

DRAFT MINUTES

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

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

In attendance The Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent

18/164 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr D Hughes, Cllr D Scrafton, Cllr Taylor,
Cornwall Cllr P Giles, Cornwall Cllr A Virr

18/165 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

18/166 Public Questions

None

18/167 To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 7th February 2019

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

18/168 Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda – for report only

18/153. Cllr Page had arranged for Jenny Heskett to remove the stumps from the play park and it had been done earlier in the day. He had yet to deal with the twisted chains and would also deal with the overgrowth by the gate.

18/169 To receive the Cornwall Councillors Reports

Cllr Rowse – reported

Last week we had Full Council which was focussed on the budget and how Cornwall Council will spend its £1.4 billion budget in the next financial year. If you haven't heard by now, Council Tax is set to increase this year by 3.99%. There were a number of amendments to the budget which came from across the political spectrum. The Conservative Group on Council put forward amendments that would have seen unused funds from within the council's existing budget used to increase funding for children's mental health services and the countryside access footpath network which is incredibly important to locals, but to our tourism too. This, however, was voted down. One amendment, from the Labour Party, which will see funding taken from reserves and spent on children's mental health services passed narrowly and was adopted by 54 votes to 53. I was pleased to have been one of the 54 that

voted for this amendment which means we will now get to see this greater investment in children's mental health services in Cornwall. This goes to show that, despite the politics of County Hall, if I see constructive amendments or motions, regardless of the Party it has come from, I will support it if I believe it is in the best interests of my constituents and Cornish taxpayers.

A couple of weeks ago I met with the Highways Manager at Cornwall Council to address a number of my concerns. These included the drains on the one-way system, the waiting bays on Eastcliffe Road and Par Green, and the pedestrian crossing I have approached Cornwall Council for on Par Green. There is an issue with the waiting bays on Eastcliffe Road in that they are either out of date and no longer fit for purpose, or are not enforceable. This needs to change. Therefore I will now be consulting with local businesses to change the waiting times in the parking bays on Eastcliffe Road (both outside Yummy Scrummys/Boots/Spar and Cornubia, and outside the jewellers and the fishing tackle shop. Both areas have different needs and the waiting bays must accommodate these needs. As for the pedestrian crossing I am hoping for, this will be part of my share from the Community Network Highways Scheme. I believe that a pedestrian crossing on the Par Green by the car park and the shop will have three benefits 1) that it will slow down the traffic as it comes in to Par Green as it will have to slow down for the pedestrian crossing as it comes in to the corner of Par Green by the funeral directors and the Chinese. 2) Make walking in Par much more pedestrian friendly and thirdly, stop people from blocking peoples drives when they use the Chinese or the shop. This, however, is early days. Cornwall Council have agreed that, in principle, it is a good idea and are currently doing a feasibility study on it for me. As soon as I have this I will be consulting with the parish council for your thoughts on this.

Today I met with Accessibility Consultant down at Par Beach, along with Cllr Page, to discuss our plans for access for all down at the beach, and the possibility of putting a changing places toilet facility in our toilet block at the beach. The consultant said that the back room would be perfect for such a facility and, because the room is so big, we could still split the room in half and rent out the back half of it should we wish. He said that, because we had this space available, a space previously used as a toilet and plumbed in for such a use, he estimates we have already saved ourselves £40,000. He is going to go away and compile a report for me along with estimated costs. I think this is something the parish council should give serious thought to and, once I have further information, I will be sure to circulate it to parish councillors. I have been given a heads up as to what sort of cost we could be looking at, so will be looking for some funding to contribute towards this locally. Having a changing places toilet here would be the first at a beach in Cornwall and one of the first in the South West. With everything the Par Beach Management Group are doing to make the beach as accessible as possible, and the first accessible for all beach in Cornwall, I am keen that we engage with each of the stakeholders at the beach and I am even keener that each stakeholder does their bit to contribute. This would be a very welcome contribution from the parish council.

In other news, I have now spent all of my money from my community chest. This year I have donated money to Tywardreath and Par Brownies, Friends of Par Beach, PL24 Nature Reserve, PL24 Community Association, FourWays

Youth Club, In Search of Tywardreath, Par Community Orchard and Friends of St Andrews Wetland Reserve. Applications for my 2019/2020 Community Chest will be available in April.

Cllr Giles – no report

Cllr Virr – had supplied the following report

Cemetery I have raised the state of the gates to the entrance to the Cemetery with Highways. They have referred the problem to Environmental Services. I await their response.

Tywardreath Ball Play Area I am pleased to report Cornwall Council have replaced the fence in the ball play area in the proximity of the Cemetery. I think the work has been completed to a good standard and the whole area looks greatly improved.

Tywardreath Shop I chaired a meeting in the New Inn recently. Here is a copy of my press statement to update councillors:

“On Wednesday (20th Feb) I chaired a meeting of Pledgers at the New Inn Pub in Tywardreath. The aim of the meeting was to bring Pledgers (those who had invested money in Hunter Grange Investments) together to discuss how they might be able to act as a group to recoup their money.

The meeting was good natured and supportive. I made it clear in my introduction that, despite much having been written about feuds within the village over the shop, those who had pledged money to the business behind the shop had demonstrated great community spirit in their efforts to see a thriving shop in the village. In return, it appears they have been let down by Hunter Grange Investments. That trust had been abused, but the pledgers were not to blame. I expressed that, as indicated by their coming together for the meeting that night, community spirit was still thriving in Tywardreath and that the village would survive this and we all hoped to see a reopened shop in the future.

The main focus of the evening was to hear from the solicitor Michael Cotter who has already been acting for some of the pledgers whose investments had not been repaid despite the time period having elapsed. He explained that he feared that their investments were at serious risk of not being repaid. He had found, as I had myself, that when he had requested information from Trudy Thompson and Josh Taylor that would help them resolve the situation he received personal attacks and claims of harassment in return rather than financial information that would have progressed the situation. I had had the same experience last summer when I tried to mediate between the pledgers and the forum who were raising concerns. No answers were forthcoming from Trudy or Josh.

Mr Cotter’s best advice was for the pledgers to act as a group, with his assistance, to make legal claims against the money they were owed. The expectation was that this would lead to Hunter Grange Investments being forced into insolvency, thereby giving the control of the company back to the creditors. This may allow some recouping of funds from the assets of the company (potentially including the shop) and the initiation of potential further criminal action.

The meeting ended with a show of overwhelming support for the action. My parting feeling was of sadness at the abuse of trust of the pledgers, including a number of warm-hearted pensioners, who had given from their savings at significant personal cost. A very sad state of affairs. But at least there was

some hope of recovery of lost money and the demonstration of community spirit remaining buoyant.”

Salting Roads in Tywardreath I have written to Cormac to request that the main route through Tywardreath should be included in the Council’s road gritting scheme.

Visit to Tywardreath Pre-School I visited Tywardreath Pre-School in its building next to the New Inn. I found the staff to be both committed and caring towards the children. I was, however, rather shocked at the poor state of the building inside. There were missing ceiling tiles, draughty windows and inadequate heating. I have offered money from my Community Chest. Councillors might like to be mindful of the preschool when considering either charitable spending from the council or they hear of grants becoming available. Thank you.

Castledore Road Bus Shelter I have once again chased up Cornwall Council to commit to a date for the works.

St Andrew’s Road Duck Pond Please can I publicly thank Councillor Page and others who have liaised with the Council to get the car park resurfaced and organised pond cleaning ‘parties’. This is a great example of a project bringing the community together.

18/170 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives

No reports

18/171 To receive and note any minutes from Parish Council committees

Planning – minutes noted.

Environment – minutes noted

Finance – no report

18/172 Correspondence

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

18/173 Accounts for Approval.

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

18/174 Resolutions from Councillors

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

18/175 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Hughes had submitted the following report

We have finally agreed a version of the Housing Needs Survey Report with Cornwall Council. We have now received the processed data from our Questionnaire and are working through it with the hope of having at least a draft report available before the April PC meeting. First impressions suggest that the data will be statistically valid as support for the policies which our consultations to date suggest meet community desires. There would be a representative of the Steering Committee at Cornubia Hall each Tuesday between 10am and midday to answer any queries from the public.

18/176 Public Conveniences

Cllr Page reported

Par Beach

Maintenance requested to Cormac has been carried out

Outstanding work: Gutters are leaking at the joints.

Cllr Page proposed, Cllr Chamberlain seconded and it was RESOLVED that a quote from to fit a new timer system from Steve Pitcher Property Services should be accepted

Hamleys Corner

It is proving difficult to get contractors to quote for fixing the door and cleaning up the building and making safe prior to a decision being made about future use.

It was agreed that PL24 should be asked to vacate the premises by 1st May 2019.

18/177 Vine Place Devolution

Cllr Wildish queried if members would like her to follow up the clearance work with Cornwall Volunteers. This was agreed.

18/178 Tenancy at Will

Cllr Rowse reported that he was still chasing Cornwall Council to progress this.

18/179 Par Track Play Equipment

It was proposed by Cllr Page, seconded Cllr A Wildish and RESOLVED that that Par Track should be approached with a view to having some redundant play equipment moved to the Par Beach play park.

18/180 Community Assets in the Parish

The Environment Committee had suggested that consideration be given to registering the following as community assets: Tywardreath Village Shop, Tywardreath Butcher, New Inn, Welcome Inn, Royal Inn, 'Running Track' and all it contains, Polmear Orchard, Vine Place Orchard, Cornubia, Post Office (Par Green), Par Beach Designated Local Nature Reserve, St Andrew's Pond Designated Local Nature Reserve. Cllr Rowse suggested that the list should be prioritised. Cllr Phillips queried if a designation could affect a sale of a property. Cllr Wildish agreed to investigate the viability of registering the Post Office at Par Green.

18/181 Parish Councillors Reports

Cllr Rowse reported that the suspected Alabama Rot outbreak at Par Beach had thankfully proved to be unfounded.

Cllr Rowse reported that the potholes had been temporarily filled at Par Beach car park

Cllr Rowse reported that he would like to move the recycling bins at Hamleys Corner car park to free up more parking spaces and asked members for suggestions for alternative sites. It was agreed that Par Beach would be a suitable alternative.

Cllr Phillips confirmed that the replacement laptop would hopefully be delivered shortly.

Cllr Page was investigating quotes for felling the diseased sycamore at Vine place, digging a hole and planting a replacement tree. The request to Cornwall Council Planning dept for work as advised by Ashley Dowden, Cormac Arboricultural Officer (East), would go in over the next few days.

Cllr A Wildish reported that solar panels should be fitted to the roof of Par Beach toilets the following Friday and he had had confirmation that the FIT would be payable.

Date of Next Meeting 4th April 2019

Meeting Closed 7.51pm