

DRAFT MINUTES

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Minutes of a Remote Tywardreath and Par Parish Council Meeting held on 4th February 2021 at 6pm via Zoom

Meeting ID: 869 0576 6409

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

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

20/126 To receive and accept apologies for absence
Cllr Rowse, Cllr A Wildish

20/127 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

20/128 Public Questions

None

20/129 To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 7th January 2021

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

20/130 Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda – for report only

None

20/131 To receive the Cornwall Councillors Reports

Cllr Giles – reported

December was extremely busy!

St Blazey Recycle Reuse Resale built Santa a chimney to socially distance from the children and gave an armful of presents to 88 excited local children. My grateful thanks to the volunteers who pulled out all the stops to make it a magical experience.

With the help of Mt Charles Band, the Cornwall Channel and the Range, we ensured St Blazey Town Councils Carol Service continued, albeit virtually, a staggering 4,400 people watched it, from all over the world.

On 23 December, we cooked and packed 50 Christmas Dinners, prepared Boxing Day Treat Boxes, wrapped presents and made-up Hampers for many of our elderly residents and those alone in the PL24 area. A band of our lovely

locals came and collected and delivered around the area, honoured to make a difference, reporting back the gratitude from recipients, many of whom have phoned to say they would not have had a Christmas dinner had we not delivered it.

The number of people and businesses that supported and gave to make Christmas for so many others, shows what a caring community we live in. Now into 2021, Covid19 is still among us and has hit our community harder than in previous times. Thankfully, more than 40,000 people have now been vaccinated, this includes at least 70% of people over 80 across Cornwall. I have witnessed first-hand how professional and efficient this process has been, when I drove my Mother to the Bodmin Treatment Centre two weeks ago.

Frontline, Health & Social Care staff are also now being vaccinated.

The current priority is older residents in Care Homes and care home workers, all those 80 and over and frontline staff, with a tiered system as below:

- All those 75 and over
- Those 70 and over and clinically extremely vulnerable, including those with cancer and kidney disease
- All those over 65
- All individuals aged 16 to 64 with underlying health conditions, which put them at high risk of serious disease and mortality.

From here it will continue in increments of 5 years to 50

The other 40% of the population, with order of priority is to be determined. St Blazey Recycle has teamed up with Treverbyn Village Hall, and FairShare, and are now collecting tinned food and the odd fresh once a week to put together food boxes for local families, many being signposted to us by the local schools. As a part of the Community Larder scheme, we are able to give out boxes on a Monday and a Friday between 10am and 1pm. We have just purchased a large chest freezer, so we can prepare and freeze hearty meals, which can be collected by our local community in need. I would like to stress, this is not just for people on benefits, many families find themselves struggling, due to furlough or job loss, and we are here to help them too.

A couple of Saturdays ago, I started an online Children's Cookery Class via FaceTime Live from the St Blazey Recycle Reuse Resale Facebook page. I had 22 families online cooking with me, the children loved it, and made a Pizza and Cheesecake from scratch. Last Saturday they learnt how to make pastry to make a Quiche and Jam Tarts. I have been contacted by others this week who want to join this Saturday, the pictures posted of the children with their baking was heartwarming. Anyone wishing to join in Like the St Blazey Recycle page on Facebook and make sure you are online at 10.55am ready to start at 11. This week we will be making a Cowboy Hotpot and Flapjacks, recipes are posted online and those who have missed the classes can watch and cook along, on the St Blazey Recycle Facebook page.

And finally, I and many other Cornwall Councillors rejected a pay rise at the Full Council meeting on 19 January. I see so many of our residents struggling, that it did not feel right to be accepting one at this present time. As you will all know, the May elections are looming, this role will be even more challenging, having a much larger area and a further 3,000 people to look after.

Cllr Virr arrived

Cllr Virr – reported

Gritting After persistent petitioning of Cornwall Council they have finally agreed to consider the inclusion of the bus route through Tywardreath in next year's Gritting Schedule.

Traffic Calming Measures I am pleased to advise that the 20mph scheme is due for installation in the Summer. Good news, however frustrating slow the process has been.

Covid There is currently a spike in Covid cases locally. Whilst this is probably largely due to an outbreak in care home, we should all be very careful and make sure we follow the guidance.

Cllr Hughes reported a large pile of rubble in the layby in the Treasmill road.

Cllr Virr agreed to investigate

Cllr Rowse – had supplied the following report

I hope you are keeping well and staying safe. COVID is very much still present but I am so pleased with the progress being made on vaccinating those who are most vulnerable. A Herculean effort.

For a couple of years now I have been working to find some funding to start a men's group in Par and St Blazey to help local men suffering with mental health issues. It's a tough time for us all at the minute and some will be struggling more than others. Sometimes we just need somewhere to go and someone to talk to. Sometimes a chat and a cuppa can go a long way.

Sometimes that can save someone's life. I'm pleased to confirm that working in partnership with Volunteer Cornwall and Par Bay Big Local, we have now established 'Par Bay Men's Group' and are expecting to launch in February for our inaugural 'bap and a chat' session. We are also being supported by Richard's Fruit and Veg and James Kittow. We will be a mutual support group for local men offering companionship, support, a chance to help in the community and more. With over 10,000 living in Par, St Blazey, Tywardreath and Fowey there is a clear need for something like this locally. We need to be able talk openly about men's mental health and the challenges that come with it. Whether it's loneliness, stress, anxiety or depression, or maybe you just need to get out the house or escape the office for an hour. You'll be welcome with open arms.

Some will recall that about 12 months ago I confirmed that I had secured the funding to improve and upgrade the stretch of coastal path from the car park to Spit Beach aka Dog **** Alley. This is often regarded as one of the worst sections of the South West Coastal Path. The current path is dark, overgrown and the surface is very poor. Working with some very helpful officers over the past year we have put together a package of works, alongside Imerys and Network Rail, which will see the footpath widened, the overgrown hedges and trees cut back and the footpath completely resurfaced. Not to mention the ugly wire fencing removed on both sides and replaced with a new timber rail. This will make the path to and from Spit much, much more user friendly. I am pleased to confirm the works started last week. On my one exercise per day, I popped down to have a look at the progress and it looks so different already. It looks great! The contractors have allowed 5 weeks to complete the job and the path can remain open at all times. Once the works are complete, CORMAC will be onsite to resurface the path and at this point the path will need to be closed for 12 days. Working with Imerys we have set up a temporary alternative route while the path is closed, which we will set up in preparation

of the closure over the next few weeks. There is no doubt that Spit Beach is a hidden gem for locals, however this path has been completely neglected over a number of decades. This package of works will make it much more accessible for all. At long last the Spit Beach path will be getting some TLC and a complete makeover.

Earlier this month we as councillors had to vote on a potential pay increase for ourselves. I strongly voted against it. Not only do I think it is wrong that we are being asked to increase our pay at a completely insensitive time, when the hard-working people of Cornwall have lost their jobs, people are on furlough and businesses are struggling, but I also disagree that we as elected representatives should be voting to give ourselves a pay increase. You wouldn't get that in any other job.

One last issue I want to flag up is the grit bins, or lack of. I applaud the efforts of Cllr Virr in getting Tywardreath considered for gritting as part of the main route, but the parish council may like to consider some grit boxes for the pavements so people can walk around the village following icy conditions, particularly if they need to access public transport for work or education. Areas that come to mind at Tywardreath and Polmear Parc. Should people need a path gritted then the grit boxes are there for them to help themselves. That's all from me so stay safe and take care.

20/132 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives

Par Beach Management Group Cllr Page reported that he had attended a meeting the previous week. It had been noted that the road was in a poor state again and he encouraged people to report problems to Cornwall Council

20/133 To receive and note any minutes from Parish Council Committees

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

20/134 Correspondence

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

20/135 Accounts for Approval

Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded and it was RESOLVED that payment of accounts totalling £3,071.19 be approved.

Cllr Giles left the meeting

20/136 Resolutions from Councillors

Cllr Wildish moved her resolution that a Tywardreath & Par Green Group be set up to co-ordinate mapping of flora and fauna. This was seconded by Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED.

20/137 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 are in the process of getting a quotes from the cleaning companies we are in touch with.

Following agreement for the quote from Saxty Engineering regarding installation of a ventilation system it became apparent that the electrical work was not included. This was not made clear to Cllr Page or Cllr Phillips at the site meeting with Saxby. Saxty engineering has been asked to arrange an electrician to quote and we are waiting for that to come. It was thought prudent to use an electrician recommended by the installers to save any potential problems.

We are still 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.

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. The group has yet to look at any options.

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 and any other pertinent information. This is still being researched.

Cllr Page confirmed that he now had a quote for the electrical work needed in connection with the installation of the new ventilation system for the toilets. It was agreed that a Finance meeting should be called on 18th February before the planning meeting to consider this.

20/138 Par Beach Play Park

It was proposed by Cllr Page, seconded Cllr Phillips and RESOLVED that the RoSPA contract for 2021/2022 be awarded to Andrew Inglefield.

It was proposed by Cllr Page, seconded Cllr Phillips and RESOLVED that the quote for a replacement baby swing be accepted

20/138 Radar Speed Signs

No report was available from Cllr Rowse

20/139 Tide Bell

Cllr C Wildish reported that FOPB had formally requested that the Parish Council assume ownership of the Bell when it was in place. Unfortunately, the Parish Council insurers had requested more information before quoting for insurance so it was agreed that a decision would be deferred until the March meeting. Cllr C Wildish agreed to obtain the necessary details.

20/140 Action Plan

Ongoing, no update

20/141 Vine Place

The Parish Clerk reported that Cornwall Council had accepted the expression of interest she had submitted for the complex; it appeared they were no longer

insisting that the TAW at Polmear Parc must be accepted before devolution was considered.

20/125 Parish Councillors Reports

Cllr Phillips reported that he was opening up the Hamleys Corner toilet building the following day in order for a biodiversity report to be undertaken as part of the planning process.

Cllr Shroff reported that since Monday Maen Karn lorries had been using the roads to access Fowey Docks again but that their representative was keeping her up to date with the situation.

Cllr Page reported that 'Welcome' signage had been installed at St Andrews Road Pond.

Cllr Mount agreed to supply the quotes etc. he had obtained for toilet cleaning in 2021/2022 in order for the contract to be discussed at the March meeting

Cllr Hughes asked members to encourage people to vote in the NDP referendum in May; a majority of 51% in favour of those voting was required for the NDP to be recognised as planning policy.

Date of Next Meeting 4th March 2021 @ 6pm

Meeting Closed 6.49pm