

**Minutes of a the Tywardreath and Par Parish Council Annual Parish Assembly
held on 3rd May 2018 at Par Running Track Pavilion**

Present Cllrs C Wildish, Shroff, Hughes, Page, Phillips, Rowse,
Scrafton and A Wildish

In attendance Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent

17/185 Apologies Cllr Chamberlain, Cllr Taylor
Cornwall Councillor A Virr
PCSO Jamie Ward

17/186 Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 6th April 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Scrafton, seconded Cllr A Wildish and RESOLVED that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman

17/187 To receive the Annual Report of the Parish Council –

Cllr Wildish gave her report on the work of the council over the previous year.

I would like to thank the clerk and my fellow councillors for their hard work for the community and the support that they have given me over the last year. Allotments are now being looked after by the environment committee with David George providing a link between the allotment holders and the council. The clerk and councillor Phillips have worked very hard on this after the transfer and it's great that the new Lower Poldrea allotments are now fully utilised. Anyone that would be interested in an allotment should get in touch with the clerk who would let them know when a plot becomes available.

The joint emergency group with St Blaise town council has met regularly over the last year. Training has been carried out and the plan updated which should help our community deal much better with major incidents in future.

Despite our best efforts we have still not got the transfer of land behind vine place. Cllr Rowse has managed get an agreement with Cornwall Council that the land behind Polmear Parc can be used as a community orchard. We have got funding for this so will be looking to plant apple trees in November when local varieties will be available.

Councillors Hughes, Wildish's, Page and Rowse have been working as part of the neighbourhood plan group with David Quorrel and Alison White. We would like to thank them for their hard work to progress this essential work.

It's really important that we complete this to safeguard our area and help us to restrict changes that residents don't want. We have completed an initial questionnaire, housing needs survey and a number of consultation events. We hope to get the main questionnaire out by end of year.

Speeding in Tywardreath has been identified as a problem. Our Cornwall Councillor is working with us to look at options. Cornwall Council has recently undertaken a speed survey on Tehidy Road, which should help quantify the speed people travel in Tywardreath.

It's great to see the play equipment in the play area at par beach. Thanks to friends of Par Beach, PL24 and Cllr Scrafton for their help with this.

The council has set up a toilet Task and Finnish group which is being chaired by Cllr Page. I would like to him for his work on this. I would also like to

thank Cllr Rowse for getting portaloos at the beach over bank holiday when toilets were closed due to vandalism. The vandalism was covered by our insurance but as this can only increase our premiums. We have agreement for CCTV to protect them out of hours. Recent pump damage was caused by wrong things being put down the toilets. This is proving to be a large financial commitment for the council so are looking for best use of space at Hamleys Corner to get help towards reducing toilet costs to our community

17/188 To receive the Annual Police Report

PCSO Jamie Ward had supplied the following report

There had been 187 recorded crimes during the year 1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018 - 17 x violence with injury, 28 x violence without injury, 2 x rape, 4 x other sexual offences, 5 x burglary dwelling, 19 x burglary non dwelling, 20 x vehicle offences, 35 x shoplifting, 25 x other theft, 24 x criminal damage, 6 x public order offences, 1 x possession of drugs and 1 x other offences and 373 incidents recorded.

17/189 To receive the Financial Report

Cllr Phillips gave the annual financial report

The one big expenditure during the year was £30,000 net of tax for the new equipment in the Par Beach play area, which has been very well received apart from one Caravan Park tenant, who found the sounds of enjoyment too pronounced!

The Par Beach toilets were vandalised necessitating an insurance claim which covered the cost of repairs of £7,314. Moves are afoot to link into Park Leisure's CCTV network to provide future monitoring. The normal outgoings for business rates (on Hamley's Corner), cleaning & lighting were £8,429 while admission fees amounted to £1,489 – a shortfall of just light of £7,000. Hopefully, it will be possible to make use of the unoccupied parts of both sites to produce an income to, at least, make up the difference.

Preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan is gathering momentum with £3,512 spent so far out of the grant of £5,490 received during the year.

As always, my committee has provided helpful input and support, while the Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent has kept the books impeccably. I am confident that my fellow councillors and the community can rely on our financial ability to continue to meet our future commitments.

17/190 To receive the Annual Report of the Environment Committee

Cllr Scrafton gave his annual report

The Environment Committee have had a busy and productive year. A primary focus has been on the allotments where, with heroic assistance from our Parish Clerk, the handover from Cornwall Council has not only been completed but the outstanding questions over tenancies etc have also been resolved. Vacant allotments have been cleared and covered to discourage further growth of weeds.

The two bus shelters owned by the Parish Council have been cleaned of weeds etc, and look more presentable. And weeds along the major roads in the parish were treated last autumn. Work traditionally undertaken on behalf of Cornwall Council to keep designated footpaths clear has also been done.

In the coming year the Committee plan to investigate the possibility of replacing bus shelters. They also hope that, in cooperation with community groups, they will be able to help with efforts to make out parish more florally attractive.

In recent weeks, the Parish Council has devolved to the Environment Committee responsibility for the children's play area at Par beach. We will wish to keep an eye on that and ensure that it provides an enjoyable and safe environment for our younger residents. A first focus will be on providing new, clear signage to ensure that those supervising children there are aware of their responsibility for the safety and security of their charges.

17/191 To receive the Annual Report of the Planning Committee

Cllr Hughes gave his annual report

The committee met on 11 occasions from May 2017 – April 2018 (there was no meeting in August) and considered 45 applications. These ranged from applications for tree works against tree preservation orders and minor extensions to fairly major applications for light industrial units and farm buildings, including applications for a total of 17 new residential properties. Of the applications considered, the committee “Noted” 2 (tree orders), registered “No Objection” to 18, “Supported” 4 and “Objected” to 20 (one application was withdrawn). It should be noted that 9 of the applications objected to were, in effect, for one development (a large cattle rearing facility at Trevenning Farm).

All of the applications supported were approved. Of those to which we objected, 2 were refused by Cornwall Council, 11 (including Trevenning Farm and a development of 10 houses at Annears Garage) were approved and 8 await determination. Of the dwellings applied for, 13 were granted by Cornwall Council, 2 were refused and 2 await a decision.

Of the applications considered 11 were in Priory Ward, 10 in Par Ward and 12 in Highway Ward. The remainder were the 9 application for Trevenning Farm (technically in Lanlivery Parish but within 100 m of Parish Boundary) and consultation on Lanlivery Neighbourhood Plan.

Given the relative population sizes of the three wards and their characters, there must be some concern that there appears to be disproportionate interest by developers in pushing the interpretation of the Cornwall Local Plan, and in particular of “sustainability” to seek to extend development in Tywardreath Highway northwards, beyond Porcupine. Apart from the visual impact which such developments have, it is worrying that in recent decisions, County Highways appear to have less concern about road-safety issues of access onto the A390 than those with local knowledge would consider appropriate.

It is significant to note that one application supported and approved was for the new skate-park at Par Running Track. Getting this approval will enable applications for funding to be submitted for this important community project. I would like to thank my fellow Planning Committee members for their hard work, preparation and commitment to their task. It is not easy to balance the demands of national planning policy and the Cornwall Local Plan on the one hand with the, often highly professional, arguments of applicants on the other. However I am confident that the committee has always striven to do so in an open and equitable way, considering both the interests of the community and the aspirations of applicants.

During the year, a number of persons considering submitting applications have chosen to discuss them with the committee before submission. We would strongly encourage potential applicants to do this. Not only does it enable us to make constructive comments before the applicant has gone too far with the expensive process of preparing the application but also allows the committee to indicate (without prejudice) whether they are likely to be supportive. We would also encourage objectors and supporters of individual submissions to make their opinions known to the Committee either in writing before the meeting or by attending it and speaking in “Public Questions”. Although committee members have a pretty good knowledge of the Parish, input from those most directly concerned can be very helpful in formulating our response. I would like to take this opportunity to stress to all our parishioners the importance of getting involved with and supporting our developing Neighbourhood Plan. If we are successful in getting it through “the system” it will become a “Material Planning Document” which will give greater weight to the Planning Committee and our community in shaping the way in which development takes place in the Parish.

17/192 To receive the Annual Report of the Cornwall Councillors

Cllr Giles – no report

Cllr Rowse gave his annual report

Today marks a year since I was elected as the Cornwall Councillor for the area.

There have been a number of highlights since my election and one of my main focuses this past year was to tidy up and start looking after our streets as well as green and open spaces. I’ve started to achieve this by setting up, and now Chairing, PL24 in Bloom which is made up of parish councillors from both St Blazey, and from Tywardreath and Par, along with members of local community organisations. Our aim is to simply to bring the three villages together, tidy them up and give them some TLC, and make the PL24 post code area a better place to live, work and grow up in. We have already held a number of action days and we are going from strength to strength.

On tidying up the area, I have rolled my sleeves up and worked personally with local residents to clear overgrown land and also managed to get a new fence erected along Polmear Road which now makes this road, and the pavements along it, a much safer and tidier gateway to the beach and to Par. Since my election I have also committed time to our beach. For the last year I have chaired the Par Beach Management Group and have worked closely with Cornwall Council Officers and local organisations to make our beach as user-friendly and accessible as possible.

I have arranged and took part in beach cleans down at the beach and have been so influenced by the fight against single-use plastic that I have worked closely with Gill Butler to form Plastic Free PL24, which hopes to lead the fight and eliminate the use of single-use plastic in the St Blazey, Tywardreath and Par. We have seen a commitment from both St Blaise Town Council and Tywardreath and Parish Council to go single-use plastic free, and we have also seen big businesses like Imerys and Eden committing themselves to it, as have the smaller businesses in the parish. I was pleased that this year Cornwall

Councillors voted to commit Cornwall Council to going single-use plastic free.

Down at County Hall I have always made sure I stand up for our local area. As well as attending Full Council, I also sit on the Electoral Review Panel and the Cornish Minority Status Working Group. There have been a number of difficult votes this past year, but I have always ensured that I vote in the best interests of the area that I represent.

Through being a Councillor, I have also become a Director of St Austell Bay Economic Forum (SABEF). SABEF focus is economic and we seek to grow the local economy by concentrating on the factors that encourage inward investment; connectivity, infrastructure, workspace, talent, services and overall quality of life in the St Austell Bay area, including Tywardreath and Par.

There is much to look forward in the year ahead of us and I will continue to work on the ground to make Par, Biscovey and St Blazey Gate the best place it can be to live, work and grow up in.

I will continue to press for progress with the big projects like Par Marina and the STARR Project, but will also prioritise the important local issues that matter most to tax-payers.

Lastly, I am currently working two exciting project which include a Community Orchard for the Par area, and securing the future of Par Library. Thank you for the past year – and here's to the year ahead of us."

Cllr Virr had supplied his annual report

Enclosed Playing Field next to Cemetery

I have been in discussion with Cornwall Council and Tywardreath Councillor Page regarding the broken fencing. We are recommending replacement with more sturdy poles and a 1 metre height fencing instead. We are also seeking two entrances on each side to deter vandalism for a short cut.

Poldrea Children's Play Area

I am pleased to report, after much chasing up the work has finally begun to install the new equipment. This is now nearing completion. Good news!

Road Surface Tywardreath Hill

Thanks to Councillor Wildish for highlighting the poor road condition on the approach to Tywardreath from Tywardreath Highway. The council have agreed to inspect this road. They have also confirmed that Well Street is on the 2019/2020 programme.

Bridleway 6 is temporarily closed

I have received the following update from Cornwall Council: "The Bridleway has been closed because the banks of the Treesmill stream have breached in at least three places due to the high water levels recently (photo of one of the breaches attached). With regard to the timescale, Treesmill stream is classed as a main river and as such we will need to work with the EA to reinstate the bank so that the path is useable again. It is likely to be a capital funded project as our revenue budget would not cover it and as such it could be a year or more before funds are secured. We will keep you informed as we have contacted the EA and it may be they can contribute towards the cost of this."

Fowey Hospital

As you know the hospital has been closed for a number of years now. I have been working with Fowey's Mayor, Fowey Town Councillors and a representative of our local MP, to find a future for the hospital.

We were keen to ensure it continued to offer NHS healthcare, particularly for local residents following falls, operations, ill health who require a period of convalescence, as the hospital had done for many happy years. We are also aware that Fowey does not have a nursing home and with a population living longer, one of the important factors in patients being stuck in the Royal Cornwall Hospital is a lack of nursing home beds in the county.

By combining the roles of short-term rehabilitation and longer term placement, we hope to be able to build an NHS Nursing Home, run by NHS staff for NHS patients as a long term sustainable model.

These plans are at the very earliest stage. We have worked with Cornwall Partnership Foundation NHS Trust to instruct architects to assess whether or not the current location is feasible for a new 30 bedded facility. Their answer was 'yes'. We have immediately shared these ideas with the local town to ensure to test out our ideas. We were encouraged by the excellent show of support at the Fowey Town Council Annual Meeting and will work hard now to write a business case and look for capital building funding support.

Traffic Survey

A traffic speed survey is currently being undertaken in Tehidy Road. I will report back with the results.

St Andrew's Road

I have had the road swept and the drains cleared (although there is more to dig out). I have chased up the work of digging out the trench on the edge of the pond to ease flooding risk. I am being told this will be carried out very soon.

Tywardreath Shop

I am personally saddened to see the shop up for sale. I am more saddened by some of the recent discord on social media regarding the future of the shop. I have offered to 'both sides' of the debate a truth and reconciliation process to ease relations within the community.

17/193 Public Participation

No public present

Meeting Closed 7.16pm