have been accepted by the Government. In this circumstance, all developments in Cornwall would have been assessed against the National Planning Policy Framework.

- Since this, broadly, would have given developers carte-blanche for any development which met national policy, with no cap, such an outcome would have been catastrophic. It should be added that the total figure includes those permissions already granted in the first 6 years of the period and that the overall figure has been allocated between the Network Areas, based on need and constraining factors. Consequently, the outstanding quota for Fowey, Tywardreath, Lostwithiel, St Blazey and the other parishes in our Area to 2030 to meet our commitment is of the order of 350 homes. Thus, the pressure to accept unsuitable developments in our area is significantly reduced, although there are no grounds for complacency.
- As a result of the adoption of the local plan, provided that a 5-year land supply can be demonstrated, officers are confident that developments into “open Countryside” beyond existing settlement boundaries other than in named towns can be successfully resisted under the new policies.
- Governance Review and Local Government Review. The review of the way in which Cornwall Council manages its governance, the number of Cornwall Councillors required for effective operation and the consequent revision of boundaries is progressing fast. Members, Town & Parish Councils and the public have been consulted and their views taken into account. At present it seems likely that, from 2021, Cornwall Council is likely to be reduced to between 90 and 105 members. A key element in this assessment is consideration that Town & Parish Councils will be taking on an increasing amount of the work historically done at County level. This will have considerable implications for the work-load and financial burden carried by them. At a meeting of the review body on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January I highlighted this point, emphasising that smaller and more rural Parish Councils lack the human and financial resources to take on more responsibilities without a major rethink of the support mechanisms made available to them by Cornwall Council. Whilst larger and wealthier councils might have the resources to pressure CC for support, parishes like Tywardreath & Par would continue to rely heavily on their Cornwall Councillor to liaise and lobby on their behalf. If the number of councillors was reduced to 90 – 95, each councillor would be responsible for representing an extra 1,400 electors. Put another way, our Network Area would be served by 2.75 councillors, as opposed to 4.25 at present.
- WainHomes Appeal - St Blazey Gate. WainHomes have withdrawn their appeal on the first refusal, which simplifies the appeal proceedings, but are using it as a test-case to challenge the validity of the Local Plan in terms of 5-year land supply. As a result, Cornwall Council will be instructing a barrister on this occasion. Since the Local Plan is now adopted, CC is also

contesting the appeal on the grounds that it represents development into the countryside, which is not encouraged except in the case of certain named towns, of which St Blazey is not one. The appeal is scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> March at Roche Victory Hall. This is a public meeting and individuals will have the opportunity to speak. If members of the public are considering speaking, I would encourage them to let Cllr Scafton or myself know to help coordinate our case.

- Development SW of Hillsborough, Porcupine. This application will be determined at the Central Area Planning Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> February, with an officer recommendation of conditional approval.
- I have to announce that my Community Chest money has now all been allocated. Once the new Cornwall Council has been installed, applications will be considered for the 2017-8 Community Chest

**16/160 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives**

None

**16/161 To receive and note minutes of Parish Council Committees**

Planning – minutes noted.

Environment – no report

Finance – no report

**16/162 Correspondence List**

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

**16/163 Accounts for Approval**

Cllr Taylor proposed, Cllr Phillips seconded and it was RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £1394.00 be approved.

**16/164 Resolutions from Councillors**

None

**16/165 Tywardreath Allotments (incorporating agenda item 17)**

Cllr Phillips reported that the fencing and gate on the new Lower Poldrea site had been completed. John Truscott had suggested spraying the weeds before the plots were allocated. He had met with Dave George who would mark out the new plots. Some hardcore was still be required at the entrance.

It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded Cllr Brasier and RESOLVED that the parish council should sponsor the new allotment rule book up to the cost of £50.00, subject to the following amendments

1. No bees of other livestock (with the exception of chickens)
2. Cllr Wildish’s revised format to be used
3. Not for commercial use, rather than for the production of food only by the plotholder and family members (to allow for the casual sale of excess produce).

**16/166 Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Hughes reported that the new Steering Group was working well and all available minutes and agendas were now available on the Tywardreath & Par parish council website.

**16/167 Par Beach Play Area**

No update

**16/168 Flood Group Emergency Committee**

Cllr Rowse had attended the recent meeting but had been disappointed at the turnout. Cllr Wildish noted that more Flood Wardens were needed and suggested that this should be an agenda item at the Annual Meeting of the Council in order to generate more interest. The next meeting was scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm at the conference room at St Blazey Police Station.

**16/169 Land at Vine Place**

Cllr Wildish noted that she had secured an offer for trees, which was clearly time-restricted. Cllr Hughes would follow up the transfer.

**16/171 Parish Councillor's Reports**

None

**Date of Next Meeting** 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

**Meeting Closed** 7.55pm