

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

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### **Minutes of a the Tywardreath and Par Parish Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 at the Par Running Track Portacabin**

**Present** Cllrs C Wildish (Chairman), Chamberlain, Hughes, Page, Phillips, Shroff, Taylor, Cllr A Wildish

**In attendance** Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent  
Cornwall Councillor A Virr  
2 members of the public

#### **18/91 To receive and accept apologies for absence**

Cllr Rowse, Cllr Scrafton  
CC Cllr Giles

#### **18/92 Declaration of Interests**

1. Pecuniary – None
2. Non Registerable – None.
3. Dispensations – Cllr Hughes has been granted a dispensation by the Parish Clerk in any matters pertaining to allotments, effective until 2021

#### **18/93 Public Questions**

A member of the public spoke in support of a 20mph speed limit in Tywardreath and reminded the meeting that StARR funding could be applied for if work was done in conjunction with flood defence work

#### **18/94 To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

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

#### **18/95 Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda – *for report only***

Cllr Taylor reported that at a meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> October the risk assessment had been reviewed and had been sent to flood wardens for comment.

#### **18/96 To receive the Cornwall Councillors Reports**

##### **Cllr Rowse had supplied the following report**

A positive report this month, filled with good news!

Firstly, I am delighted to confirm that earlier this week Cornwall Council's Planning Committee gave the beach huts at Par Beach the green light.

After receiving an objection, the planning application for the 22 beach huts at Par Beach had to go before the Central Planning Committee at County Hall for debate. As the Local Member I went and gave a speech to the Planning Committee in favour of granting the beach huts planning permission. I was therefore delighted that that the Planning Committee voted unanimously in favour of bringing the beach huts back to Par Beach. So thank you to the

parish council for supporting this application. This really is fantastic news and we're now one-step closer to bringing the beach huts back for next summer. This is something I have been working hard on with the rest of the Par Beach Management Group for the last 18 months, so to now have planning permission for them is a huge relief. I will now work closely with Cornwall Council officers to ensure that the beach huts are affordable and accessible for those living in the PL24 and wider local area.

Whilst we're on the beach, some positive news for the parish council about the toilets. I welcomed the announcement in this week's Budget by the Chancellor that operators of public toilets will be exempted from having to pay business rates in the future. It is ridiculous that we have had to pay this previously on our toilets, which are a service, and it is something I have been working on with Cllr Page and Steve Double MP on for some time now. A huge result for parish council's, which will free up thousands of pounds for us, currently spent on the business rates for the toilets. A huge relief!

Last week I popped in to the Community Soup event over at Cornubia to see the local, young businessmen and women in our area pitching for a chance to win £500 cash prize and business support from Unlimited. It's fantastic to see how far Cornubia has come in the last 18 months and things over there seem to be going from strength to strength.

At the Parish Council meeting last month we discussed at length the closure of Par Green for gully clearance and maintenance, and the parish council joined me in welcoming the works, but raising concerns over the timings of it, just before Christmas, which would have had a detrimental impact on our local businesses. I am therefore pleased that Highways listened to our concerns and have now scheduled the works for the week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> November instead, which is much better.

Not in the parish, but earlier this year I reported that maintenance to the drainage and gully clearance works on Par Moor was to happen after raising concerns with both Highways and Imerys over the Winter about the standing water on Par Moor Road after heavy rain, and the state of the drainage system that runs along the road and under the train tracks by the traffic lights. This was extremely successful and I can honestly say I have not seen any standing water on Par Moor Road since. I am therefore delighted to see that a proper programme of works is now in place and that more works are now planned for gully clearance, emptying and maintenance works at the end of November, ahead of the wettest of the winter months. I am also pleased to see they plan to do a proper job again as they will be closing the road at night for minimal disruption. This is really positive news that we now have a programme of works in place after putting regular pressure on Highways to do so. So, please note that Harbour Road (from Richards Fruit and Veg) and Par Moor Road (up to the Biscovey Road junction) will be closed overnight from 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> November from 19:00 - 07:00 to allow for these works to take place. My next councillor surgery is Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at Par Library between 10:30 – 11:30. If anyone wants to pop in for a chat, or wants to raise any issues or concerns, then please do pop in and see me.

#### **Cllr Giles had supplied the following report**

I was disappointed with the turnout of public for the Network Panel meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Only two attended, despite Policing and AntiSocial behaviour

being the main topics. Given the level of discussion on social media, and the fact that it had been well publicised, I had hoped for more.

The drop-in Ocean event for residents and the public interested in the possibility of purchasing a property was popular, with six households expressing a serious interest which is encouraging. Several flats are now empty, and in the majority of cases, residents are delighted with their new homes, some have moved out of St Blazey, others who expressed an interest to stay have been found alternative accommodation locally.

I attended Soup at Cornubia Hall this week, a chance for fledgling social causes to pitch their idea to an audience, whilst we all tucked into homemade soup and crusty bread.

I have since had a meeting with John Lakey, who runs the textile CIC from Cornubia, we are hoping to work together in the future, through the recycling shop.

I attended the relaunch of St Blazey CoOp last week, great to see a bright and airy new look to the supermarket, with a hot food cupboard and Costa coffee machine.

On Monday I met with Suez and they had agreed to St Blazey Recycle Reuse Resale taking over collection from Bodmin, Connon Bridge and Newquay HWRCs after Christmas.

Please keep everything crossed tomorrow, for my meeting with Cornwall Council to get them to agree to help fund the rent of the new warehouse in Middleway, yes the shop is expanding. I hope to give you a better insight into the opportunities this will bring to St Blazey/Par, and the surrounding area.

### **Cllr Virr reported**

#### Working party St Andrew's Pond area

Thanks to Councillor Page and other local residents who have undertaken a number of working parties in the area in recent months.

#### Cemetery playing field fencing

I confirm I have instructed Cornwall Council to repair the fence according to the scheme they have described.

#### 20 mph Limit in Tywardreath

I am grateful for the consideration of Par and Tywardreath Parish Council for the 20mph limit. I believe there is an overwhelming case for a reduced limit in Tywardreath. Drivers in the main keep within the limit plus 10%. The evidence for pedestrian safety is well established with kinetic energy inflicted directly related to the square value of the speed. And, above all, this is a scheme wanted by local residents.

#### Fowey Hospital

In order for a change in use to occur, there needs to be a public consultation. This will be led by the Clinical Commissioning Group. Their proposed timetable is to be completed in 2020. I have strongly advised them that this timescale is far too protracted given the progress made already and the strong local support for a change of use to an NHS Nursing Home.

#### Fowey Library

As has been made previously known, Cornwall Council will cease funding Fowey library after March 2019. I am working with local groups to look to alternative provision of a micro-library. Cornwall Council has already offered to provide a mobile service.

Cllr Hughes raised serious safety concerns about the damaged bus shelter on the Castledore Road opposite Polpey Lane; school children were now standing on the highway waiting for their school bus. Cllr Virr would follow up with Cornwall Council but feared that work was unlikely to take place in the near future

**18/97 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives**

None

**18/98 To receive and note any minutes from parish council committees**

Planning – minutes noted.

Environment – no report

Finance – minutes noted

**18/99 Correspondence**

Correspondence had been electronically circulated to members and was ‘left on the table’ for Councillors attention.

Following the receipt of a letter from Superintendent Ian Drummond-Smith it was agreed that Inspector Ed Guard should be invited to attend the December meeting.

**18/100 Accounts for Approval.**

Cllr Phillips proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that payment of accounts totalling £821.53 be approved.

**18/101 Resolutions from Councillors**

None

**18/102 Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Hughes reported

The questionnaire for the Neighbourhood Plan will be dropping in the mail of every household in the parish in November. Distribution, collection and analysis is being done by a commercial company, “Media Means”. Please make sure that everyone knows that this **is not “junk mail”**. Look out for it and respond as soon as it arrives. All those who respond will have the option to be entered in a free draw with a cash prize. You can reply on the paper copy with a free-post envelope or you can do so on line. If you can do the latter, it would be appreciated as it both saves us money and makes the processing easier.

We will be using the information received as a key part of our evidence base to formulate the policies in our Plan. It is hoped that the draft of the plan will be available for consultation next spring. It then has to go through various bureaucratic processes and residents will hopefully be able to give it their support in a referendum at the end of the year.

Tom Fletcher from the Environment Agency will be attending the Steering Group Meeting at 7.00 on 19<sup>th</sup> November at Cornubia Hall to talk about the Agency’s involvement: you are invited to attend.

Results from the Young Adults Consultation and Business & Employment Survey are being collated and we are discussing the draft Housing Needs Survey. A problem has arisen here due to confusion in Cornwall Council’s

data collecting system between “Par” as a postal address and the Parish of Tywardreath and Par. This would appear to inflate the “local need” figures quoted for our parish in the draft report.

### **18/103 Par Beach Play Area**

Cllr Page reported that the Dizzy Roundabout had been re-secured in the ground and arrangements had been put in place for the issues with the gate to be addressed. He would meet the RoSPA inspector on site to discuss the twisted chains on the swings.

### **18/104 Public Conveniences**

Cllr Page reported that the group was now having regular meetings every three weeks.

#### Ongoing remedial work at Par Beach Toilets

I am getting rather frustrated by having to keep chasing up for work that needs to be carried out at Par Beach toilets. I have met to discuss work required with contractors but have in one case been e-mailing and telephoning since June, another has been nearly 3 months. I have spoken to all three again today and one is going to get back to me, left a voicemail with another and the third is meeting me on Monday.

#### Lease/Sale of Hamleys Corner Toilets & Back Room at Par Beach Toilets

I have spoken to May Whetter & Grose today and the figures suggested for the sale and or leasing of Hamleys Corner toilets and the back room at Par Beach Toilets still stand. I met up with a group of members of the parish at Hamleys corner toilets; they are looking at premises to set up a micro-brewery. The toilets at Vine Place may be an option for them when devolved from Cornwall Council. At our next meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> November the working group will come up with some options to bring to full council.

#### Security (Par Beach toilets)

This was discussed at last meeting and it is felt that the option of CCTV be left on the table but to put to full council that we go ahead with security lighting after we have considered quotes.

#### Good news item!

Devolution money of £21k from Cornwall Council has been paid to the Parish Council. Many thanks to Cllr Rowse for pushing this through Cornwall Council. Can we assume this is ring fenced for the toilets? The Chairman of Finance and the Parish Clerk responded that this money had already been spent and was actually a reimbursement so it would not be automatically ring fenced.

### **18/105 Vine Place Devolution**

Grant funding was in place for clearance work and the trees would arrive later in the month.

### **18/106 Traffic Calming in the Parish**

Cllr C Wildish suggested that the parish council should try to borrow some Cornwall Council Speed limiter signage. Cllr Shroff suggested that Councillors should have a walkabout and try to identify targeted areas, rather than take a blanket approach. Cllr A Wildish queried if it would be possible to obtain statistics on accidents concerning pedestrians. Cllr Taylor reminded the

meeting that traffic control measures were needed at Tywardreath Highway as well. Cllr Hughes considered that flashing limiter signs were possibly more effective than other methods. Cllr A Wildish queried the effectiveness of just having signage without other measures in place. The Clerk reminded the meeting that Cllr Virr had specifically requested that the parish council consider supporting him to enable him to lobby Cornwall Council with more authority for the introduction of a 20mph limit in the residential areas of the parish. Cllr C Wildish proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded and it was RESOLVED that the parish council would support, where feasible, a 20mph limit in the parish.

**18/107 Budget 2019/2020**

Cllr Phillips recommended the minutes of the Finance Committee budget setting meeting to members and he proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that the 2019/2020 precept should remain unchanged at £41,838.00

**18/108 County Wide Conference**

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Shroff and RESOLVED that the parish council should send a letter supporting the North Cornwall Cluster Group's call for a county wide conference to discuss the issues surrounding affordable housing and housing apportionment within Cornwall.

**18/109 Parish Councillors Reports**

Cllr Phillips noted his intention of submitting a resolution for the next meeting in relation to the siting of the library at Par Track.

**Date of Next Meeting**            6<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**Meeting Closed**            8.09pm

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