

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

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**Minutes of a Remote Tywardreath and Par Parish Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 at 6pm via Zoom**

**Meeting ID 861 1785 9695**

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

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

**20/52 To receive and accept apologies for absence**  
None

**20/53 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

**20/54 Public Questions**

None

**20/55 To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020**

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

**20/56 Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda – *for report only***

None

**20/57 To receive the Cornwall Councillors Reports**

**Cllr Virr** – reported

Traffic Safety Protest Tywardreath I was pleased to attend the protest last month held in Well's Street. This was to raise concern about traffic speeds within the village. I listened to the concerns of residents. I share their desire to see speeds reduced. I am pleased to report that the 20mph scheme for Tywardreath is now on the approved Network Highways Schemes. I am putting pressure on Cormac to deliver this scheme now that funding has been identified.

Coronavirus Residents should be aware that the Covid cases are slowly rising in our area. It is vitally important that we follow the government advice,

especially with regard to indoor gatherings which seem to pose the greatest risk – no more than 6 persons inside together is the rule.

Transport for Cornwall Residents will be aware that there at least two bus companies operating in our area, namely Transport for Cornwall and First Kernow. I have been given assurance that return tickets purchased on a TFC outbound journey can be used on FK on the return leg. Unfortunately, the reciprocal arrangement is not in place. I have spoken with the Cabinet Member for Transport to ask that this is changed to ensure public transport charges are kept to a minimum for those doing the right thing and getting out of their cars.

**Cllr Giles** – reported

We have 2,000 opium and crack users in Cornwall; we should not be complacent about this not happening in our community, it is!

Anyone who thinks there is suspicious activity going on, be it regular visits by unknown persons to a local address, visits by car, people standing at the end of your street or a change in behaviour of a resident (cuckooing) where someone has moved into their property, and is using their home to deal drugs. County Lines has been successful, but if we do not report, the only thing that will happen is, it will get worse, it will cost more of the Councils budget to try and fight it, and people you know and love may be enticed into drug taking.

Exploitation of vulnerable children and adults is on the increase, let us be their eyes and ears, to help keep them safe.

At the Neighbourhoods meeting today, I asked how much it cost to train a tri-service officer, because out of ten recruited and trained, three have already left, Lostwithiel and Fowey's, being one of them. The reply was, all three had moved into the Police or Fire Service, so their training had not gone to waste, however, I do not think this answer was adequate, and have requested a breakdown in the comparative training costs.

I sat on the committee discussing the Clean Air Strategy today. I was shocked to hear that Cornwall has a higher amount of Diesel cars than other places in the UK, 44.7% compared to a national average of 36%. 40% of our pollution comes from these cars, many of which are over 10 years old. I am delighted to see that our local Town and Parish Councils are trying to combat this by supporting an initiative to get cycle lanes put in from Par to the Brit, along Par Moor as a starter.

With reference to the Emergency Plan, I had hoped we would have had a generic skeleton to fill in to suit, but nothing has yet been forthcoming. I would suggest, as a starting point, a poster with emergency contacts be put together, so that if we are locked down again, the Clerk can print it off and post in the Parish notice boards.

**Cllr Rowse arrived**

**Cllr Rowse** – reported

Firstly, I was pleased to hear all children returning to the local schools (Tywardreath, Biscovey and Fowey) returned safely back to school this month. This has no doubt been a challenging year for the children in the area and returning back to school was no doubt an exciting and overwhelming experience for them. I understand the transition back to school went smoothly and I wish the new Headmaster of Biscovey Academy, Mr Josh Tyers, all the very best for this school year.

One issue we have been talking about a lot recently is speeding in the parish. One of the hotspots that has been identified is on Par Green. In the absence of any data on speeding in Par Green, I approached Highways at Cornwall Council in the summer and asked them to place a SpeedRadar on the bend by Hamleys Corner, a location requested by a number of local residents. The SpeedRadar monitors the speed of traffic 24 hours a day over the course of seven days.

The speed of traffic was monitored in Par Green at the peak of the summer season, between the 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August. Over the course of the week 21,943 vehicles travelled through Par Green, giving us a very strong sample size. Results show that 96% of traffic travelled through Par Green at 30mph or less, complying with the speed limit. 4% travelled between 31mph and 40mph with only 0.1% travelling over 40mph. The mean speed of traffic was 24mph, which shows very good compliance with the speed limit. The mean speed is the average speed of all cars that passed through Par Green on these days, 6mph under the speed limit. Local residents would now like another survey of the speed of Par Green, but in a new location. At this moment in time this is not something I will entertain. I agree with Highways that the data shows no justification for further survey work or police enforcement, a stance also shared by the police following a discussion between Highways and the police on this issue. While the results do show good compliance with the 30mph limit, I do feel the parish council should now be looking at an advisory speed of 20mph in built up areas, like Tywardreath Village and Par Green. Par Green had previously been a 20mph advisory zone and it worked well. This could be explored through the solar signs the parish council's are looking to purchase, advising a speed of 20mph instead of 30mph. I look forward to hearing councillors views on this.

At this month's Par Beach Management Group meeting the group held a workshop which was all about 'the future of our beach' and how we can start forward planning. We have achieved a great deal at the beach, but there is still much more to do.

I was also pleased to see that boat planter outside of the railway station in Par has had a makeover and is looking fantastic. A big thank you to Sonia Clyne and the two John's for their brilliant work.

Facilities continue to be upgraded at Par Running Track and they too are doing a fantastic job. I have heard only positive things about their summer activity programme for the local children. We are so lucky to have them on our doorstep.

Not a million miles away from the parish, but of a couple of updates of interest to parishioners, I am pleased to confirm that great progress is being made on the plans to upgrade the stretch of the South West Coast path by Spit Beach. As we all know, this is much needed. I have worked with Cornwall Council to ensure that this stretch is one of two stretches of the coastal path that will be upgraded this year. As I have reported previously, the plan is to cut back the vegetation on the docks, adjacent to the path, to allow some light in to the path. Take down the ugly metal wire fence and replace it with a nice, new wooden fence and to resurface and widen the footpath. Really positive news for a footpath and stretch of coastal path often regarded as the ugliest part of the south west coastal path.

Along the coastal path to Carlyon Bay, revised plans for the long-awaited Carlyon Bay beach development have been released by CEG, the company overseeing the project. As we know, two of the beaches at Carlyon Bay fall in the St Blaise parish – so this is very relevant to us. A new, updated planning application is expected to be submitted for the development in November which include a 361-unit beachside village at the site of the former Cornwall Coliseum.

CEG said: “The primary objective of the fresh approach is to move the sea wall back to create a dune sea defence following consultation with Cornwall Council and the Environment Agency. The softer sea defence - to be planted with marram grass, sea couch and other self-colonising plants - will provide a habitat for wildlife, while its revised location further inland will have a lesser impact on the beach.”

Public access will remain to the beach with CEG explaining: “Access to the beach will be via the steps and along the public right of way. I will keep everyone updated via my Facebook page.

#### **20/58 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives**

Community Network Cllr C Wildish, Cllr A Wildish and Cllr Taylor had attended a recent Network meeting when the main topic had been a presentation from Ruth Goldstein, Public Health

Par Beach Management Group Cllr Page had attended a recent meeting when the lack of uptake on the Beach Huts had been raised. Cllr Rowse explained this was largely due to the huts not becoming available until August in 2019 and then the effect of Covid-19 in 2020. He had been assured that that applications to tender would go out early in 2021.

#### **20/59 To receive and note any minutes from Parish Council Committees**

Planning – minutes noted

Environment – minutes noted

Finance – no report

#### **20/60 Correspondence**

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

#### **20/61 Accounts for Approval**

Cllr Page proposed, Cllr Phillips seconded and it was RESOLVED that payment of accounts totalling £2,441.15 be approved.

#### **20/62 Resolutions from Councillors**

None

#### **20/63 Par Beach Public Conveniences**

Cllr Page had provided the following report

Cllr Robert Mount has now joined the working group.

I have been in touch with a couple of NACOSS (National Approval Council for Security Systems) approved CCTV installation companies, the only ones in Cornwall. They have both been out to carry out a survey and we have had one quote back that has been circulated and are still awaiting the other. A

reminder was sent on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, the email was read the following day but at time of writing no reply.

Following conversations with some fellow councillors and the parish clerk we are 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. We are sure we can get a cheaper and more efficient deal. If any councillors are aware of any such companies could they let Cllr Mount have the name and contact details to put them on the list he is putting together so they can be invited to tender at the appropriate time.

The ladies toilet door has had to be permanently locked as the locking assembly in the door frame has jammed. It is thought that it may be a left over from the vandalism that occurred during the period when the toilets were closed. It was jamming when the engineer visited but he managed to free it. The Parish Clerk has arranged for a local locksmith to get it fixed to save the cost of getting Healthmatic down again but we will need to order the part from Healthmatic.

The Parish Clerk has repeatedly asked Cormac since reopening to place a cleaning register in each cubicle for the public to see but to date nothing has happened. One appeared in the maintenance room shortly after the first request but for the last two weeks or so has only been signed once a day. Cormac are contracted to clean twice a day until the end of September so we can only assume they are only being cleaned once a day, a breach of contract! The latest check on the register shows that there were no cleaners there over the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. A member of the public contacted me to complain about the state of one of the cubicles

The Photovoltaic cell installers did not completely sign off the installation as they should have done. We are assuming that won't happen now. Will that affect any warranty?

Following an e-mail exchange with Ken Polmounter at Cornwall Council he has agreed to replace the very faded toilet sign on the lamp post by the toilets, so some positive news there.

Now some sort of normality has come back to the running of the toilets it is intended that the working group will start reconvening one way or another to come up with more suggestions to improve the running of the building.

### **20/64 Par Beach Play Park**

Cllr Page had supplied the following report

The baby swing that failed still needs replacing. The failed one is in the toilet block maintenance room.

The picnic table has had a minor repair undertaken by Russell. I know the table was not provided by us and mysteriously appeared. It is a well-used asset to the play area and as there is only one other seat provided on site gives elderly guardians another place to sit/rest while their charges play. More important now in the current climate of social distancing something that would be difficult with only one seat.

I will go and have a proper look at the vegetation that needs cutting back. I may be able to persuade Par Sands to look at it as they have already agreed to keep the grass cut for us.

We have had issues with the beach side gate closing too quickly before and I have to say it can be a bit fierce. Maybe another one for Russell Maclaren to look at again.

#### **20/65 Tide Bell**

At the request of Cllr C Wildish this item was deferred until November to allow more time to gather necessary information

#### **20/66 Action Plan**

Cllr Wildish reported that she had only received one suggestion to date – from Cllr Shroff. It was agreed that members would submit further ideas before the November meeting.

#### **20/67 Radar Speed Signs**

Cllr Rowse reported that he was still waiting for costings from Highways for poles. It was agreed that two signs should be purchased initially as a trial, one would be positioned on Tehidy Road to warn motorists travelling down the hill towards Par and the other in the Eastcliffe Road, Hambleys Corner, Par Green area. Cllr Rowse agreed to investigate the best site for this device and get a price from Highways for a pole if required. Members agreed that the new warning radar signs in Sticker would be more suitable than the Evolis ones: Cllr C Wildish agreed to get costings for these.

#### **20/68 Election to Environment Committee**

It was proposed by Cllr C Wildish, seconded Cllr Taylor and RESOLVED that Cllr Mount should be elected on to the Environment Committee.

#### **20/69 Vine Place**

Cllr C Wildish reported that CC were offering to devolve the car park, the old toilet block, the open space and the entrance road to the parish council and queried if members still wished to accept the transfer. Her personal opinion was that the entrance road could prove to be a liability. It was agreed that the possible devolution should be investigated further and it was proposed by Cllr A Wildish, seconded Cllr Mount and RESOLVED that a Working Group consisting of Cllrs C Wildish, Hughes, Page, Shroff and Rowse should be formed to do this.

#### **20/70 Parish Councillors Reports**

Cllr Taylor reported that he had acquired some Flood signage

Cllr Page reported that Environmental Health was dealing with the rat problem at Par Pond. Poison had been put down and notices had been put up asking people not to overfeed the wildfowl. If this request was not adhered to then a ban on feeding them would be introduced.

Cllr Shroff reported that there was also a rat problem on Par Beach around the pond/public toilet area.

Cllr Shroff reported that she had reported yet another incident in the car park by the public toilets at Par Beach to the Police via 999.

Cllr Mount reported that the white lines in the middle of the road on Polmear Road where the road narrows had been mostly worn away making it difficult for motorists. Cllr Rowse agreed to investigate but it was suspected that the

road was too narrow at this location for white lines, although it was agreed that a 'Road Narrows' sign might be appropriate.

Cllr A Wildish reported that he had been asked if the parish council would permit an archaeological dig to take place at Vine Place if the area was devolved.

Cllr C Wildish encouraged people to register for the Broadband Upgrade Fund if they had poor Broadband, although she noted that it appeared that it was only available in some postcode areas.

**Date of Next Meeting**            5<sup>th</sup> November @ 6pm

**Meeting Closed**                6.50pm