

DRAFT MINUTES

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Minutes of a Remote Tywardreath and Par Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd September 2020 at 6pm via Zoom

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

In attendance The Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Cllr A Virr

20/35 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr Rowse, Cllr A Wildish
Cornwall Cllr Mrs P Giles

20/36 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

20/37 Public Questions

None

20/38 To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd July 2020

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

20/39 Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda – *for report only*

None

20/40 To receive the Cornwall Councillors Reports

Cllr Virr – reported

Road Surfaces A number of roads in Tywardreath are showing significant surface wear – especially St Andrew’s Road, Southpark Road and Tehidy Road. I am pleased to report that all these roads are in the 2020-2021 programme for resurfacing work.

Tywardreath Hill / Well Street The work on the collapsed wall is due to begin imminently. Thanks to the patience of local residents in putting up with the extended disruption.

Glenview Allotment Flooding During the heavy rainfall last week there was flooding on the road at Glenview which spilled over the allotments. I have received video evidence from a local resident, which I have passed onto

Highways. Highways have agreed to pressure wash out the drains in the first instance to see if this resolves the issue.

Parking Southpark Road I received a number of complaints over the past two weeks regarding dangerous parking at the bottom of Southpark road. My understanding is that this was due to extraordinary visitors to the adjacent Public Arms to partake in the Eat Out to Help Out Scheme. I wrote to the Pub Landlord to request they take action to ensure safe parking outside their premises during the remaining season.

Tywardreath Church Yard Trees Another limb from one of the large trees in the Church Yard broke off and threatened to damage the neighbouring property. I am grateful for the countryside team taking swift action to make the tree safe.

Tywardreath 20mph Limit I have written to Tasha Davis requesting that the 20mph limit scheme be included in the schedule for Network Highway Schemes. I made it clear that my expectation was that this scheme was linked to the year one scheme of controlling speed within Par & Tywardreath to ensure it is given sufficient priority.

Cllr Giles – had supplied the following report

I was delighted to go to Woodland Valley Beaver Farm at Ladock earlier this month. We had a very informative walk and talk from Chris Jones, who is running the project. Seeing how these industrious animals can build dams to slow down the speed of a river was amazing, and I am sure they would enhance the good work of StARR, I would love to see beavers introduced locally.

Although St Blazey Recycle is still only trading online, via the Facebook page, we are still managing to help furnish accommodation for people who have previously been rough sleeping. It is gratifying to make an empty property a home and let those suffering in hard times know, there are people out there that want to help.

At the Network Panel Chairs meeting this week, it was again brought up, that Town and Parish Councils should be actively writing an emergency plan, to cover a possible spike in Covid19 on October. We can all hope that this is just a belt and braces move, but who knows what we may be facing in the future.

Can I please ask that this is considered, given October is only 4 weeks away.

I have been working with White gold and a company called Clay ground, based in London, to set up some workshops making clay leaves with the theme being family trees. I have secured some SESF/UnLtd funding, which will allow me to enhance the project. We will be running family clay workshops in Half Term, encouraging all generations to come along and make leaves out of clay, whilst talking about their families connection with the clay industry. We want to open up conversation, enquiry and genuine interest to unlock Par and St Blazey's heritage with the next generation. The funding will allow us to supply lunches for the families and there will also be socially distanced activities for our older residents to encourage them to leave their homes and return to some sort of normality, socialise in a safe environment and have their tea cooked for them.

I have been beavering away with funding bids, to ensure the residents of St Blazey are looked after through the Winter. Although the funding was a lot less than I had asked for, I was astonished to find out that no other organisations in Cornwall were chosen to receive any. Ocean housing has also

put forward £2,500 funding, which will be used to help our community until Spring 2021.

As always, I am here if anyone needs help

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Cllr Rowse – had supplied the following report

Speeding in Par continues to be an issue and one that I do take seriously. I have provided a report for later in the meeting on the progress I have made in trying to address this matter. In short, great progress is being made to find four suitable locations within Par, Tywardreath and Tywardreath Highway to locate the solar flashing speed signs. In the meantime I have arranged for a speed radar survey, which records the speed of traffic 24 hours a day for 7 days, to be fitted on Par Green so we can see the facts of the matter. The box was fitted on the bend by Hamleys Corner. This was done two weeks ago and the results are being processed as we speak. I will update further on this matter next month with the results of this survey.

While I am talking about Hamleys Corner, the recycling banks have now been removed. On the week commencing August 17th, the recycling banks were removed as part of Cornwall Council's new waste contract. This is disappointing because we all know how much these banks are used. I have been trying to get the recycling banks moved to another location for some time, like Par Track or the beach, to create much-needed additional parking in the car park by the Co-op. I was always clear that I wanted to retain the banks in Par, but just move them from where they currently are. However, I have now been trumped and Cornwall Council want to take the banks away completely and do away with recycling banks across Cornwall. What a great shame. These recycling banks are used by people from all over the PL24 area and will be sorely missed.

Following my previous reports on my desire to see an active travel route from Par Train Station to the A390, there is now an active group working together to create a route from St Blazey to the A390. To pull this off it will be a staged approach. The group has identified what needs to be done to pull this off and will start to look dividing this route up into stages, and working out how we will fund it. Last time I mentioned this in my report I said watch this space. I now have some good news I can tell you and it is something I have been working on for some months. It is now looking increasingly likely that Stage 1 of this project will be an 'active travel path' from the A390 to the Cornish Market World exit by Cypress Avenue. An active travel path is wider than a normal path or cycle lane, and is multi-use, for cyclists, walkers and joggers. This really is exciting news and we are hoping to go out to consultation on this in the Autumn, so watch this space. Subject to the result of the consultation, construction could begin in the first half of next year. Over the summer I have seen so many cyclists and walkers walking along Par Moor. Personally, I wouldn't do it because I wouldn't feel safe doing it. However, there is a clear want and a need for this route, so we now want to make it as safe as we can. I continue to have concerns over how planning is working in Cornwall at the minute. Because of COVID-19, how planning permissions are granted has changed. With most contentious planning decisions now being made by delegated decision by the Senior Planning Officer. I do not agree with this. Councillors are elected to make decisions, not officers. I have fallen foul of the process recently myself. It's not in the parish, but I want to highlight the

issue because it could happen in our parish. I called in to Planning Committee a development on Sea Road in Carlyon Bay. To knock down a single dwelling and build more flats. Last year I called a similar application in relating to the same site. To knock down single dwellings and build flats. I won at committee and got the committee to turn the application down. I was hopeful that I could do the same this time. However, as planning committees are only meeting remotely, and only meeting to decide the really contentious applications, this application was assigned to the Senior Planning Officer to make a delegated decision. They approved the application. This is not acceptable and we need to ensure this does not happen to any applications in Par.

Talking of planning, a planning application has now been submitted for various schemes along Luxulyan Road and the upper catchment as part of the StARR Project. The StARR Project is certainly progressing now which is poignant given it is almost ten years since the St Blazey floods of 2010. I trust this is helpful and, as ever, if I can ever help with anything then please get in touch.

20/41 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives

None

20/42 To receive and note any minutes from Parish Council Committees

Planning – minutes noted

Environment – no report

Finance – no report

20/43 Correspondence

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

20/44 Accounts for Approval

Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Page seconded and it was RESOLVED that payment of accounts totalling £9,339.44 be approved.

20/45 Resolutions from Councillors

None

20/46 Community Network Highways Scheme Funding

It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded Cllr Shroff and RESOLVED that the parish council should submit a request for grant funding to facilitate the introduction of ‘no unloading’ restrictions opposite the Co-op store in Par Green and double yellow lines at the entrance to Grove Park in Tywardreath Highway

20/47 Par Beach Public Conveniences

Cllr Page reported

The public toilets at Par Beach were reopened on 19th August with Covid safeguards in place. An inspection yesterday (2nd Sept) revealed that it looked like they hadn’t been cleaned for a day or so the Parish Clerk contacted Cormac to find out what was going on and also to report that the promised cleaners register for each cubicle have not appeared.

Following an incident witnessed by Cllr Shroff that resulted in the second 999 call in a few days it seems that the petty vandalism has stopped but there are still groups of cars visiting the car park late evenings after dark. I have had a discussion with Helen Toms, Cornwall Council ASB Officer, regarding the situation and problems in the adjoining car park and toilet block, which have proved useful. I have been in touch with a couple of NACOSS approved CCTV installation companies, the only ones in Cornwall and they have both been out to carry out a survey: I have had one quote back and am awaiting the other.

Following conversations with fellow councillors and the Parish Clerk I am putting together a list of cleaning companies who would be interested in cleaning the toilets so we can ask them to tender prior to the contract with Cormac ending next year to see if we can get a cheaper and more efficient deal. If any fellow councillors are aware of any such companies could they let me have the name and contact details to put on my list.

20/48 Hambleys Corner Toilet Block

The architect had produced some initial drawings of possible layouts for conversion into a small dwelling. Cllr Shroff proposed, Cllr Phillips seconded and it was RESOLVED that the first design was preferable and should be followed up.

20/49 Par Beach Play Park

Cllr Page gave the following report

The Play area was reopened on 6th August with Covid safeguards in place.

Cllr Hughes recently reported that a swing was put out of action and tied up with cable ties by the RoSPA inspector. On investigation I could see that one of the seat bolts was missing. I later checked the bolts on the swing next to it and discovered they were not as tight as they should be and put the swing out of action myself, tying it out of reach with my own cable ties. The baby swing had also failed and I tied that up at the same time to put it out of action. The Parish Clerk was subsequently contacted by Cormac and told that the RoSPA inspector had identified the problem with the baby swing and immobilised it so clearly somebody had removed my cable ties, bringing it back into use.

The Parish Clerk immediately arranged for it to be removed from the site. I am concerned that galvanic corrosion, caused by using carbon steel against stainless steel resulted in the carbon steel rotting away and caused the failure.

The Parish Clerk will investigate the situation with the installers.

20/50 Radar Speed Signs

Cllr Rowse had provided the following report

As you will remember, last year the parish council agreed to purchase two portable speed radars (the flashing speed signs) to do our bit to try and address the issue of speeding traffic in the parish.

After much discussion, it was also agreed that solar powered signs would be a better option than a battery powered sign, which would need its batteries changed every three days. The added benefit of the solar sign is that it comes with two solar packs, which means the portable sign can be moved between two locations with ease. As the parish council agreed to two signs, that means we will have four solar packs, meaning we can set up four locations with the

sign and move the sign between the four of them. If, at a later date, we wanted to move any of the solar packs to a different location, that can be explored. The reason the parish council decided to get these signs from Evolis, a private contractor, as opposed to going through CORMAC, was because the cost of the signs through CORMAC were almost ten times more expensive. The parish council did not deem it appropriate to use a large chunk of parish council capital or our share of the Community Network Highways Scheme to go through CORMAC. In my opinion, the deal we have currently is great value for money and I believe these signs will be a great addition to the parish and will be warmly welcomed by local residents. We would, of course, have had the signs in place now if it was not for COVID-19. Discussions with Highways to get their approval started late last year/early this year and conversations have resumed over the summer.

Highways are happy to work with us to facilitate these signs, which is positive news. The locations I have submitted to Highways for the signs, in the first instance are:

Eastcliffe Road – by Eastcliffe Road sign on street light as you go in to the built up part of Eastcliffe Road on the left hand side of the road. Adjacent where Moorland Road meets Eastcliffe Road. I believe the streetlight to be J430.

Par Green – on the island on the no entry sign as you go in to the built up area of Par Green on the left hand side of the road when you come from Fowey.

ALTERNATIVELY – on either the arrow sign post adjacent to the junction to Par Green.

Southpark Road- on streetlight nearest to Tywardreath School J510.

Mount Bennett Road – on the streetlight J525.

Tywardreath Highway (A390) – on streetlight J017.

St Andrews Road – on streetlight J490.

The first four were intended to be the four initial sites, with the final two being on the ‘approved reserve list’.

I can confirm that the Par Green site has been confirmed by Highways, subject to a risk assessment. Unfortunately, the other five sites have not been approved as they were due to be placed on streetlights and Highways advise that streetlights and telegraph poles should be avoided where possible. If we wanted to go with these sites, CORMAC are able to give us a quote for the installation of appropriate posts. Therefore, my report has two intentions:

1. To give you an update on the progress to date
2. To ask members of the parish council to re-consider the five locations not yet approved and suggest five new locations that can be submitted to Highways. The criteria is that a post is over 8 feet tall and is not a telegraph pole or street light. Even if the parish council agree that the Parish Clerk and I have permission to explore further sites and submit new proposals, that would be helpful. I am keen that we move forward with this without delay.

Cllr Taylor reported that he had looked at potential locations in Tywardreath Highway and confirmed that if a sign was sited there a new post would be needed. Cllr Wildish considered, and members agreed, that a sign was needed about half way up Tehidy Road and that if a new pole was required then it should be purchased. The general view was that the signs must be spread throughout the parish

Cllr Taylor left the meeting

20/51 Parish Councillors Reports

Cllr Phillips reported that he had done some investigation on cctv and he considered that if the Parish Council should decide to purchase any it must be equipment of sufficient quality to pick up such things as car registrations. Cllr Hughes confirmed that high definition black and white images were likely to be better than colour.

Cllr C Wildish noted it had been suggested that Covid-19 assessments should be added to the Emergency Plan but that she would speak to Cllr Taylor as she considered that it would be better to include them in an updated Flood Plan.

Cllr C Wildish suggested that the Parish Council should start to formulate an Action Plan looking forward over the next few years. Members considered this to be an excellent idea and agreed to forward ideas to her.

Date of Next Meeting 5th October @ 6pm

Meeting Closed 6.53pm