

DRAFT MINUTES

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Minutes of a Remote Tywardreath and Par Parish Council Meeting held on 4th March 2021 at 5pm via Zoom

Meeting ID: 842 3589 5035

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

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

20/143 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr Rowse, Cllr Taylor
Cornwall Cllr Giles

20/144 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

20/145 Public Questions

None

20/146 To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 7th January 2021

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

20/147 Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda – *for report only*

None

20/148 To receive the Cornwall Councillors Reports

Cllr Giles – had supplied the following report

At the Neighbourhoods overview & scrutiny meeting yesterday, I sought assurance, that enforcement will be out over Easter, which will still be under lockdown, to ensure that we are not overrun with tourists. To be clear, I am not against tourism, but after the sterling effort the Cornish people have made to see such a fantastic drop in cases, I don't want to see us slip back to the detriment of our residents and our seasonal economy.

It was interesting to hear what a radical change in Cornwall Councils working in the last year has meant for our environment, enhancing its work towards becoming carbon neutral.

Over 4,000 Council employees worked from home at the height of the pandemic, with a significant impact in several its biggest emitting areas. A 70% reduction in business travel, reducing emissions by 633 tonnes of carbon dioxide from April – September 2020.

Staff commute had an approximate reduction of 80,000 miles a day! Cutting emissions by 1300 tonnes of carbon dioxide reduction from April – September 2020.

With 12 of the 35 core Council office buildings closed or partially closed, this resulted in an energy saving of approximately 270 megawatts per hour, equating to 60 tonnes carbon dioxide reduction in the first three months of lockdown.

The Council printing was reduced from 2 million pages per month before lockdown, to 200,000 a month during lockdown!

Bearing in mind that 1 ton of carbon equals a return flight to New York, this reduction is massive for Cornwall, and something I want to see worked on even more when lockdown comes to an end, there is no place for returning to its old ways. I am hopeful that other businesses all over Cornwall will adopt new ways of working to keep this incredible effort going.

The Children's online cookery school has been a resounding success, with between 25 & 30 families joining in on Saturday mornings, learning valuable life skills and the joy of cooking their tea. We are now going into two weeks of Cornish Cookery to celebrate St Pirans Day and our Cornish heritage.

Cookery school will cease at Easter, with a clay workshop for one week, and the last week of activity being potting up, so the children can grow their own vegetables which they can use in their future cooking.

I voted against the Council Tax rise at Full Council on Tuesday. With the year we have all had, with many struggling with the loss of earnings due to furlough or loss of their job, I felt an added burden was uncalled for. Whilst I do not want to see a reduction in services, I do not feel spending £20 million in one year on Consultants a very wise use of the Taxpayers money, and residents shouldn't be made to pay for the administration's poor judgement. And finally, as you know, St Blazey Recycle is part of the Community Larder scheme, and I am pleased to tell you, the mobile food van will be in St Blazey on Wednesdays from 10 March, stopping at the Burrows 12.30 - 1.00 and St Blazey Football Club 1.30 - 2.00. Anyone who needs a little help with groceries, please go along and see them.

Clr Virr – reported

St Andrew's Road, Par This road is now in a poor state. I have spoken with the highways division of the council and was initially given the response that repairs would have to wait until next year. This was unacceptable as I had previously received assurances that the surface would be attended to this year. I therefore challenged this decision and I'm pleased to report that repairs to the surface will be undertaken this year. I also reported blocked drains and raised concerns about flooding on the road. Some of the flooding is occurring due to the drainage reaching full capacity. A longer-term solution to this is part of the star project.

Hamley's Corner Car Park There were two vehicles left in this car park that had clearly been abandoned. I reported this to the council and I'm pleased to inform you that the vehicles have been removed creating more space for local residents. I was also very disappointed with the amount of litter in the car park

and arranged for a litter pick to be undertaken. Clearly this is a poor use of council money and I would urge local residents to use the bins available.

Ocean Housing I have a number of residents who are currently going through the complaints procedure with ocean housing. I had a meeting this week with the chief executive and I offered my assistance with any disputes with residents where I could assist with earlier dispute reconciliation. In my experience complaints are better dealt with earlier on often with a face to face meeting.

Trevance Park Green Spaces I received a concern from a resident of Trevance park that young people were potentially abusing the public green spaces in that residential area. The concern related to the use of bicycles and ramps on the grass. I made the point to the local resident that children have always played out in streets and that it was important that we helped children to have safe welcoming spaces but ensuring that no damage occurs to green spaces affecting other users enjoyment. I agreed to monitor the situation.

Health and Social Care Integration I was pleased to see that the government had published their white paper on health and social care integration. I lead a council inquiry into the benefits of integration and I'm pleased that our own council have been on a journey towards integration for the past three years. It is great to see central government catching up with Cornwall!

Pot Holes As all counsellors will be aware, this is the time of year when potholes appear in our roads. It is easy to report potholes using the call council online reporting page. If we don't report then holes don't get repaired!

Cllr Rowse – had supplied the following report

As I predicted a couple of weeks ago, Cornwall Council has voted to increase our council tax bill by an average of £79.24 a year. I voted against increasing our council tax. Four years ago, when I stood for election, I did so to try and improve the lives of families in this area. When I voted, I stood by that.

The total rise this year is 4.99%, the maximum rise legally allowed, despite the fact that inflation is currently only 0.8%. The people of Par should not have to pay for Cornwall Council's mistakes and financial mismanagement, they deserve better. Cornwall Council should be supporting our residents in these difficult times not slapping a further financial burden on them.

As I have reported previously, I have been working on improving active travel links (walking and cycling) between Par, St Blazey and St Austell along Par Moor. This is a popular and walking and cycling route but the footpaths up not up to standard, or non-existent in places, and the road is dangerous for cycling given the speed vehicles travel at on this road. It has been a long-term ambition to connect Par, St Blazey, Tywardreath and Fowey to the A30 for walkers and cyclists. This is a huge project, but I am very much getting it up and running. The last time I spoke about this at Town Council I confirmed that proposals for Phase 1, from the Brit Roundabout on the A390, to the junction at Cypress Avenue, had been put together. Initially I secured £118,000 of s106 money through improving transport in the accordance with the St Austell, St Blazey and China Clay Area regeneration plan. I am pleased to confirm that I have now secured a further £150,000 from St Austell's section 106 pot of money, signed off and supported by the St Austell and Mevagissey Community Network Panel. St Austell did not have to do this and I am incredibly grateful for their generosity. I am sure the Town Council will join me in showing our gratitude. It is rare for St Austell to show generosity to St

Blazey, usually they try to use us. However, on this occasion, it is the other way round. We now have a healthy pot of money – over £250,000 – for active travel in St Blazey along Par Moor Road. Considering times are tough with COVID, I would say this is a big win for us.

STARR Project update. Appreciate it's not in the parish but the disruption will effect those living here: You will already be aware that the first phase of the above works started at Par Lane, St Blazey Road and Harbour Road on the 12th January, beginning with the removal of the existing kerbs. Following this, utilities were identified that had not previously been located during searches, resulting in the need for hand digging in order to safeguard them. A minor redesign was subsequently required for the Par Lane and St Blazey Road section. The installation of the new, specialist drainage kerbs now follows, however, unfortunately, as a result of the restrictions imposed by the current lockdown, we are experiencing delays with materials delivery, meaning we are now going to be in the vicinity a little longer than anticipated. Next, the same process will be carried out on the opposite side of St Blazey Road, with completion aimed for around 2nd March. During that time, three-way traffic lights will remain in place, which will be manually operated during peak times (7.30am to 9.30am and 4pm to 6.30pm), in order to maintain traffic flow. From 2nd to 26th March, the next phase of the works will be underway on Harbour Road, when again the existing kerbs will be removed and specialist drainage kerbs installed, to improve water distribution. The realignment of storm water drains will also be carried out and in order to do this, a road closure will be in place for the duration, with a diversion route in place. On the 24th, 25th and 26th resurfacing of the carriageway will be carried out at night time, which can be quite a noisy operation, but we will endeavour to complete this as early as possible each night to reduce disruption to those nearby. Please be assured that essential access will be maintained for residents and businesses during the closure, together of course with the emergency services. Pedestrian access will not be affected. However, if you are able to allow a little extra time on your journey in order to assist the site team finish existing tasks before allowing you to pass through, that would be much appreciated. A few residents have asked for some clarification around how the new drainage kerbs will work. The old kerbs are removed and a trench excavated along the footway, containing a drainage channel/ pipe, in to which surface water will drain through the new drainage kerbs or “beanie blocks”. You may have noticed that after recent rainfall, some water was sitting in the channel, rather than draining away, which was due to the very new materials impeding the flow. This has now been resolved and a quality assurance inspection of the falls and gradients completed earlier this week, indicated that everything was working as it should be. To enable future maintenance/cleaning of the new drainage channels, removable covers are installed intermittently, giving the ability to flush through the system and clear any blockages. The system connects to existing highway drainage at both St Blazey Road and Harbour Road and empties via existing outfalls to St Blazey Stream. There is also a new outfall located off Harbour Road, and both new and existing systems have removable covers which enable them to be cleaned as required.

Spit Beach path looks amazing. A massive improvement. It really does look unrecognisable. I am now working with Imerys and CORMAC to sort out the

path under the bridge from the car park to the coastal path. Cormac have agreed to CCTV the drainage for the area and will be carrying out jetting also, to help the water flow away more effectively. The car park suffers primarily from surface water run-off from the highway and the water settles under the Network Rail bridge, making it difficult to undertake any new engineering work. Imerys will be liaising closely with the CORMAC Countryside team on this and we continue to look for pragmatic solutions to this problem. There is no easy solution. As the current works are taking place, there is a diversion from the coastal path in place through the docks. However, and frustratingly, some youths have taken advantage of this and have been setting off fires within the redundant part of the docks. The police, as I understand it, are aware of this.

Lastly, I am in conversation with Cornwall Council to slash the rates on the beach huts to get bums on seats. I have requested that a 'COVID discount' is applied for the financial year 2021/22 and that the beach hut annual lease costs are reduced by 50%. Times are tough on people at the minute but with a significantly reduced cost, that will make the beach and huts much more accessible for local families.

In this this lockdown it has not gone unnoticed the increase of dog fouling that is around the area. If anyone knows of any hotspots then please let me know.

20/149 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives

None

20/150 To receive and note any minutes from Parish Council Committees

Planning – minutes noted

Environment – no report

Finance – minutes noted

20/151 Correspondence

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

20/152 Accounts for Approval

Cllr Phillips proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that payment of accounts totalling £2,210.75 be approved.

20/153 Resolutions from Councillors

None

20/154 Par Beach Public Conveniences

Cllr Page had provided the following report

- The group is recommending that the parish council accepts and takes on AllShine as a new cleaning contractor at the quoted price.
- Saxty Engineering will be starting work on installing the cubicle ventilations system on Friday 5th March.
- 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.

- The group has yet to look at any options for battery storage from the photovoltaic cell installation.

Cllr Page confirmed that he had ascertained that regular legionella testing was not required at the site as water was not being stored. Cllr Page then proposed, Cllr Mount seconded and it was RESOLVED that the toilet cleaning contract for 2021/2022 should be awarded to AllShine.

20/155 Par & St Blaise Flood Plan

Members had studied the updated Plan but agreed that consideration of this item should be deferred until the March meeting as Cllr Taylor was unavailable to answer questions.

20/156 Radar Speed Signs

Rachael Tatlow (CC Highways) had confirmed that a new post would shortly be installed opposite the exit of Hamleys Corner car park, at the back of the footway near 90 and 92 Par Green and it may be possible to use the post for the speed device. The new post was a maintenance task, to display the missing 'One Way' sign that should be in place to adequately advise road users not to turn left out of the car park. Cllr C Wildish proposed, Cllr Mount seconded and it was RESOLVED that this solution be endorsed by the Parish Council.

20/157 Tide Bell

Cllr Phillips noted that £10K would be required to move this project forward. Cllr C Wildish confirmed that the Parish Council was not expected to contribute to this, simply to fund the planning application as had already been agreed. Cllr C Wildish then proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would accept ownership of the Bell following its installation.

20/158 Action Plan

Ongoing, no update

20/159 Vine Place

Ongoing, no update

20/160 Parish Councillors Reports

Cllr Phillips reported that he was still in the process of amending the mandate of the Parish Council's bank account to allow the Parish Clerk to operate an online system, including Bacs payments.

It was noted that an allotment holder on the Upper Poldrea site had still not removed rubbish from the communal path, despite a letter from the Parish Clerk asking her to do so. Members agreed that this should be referred to the Environment Committee for resolution.

Date of Next Meeting 1st April 2021

Meeting Closed 5.23pm

