

DRAFT MINUTES

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Minutes of a the Tywardreath and Par Parish Council Meeting held on 5th September 2019 at the Par 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 (part)
4 members of the public (3 part)

19/61 To receive and accept apologies for absence
Cllr Shroff

19/62 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

19/63 Public Questions

David Quorroll addressed the meeting in regard to the designation of Green Spaces within the NDP. He had been speaking to landowners and stakeholders in respect of the 14 identified potential sites and asked if the parish council supported the principle of these spaces being designated. This was agreed. A member of the public recorded how pleased she was with the development of Par Track.

19/64 To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 6th June 2019

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

19/65 Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda – for report only
None

19/66 To receive the Cornwall Councillors Reports

Cllr Virr – no report

Cllr Giles – had supplied the following report

I'm glad the suns still shining! It's felt like the Summer has gone all too quickly.

I visited Launchpad, at Falmouth University, and was very impressed with the entrepreneurial business projects going on down there! It was heartening to know that over 50% of students on the programme had a Cornish postcode with over 35% being born and bred here. Launchpad runs a creative bridge, and works opposite to the Dragons Den, in that the University work directly

with industry to find gaps in the market, and from a bank of profiled students, they pick four, who they believe will work together and achieve a positive result. Many projects have evolved into successful businesses creating £35,000 salaries keeping Cornish talent in Cornwall, giving them an opportunity to grow lucrative businesses in the County and take on further staff, it was inspiring.

I attended a briefing on renewable energy, some of which was pretty hard to digest. 2010 is the peak of fossil fuel production, from thereon we will not be producing enough to cover global consumption. The Wave Hub, which will shortly be renamed, are looking at installing floating windmills out to sea off the Cornish coast, one of the best places in the British Isles to site them. We were assured that they would be a long way out, and hardly visible from land. The one issue with this is, in order to put in the infrastructure in, it will involve boats (run on diesel) lorries (run on diesel) all whilst production is on the wane. It is a necessary objective in order to ensure we will have power for future generations.

I met with the Strategic Director for Neighbourhoods and his team earlier this week, and asked the interim Chief Fire Officer if Cornish appliances carried oxygen masks for animals, he confirmed that every appliance had them, which is good news for all us animal lovers. He also told us about Archie, Cornwall Fire Services Fire Investigation dog, who is used to go into buildings after the fire is put out to detect the likely cause of the fire. A short animation of Archie and his friend Woody, who is currently being trained can be seen on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w8aXjxFuvos&feature=youtu.be> This short video gives an insight into what they do.

Cornwall Fire Service are also involved in the Princes Trust programme which aims to help give unemployed, out of education or training (NEETS) 16-to-25-year-olds the skills and confidence to find a job. The next course will be starting on the 21st October at Truro Fire Station with a taster day being on the 16th October. I have attached the link below, it would be great to see some of the young adults from the PL24 area benefit from one of these courses.

<https://www.supportincornwall.org.uk/kb5/cornwall/directory/advice.page?id=AKkhVAXCn6g>

And the suspended floor for the new kitchen and community cafe is currently going in! It has been a lot of hard work reconfiguring the shop layout, but everyone is very excited that we are finally seeing progress. By the next meeting, we should be open.

Cllr Rowse – reported

As many will have seen, we now have 22 brand new, colourful and fantastic beach huts at Par Beach. This has been a long time coming. The people of Par said what they wanted to see on the beach, so that is what we delivered for them. They are such a fantastic addition to the beach and I am chuffed to bits with them. They just look brilliant. Par is the first beach on the south coast of Cornwall to have new beach huts and this is yet more investment in to Par which shows the commitment from Cornwall Council to improve our area. The Par Beach Management Group have been working hard on bringing the nostalgic beach huts back for a number of years now and this could not have been delivered without the hard work of a number of people - officers at Cornwall Council and Friends of Par Beach.

In addition to this, I am also delighted to confirm that phase one of Cornwall Council's Access for All project at Par Beach is now complete. This has been something that, as Chairman of the Par Beach Management Group, I have been pushing for along with the Group for a considerable amount of time now. I'm chuffed to bits that the work has been done and it really is looking fantastic. A huge improvement. Although it is not a requirement for Cornwall Council to make their beaches and open spaces accessible, I strongly believe that we should be doing all that we can to make beaches as inclusive as possible so that everyone can enjoy the wonderful beaches on our doorsteps - whether that's someone in a wheelchair or a parent with a pram. In addition to the beach wheelchair Par already had, the new open, accessible paths are much more welcoming. Last year I tried to get a wheelchair through the dunes and it just was not possible - the paths were not wide enough and were simply neglected and overgrown. You can now fit two wheelchairs, next to each other, on the path. This really is positive news. Par Beach, for me, is the best beach around and it still has so much potential. With the beach huts, and now this, Par can be a real hotspot for locals and tourists alike. The Management Group have been instrumental in making this happen, especially the support of Friends of Par Beach. Better access paths on the beach has been a decade in the making, but we've got there. I hope this is just the start of making Par Beach the first accessible for all beach in Cornwall and it would be great to see other beaches follow suit. We have an exciting new chapter down at the beach now - beach huts and our work programme to create better access for all. Par, and Par Beach, is on the up - so let's all enjoy it together.

One issue we have had at the beach over the summer is the pond and the Polmear Stream. Cornwall Council were aware of the issues before an inaccurate report that featured on Spotlight about the pond, stream and sluice gate. There is no doubt that there has been some neglect and mismanagement of the system - particularly the sluice gates and the settling tank. I have had site meetings over the summer with the Environment Team at Cornwall Council and they have begun their investigations to decide how best to resolve the situation but we have identified the relevant funds to carry out the necessary works. The pond is part of the nature reserve which includes Par Beach. This site needs to be managed properly and effectively. In the absence of a Management Plan for the site Cornwall Council become reactive rather than proactive. This needs to change and Cornwall Council are now aware that they need to start managing this site appropriately and effectively to stop this happening again.

Talking of beaches, the consultation for dogs on beaches is now live. This is a consultation about what Public Safety Protection Orders people want to see on our beaches. I am sure many people who live in the parish visit Par Beach, with or without a dog. Currently there are no restrictions from dogs on Par Beach. This is now your chance to have a say on what you would like to see on Par Beach - dogs only allowed on the beach during the winter months, dogs only allowed on the beach before/after certain times of the day or, if you are happy with what the current situation is, we want to know this too. If anyone wants details of the consultation, I am happy to provide them with this. This opportunity only happens every three years, so now is your chance.

In July I was down at Falmouth University at the UK National Minority Summit as a member of Cornwall's Minority Status Working Group. A fantastic event - the first ever summit of its kind bringing the national minorities in the United Kingdom together, including the Cornish. At the event Lord Bourne, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State role at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, announced £200,000 of funding to promote Cornish culture, heritage and language. This is brilliant news and I firmly believe Cornwall Council should be doing all that it can to promote our Cornish culture, heritage and language. This £200,000 funding from the Government really will help with this and is most welcomed. Our identity, culture and heritage is distinct so we should be promoting it as much as we can because I strongly believe it is one of the strongest selling points for Cornwall. As a member of the Cornish Minority Status Working Group, I will work with the rest of the group to ensure this money is used effectively. As one of the younger members shouting the corner for this, it is music to my ears that part of this money is being earmarked for the Cornish National Minority Education Action Plan. Let's start the passion for our culture and heritage young so that we can secure it for future generations. As it is every year, Par Carnival was a huge success this year and a thoroughly enjoyable week for all. It seems I have now assumed the role of Chief Duck Header on the night of the Duck Race in the Par River. A big well done to the Par Carnival Team – I know first-hand how hard they work to pull the week off and their efforts are greatly appreciated. As it is every month, it's my councillor surgery on Saturday, the first Saturday of the month, over at Cornubia at 10:30.

19/67 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives

Par Beach Management Group Cllr Page reported that he would circulate the minutes of the meeting held earlier in the day in due course.

Community Network Cllr A Wildish reported that the July CN meeting had discussed the Tri Service Officer, Climate Change and the Community Network Highways Scheme, which was an agenda item later in the meeting

19/68 To receive and note any minutes from Parish Council committees

Planning – minutes noted.

Environment – minutes noted

Finance – minutes noted

19/69 Correspondence

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

19/70 Accounts for Approval.

Cllr Phillips proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that payment of accounts totalling £6,588.54 be approved.

19/71 Resolutions from Councillors

Cllr Phillips proposed his resolution 'The parish council financial regulations be revised following the publication of a new NALC model document and in

line with the revised document circulated before the meeting' This was seconded by Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED.

Cllr Hughes noted that there was no requirement within the document relating to redundancy payments for employees and considered that it was something that the council – and particularly the Finance Committee - needed to be mindful of and perhaps needed to revisit as part of the budget setting exercise.

19/72 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Hughes gave the following report.

This report is an abridged version of one presented at the NP Steering Group (SG) meeting on 2nd September. It is rather more detailed than normal as the SG wanted the PC and the broader public aware of the considerable progress being made and also to give public recognition of its gratitude to the many individuals and organisations which have given their support.

Community Engagement

On the community engagement side, we have continued to update the community on progress via Facebook, our email update list and in the community magazine PL24. JP is also available in Cornubia on Tuesday mornings; and residents are invited to contact us as they wish, with details on how to do this regularly publicised. The NP section on the Parish Council website has been completely re-organised, so that the community, development officers and External Examiner can access the NP documentation more easily. This was vital, as all information relating to the NP is now transmitted electronically. Feedback on the new structure has been extremely positive; and documentation is being uploaded on an ongoing basis. Regular meetings are being held with CC officers to ensure that work meets appropriate criteria.

The Reports below are based on the NP emerging objectives (and associated policies)

Business, Tourism and Transport

First drafts of Business and Blue Green Tourism policies have been completed; these were well received at the NP Planning Surgery Meeting in June where the Planning/development Officer (Paul Banks) who makes decisions on planning applications in this area gave feedback and advice on precise wording. This was extremely useful as it gave a clear indication as to which parts of the policy these development officers focus on in practice and it was interesting to see how the Planning/Development Officer came to his views

As policies have been developed, so we have been in contact with individual respondents (as appropriate) to the Business and Employer Survey to gauge their opinion of what we might/should include. Two farmers in the parish to check whether they felt there should be anything in the NP specific to farming and agriculture; and both felt the Cornwall Local Plan policies were sufficient. We have also consulted informally with various organisations on the policies including with GWR. On the transport side, public rights of way - footpaths and bridleways and multi-use trails – are an important feature of the parish and the aim is to protect and enhance these where feasible and in a way which is appropriate to the character of the area, so that they can be enjoyed by more people, including residents, day visitors and tourists. This will contribute to

Blue Green Health and Wellbeing outcomes and Blue Green (aka Wellness Tourism). Alongside the proposed draft policy,

Environment and Heritage

Local green Space designations: Draft policy has been written and shared with CC officers who were broadly supportive with only a few comments that will be discussed at the next planning surgery. Consultation with Landowners and Stakeholders is proceeding with a great deal of support having been obtained for the majority of suggestions of designations. The proposed list will be presented to the Parish Council at the September meeting to ask that they minute their support of the selected sites.

Views, Vistas and Panoramas: A first draft has been written with 10 key views identified within the proposed settlement boundary and some additional key views within the wider Parish from public roads and footpaths. This policy is currently being reviewed and it is the intention to send a draft to CC prior to the NP Planning Surgery on 6th September.

Biodiversity: This policy has replaced the proposed Cornish Hedges Policy which means it can cover other things as well e.g. trees. Work on drafting this policy has been started. The main sites for Biodiversity conservation have been identified and the importance of Cornish hedges in providing wildlife corridor links will be given high importance in this policy.

Heritage: An initial draft policy has been written by a professional archaeologist living in the village of Tywardreath. This has been revised to fit in with the format that we are working on.

Tranquil Areas: So, given the community's interest in Blue Green Health and Wellbeing and Blue Green (aka Wellness) Tourism, a Tranquil Areas policy has been drafted. All the proposed, identified areas are outside of the development boundary – most well outside of it. Unless we are advised to the contrary, we do not intend to consult with landowners, as any development proposals would in any case be dealt with under the Cornwall Local Plan Policies as well as those in the NP. This policy is to be reviewed at the NP Planning Surgery.

Flood Risk Management The Environment Agency (EA) and Cornwall Council held a public consultation event for the St Austell Resilient Regeneration (StARR) Project on 28th and 29th June 2019, attended by members of the SG. This was an opportunity for residents to find out more about the project proposals across the area. Discussion with officers of the EA and CC led to slight amendments, assisted in policy wording and the creation of a Blue Green Corridors Map showing how these spaces are interlinked and vital to the parish. Feedback has been very positive as regards the outcome to date and SG members have made further suggestions. The Flooding Policies have been strengthened with extra local detail. We have also produced a further map and a very detailed document on catchment area drainage and its actual and potential impact throughout the parish. These documents have been sent to both the EA and CC for comment and feedback. Blue Green is a theme running through the NP with a Blue Green Corridors policy (Flood Risk Management objective); Blue Green Tourism (Business, Tourism and Transport objective) and Blue Green Health and Wellbeing policy (Community, Health and Wellbeing objective).

Development and Housing

Drafting of policies in this area is well advanced. Enquiries will be made with appropriate bodies about infrastructure capacity generally e.g. contact SW Water about sewerage; Tywardreath School re capacity.

Community, Health and Wellbeing

There are 3 policies under this objective, with basically the same wording, as we were advised that they should be separated under individual headings e.g. covering Healthcare Facilities, Care Homes and Educational Facilities. There is also one to do with Community Facilities. Others still to be finalised include Blue Green Health and Wellbeing (and associated table of facilities) which is about facilities which have open air recreational activities. Community Infrastructure Priorities is also under discussion. Organisations and individuals have been consulted about a range of matters including accessibility and how best to secure positive Health and Wellbeing outcomes generally.

19/73 Public Conveniences

1. Cllr Page reported

- Contractor came to fit the new timer on 8th of June after many months of chasing he then came up with a problem and was going to seek advice and get back to me. Actively chasing again... 5/9/19 - Given contractor direct contact info for manufacturers a three weeks ago and nothing heard. Another sent this afternoon.
- Still waiting for contractor to complete installation and hand over and supply hand over paperwork – (Cllr A Wildish to chase)
- Internal manual locks were not working due to misuse by some of the public and becoming bent and ineffective. This affects electronic locking system and its safe functioning. The red indicator does not show because cannot be completely locked and does not trigger the electronic system to stop further 20p being inserted whilst occupied. The local locksmith can manufacture stronger internals to the lock but at a cost of £250 each approx. There is one on one of the loo doors and seems to be much better.
- There have been incidences of ladies being locked in the ladies toilet due to electronic locking system failure. I attended one as I happened to be there at the time when a young mother and her children were locked in and the other attendance was following a call to me from Parish Clerk. By the time I got to the loos the person had been freed but there was damage to locks. Cormac were called to fix and presumably have done.
- It has to be noted the number on the notice is a generic Cornwall Council number and is not suitable for reporting issues with the toilets, some of which are urgent. There is nothing on the voice menu that fits the need and if you pick any takes ages for someone to answer and I know people have tried and given up. Hence calls to me and once Cllr Giles when Fire Brigade were called, I got there just in time to stop a door being broken into. Cllr Rowse is looking into the issue over a suitable number and system at Cornwall Council/Cormac to deal with public toilet issues or emergencies. This was raised at the PBMG meeting this morning in my report from the parish council and Tasha said she would see what she can find out. I believe there should be a notice inside each toilet with a number in case anyone gets locked in again. The Parish Clerk clarified that Cornwall Council had no responsibility for the toilets and were unlikely to agree to help. The generic number was there in

case anybody wanted to report cleansing issues, which Cormac were responsible for.

2. Members discussed how the open space at the Par Beach site should be put out to tender. Should it be developed further or advertised as it stood? Could it be let as two units? Cllr C Wildish agreed to investigate the best way forward and report back to the October meeting.

3. As resolved by the finance committee the Parish Clerk had arranged for an architect to prepare some possible plans for the development of the Hamleys Corner toilet block. A site visit would be required and Cllr A Wildish agreed to facilitate this as he was currently holding the key.

19/74 Vine Place Devolution

No update

19/75 Tenancy at Will (Polmear Orchard)

Members reiterated their resolution that the parish council was fully prepared to take over responsibility for the area but not under a Tenancy at Will unless a firm assurance was given by Cornwall Council that the freehold would be transferred within 12 months. Cllr Rowse would go back to Cornwall Council again on this basis but he asked if members were prepared to finance a further grass cut at the cost of £300.00 in the meantime. It was agreed that this should be an agenda item in October, although it was hoped that Cllr Rowse would have some positive news on the freehold transfer by then..

19/76 Time & Tide Bell

Cllr C Wildish reported that matters were progressing but there was no authority as yet for a press release

19/77 Community Network Highways Scheme

It was proposed by Cllr Chamberlain, seconded Cllr A Wildish and RESOLVED that the parish council should support the option that the Highways Scheme funding be shared between the Wards and not used to purchase MSAS's to be shared between the whole Network Area.

19/78 Election of Representative

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Page and RESOLVED that Cllr C Wildish should serve as the parish council representative on the Par Beach Management Group.

19/79 Littering & Dog Fouling

Cllr Page and Cllr Taylor reported that they had attended training; they were now authorised to report littering and dog fouling using report cards and were also authorised to pass on the training to fellow Councillors and council employees. Following receipt of completed report cards Cornwall Council would issue fixed penalty notices if appropriate.

19/80 Co-option

It was proposed by Cllr Page, seconded Cllr Page and RESOLVED that Robert Mount should be co-opted to fill the vacant seat on the council.

19/81 Tree Planting in the Parish

Cllr Taylor reported that trees were available free of charge from the Woodland Trust and queried if the parish council wished to take advantage of the opportunity to acquire some. Members expressed general agreement to this. It was then proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that this initiative should be referred to the environment committee for action.

19/82 Parish Council Notice Boards

The Parish Clerk reported that the notice board at Tywardreath Highway was in good condition apart from the 'Tywardreath & Par Parish Council' sign on the top, which was very rusty. Cllr Phillips agreed to have a look at it and ascertain if a new sign could be fixed on to the existing board, rather than purchase a new board. He considered, however, that a new board was required at Hamleys Corner. Cllr Page reported that he had recently acquired an excellent board for Par Pond, he would let the Clerk have the costs before the next meeting. The Parish Clerk also had a price from the Parish Notice Board Company as she had recently purchased a board on behalf of Lanlivery parish council. It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Chamberlain and RESOLVED that the Hamleys Corner board should be replaced and the choice of supplier considered at the October council meeting.

19/83 Parish Councillors Reports

Cllr Rowse queried where the Par memorial bench should be sited as he considered it was time a decision was made. Suggestions of the Polmear Orchard and Par Track were put forward, although clearly neither site was under the control of the parish council. No final decision was reached. Cllr Page reported that the sign on the Par Beach playground needed replacing as it currently read that the site was owned and operated by Restormel Borough Council. It was agreed that members would agree suitable wording for a new board via email and the Parish Clerk would then obtain a quote from ParcSigns.

Date of Next Meeting 3rd October 2019

Meeting Closed 8.33pm