

DRAFT MINUTES

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

Meeting ID: 875 5095 5408

Passcode: 171722

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

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

20/89 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr Hughes, Cllr Shroff, Cllr Rowse, Cllr A Wildish
Cornwall Cllr A Virr

20/90 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

20/91 Public Questions

None

20/92 To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 5th November 2020

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

20/93 Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda – for report only

None

20/94 To receive the Cornwall Councillors Reports

Cllr Virr – had supplied the following report

Road Resurfacing I am grateful for the work Cormac Highways have completed through the village. The repaired and patched roads are a great improvement for traffic.

Speed Reduction Scheme I welcome Cllr Geoff Brown, the cabinet holder for transport, support for the speed reduction scheme. He has stated in writing that this scheme should be an urgent priority.

Gritting Tywardreath I have written to Cormac to request they grit the highway through Tywardreath, as requested by the parish council. They have replied: *The precautionary salting network has been developed to include the most heavily trafficked routes in the county, access roads to sites of strategic importance not covered by the above (such as minor injury units, health*

centres and major transport interchanges), and access to the county's public and private secondary schools. This precautionary network comprises about 1400km of roads and split into 25 different routes, taking up to 3 hours each to complete. It isn't often that hazardous conditions continue into the morning during school drop off times, however should prolonged periods of cold weather occur, the Council will provide a reactive service to other roads. During prolonged cold periods, when perhaps icy and hazardous conditions continue into the day, members of the public can log a request for gritting, or call our emergency line on 0300 1234 222 and the site can be considered for reactive treatment as appropriate. Furthermore, some local parish councils have funded the installation of salt bins which can be used locally during cold weather, and will help road users reach the nearest main network (in the case of Tywardreath, this is Station Road and Eastcliffe Road, Par). I will put your request forward for consideration, but, unfortunately, I do not think there is the opportunity for additional capacity on the nearest route, and the location doesn't currently meet the policy criteria.

Elderfield Close I was approached by residents to request Highways to reduce the height / remove a very tall fir tree near properties. Highways have judged it is located away from the Highway and therefore is not the responsibility of the council, but rather a civil matter.

Glenview Allotments Drainage I can confirm that the drainage has been inspected by Highways and the drains jetted. They have commented that *It would appear that the highway drainage line leads to a soakaway area within the allotment site. If the land is saturated it is likely that the water cannot drain away, and hence the problems experienced earlier this year after a particularly prolonged period of wet weather. The highway steward will monitor the site to see if the recent cleaning of the drainage has improved the situation.*

Thanks At the end of this difficult year I would like to pay tribute to the hard work of local councillors and volunteers who have supported the community through the Covid crisis. With the imminent arrival of vaccines I hope that 2021 will be a more normal year filled with hope.

Cllr Giles – reported

We had a plethora of interesting speakers at the Network Panel meeting, one talked about cyber crime, which is on the increase. Please, if you are suspicious of an email from your bank or service provider, best not to answer it, and contact the company directly. Millions of pounds a year are taken out of people's bank accounts, by unscrupulous individuals, best to check to be safe. Drug dealers are availing themselves of day-glo jackets and delivering drugs under the guise of delivery drivers. At a subsequent meeting with Devon & Cornwall Police, I was asked to remind residents that if they see anything suspicious, they should report online to Crimestoppers or telephone 0800 555111. Everything is logged and can be anonymous, this intelligence gives weight to the Police and can help with a conviction. Saying nothing or moaning on Facebook doesn't help our area, and if you believe it's not happening in PL24, I have to say, drug crime is rising, don't let our youngsters become victims.

Last weekend we completely furnished the house of a young Mum with four small children. Social housing providers are still handing over the keys to properties without ascertaining if families have anything to furnish it! Many

food parcels have been delivered locally. I am grateful that children will now get a meal even when on school holidays, often, it is the families in low paid employment who are struggling, and we must remember that furlough has meant many have lost 20% of their income.

I have spoken to a local chef, and he is going to help me to prepare a Christmas Dinner and Boxing Day Treat Box, which will be delivered by some wonderful volunteers on Christmas Eve, to those on their own or struggling at Christmas. All will receive a gift of a puzzle book and jigsaw to help fill their time. This initiative is being advertised in the PL24 magazine to hopefully reach those that are not online.

I have organised a virtual Carol Service, which will be filmed by the Cornwall Channel at the Range. A small amount of Mount Charles youth Band, will be playing the Carols, as they have done for many years at the Town Councils service at the Church. The recording will be out nearer to Christmas and the link to the concert will be promoted once the video has been completed. I will share the link with the Clerk, should any of you like to join in.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope 2021 brings us better fortunes, and life returns to whatever the new normal will be.

Cllr Giles left the meeting

Cllr Rowse – had supplied the following report

We'll start with some good news. Yesterday, Cornwall was one of only 3 areas in the whole country to open in Tier 1.

Tier 1:

- You can see people from different households both indoors AND outdoors, but only in groups of up to 6 people.
- All shops can open.
- Restaurants, pubs, cafés and other hospitality venues can be open. However, they must close by 11pm, with last orders at 10pm and provide table service.
- Businesses such as hair, nail and beauty salons can open.
- You should continue to work from home where possible.

This is brilliant news for Cornwall and shows that because of our tenacity to do the right thing and abide by the restrictions, we have been rewarded with being in Tier 1. We should be proud our patience and I hope we can, sensibly, begin returning to normal life whatever that now is.

Now more than ever it is important that we support our local businesses. I know for a fact I will be visiting the pubs next week, the dry cleaners and supporting the local businesses at Par Market. All in the St Blazey parish. Our businesses will bounce back, but only if we support them. I know that some businesses in the area are actually recruiting at the moment, like Angel on Par Moor for a variety of roles.

Mid Cornwall Metro

Some more really good news for Par Train Station. Something I have been working on for some time with Steve Double MP. So pleased to confirm that the idea of the 'Mid Cornwall Metro' has been given development money by the Government to develop the business case for it. This is a project that Cornwall Council, Network Rail and GWR are all working on together. The idea is to connect Newquay to Falmouth, via Par, St Austell and Truro with a

regular train. Connecting the two Cornish Coasts. With a regular service, it is also hoped to reduce road congestion going in to four of Cornwall's biggest towns (St Austell, Truro, Falmouth and Newquay). This is huge for business and leisure in Mid Cornwall and I am so pleased that Par is going to play a key role in it. I am hoping that as part of this work we can look at addressing the accessibility issues I continue to raise at Par Train Station. For those with additional needs, in a wheelchair or with a pram, currently the only way to get to the other two platforms is by crossing the track when the signal is clear. We must address this.

This positive news is in addition to the early trains we have secured between Par and Newquay. Also announced last month was the brilliant news that GWR announced a brand new regular, early morning train service between Par and Newquay. Something I have been asking for a couple of years.

The two new train services will depart from Par at 06:00am and again at 08:18am. Currently, the earliest train from Par to Newquay is at 09:21. I hope this will help encourage those working in Newquay or the clay areas to catch a train to work. Equally, there will now be early departures from Newquay to Par. The train will depart Newquay just after 7 each morning and connect with Par and the main line. Previously, and currently, the earliest service leaves at 10:23am. Big thanks to Friends of the Atlantic Coast Line for all their help.

This whole year has been a time for reflection. However, last week was particularly as it was ten years since the St Blazey floods of 2010. A tragic event which will long last in our memories. I remember so vividly going down to look at the scenes as a young schoolboy living in St Blazey. Something that I will never forget. Seeing the services in action and an interview on BBC news with Amos, talking so frankly about what had just happened.

That is why I feel so proud to now be in a position where I can influence and oversee a £32 million project that will hopefully never allow St Blazey to flood like that again. As we all know, on 17th November 2010, St Blazey was hit by devastating floods. Flooding that would take years to recover from, and millions of pounds. The biggest scheme to come from the floods is the StARR Project. Its main aim is to ensure we are prepared for the next flood and to ensure the effects are not as devastating as the last while making Par and St Blazey a safer place to live and grow up in. On the evening of the anniversary of the flooding, a group of local stakeholders met to discuss parts of the project.

If I do not see you before, wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

20/95 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives

Par Beach Management Group. Cllr Page reported that much of the last meeting had been spent redefining the Groups Terms of Reference. Also a second Pop-Up facility was planned for summer 2021, an administrator was being sought for the beach huts and investigations were ongoing as to why the pond levels were unstable.

20/96 To receive and note any minutes from Parish Council Committees

Planning – minutes noted

Environment – minutes noted

Finance – minutes noted

20/97 Correspondence

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

20/98 Accounts for Approval

Cllr Phillips proposed, Cllr Mount seconded and it was RESOLVED that payment of accounts totalling £2,716.99 be approved.

20/99 Resolutions from Councillors

None

20/100 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 and we have received two so far. For information Cormac's costs this year will be £7,570.51. It has to be said that they are not carrying out all the tasks in their own spec. nor are they spending adequate time doing what they are doing. In our view quite unsatisfactory. One thing that has come to light is the Legionnaires testing that Cormac carry out on our behalf at cost may not be necessary as we do not store water, all water used is direct from the mains. Investigations are being made and if any councillors have any knowledge on this please let us know.

We are awaiting confirmation from Healthmatic as to when they can come and sort out the ladies door lock, having sent a second unit that now fits but works in the opposite way to what it should, i.e. open when it should be shut and vice versa.

Now it has been realised that we will not be getting paid for electricity going into the National Grid from the photovoltaic cell installation an option could be to look at battery storage as we are more than likely putting more power into the grid than taking out. We are producing electricity that in effect is hardly used during the day. The only daytime usages are the LED cubicle lights that burn next to nothing and the macerator and pump that runs infrequently. The security lights are also LED and use little power. We are paying for the street light and arrangements were made with Cornwall Council to put it on a meter (installed in March 2019) so we can claim back the power used to run that. It was confirmed that a back calculation would be made to cover the period from when the parish council took over the toilet block.

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. This is still being researched.

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 quotes from the cleaning companies we are in touch with.

We have received a quote for 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. We think the early spring would be a sensible time to get this done.

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. There are also public health considerations. We are in the process of receiving quotes for a ventilation system that are in the region of £1500 - £2000.

As mentioned in our last report we have a quote from Duchy Alarms for CCTV but as the camera would be in a public area we may have to seek a licence from the Magistrates Court to operate such a system. It is all getting complex and one has to wonder if it is practical to progress this. Following discussion members agreed that it was not an option at the present time.

20/101 Tide Bell

Cllr C Wildish reported that Cllr Rowse had agreed to raise this scheme at the Par Beach Management Group meeting as she was unable to lead on the project due to work commitments, particularly as she was aware that Cllr Rowse had indicated that the work could be done by May 2021. Cllr Page agreed to ascertain if there was a will within PBMG to pursue the project. Cllr C Wildish then proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded and it was RESOLVED that if a suitable lead could be identified the Parish Council would support the project and fund the planning application.

20/102 Action Plan

Ongoing, no update

20/103 Radar Speed Signs

On behalf of Cllr Rowse the Parish Clerk confirmed that Highways had confirmed that there was already a suitable pole in place for the Tehidy Road sign a few yards away from the entrance to St Benedicts Place. Members then discussed the position of a second sign again and Cllr Mount proposed, Cllr Phillips seconded and it was RESOLVED that this should be positioned at the bottom end of Par Green on or near to Hamleys Corner, preferably on the triangle across from the entrance to Upper Eastcliffe. Cllr C Wildish voted against the proposal.

20/104 Vine Place

Cllr C Wildish reported that the Working Group had held an initial meeting via Zoom. She had subsequently met with Tasha Davis who had confirmed that the property was still available for devolution and that she would provide the necessary application documentation. It appeared that CC were still reluctant to devolve the freehold of the land at Polmear Parc and wanted the Parish Council to accept a Tenancy at Will, although members had already confirmed that this was not an acceptable option.

20/105 Former Toilet Block at Hamleys Corner

It was proposed by Cllr Phillips, seconded Cllr Mount and RESOLVED that an outline planning application should be submitted for the development of the Hamleys Corner toilet block

20/106 Budget 2021/2022

Cllr Phillips explained the rationale behind the draft budget recommended by the Finance Committee and he then proposed, Cllr C Wildish seconded and it was RESOLVED that it be approved and a precept requirement of £45,394.00. be requested from Cornwall Council, a rise of 8.5%.

20/107 Parish Councillors Reports

Cllr Page reported that 23 bait stations had been stolen from St Andrews Road Pond and fencing had also been tampered with; the police crime numbers were CR/87506/20 and CR/098991/20

Cllr Page agreed to obtain a quote from Playground Solutions for a replacement baby swing at Par Beach as the Parish Clerk had been unable to contact the company that had installed the equipment.

Cllr Mount reported that he had contacted 10 companies about cleaning the Par Beach toilets; he had received 2 firm offers and was waiting to hear back from 3 others.

Cllr Taylor reported that he had attended a very interesting Climate Change Working Group meeting.

Date of Next Meeting 7th January 2021 @ 6pm

Meeting Closed 6.51pm