

DRAFT MINUTES

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Minutes of a Remote Tywardreath and Par Parish Council Meeting held on 7th January 2021 at 6pm via Zoom

Meeting ID: 811 9000 8023

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

In attendance The Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Cllr A Virr
1 member of the public (part)

20/108 To receive and accept apologies for absence
None

20/109 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

20/110 Public Questions

None

20/111 To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd December 2020

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

20/112 Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda – *for report only*

None

20/113 To receive the Cornwall Councillors Reports

Cllr Virr – reported

Happy New Year to my fellow Councillors

Coronavirus We are now in a national lockdown due to rising cases of Covid-19. Case within our area have also been rising. This is no longer just a problem ‘up country’. We all need to remember hands, face and space. Particular risk is household spreading and work places. If you have a new fever, cough or change in taste please arrange a test. The nearest test centre is Bodmin.

Cllr Hughes reported that the chevrons and slow signage at the approach to the village on the Castledore road were very faded. Cllr Virr agreed to follow up.

Cllr Giles – no report

Cllr Rowse – reported

I hope you had a nice Christmas and I wish you all a Happy New Year. This year has not started as we wanted it to. Now, with the country in another lockdown, we must stay extra careful and extra safe.

Over the Christmas period the situation changed quickly and fiercely. In Cornwall, we went from Tier 1 to Tier 2 to Tier 3 then in to a National lockdown in a matter of days. This is a fluid situation and the Christmas period showed just that.

Currently, in Tywardreath and Par, we have 15 total cases of COVID. This is the most recent data we have in the seven days up to the 1st January. This is currently way below the England average. However, there is no room for complacency. We must remain vigilant and continue to stay at home where necessary.

However, not a million miles away in the neighbouring parish of St Blaise, the same cannot be said. St Blaise is in the second highest rolling rate for COVID-19. Which means they are above the England average and one of the highest areas in Cornwall. This is getting scary because it shows you just how close to home this is. If you need to work in/or visit St Blaise, please be extra careful. As ever, if you have symptoms then you must get tested. The link for the data can be found here and is updated regularly: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk>.

On to some good news for Par - 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. Something I have been working on for some time with Steve Double MP.

The idea is to connect Newquay to Falmouth, via Par, St Austell and Truro with a regular train. Connecting the two Cornish Coasts with the project name 'Mid Cornwall Metro'. 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.

Just quickly – the gullies and drains were again done on the one-way system on 8th December.

Please stay safe and if anyone needs anything just get in touch with me.

Cllr C Wildish recorded that she hoped that the footpath by the station would be improved as part of the Metro project, although members noted that the status/ownership of the path had historically caused difficulties.

Cllr Virr noted that Cross Country trains were not currently stopping at Par, due to Covid constraints.

20/114 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives

No reports

20/115 To receive and note any minutes from Parish Council Committees

Planning – minutes noted

Environment – no report

Finance – no report

20/116 Correspondence

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

20/117 Accounts for Approval

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

20/118 Resolutions from Councillors

None

20/119 Par Beach Public Conveniences

Cllr Page had provided the following report

Cllr Robert Mount is continuing to investigate potential cleaning companies to quote for the cleaning contract. 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 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. The Ladies loo has been out of action because of this since September due to circumstances beyond our control.

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.

There has been an issue with the coinpay units. The two remaining cubicles coin pay boxes were not working and when opened up the slots were full of a sticky substance. They have been cleared and are working properly now.

It has been noticed that the security lights have occasionally been staying on for hours at a time day or night. Alltru Electrics have been contacted and have promised they will investigate as soon as they can.

Members considered the installation of a ventilation system and agreed that it was necessary. Cllr Page then proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded and it was RESOLVED that a quote from Saxty Engineering should be accepted.

20/120 Radar Speed Signs

Cllr Rowse reported that he was meeting with Rachael Tatlow the following week and hoped to finalise the position/cost of a new pole then.

20/121 Tide Bell

Cllr C Wildish reported that FOPB had agreed to take on the Tide Bell project, raise the funding and complete the administration but it was likely that the Parish Council would be asked to assume ownership of it when it was in place. Members agreed that the Bell would be a great asset for Par but as the Parish Clerk had to date been unable to ascertain the cost of insurance it was agreed to defer any decision until the February meeting.

20/122 Action Plan

Ongoing, no update

20/123 Vine Place

The Parish Clerk reported that she had been at a meeting with Tasha Davis (CC) earlier in the day and had been advised that if the Parish Council wanted to progress the devolution of Vine Place then it must accept a Tenancy at Will on the Polmear Parc orchard first. The Clerk had confirmed that the Parish Council had resolved to accept a TAW on the basis that freehold ownership was transferred within 12 months but that CC would not agree to this. Tasha had confirmed that this was still the case. It appeared that one issue was that Parish Council trees were planted on CC land, although in principle this problem could be resolved if the trees were removed. Tasha had also confirmed that the devolution of Vine Place was not on the CC devolution list so the Clerk had immediately submitted the Expression of Interest form to remedy this. Members were very unhappy about this situation and made, *inter alia*, the following points

- Cllr C Wildish confirmed that she had registered an expression of interest about 3 years previously and Polmear Parc had subsequently come into play as CC had said that its devolution would be simpler and, therefore, quicker, and would mean that the trees she had obtained could be planted. Polmear Parc had never been intended as a substitute for Vine Place.
- Cllr Hughes reported that the Polmear Parc site was designated as green space in the NDP and that the Inspector had been very complimentary about it when she had made a site visit. Vine Place, however, had not been accepted as green space due to its very neglected state.

Both Cllr Rowse and Cllr Virr agreed that it was unacceptable for CC to try to force the Parish Council to accept a TAW in order to secure the devolution of Vine Place and they agreed to follow up with the CC officers concerned.

20/124 Co-option of Councillor

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Taylor and RESOLVED that Rachel Averill should be co-opted on to Tywardreath & Par Parish Council to fill the vacant seat.

20/125 Parish Councillors Reports

Cllr Page reported.

- The baby swing in the Par Play Area that failed still needs replacing. The Parish Clerk has been unable to get a response from the supplier to get a replacement so another means will have to be found. A large gap has appeared between the vegetation and the gate to the holiday park. Russell Maclaren will be attending to it. The independent play area inspector who we have used a few times in the past for advice is no longer in the business but has passed on the name and contact details of someone else who we can use. To date, for various reasons, I have not been able to get in touch with him but he

lives locally and I will explore the possibility of getting him to undertake the RoSPA inspections for us.

- Cllr Hughes reported that the NDP Examiner had been very complimentary and the referendum would hopefully take place on 6th May 2021.
- Cllr A Wildish reported that parking at the top of Tehidy Road was increasing and causing problems
- Cllr Hughes reported that most of the Churches in the parish were closed due to Covid restrictions
- Cllr Taylor reported that there had been an accident on the A390 earlier in the day and it appeared that speed had been a factor
- Cllr Phillips reported that he understood that Kernow Youth had secured a grant subject to match funding and the parish council might be asked to contribute
- Cllr Shroff reported Maen Karn vehicles speeding on Polmear Road and Par Green throughout the day, with loads from a ship in Fowey Docks. It appeared they were using the tunnel to access the Docks and then the roads on the return journey.
- Cllr Rowse reported that the Par Bay Men's Club would be launched the following Monday at 10am at Cornubia with a 'Bap and Chat' session. It was aimed at helping men of all ages who might be struggling with loneliness or any other issues; the Club was permitted to meet in person during lockdown as it was a support group.

Date of Next Meeting 4th February 2021 @ 6pm

Meeting Closed 7.05pm