

DRAFT MINUTES

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Minutes of a the Tywardreath and Par Parish Council Meeting held on 7th February 2019 at the Par Running Track Pavilion

Present Cllrs C Wildish (Chairman), Chamberlain, Hughes, Page, Phillips, Rowse, Taylor, A Wildish

In attendance The Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Cllr P Giles
Cornwall Cllr A Virr

18/145 To receive and accept apologies for absence
Cllr Scrafton, Cllr Shroff

18/146 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

18/147 Public Questions

None

18/148 To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd January 2019

Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr A Wildish seconded and it was RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

18/149 Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda – for report only

Cllr Taylor reported that the flood group needed more signage and further training

18/150 To receive the Cornwall Councillors Reports

Cllr Rowse – reported

You all know the story by now, but in January the Par Library on Eastcliffe Road closed its doors for the last time. While I am genuinely gutted to be losing the previous library, I am so pleased the Wainhomes unit I was able to secure is being used as the new home of the library. I went along to the opening of the new Library over at the running track this week. Of course it's not ideal, but the new library looks fantastic and I can't thank Par Track enough for their hard work on this. I very much look forward to seeing the new library thrive under the new model in the coming months.

In January I spoke out about dog fouling reports in Cornwall. In a report published by Cornwall Council, I was actually quite pleased to see that Tywardreath and Par was at the top of list for dog fouling reports in a parish council area in Cornwall. This shows that those living in the local area have a

zero tolerance attitude to dog fouling. In my eyes, the more reports the better. I, along with those living in the parish, am completely sick of seeing our pavements painted with poo. This is something I have been quite outspoken about and, rightly so I believe. This should not be happening, whether it's down on Par Beach or around the one-way system. It's not on and, frankly, disgusting. While lack of bins is a contributor to the problem, I do not believe it is the main problem. I believe careless dog owners are the main problem. Unfortunately, as with many things, it's the minority spoiling it for the majority. This is what we need to come down hard on. That is why it is so important it is reported. The more reports mean that resources get directed our way. The more reports, the more you will see the Dog Warden walking around the area trying to catch them in action. I know so far they have been rather successful. I would urge anyone who sees dog faeces, sees anyone in the act or is sick to the back teeth of seeing brown pavements, please report it to the Dog Warden.

Quick update on Par Beach – we are hopeful that the 22 beach huts will be in for the summer season. The huts are prefab and are currently in the process of being put together. The plan once they are put together will be to get them on site and CORMAC will then stick them on the bases. I've seen the designs and the look great. They are also incredibly sturdy and all involved cannot wait to get them down and in position. The car park will be regraded again shortly and we are also hopeful that at the same time the main path through the dunes, the A30 as we call, will also be widened to 2m in our efforts to make the beach accessible for all.

I have also been working with a number of residents on Par Green to try and address the issue of drive-way blocking, where cars parking up and going to the shops are blocking driveways. I know this is an historic issue but Cornwall Council is proactively working with residents to find a solution.

On the one-way system, and much to my frustration, the works to fully service the drains and gullies in December was not completed, despite the 10 day road closure. Unfortunately, this means that the road will need to be closed again in the near future to allow for the works to be finished. I will be liaising with residents and local businesses to ensure there is as little disruption as possible. I was, however, pleased to see CORMAC out cleaning the drains on Eastcliffe Road this week.

As you know, on the first Saturday of the month I hold my councillor surgeries. Now that the old Par Library has closed, as of the first Saturday in March I will be in Cornubia holding my surgeries, at the same time, 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 reported

I am pleased to see that the pothole repairs at the top of Penpillick, look pretty robust and hope, now that they have been properly dug out and repaired, it has finally been resolved. The escape lane has also been cleared, we're on a roll! The Community Network Panel at the Burrows on 28 January hosted two guest speakers, one being Fran Turner from Ocean Housing. It was good to hear that plans for the new development at Polgrean were taking shape, and that they intended to spend £18 million on updating their housing stock, much of which is in St Blazey.

I have had calls and emails from people in both St Blazey and Tywardreath and Par regarding the loss of their salt bins. St Blazey Town Council have agreed to relocate bins, if residents nominate a working party to disperse the salt. I would like to know the thoughts of this Parish Council, before reporting back to residents and on my Councillors facebook page.

Some thought is now being given to how the effect of decreasing Cornwall Councillors from 123 to 87 will affect the Overhead and Scrutiny Committees. At last weeks planning governance meeting, at county hall, a proposal of 11 sitting members instead of 15 was put forward.

And finally, I am very pleased to say, due to the success of St Blazey Recycle Reuse Resale, we will be moving to new premises behind our current shop on 1 April. The space will be five times as big, and will allow us to sell larger items of furniture, white goods and open a community cafe.

Cllr Virr – reported

Speed Control Tywardreath Speeding in Tywardreath was discussed at the Community Network Meeting. Frustratingly the message from Highways is for more speed checks. This is essentially pointless as we are attempting to introduce a lower limit of 20mph, rather than enforcing the current limit of 30mph. The whole argument for the reduction in the speed limit is that the current roads do not support a limit of 30mph due to the pedestrians crossing roads, blind corners, parked cars, shops and schools along the route through the village. I will continue to campaign and look for learning from other areas that have successfully lobbied their local council.

St Andrew's Road Speeding I have received concerns regarding speeding along St Andrew's Road in Par. This has recently been the subject of a Cornwall Council speed survey. This demonstrated that the vast proportion of drivers remain either within the 30mph limit, or less than 40mph. Only 3% drivers were recorded at speeds higher than that. The road only has housing on one side and there are no recorded accidents. Therefore, Cornwall Council Highways do not feel there is any need for action at this stage.

St Andrew's Road Drainage I have, once again, reported the drains for to be cleared by Cormac. This road is subject to flooding and I hope this is actioned with haste.

Bus Shelter The promised repair is still awaited. Cornwall Council have committed to do this by the end of February. I have reminded the council of their commitment.

Pot Holes There are a number of pot holes appearing on roads in the area, as is custom this time of year. Please can councillors report them when seen and encourage local residents to do the same.

Tywardreath Shop I will be chairing a meeting of pledgers on Wednesday 20th February at the New Inn in Tywardreath. This will be opportunity to give advice and answer questions from pledgers who are at risk of financial loss following the closure of the shop and the owners ongoing legal cases.

Tree Pruning I have facilitated Cornwall Council in agreeing to prune trees on the hedge boundary of Elderfield Close in Tywardreath. Cornwall Council initially agreed to carry out the work. Then they re-inspected and reneged on their commitment. I successfully appealed against this decision and they have now committed to doing the work. Good news.

18/151 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives

No reports

18/152 To receive and note any minutes from Parish Council committees

Planning – minutes noted.

Environment – minutes noted

Finance – no report

18/153 Correspondence

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

The Parish Clerk noted that the RoSPA reports were still recording twisted chains on the Par Beach swings and stumps in need of removal. Cllr Page reported that he had arranged for the stumps to be removed by the Ranger and, together with Cllr Rowse, he would deal with the twisted chains.

18/154 Accounts for Approval.

Cllr Phillips proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that payment of accounts totalling £5,242.81 be approved.

18/155 Resolutions from Councillors

1. Revision of Standing Orders. Cllr C Wildish proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded that Standing Orders should be amended in line with the draft document (circulated)
2. Revision of Financial Regulations. Cllr C Wildish proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that Financial Regulations should be amended in line with the draft document (circulated)

18/156 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Hughes reported

After a short time extension, the questionnaire closed two weeks ago. The response was quite encouraging, with over 23% of households completing the form. Interestingly, some 80% of responses received were “paper” copies. Although this might appear a low figure, we are assured by experts that “over 20%” is considered good, especially when there is no immediate or specific threat of a major development.

We have already received an initial statistical analysis of the results. It would be premature to comment on the results as members of the Steering Group have not yet had an opportunity to study them but initial indications are that the data will provide sound supporting evidence for some clear policies. The one disappointing feature is the relatively low response from the “under 45” age bracket. After all, these are those most affected by development (or lack of) in the next decades. We intend to make a strong effort to engage this group at the Consultation phase later in the year.

After considerable discussions with Housing Officers, we have reached agreement on the final report on the Housing Needs Survey. We believe that will also be valuable in framing our “Housing” policies.

On 21st January the Steering Group had a very constructive meeting with Andrew George of Cornwall Community Land Trust. This has given us some very useful ideas about how to provide genuinely affordable homes for people with a strong local connection which would be preserved as such in perpetuity.

18/158 Public Conveniences

Cllr Page reported

Par Beach

An operative from Cormac has visited the toilets to attend to urgent issues.

- Wallgate (hand wash) unit not operating in disabled toilet
- Red emergency pull cord missing from disabled toilet
- Toilets not flushing enough water

He had not heard from Cormac operative if all resolved (red cord not there this morning)

Security lighting has now been installed. There is some ongoing minor adjustment to PIR angles.

There is some outstanding minor work to be carried out:

- It is considered that we should change the complicated timer on door lock system for a simple manual one. It was agreed that Cllr Page should obtain quotes for this work
- Door stops on railings are needed to stop doors blowing open in strong wind and damaging the door closing mechanism. Russell Maclaren is dealing with this.

Cornwall Council has agreed that we should not be paying to run the car park street light and I was told last July that someone would be in touch to install a separate meter. Despite many e-mails and phone calls since then both I and Cllr Rowse have had absolutely no response. Cllr Rowse agreed to chase this up again.

The Clerk confirmed that she had instructed Situ8 to submit a change of use planning application on the empty space at the Par Beach toilet block

Hamleys Corner

Have spoken to Robin at May Whetter & Grose. He advises that we remove shuttering from the unused section and then all we need to do at this moment is to make safe and clean the two areas. PL24 Community Association has been informed that they need to remove their property as soon as possible so we can get a contractor in to make good and clean the property. Robin suggested the best way forward might be to offer for lease with the proviso that any changes to the property and who carries it out to be agreed along with cost of lease/rent. It was agreed that the clearance work should be undertaken – Cllr Page to obtain quotes - and that a lease could be offered subject to appropriate planning permission being obtained for Change of use.

Cllr A Wildish reported that he had requested 3 quotes for solar panels on the Par Beach public toilet block and explained the potential schemes to the meeting. He then proposed, Cllr Chamberlain seconded and it was RESOLVED that the panels should be installed and the quote from ZLC Energy for £6,486.00 should be accepted.

Cllr Phillips proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cormac should be employed to carry out essential maintenance work until such a time as a suitable alternative contractor could be identified.

18/159 Vine Place Devolution

No update

18/160 Time and Tide Bell

Cllr Wildish had registered an expression of interest in having a bell in Par.

18/161 Removal of Salt Bin from Kilhallon

The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by local residents expressing concern that salt bins had been removed by Cormac. She had directed them to Cllr Giles as their CC representative but Cllr Giles had been unable to help as CC Highways had advised her that they no longer supply bins and salt and that it was the responsibility of the parish council. The Clerk had sought legal guidance, which was that Cornwall Council did not have a statutory duty to provide salt and bins and that, contrary to the advice given by CC Highways, it was not the responsibility of the parish council to do so. Clearly the parish council could resolve to take on this responsibility but there were significant cost and liability implications involved. Members considered that highway safety should rightly be the responsibility of Cornwall Council. Cllr Hughes noted that it was not fair that people, particularly in rural areas, should be prevented from accessing work, schools and shops when they were paying significant amounts in council tax to Cornwall Council. It was agreed that the three Cornwall Councillors would investigate and report back to the March meeting.

18/162 Tenancy at Will

The Clerk reported that Gerry Folkard (CC legal) was unwilling to commit to timescales for the transfer of the freehold of the Polmear Parc land as he maintains that it is not appropriate to this document. Gerry had said that the Council would transfer subject to relevant Director sign off authority to do so, which he had been told is being sought. He had promised an update on in his email of 7th January but nothing had been heard since. Cllr Rowse would follow this up and push for the freehold transfer of the land.

18/163 Parish Councillors Reports

Cllr Hughes reported that there was planning permission in place for the renovation work at the Running Trach Pavilion and it was hoped that the work would be completed before the end of the year. Work on the Skate Park should begin in the next month or so.

Cllr Phillips reported that the website needed updating with Councillors photographs.

Cllr Wildish had reported several potholes to Cornwall Council.

Date of Next Meeting 7th March 2019

Meeting Closed 8.08pm