

DRAFT MINUTES

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Minutes of a Remote Tywardreath and Par Parish Council Meeting held on 5th November 2020 at 6pm via Zoom

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

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

20/71 To receive and accept apologies for absence
Cllr Hughes, Cllr Shroff

20/72 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

20/73 Public Questions
None

20/74 To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 1st October 2020
Cllr Taylor proposed, Cllr A Wildish seconded and it was RESOLVED that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

20/75 Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda – *for report only*
None

20/76 To receive the Cornwall Councillors Reports

Cllr Virr – reported

Lockdown 2.0 Although the numbers of Covid cases remains low, the infection rate has been rising in the community with recent figures showing infection rates 40 per 100000. It is a reminder for us to wear masks, maintain social distancing and washing our hands.

Dog Fouling Scheme Please can I urge the Parish Council to adopt the Cornwall Council Dog Poo awareness campaign for this year. It would be good to see posters going up around the village.

Tywardreath Hill Wall There is currently a delay whilst legal agreements are completed with residents affected.

Fireworks Safety I was pleased to support Cornwall Council's media campaign to ensure safety when using domestic firework sets.

Tywardreath Road Works The works to the highway in the village is welcome. Thanks to everyone for putting up with the disruption.

Speeding Reduction I have received support from Cabinet Member Geoff Brown that the Highway scheme to introduce a 20mph limit should be prioritised as urgent. I welcome this support.

Cllr Giles – reported

I sat on the member briefing discussing the new waste contract, here is the preci'd version. The new Biffa contract brings three existing contracts into one

- Kerbside domestic collection and street/beach cleaning
- Council office cleaning and waste
- Domestic bulky waste collection

It is an 8-year contract, with an optional 2-year extension

Delivery of the new fleet has commenced and will be complete by 31/1/21

Timing of the new contract is as follows:

Feb 2021 – Mar 2022 Cleaning services and bulky waste

Mar 2022 – Mar 2023 Phased introduction of new household collections

Mar 2023 - New contract delivering in full

Food waste will be collected weekly and every household will receive a 'kitchen caddy' and a larger vermin proof bin.

General waste collected fortnightly, every household will be given a 180L wheelie bin or seagull proof sack if space is an issue.

No side waste will be collected.

Large families can apply for additional bins.

Bespoke service for those in unusual accommodation like flats

Fortnightly recycling collection with new improved collection sacks

Paid for garden waste will continue to be available

You will all be pleased to hear, that rates on public toilets have received Royal Assent and all Parish and Town councils who own and pay rates on public toilets, will have their rates stopped and a full refund will be given from April this year.

Today I received a Thank You card from the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, for the hard work by myself and those that helped me during Lockdown. Special thanks must go to David Taylor, for being my wingman throughout.

As we re-enter lockdown, it goes without saying, I am here to help our community in any way I can, and if any of you know someone who needs a food parcel, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Stay safe

Cllr Rowse – reported

My report will be slightly different this month.

A few weeks ago I wrote, personally, to Sally and to Caroline announcing that I would not be standing for re-election next year as the Cornwall Councillor for Par, or for the parish council. I hope this letter was shared with you.

I have since gone public with my statement and I wanted to use this evening to promote my statement again to ensure as many people hear it as possible.

My statement went as follows:

I am writing this letter to confirm that I will not be standing for re-election in Par, Biscovey and St Blazey Gate in the Cornwall Council elections in May next year, nor will I be seeking re-election to Tywardreath and Par Parish

Council. Not re-standing for Cornwall Council is not out of choice. It is because I am simply not able to.

This is a sad day for me, but one in which I knew was coming. I have had time to prepare for this for which I am grateful. Unfortunately, it was unavoidable. Sooner or later I had to come to terms with it and make the announcement.

Now seems like the right time – six months or so before the elections.

As you know, from next year Cornwall Council is reducing the number of councillors from 123 to 87. This is nothing to do with a councillor's performance, it is simply the re-drawing of lines on a map. It is with regret that I have to confirm that I am to be one of the casualties. As of May 2021, the Division that I represent, Par, Biscovey and St Blazey Gate, will cease to exist. Instead of being a Division in its own right, under the new boundaries the current Division will be split in two. Par will now join Fowey and Tywardreath while Biscovey and St Blazey Gate will go in with St Blazey. When I cease to be the councillor for the area on Friday 7th May 2021, it will have been four years since I was first elected as the Cornwall Councillor for the area that I have grown up in and have lived for my whole life. The area that I truly do love. I will always be a Par and St Blazey boy, through and through.

We have achieved so much, by working together. From day one I have been committed to making a positive difference in this area. I have well and truly loved every day so far. It has been the greatest privilege of my life.

I believe we have achieved a great deal in the space of just three and a half years. To name a few, we have saved Par Library from permanent closure, saved a plot of land in Par from development and turned it in to a community orchard, re-introduced the nostalgic beach huts to Par Beach and secured over £30 million to tackle the issues with flooding in Par and St Blazey as part of the StARR Project. Most importantly, we achieved something money can't buy.

During a time of need earlier this year, and even now, the community came together, stood strong in the face of COVID-19 and proved just how much of a resilient community we are. The PL24 postcode led by example.

There are so many unsung heroes, example of good gestures and help and support. I cannot thank everyone enough. The community had a role to play. It did, and then some.

There is so much I can talk about what we have achieved by the community and I working together to get things done. Over the last three years I have tried to prove that I can get things done. I would hope that I leave with a record of delivery. If I say I will do something, I will do it. I hope my monthly reports (albeit long sometimes!) went some way to show that.

From May it will be onto the next chapter, whatever that may be. For now, the next couple weeks will be a time of reflection. However, I remain committed, as ever, to finishing the job I was elected to do. My time may have been cut short but come May I want to be able to look back and say I made this area a better place than it was when I started. There is still much more to be done, but we have made great progress.

I will be forever grateful for the help and support of the parish council – you have all been so helpful. This has truly been a team effort. Regardless of our own private politics, my aim from the start was to be committed, compassionate and approachable. I hope I stood by that. It's not over yet, we

still have six months together. A lot can be achieved in six months. I've got lots of exciting projects still in the pipeline so let's go out with a bang. I can very much assure you my foot will not come off the gas until Friday 7th May 2021.
Best wishes and thanks to you all

20/77 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives

None

20/78 To receive and note any minutes from Parish Council Committees

Planning – minutes noted
Environment – minutes noted
Finance – no report

20/79 Correspondence

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

20/80 Accounts for Approval

Cllr C Wildish proposed, Cllr Page seconded and it was RESOLVED that payment of accounts totalling £4,578.37 be approved.

20/81 Resolutions from Councillors

None

20/82 Par Beach Public Conveniences

Cllr Page had provided the following report
Cllr Robert Mount is investigating potential cleaning companies to quote for the cleaning contract. We saw one on site on Monday and a quote is on its way to us and others are lined up for a site visit. Following the comments from the owner of the cleaning company Robert & I have doubts about the efficiency of what Cormac are actually doing. I looked to see how long the cleaner was on site for and discovered that according to the register it was only 15 minutes to clean all three cubicles. We were told that that was really not enough time to clean the three cubicles properly, something we found disturbing.
A reminder was sent on Wednesday 24th September to the second company that came for a site visit, the email was read the following day but at time of writing no reply. We didn't get a reply from the second one after another reminder so presumably they don't want the job. If the parish council is minded to install CCTV then we can thrash out the finer points with Duchy Alarms and get a more accurate quote from them. Cllr Phillips made some useful comments in an email on the subject following circulation of the quote received back in September.
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 is looking into using a local locksmith to get it fixed to save the cost of getting Healthmatic down again. The wrong part was delivered and we are currently waiting for the correct replacement.

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. There is now a shiny new Toilets sign on the lamp post by the building.

A proper noticeboard is being researched to put up on the toilet block to let people know who to contact in an emergency or to report a problem. Last week there was an issue and a message filtered through to Cllr Page as the person concerned called a Friends of Par Beach number that was on a poster nearby. Luckily they knew who to contact.

It has been noted that maintenance room could do with a really good clean and tidy up. It does not look at all professional. We will be getting a quote for the cleaning company that carried out a site visit last Monday.

We have received a quote for £150 to clean the outside of the building, facias, paintwork etc. as the building is looking very grubby and is not presenting a good impression to the public. We will be getting a quote for the last cleaning company who came to carry out a site visit.

There is a distinct lack of ventilation in the cubicles. It seems that for reasons best known to Cornwall Council/Cormac false ceilings were put in blocking the original ventilation ducting. It was discovered that the loft area is full of extraction ducting and fans to extract air from the cubicles. The cubicles can be quite horrible at times and is not presenting a good atmosphere for the users and is a bad reflection on the Parish Council. We will investigate getting a ventilation engineering company in for a quote to get it put right.

There has been some discussion about closing the toilets during the new lockdown and following a series of emails between councillors the consensus is to keep them open unless told otherwise. The view of the Toilet Group is to keep them open as we do not want a repeat of what happened before.

20/83 Cornwall Council 'We're Watching You' Dog Fouling Campaign

Members considered it would be beneficial to take part in this campaign again, although Cllr Page noted that due to other commitments he would be unable to play an active part. Cllr Rowse proposed, Cllr C Wildish seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Parish Clerk should apply on behalf of the Parish Council to join the new campaign.

20/84 Tide Bell

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

20/85 Action Plan

No update

20/86 Radar Speed Signs

Cllr Rowse would obtain costings from Highways for a new pole between the 2nd and 3rd poles on the right hand side going down Tehidy Road and on the island at Eastcliffe Road/Par Green.

20/87 Vine Place

The Working Group had yet to meet but would do so within the following two weeks.

20/88 Parish Councillors Reports

Cllr Page had supplied the following report in respect of the Play Area.

- The baby swing that failed still needs replacing. The one that failed is in the toilet block maintenance room.
- A large gap has appeared between the vegetation and the gate to the holiday park. People are using it instead of the gate. We need to get that rectified for better security. In the first instance I will talk to Russell MacLaren to see if he is able to rectify for us.
- Follow up to the last safety inspection report dated 15/10/2020:
- There are two items that have been highlighted to us and Russell MacLaren will be dealing with these.
 1. The main gate is closing too quickly.
 2. There are some bolts/nuts that need tightening on one of the activity units.

Cllr Mount reported that he was expecting quotes for toilet cleaning before the December meeting.

Cllr Page reported ongoing issues with rats at Par Pond. CC had now fenced off an area to prevent public access and hopefully support an effective control programme. However, if this approach failed then the next step would be a PPO to make it an offence to feed the wildfowl.

Date of Next Meeting 3rd December 2020 @ 6pm

Meeting Closed 6.26pm