

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

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### **Minutes of a Meeting of Tywardreath and Par Parish Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at the Par Running Track Pavilion at 7pm**

**Present** Cllrs Wildish, Brasier, Foster, Hughes, Johnstone, Netherton and Phillips

**In attendance** The Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent  
Martin Eddy (Community Network Manager)  
Mike Eastwood, Cornwall Council (part)  
David Atwell, Cornwall Council (part)  
60 members of the public (some part)  
PCSO Rebecca Harris (part)

**11/42 Apologies**  
None

#### **11/43 Declarations of interest**

1. In items on the agenda – Cllr Hughes declared a personal interest in Resolutions from Councillors and a personal interest any matters pertaining to allotments.
2. In gifts to a value in excess of £25 – None

#### **11/44 Public Questions/Police Report/Mike Eastwood**

**Mike Eastwood** introduced his colleague, David Atwell, and explained the current situation with regard to Par Beach. He confirmed that Cornwall Council owned the beach and that some asserted rights of way were not currently shown on the definitive map. There were two possible ways to get additional paths included on this map, which would give the public the right to walk them. Cornwall Council would be responsible for funding either method.

1. A Definitive Rights of Way Order, which was an application supported by evidence of 20 years unimpeded use of a footpath. However, he cautioned that this course had been tried and failed in 1991 and another such application would take 6/7 years to process.
2. As Cornwall Council owned the land the council might consider dedicating rights of way, as the lease with the tenants of the caravan site was currently being renegotiated. This would be the simplest and preferable way forward if it were possible. He hoped that the parish council would be involved in the lease renegotiations.

Members of the public pointed out that there were gates to the beach on the rear of the properties on the seaward side, which would suggest that there had historically been a right of access. A 1950's map was also produced showing many footpaths across the beach and it was confirmed that the parish council was holding several hundred letters from members of the public stating that they had been walking the footpaths for over 20 years.

Cllr Netherton requested a copy of the map showing the original routes claimed in the parish council's 1991 application. Mike Eastwood agreed to supply this.

Cllr Netherton noted that the footpath from Par Green turned left at the haul road and then there was nowhere obvious to go. Mike Eastwood agreed to investigate and arrange for signage if necessary.

**PCSO Rebecca Harris** gave the crime figures for May (15) and June (16).

**Charles Richards** updated the meeting on the Community Flood Fair and the Community Flood Plan, which was yet to be finalised.

**Richard Thomas** expressed surprise about the lack of provision of skateboard parks in the area. He stated that local children did not feel happy with going to use the ramps at St Austell and the surface condition of the Par ramp was unsuitable for some activities. He also pointed out that youngsters were not being asked what they wanted in their parish and suggested that Cllrs should work with the young people in developing new facilities.

#### **11/45 Minutes of the Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2011**

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

#### **11/46 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)**

The Clerk reported that the required 14-day period for a requisition from 10 electors for an election to fill the vacant seat on the council had passed and the parish council was now free to co-opt. She had placed notices on the Notice Boards and on the website to that effect.

The Clerk reported that all the year-end documentation had been sent to District Audit.

#### **11/47 To receive the report from the Cornwall Councillor**

Cllr Hughes had responded to the Local Development Plan Consultation stating that he considered that this end of the area had absorbed more than enough development over the last few years and a period of consolidation was now required.

The affordable housing team had contacted him to query if he knew of any suitable sites for development in his area; they were particularly keen to identify sites adjacent to the development envelope.

Ruth Ormella had urged him to consider very seriously how to get the very best benefits for the local community out of the development of the eco town at Par Docks.

A 'Meet The Funders' meeting was scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> July between 10am and 2pm at the Alexander Hall, St Blazey. He hoped that Tina Robinson (Big Local) was going to be supportive of local projects. The Chairman urged people to attend the meetings to secure funding for Tywardreath & Par parish.

#### **11/48 To receive the report from the parish council representative on the Community Network Panel**

Cllr Brasier reported that the next meeting was scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> August.

#### **11/49 To receive and note the minutes (if any) of Parish Council Committees**

Environment – no report

Planning – minutes noted.  
Finance – no report

### **11/50 Correspondence List**

The correspondence list had been circulated and the file was available for Cllrs attention.

Item 8. Cllr Netherton queried the number of people using the mobile library facility at Penpillick bus stop. Cllr Hughes undertook to ascertain and the Clerk would post a notice on the Tywardreath Highway Notice Board to ensure that parishioners were aware of the proposed discontinuation of the mobile library service.

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter the previous day from the secretary of Par St Mary's Methodist Church reporting a large amount of Japanese knotweed growing on land adjacent to the Church. Cllr Hughes agreed to arrange for this to be attended to.

### **11/51 Finance**

Cllr Phillips proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £533.48 be approved.

10a. To consider the purchase of 'Growing in the Community: a good practice guide for the management of allotments,' cost £25. It was proposed by Cllr Netherton that a decision on this matter should be delayed until members had had an opportunity to study 'A Place to Grow.' This proposal failed to find a seconder. It was proposed by Cllr Phillips, seconded Cllr Brasier and RESOLVED that the parish council should purchase the publication. Cllr Netherton voted against the proposal.

10b. To consider cutting the footpath past the mink farm, before the Tywardreath Trotters race (excluding the Saints Way section). It was proposed by Cllr Foster, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that this should be cut. Cllr Netherton abstained from voting.

10c. To consider the final version of the Annual Report and agree a method of distribution. Cllr Wildish had obtained a quote from Pegasus Printers; £185 for £1000 copies and £250 for 2000 copies, plus approx £80 to have them delivered with the post. Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Foster seconded and it was RESOLVED that 2000 copies should be produced and delivered with the post to every household in the parish. Thanks were recorded to Cllr Wildish for producing an excellent Annual Report single-handedly.

### **11/52 Resolutions from Councillors**

Cllr Penny. *The parish council should support the recently-stated opinions of some Cornwall Councillors that the present number of Cornwall Councillors is too high and the number should be reduced to 90 members.* Deferred in Cllr Penny's absence.

### **11/53 Vine Place Parking Bays**

Cllr Hughes was still trying to obtain further quotes, although it was generally felt that parking bays were not an economic option at the present time.

### **11/54 Par Beach Complex**

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Wildish and RESOLVED that this item be moved to the end of the agenda and members of the public and press should be excluded under section 1(2) of the Press & Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted in relation to Par Beach.

#### **11/55 Queen Elizabeth 11 Playing Fields**

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Foster and RESOLVED that work should be done to progress an application for the informal play area in Southpark Road.

#### **11/56 Parish Plan**

No report.

#### **11/57 Par Beach Footpaths**

Cllr Netherton considered that any decision to progress this should await receipt of the map promised by Mike Eastwood. Cllr Hughes disagreed and stated that the parish council should concentrate on the 4 paths already identified by the parish council as being the most important. He was hopeful that Cornwall Council would make a speedy decision to dedicate these paths without the necessity of a Modification Order and he undertook to actively promote this at County.

#### **11/58 HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations**

Deferred.

#### **11/59 Parish Councillors Reports**

Cllr Brasier was concerned to read a very biased report in 'The Voice' about the Polmear Parc development.

Cllr Brasier reported that she had been approached by a gentleman interested in setting up a Youth Club in the area. It was agreed that this could feature in the Parish Plan. Cllr Hughes suggested that an item could be put in the PL24 magazine and Cllr Wildish would include it in her report to the parish magazine.

Cllr Foster reported that volunteers had done a wonderful job in planting up the parish flowerbeds

Cllr Phillips reported that cars were parking on the verge in Polmear Road and suggested that some posts or granite boulders should be put in place to prevent this happening. It was agreed that this could be discussed at the Environment meeting.

Cllr Phillips reported that the parking situation from Poldrea to Mount Bennett was worsening.

Cllr Wildish queried the responsibility for the fallen tree on the verge opposite the entrance to Par station. Cllr Hughes agreed to follow this up, as the verge was probably owned by Highways.

Cllr Netherton queried when the last tests for methane gas had been carried out at the western end of Par beach, Par Running Track and in the field behind Pearce's garage. Cllr Hughes agreed to ascertain.

The meeting continued in Closed Session.

