

DRAFT MINUTES

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Minutes of a Tywardreath and Par Parish Council Meeting held on 1st July 2021 at 7.00pm at Cornubia, Par

Present Cllrs Hughes, Mount, Phillips, Taylor and A Wildish

In attendance The Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Cllr A Virr
4 members of the public

In the absence of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, Cllr Phillips, took the Chair for this meeting.

21/22 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr Shroff and Cllr C Wildish

21/23 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 2025

21/24 Public Questions

A member of the public thanked Cllr Virr for agreeing to follow up on the repainting of the double yellow lines outside numbers 88 and 90 Par Green. She also thanked Cllr Virr for agreeing to investigate the position with regard to the bollard outside the properties, which had still not been moved to its correct position despite promises from Cllr Rowse that this would be done. The lady then raised an issue relating to the free car park in Par Green, which she considered was being used inappropriately as it was always full with cars belonging to local people leaving no facilities for shoppers; it would be advantageous if one side of the car park was signed for use by local people and the other side for shoppers. The lady also reported that some drivers were leaving the car park and turning left in contravention of the one-way system and she queried if the signage could be changed to one way in one way out, with one side for locals and one side for shoppers. The Parish Clerk confirmed that the car park was owned by Cornwall Council and not the Parish Council, although Cllr Rowse had been keen to get it devolved to the parish a year or so earlier.

Another member of the public asked if there was any update on the future of Fowey Hospital; there was none. She also stated that a 20mph speed limit was really needed in the Par one-way system and queried why Cllr Virr did not support the installation of radar speed signage in Par Green that had been agreed by the parish council and why nothing had been done about the pedestrian crossing at Hamleys Corner mooted by Cllr Rowse.

Cllr Virr responded that the issues raised were mainly for Cornwall Council to consider and he would be happy to discuss them further outside the parish council meeting. However, he confirmed the following:

1. The faded Yellow Lines were being looked at, although he considered that there were worse examples in the parish.
2. He had asked for a sign to be positioned on the edge of the kerb to restrict inconsiderate parking
3. He was supportive a 20mph limit in Par Green but not radar signage relating to the current 30mph limit as he considered this would simply encourage drivers to travel up the legal limit, which he considered to be excessive.
4. He would investigate the possibility of a pedestrian crossing

The Manager of Tywardreath Pre-school Playgroup addressed the meeting about the possible introduction of a pedestrian walkway in Well Street, similar to the one that had been introduced in Luxulyan, where she was a Councillor. She confirmed that local residents were supportive of the idea and suggested several ways such a scheme could be implemented. The Parish Clerk confirmed that she had floated the idea with CC Highways who had responded that there were potentially better ways of improving pedestrian safety at this location.

21/25 To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 13th May 2021

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

21/26 Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda – *for report only*

None

21/27 To receive the Cornwall Councillors Reports

Cllr Virr reported

Highway Issues I have met with local residents to discuss issues around Par Green. Fading yellow lines have been reported. A proposed new one-way sign is planned to be erected outside 90 Par Green. I have asked for the sign to be sited on the kerb to prevent vehicles parking on the yellow lines. I have also requested from Highways any previous feasibility studies for the siting of a pedestrian crossing for Par Green.

Covid We are currently experiencing a spike in Covid cases locally. This is principally related to young people who are unvaccinated in the age group 18-29. The key messages is to remember hands, face, space, good ventilation, lateral flow testing and getting vaccinated.

20mph Scheme Tywardreath I have been reassured that the 20-mph scheme for Tywardreath is due for completion this year.

Highway Scheme Priorities I have written to all the Par & Tywardreath Parish Councillors to outline emerging priorities including a 20mph limit within the Par one-way system, a speed reduction on entering Tywardreath Highway and warning signs on the narrow section of Polmear Road.

Seaweed Par Beach I have been contacted by a number of local residents raising concerns regarding Seaweed on Par Beach. I have contacted the Friends of Par Beach who recommend not removing the Seaweed as this is an important part of the beach ecosystem and its presence is tidal and weather related

Cllr Hughes asked if the double yellow lines in Mount Bennet Road and Castledore Road could be repainted as well as the speed chevrons above Polpey Lane as they were all very faded. Cllr Virr responded that these matters were best reported on the online system

21/28 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives

None

21/29 To receive and note any minutes from Parish Council Committees

Planning – minutes noted

Environment – no report

Finance – no report

21/30 Correspondence

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

21/31 Accounts for Approval

Cllr Phillips proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that payment of accounts totalling £4,961.41 be approved.

21/32 Resolutions from Councillors

None

21/33 Par Beach Public Conveniences

Cllr Mount gave his report

From the 1st July 2021 the cleaning contract formerly undertaken by Cormac was taken over by Allshine Cleaning Services, with significant savings of around £600pa. They have been very patient with us over this last 3 months whilst we have struggled to get a working agreement in place, due to the 3-month termination clause imposed on us by Cormac, which was not common knowledge to us at the beginning of negotiations.

We've also had ongoing maintenance issues ranging from blocked pans, a leaky Wallgate unit, which required our plumber to fit a new water valve unit, and Russell to free a jammed door locking mechanism, despite a full days service, overhaul and upgrade by Healthmatic.

New exterior signage has been ordered for the outside of the building giving the opening times and the telephone number of Allshine Cleaning as a point of contact with us.

The grass and foliage around the toilet block has been trimmed and cut back by Cormac, and we are currently trying to get the trees surrounding the parking area pruned as they are a hazard.

Our maintenance man Russell has washed down the external plastic fascia boards and has cleaned and painted all three ceilings in the 3 cubicles with a mould resistant paint.

Living close by, I do try to call into the toilets on a daily basis to try and make sure everything is as it should be, but I can't always guarantee it.

Lastly would like to thank Cllr Caroline Wildish for drawing up the contract and agreement documents, Cllr Sue Shroff and my wife Sheila Hadlow Mount

for tidying up the equipment room, and our Parish Clerk for doing what she does best.

Fellow Councillors recorded thanks to Cllr Mount for all his work in managing the toilets.

Cllr Mount reported that plates were needed to cover vents in two of the cubicles and he proposed that Russell should be asked to fit them. This was seconded by Cllr Taylor and RESOLVED.

Cllr Virr confirmed that the Ranger, Jenny Heskett, would deal with the branches overhanging the parking area.

Cllr Virr asked the members to consider installing a contactless payment system at the toilets as had been done in Fowey, given that fewer and fewer people were now carrying cash.

21/34 Radar Speed Signs

The Parish Clerk reported that a quote of £2,362.80 including vat had been received for the Tehidy Road sign. She had sent the details, including the weight to Rachael Tatlow at Highways for approval and had also requested that Cormac quote for installation but had yet to receive a response. The quote was valid until September.

21/35 Traffic Calming in Well Street

A request had been received on behalf of the children at Tywardreath Pre-school Playgroup (Fore Street) and Footsteps Childcare Care Centre (Well Street) for the Parish Council to consider the introduction of a marked footway in Well Street. Currently there is no pavement on a section of Well Street and when children need to access this area on foot they have to walk in the road. A footway would make a safer area for pedestrians, prevent cars from parking and should also calm the traffic speed in the dip in Well Street. However, when Highways had been asked for their opinion the response had been 'Whilst I note the request for a virtual footway along Well Street, there may be other, safer options to improve pedestrian safety along Well Street. For example, pending design checks, a full height footway could be considered with a priority system for vehicles which would also help to keep speed slow in this area. The cost for a feasibility study is generally in the region of £4000-£5000 and could be added to the list of potential future schemes should a Community Network Highway Scheme project become available.' Cllr Wildish agreed that a full height footway was a better option than a virtual footway, as, in principle, did the other members. Cllr Virr agreed that this could be a suitable scheme for the CN Highways Fund. It was agreed that the CN Highways Scheme should be an agenda item at the next meeting when members could decide what projects they wished to put forward for consideration.

21/36 Health & Safety Policy

Cllr Mount proposed, Cllr Phillips seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Health & Safety Policy should be approved.

21/37 Code of Conduct

Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Wildish seconded and it was RESOLVED that the amended Code of Conduct should be adopted by Tywardreath & Par Parish Council.

21/38 Action Plan

Ongoing, no update

21/39 Vine Place

Ongoing, no update on devolution. The Parish Clerk reported that rats had been seen in and around the old toilet block; CC pest control officers were dealing with the problem

21/40 Co-option of Councillors

Dates/times for interviews with the 11 candidates were being investigated.

21/41 Quiet Lanes

Deferred in the absence of Cllr C Wildish

21/42 Parish Councillors Reports

Cllr Taylor confirmed the next Environment Committee meeting would be held on 16th July at 6pm at Cornubia.

Date of Next Meeting 2nd September 2021

Meeting Closed 7.58pm