

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

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### **Minutes of a the Tywardreath and Par Parish Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 at the Par Track Pavilion**

#### **Declaration of Acceptance of Office – Mr Robert Mount**

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

**In attendance** The Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent  
Cornwall Cllr P Giles  
Cornwall Cllr A Virr  
1 member of the public

#### **19/84 To receive and accept apologies for absence**

Cllr Taylor

#### **19/85 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

#### **19/86 Public Questions**

#### **19/87 To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

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

#### **19/88 Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda – *for report only***

None

#### **19/89 To receive the Cornwall Councillors Reports**

**Cllr Virr** – reported

Treesmill Triangle I was pleased to meet up with Councillor Page, Cornwall Council Officer for volunteer gardening, a local resident from a wild flower action group and the head gardener of Trenython Manor. Very generously Trenython Manor have offered to adopt the triangle and improve the greenery. This is a very positive offer and the work will be of benefit for the whole village.

20mph Zone I have met with the Cabinet Member for Highways to discuss my proposal for the 20mph zone within Tywardreath. I am delighted to report that Geoff Brown was supportive of the scheme. I have now requested the work to be scoped out.

Mobility Access I undertook a walk around Tywardreath with the Rector of the parish to assess the ability of motorised scooter use within the village. The location of most concern was outside the village hall and the ability to cross the road in a timely manner, given the blind road corner. It might be necessary to install a mini-roundabout at the junction of Southpark Road and Church Road.

Community Chest Pre-School I have supported the pre-school with money to improve the internal lighting and heating.

Unclaimed land Trevance Park I have visited the site of the unclaimed land within Trevance Park. I understand this has been looked into by previous County Councillors. My recommendation would be for local residents to offer to cut the brambles and plant wild flowers as volunteers for the Council.

Hidden Valley Gardens I have been acting on behalf of the owners of Hidden Valley Gardens to appeal the decision against Cornwall Council to not support the erection of signage on the A390 to assist visitors with locating the visitor location.

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**Cllr Giles** – reported

It was National Recycling Week last week, so we held an event involving Suez, Clean Cornwall and Cornwall Council.

Suez ran a Bin it/Recycle it/Compost it game, engaging the public allowing them to decide which household item went into which receptacle. Many were surprised!

St Blazey Recycle now have a set of pickers, which residents or local organisations can borrow. If you are interested in running a street clean, you can register it at [CleanCornwall.org](http://CleanCornwall.org) stating the date of the pick and where you want the bags of rubbish picked up from, free of charge. I am hoping PL24 residents will embrace this.

For those whose recycling bags are on their last legs, you can collect new ones from the St Austell One Stop or register online to have them delivered to you. The huge seagull sack is available for purchase at £3.50 and will take more than one black bag.

If you fancy having a go at composting your food waste, a compost bin can be purchased from £18.50, there is currently a buy one, get one half price offer, meaning if you involve neighbours, they could be as cheap as £13.87 each with a one off delivery charge of £5.99.

To order, ring ting 08445714444 quoting COR/010/L

It is important to note, that Cornwall Council DO NOT have a non food composting facility, therefore packaging stated as compostable should be put in your general waste, black bag.

Today I attended the Neighbourhoods Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting. We had a presentation from the acting Chief Fire Officer and I was shocked to hear that there are more than 20,000 homes in Cornwall used for Holiday Let! Its no wonder we have a housing shortage for residents.

This puts an added pressure on the emergency services in the Summer months as you can imagine. Add that to the fact that 73% of Cornwall's firefighters are on call, we are lucky that over Emergency Services are much revered by other Counties.

And finally, work on the community kitchen/cafe is slow, due to an 8 week wait for specialist flooring for the kitchen. It is now looking like it will be November before everything is up and running, watch this space!

**Cllr Rowse** – reported

In September I welcomed the positive news that Par and St Blazey are set to benefit from an additional £7.8 million cash injection to reduce the risk of flooding in the area as part of the STARR Project. The latest ERDF funds complement additional funding already secured for the project meaning that approximately £32m of investment has now been secured for flood mitigation schemes in the area. This is fantastic news and this cash injection will make a huge difference. Cornwall Council has been working hard for a number of years now to turn ambitious plans into a reality. This project will make a huge difference in Par and St Blazey, ameliorating the flooding which so often blights our community. Now that a significant amount of funding has been secured, we can focus on delivering the project and turning the area into a thriving, flood resilient community. After declaring a climate emergency earlier this year, this program forms a key element of Cornwall Council's climate change action plan for managing flood risk and adapting to an already changed climate. Final designs are now being drawn up and residents are encouraged to comment formally on the scheme proposals via the planning application process which is expected to take place from autumn.

Two weeks ago I met with FOCAL - Friends of the Atlantic Coast Line, which is the rail branch line from Par to Newquay. We had a really interesting meeting and I raised two particular issues that we have with the branch line and at Par Station. 1) Par Train Station is not accessible. For those with additional needs, or for parents with prams, wanting to use platforms 2 and 3 at Par Station is really quite difficult because you need a member of staff to escort you across the track. Quite often there are times when there isn't a member of staff on duty or, if there is, there are a number of other tasks they may be busy with. Notwithstanding the fact that you will have regular trains from Penzance and London Paddington coming through which makes crossing even more difficult for what is a busy train station. Par must be considered for an upgrade and needs to be more accessible so that more people can use the train to travel to the rest of the country, and so that more people can use the branch line to Newquay. We are so lucky to have this branch line, but it is just not used enough. 2) I find it unbelievable that Newquay is the surfing capital of the UK, but you are not allowed surfboards on the new trains.

The audience this is restricting on to the trains in to Par and in to Newquay is huge. A solution must be found for this. Newquay is one of Cornwall's largest towns and has circa 2 million visitors a year - we need to get more people stopping at Par, spending time here, and then getting them on the branch line to visit Newquay. Par Station services Par, St Blazey, Tywardreath, Golant, Polkerris and Fowey. Not only this, but it is the connecting stop for the branch line to Newquay. Its importance is huge, but it seems it has been forgotten for far too long. Time to change that.

At the beginning of the month I was down at County Hall for Full Council. One item on the agenda I was particularly pleased to vote against was the motion to allow Councillors to vote remotely. In other words, this would allow Councillors to stay at home and vote on items during the meeting by pressing a button on their keyboard from the comfort of their own home. While I

absolutely agree that we need to embrace technology - going paperless, have meetings over Skype etc - I completely disagree with Councillors being given the opportunity to stay at home to vote on serious matters. Debate in the chamber is healthy, I often decide how I'm going to vote by listening to other views in the Council Chamber. We are expected to attend County Hall and fight for our Divisions. When I got elected in 2017, I stood on the basis of being Par's strong voice in County Hall. That is what is expected of me, as it is the rest of Councillors. I don't see how you can effectively shout the corner for your area when you are sat at home on a laptop. I was delighted that the motion was lost by 41 votes to 40. It was close, but common sense prevailed. My vote could well have made all the difference, but I strongly believe we should be present at County Hall, whatever the meeting is, standing up for the area we represent.

In September, upon my request, I was pleased to see that after years of neglect Cornwall Council have finally spent some money on Hamleys Corner Car Park to do some resurfacing work. It is looking much better. There is much more that I would like to see done with the car park that services the whole of the Par Village, so I will continue to work on this in the background. It's simply not managed properly. Personally, I would still like to see the car park managed and run locally, for the local community.

#### **19/90 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives**

Luxulyan Valley Partnership – Cllr Hughes reported that minutes had been circulated to members and were available to the public via Cornwall Council Community Network Cllr C Wildish reported that the Extraordinary CN Meeting had resolved that the Highways budget should be shared between the Network Wards.

#### **19/91 To receive and note any minutes from Parish Council committees**

Planning – minutes noted.

Environment – no report

Finance – no report

#### **19/92 Correspondence**

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

#### **19/93 Accounts for Approval**

Cllr Phillips proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that payment of accounts totalling £2,003.36 be approved.

#### **19/94 Resolutions from Councillors**

None

#### **19/95 Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Hughes reported that the Steering Group was in the process of writing up draft policies in conjunction with meetings with CC planning officers.

#### **19/96 Public Conveniences**

1. Cllr Page reported that some branches, which had been overhanging the solar panels, had been cut back. Cllr Page would notify the Parish Clerk of the annual reading for the CC lighting feeding from the parish council supply to enable her to issue an invoice to CC.
2. It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr C Wildish and RESOLVED that arrangements for letting the empty space at the Par Beach site should be devolved to the Finance Committee

#### **19/97 Vine Place Devolution**

Cllr Wildish had contacted Tasha Davies who had confirmed that the transfer offer was still on the table if the parish council still wanted the property devolved. Members confirmed that that they did and noted that CC had been advised of this, probably about 2 years previously, and the appropriate minute supplied to CC. Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Chamberlain seconded and it was RESOLVED that CC should be advised again that the parish council wanted the Vine Place property devolved to the parish council.

#### **19/98 Tenancy at Will (Polmear Orchard)**

Cllr Rowse was due to meet with Catriona Smith (CC) and Tasha Davies to hopefully progress either the immediate freehold transfer or an agreement that if a Tenancy at Will was entered into an undertaking that the freehold transfer would be completed within 12 months. The parish council was not prepared to enter into a Tenancy at Will without this clause included and responsibility for the site would remain with Cornwall Council.

Cllr Rowse proposed, Cllr Phillips seconded and it was RESOLVED that if Cornwall Council had not cut the area within the week the parish council would grudgingly finance one further cut on the basis that this would be the last time.

#### **19/99 Time & Tide Bell**

Cllr C Wildish reported that a further meeting to progress this was planned for the end of October.

#### **19/100 Parish Council Notice Boards**

Deferred. Cllr Giles suggested that the Tywardreath Highway notice board could be moved to the grass area by the level crossing where it would be more visible.

#### **19/101 Par Beach Play Park**

Deferred for members to agree the wording for the signage.

#### **19/102 Parish Councillors Reports**

Cllr Rowse queried where the second WW1 Memorial seat should be sited and Cllr C Wildish suggested the Polmear Orchard. This raised questions on ownership and the transfer of the site to the parish council, which Cllr Rowse would follow up when he met with Catriona Smith and Tasha Davies.

Cllr Shroff reported that signage to Par Beach was inadequate. Cllr Rowse would follow this up.

Cllr Chamberlain reported that t the PL24 AGM would be held on 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the Railway Club lounge. There was also an ongoing drive to promote membership of PL24.

Cllr Hughes reported that everything was on schedule and on budget at Par Track.

Cllr Hughes reported that the bus shelter in Tywardreath had at last been repaired and was being well used.

Cllr Hughes reported that The Roundhouse project (now N Power) was progressing well and would welcome its first students in 2020.

Cllr C Wildish advised that she was hoping to obtain a map of Cornwall Council owned land in the parish, which would provide much-needed clarity and also help the parish council in deciding any future devolvement projects.

**Date of Next Meeting**            7<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**Meeting Closed**                7.49pm