

DRAFT MINUTES

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Minutes of a the Tywardreath and Par Parish Council Meeting held on 6th February 2020 at the Par Track Pavilion

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

The Chairman reported that, sadly, Cllr Chamberlain had tendered his resignation from the council earlier in the day, due to work commitments.

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

19/142 To receive and accept apologies for absence
Cllr Hughes

19/143 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

19/144 Public Questions
None

19/145 To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 5th December 2019
Cllr Phillips proposed, Cllr Page seconded and it was RESOLVED that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

19/146 Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda – for report only
The Parish Clerk confirmed that the new notice boards were in place, with the Tywardreath Highway one now sited on the grass by the level crossing.

19/147 To receive the Cornwall Councillors Reports

Cllr Virr – reported

Tywardreath Shop I am pleased to report that Tywardreath Shop is under new ownership. This is great news for the village and will go some way to repair the harm done by the previous owners.

Tehidy Road Tehidy Road surface has further deteriorated. I have reminded Cornwall Council that they have committed to resurfacing the road in 2019/2020.

20 mph Limit I am awaiting the traffic survey information which will inform the preparation work to introduce the 20mph limit. I have been once again been contacted by Tywardreath residents who are frustrated by the lack of

progress in delivering the project. It is vital that Par & Tywardreath Parish Council continue their support for the scheme.

St Andrew's Road Drainage I am delighted to report that Cornwall Council have (finally) cleared the gully alongside St Andrew's Road which should provide better drainage in the vicinity following/during heavy rainfall.

Cllr Giles – reported

I am frequently asked by residents what the Council do with their Council Tax, and thought it might be useful to share a breakdown of exactly where it goes, and perhaps it will allow residents to understand the complexity of the issues Cornwall Council face. This is how every £100 the Council receive is spent.....

- £25 Caring for adults who are in need of help
- £23 helping children and young people get the best start in life they can
- £16 on housing benefit for people on low incomes, helping to prevent homelessness
- £10 planning and building new affordable homes for local people, major road schemes, schools and buildings
- £7 on collecting rubbish and recycling, looking after our countryside, parks and beaches
- £6 on fixing and maintaining roads, street lighting and running public transport
- £5 on running the council and holding elections
- £3 on fire and rescue services, fighting and prevention
- £2 on helping people keep well and stay healthy
- £2 on online services to improve access to the council by the residents
- £1 on libraries, registration services and maintaining trading standards

I understand residents frustrations when they contact me with a problem and can't understand how their issue cannot be resolved speedily, the reality for Cornwall is, our population is growing, we have a huge elderly population which adds to the burden on services and people must come first.

At Full Council last week, I challenged the purchase of new diesel refuse trucks, which would mean committing to another 8-10 years of using vehicles whose emissions would not assist in the Councils climate emergency carbon neutral proposals of being carbon neutral by 2030. We have agreed a budget to buy a new fleet and gained an assurance from the portfolio holder, that electric vehicles will be properly considered before the final decision is made.

As you will know, Cornwall Council have agreed an ambitious tree planting project called the Forest for Cornwall. The plan is to plant 8,000 hectares of trees, but this is going to take time and the trees will take many years to be effective. I asked that the City Trees project be looked at, as it would help alleviate Carbon from the air here and now, and is as effective as 275 trees. City trees are towers, filled with moss, which digest carbon and emit oxygen simultaneously. In areas along the A390, there isn't the capacity to plant 275 trees, so this could be an ideal solution, siting them in area with a high traffic flow. The cost of these structures is currently being looked at I am hopeful that we will see some of these structures along our roads in the future.

We had the quarterly Network Panel meeting at the Burrows on Monday 27 January, even though these meetings discuss important issues like highways,

not just for St Blazey, but Par, Tywardreath, Fowey, Lostwithiel, the clays and Biscovey, no public turn up! I would urge anyone with an interest in their area to attend, it is after all, once every three months and is a useful way to know what is going on, and if, indeed you agree with it!

St Blazey Recycles Cookery School started on 13 January, not only are the students enjoying it, but they are also volunteering in the week to help run the community café, which is now open Tuesday to Saturday 10.30 – 2.30 hope to see some of our residents come support them.

And finally, you will all know that St Blazey Recycles storage facility at the former Roselyon School site was burnt to the ground over Christmas. This fire was started deliberately, and if it wasn't for the quick actions of a resident on the neighbouring estate, houses and lives could have been at risk. Six appliances attended this fire with a total cost of £10,000. If anyone has any genuine information to assist the apprehension of the offenders, please contact the Police, or if you do not wish to do that, contact me.

Cllr Rowse – reported

Felt good to be back chairing the Par Beach Management Group in January after a few interesting months before Christmas - lots going on so thought it would be useful to provide an update on everything beach related.

An opportunity has arisen for a 'pop up site' on Par Beach for a local business to operate on the beach. The tender at Par Beach is an open tender to explore the widest range of options for the site which could vary from food and drink sales, ice cream sales, deck chair hire, fitness companies like yoga or stand-up paddle boarding and other services. The intention is to find new and exciting ideas for the concessions which assist in enhancing an area. Upon return, each submission will be reviewed by officers and will be assessed upon 60% quality and 40% income. The closing date has now passed so I look forward to seeing the applications. The location for the pop up site is adjacent to the beach road (where there are some parking spaces), half way between the toilet block and the Park Leisure Office.

I am pleased to confirm that, following Cornwall Council's most successful consultation where over 13,000 people responded, there will continue to be no restrictions on dogs on Par Beach. While this will be welcome news for many, there is still clearly an issue with a minority of dog owners who are being irresponsible and not picking up after their dog(s). What is clear is that the biggest issue with dog fouling on the beach is in the upper dunes (between the car parks and the beach itself). We believe this to be because often dogs are let off leads before they get on to the beach, and run off and do their business without their owners seeing them. Therefore, in the coming weeks we will be trialling a campaign to keep dogs on leads until they reach the beach itself.

The Par Beach Management Group are trying to do what they can to improve the Par Beach experience for all users of the beach. There is no doubt there is an issue with dog poo along the path at the top of the dunes, and we hope that this campaign will help address that. If it works, fantastic. If it does not, then it will be back to the drawing board. However, I do support this attempt to tidy up the paths to the beach and hope that dog walkers can understand why we are doing it. It is simply to encourage people to keep their dogs on a lead until they get on to the beach where you can see what they are doing.

Recently, I got to see a sneak preview of the new offering that will be opening at the Milo's building. First things first, Milo's is no more. The new offering is going back to its old roots and will be called 'Par Beach Café'. Park Leisure have admitted that Par Beach was no place for an Italian bistro and hold their hands up – they got it wrong. They understand now, particularly from community input, that what locals and tourists alike want and need is not a flashy offering or fine dining experience, but a simple outlet selling teas, coffees, cake and simple food like sandwiches and cakes, but also a good lunchtime/evening food offering that is not overly expensive. I must admit, I was given a quick look at the menu today and I was most impressed. We can also look forward to the doors being open 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year. I genuinely believe Park Leisure have got it right this time.

There will be another push for the beach huts again this year. The council will be looking for someone to run them for us, so if anyone is interested in running a little business, do let me know. We have 22 beach huts, and I want them all used up this year. They really are great and I am sure anyone that has one would vouch for them. I'd love to enhance that area too in to a real communal area for people to enjoy in the evenings, perhaps even get some bbq stations down there.

We will continue to expand on our access for all project that we started at the beach last year with the wider footpaths through the dunes that we started on. I am sure everyone will agree they were a welcome addition and certainly a step in the right direction. Fingers crossed we can widen some more paths this year.

As councillors will have seen, by working with Cornwall Council, we have secured a dog fouling pilot scheme in both Par and St Blazey. Dog fouling is clearly an issue in our area and it is something I have been raising for the last twelve months after figures showed that Par had the highest reports last year for a parish council area in the whole of Cornwall. Cornwall Council is piloting Keep Britain Tidy's 'We're watching you' anti-dog fouling campaign at hotspots across Cornwall and the aim with this pilot is to see if it's as effective here as it has been elsewhere in the country before rolling it out more widely. The Council has paid for 'We're watching you' signage and monitoring forms for 13 places across Cornwall to test at dog fouling hot spots. I am delighted that we have managed to secure both Par and St Blazey as two of the places where the pilot will be run. If the campaign proves successful at the 13 hot spots, the Council will look at rolling it out more widely, providing signage and monitoring forms for more places across Cornwall.

Something I have worked hard on since 2017 is getting the drains and gullies on the one-way system back on a regular maintenance schedule. I am pleased that, now, twice a year, the gullies and drains on Par Green, Moorland Road and Eastcliffe Road and given a service. It's hard work to organise because of the parking situation on the one-way system, but each time we try it we get better at it and more drains are cleaned. Yes, drains would've been missed out this time, but we are getting there. What's important is that when we know Highways are coming to do them, we encourage residents to keep the roads clear so that all drains and gullies are accessible. I was slightly frustrated that, after all the hard work preparing for it thi time – delivering leaflets and circulating it far and wide, that the drains did not get done on the advertised

date. Instead, it was done the day after. The reason for this was because the vehicles were needed elsewhere as gritters because of the cold weather. This is unfortunate, but cannot be helped. We are due another service later this year.

As part of the Community Network Highways Scheme, the three projects I have put forward for the second year of the scheme are:

- A pedestrian crossing on Par Green to make the one-way system pedestrian friendly, but it will also help tackle the speeding issues as vehicles come down Shoppies Dip in to Par Green.
- A change to waiting restrictions on Eastcliffe Road, as requested by local businesses in the area
- An extension to the double-yellow lines in Polmear Parc.

These are now moving forward and I am working with Cornwall Council on the technicalities. I was pleased, however, to have support from the parish council on the pedestrian crossing scheme and the extension of double yellow lines in Polmear Parc.

Finally, a big well done to Par Track on the new library facility that they are offering here now. The only library in Cornwall to offer a 7 day library provision. I will always be grateful to them for their help in securing the library provision in Par with me. How they have developed the provision since then is just brilliant.

If there is anything that anyone wants to raise with me then please get in touch at jordan.rowse@cornwallcouncillors.org.uk

19/148 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives

Community Network. Cllr C Wildish reported that the recent Network meeting she had attended together with Cllr A Wildish had been poorly attended and inquorate as only one Cornwall Councillor had been present.

19/149 To receive and note any minutes from Parish Council Committees

Planning – minutes noted

Environment – no report

Finance – no report

19/150 Correspondence

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

19/151 Accounts for Approval

Cllr Taylor proposed, Cllr Phillips seconded and it was RESOLVED that payment of accounts totalling £4,733.73 be approved.

19/152 Resolutions from Councillors

None

19/153 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr C Wildish reported that the NDP was about to go out to consultation.

19/154 Public Conveniences

Cllr A Wildish reported that the commissioning of the PV Panels was still awaited. The Parish Clerk was asked to try to ascertain the reason for this. The locking system of the ladies' toilet at Par Beach was still not working following public misuse. Cllr Phillips had received information from Healthmatic about an automatic system, which might be a better solution. The Parish Clerk confirmed that Fowey Town Council was also having some problems with some Healthmatic equipment and it had been decided to fund a site visit from the company. Cllr Page then proposed, Cllr C Wildish seconded and it was RESOLVED that the parish council share costs with Fowey Town Council and secure a site visit to the Par Beach facility from Healthmatic.

19/155 Vine Place Devolution

No update

19/156 Tenancy at Will (Polmear Orchard)

The Parish Clerk reported that she had met with Tasha Davis, who had agreed to try to expedite the freehold transfer or failing this to arrange for a legally binding undertaking from Cornwall Council that the freehold transfer would take place within 6 months of the parish council accepting a Tenancy at Will.

19/157 Time & Tide Bell

Cllr C Wildish reported that a meeting was scheduled in March to progress the project

19/158 Dog Fouling Pilot Scheme

Cllr Page and Cllr Rowse agreed to monitor the pilot sites, erect the signage and complete the necessary documentation. One site would be in Par and the other in Tywardreath.

19/159 Evolis Speed Signs

The Parish Clerk would order the two signs and also posts if appropriate. Cllr C Wildish would liaise with CC Highways and the police.

19/160 In Search of Tywardreath Priory

Cllr C Wildish proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded and it was RESOLVED that a letter of support should be sent for this project.

19/161 Parish Councillors Reports

Cllr Page reported that graffiti on three benches at St Andrews Road Pond had been swiftly and efficiently dealt with by Cornwall Council

Cllr Rowse queried the process of appointing a member to replace Cllr Chamberlain. The Parish Clerk confirmed that she would need to notify electoral services who would advertise the vacancy to allow members of the public to call an election. If an election was not called the parish council would be free to co-opt.

Cllr Phillips proposed, Cllr Shroff seconded and it was RESOLVED that the press and public should be excluded from the meeting in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, during consideration of the following

business on the grounds that it would likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information of the following description – commercial sensitivity

Date of Next Meeting 5th March 2020