

Minutes of a the Tywardreath and Par Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting held on 2nd May 2024 in the Methodist Church, Well Street, Tywardreath at 7pm

Present Cllrs C Wildish, Hazeldean, Hughes, L Phillips, Taylor, Truscott and A Wildish

In attendance Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent
2 members of the public

23/168 Apologies Cllr Nicholls
Cornwall Councillor A Virr

23/169 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 4th May 2023

Proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Taylor and RESOLVED that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

23/170 Matters Arising

None

23/171 To receive the Annual Report of the Parish Council

Cllr Wildish gave her report on the work of the council over the previous year.

Thanks to councillors and Clerk for their support over the last year and to Kevin Rowe for representing the Allotment holders' interests. Thanks To mike Phillips who resigned after the March meeting he was a councillor for a long time serving as vice chairman, Chair of Finance and Planning we will miss his input.

Hamleys Corner Toilets

The cost of the proposed build at Hamleys Corner has turned out to be not viable due to the rise in building costs. This is going to be sold at Auction soon and monies made will be used for the benefit of the parish. It is not viable to reopen these as toilets due to the state of the building there would need to be significant renovations and the cleaning costs are large and ongoing too

Devolution

No further devolution of assets has taken place over the last year. We still have interests registered for Polmear Play area, land behind Vine place, Vine place car park, closed toilets at Vine place and land adjacent to the cemetery.
Public toilets

We have a new tenant in the space next to the toilets at Par. APS at St Blazey are doing a great job keeping the beach toilets maintained and open so thanks to Simon and the team.

Increase in Precept

The increase was needed to make sure that we are able to manage assets already devolved to us by Cornwall Council like the toilets at Par Beach and those that we are likely to get

Allotments

We have allotments at Poldrea, Wood Lane and Glen View. If you live in our Parish and want an allotment please contact our clerk and ask to be added to the waiting list for when one becomes available

Mid Cornwall Metro

This is a Cornwall Council project to improve connectivity between Newquay and Falmouth. Doing this is going to increase the number of trains through Par and will hopefully lead to improvements at Par station. They have done consultations in Newquay and Falmouth. Cornwall Cllr Pauline Giles and I have both asked them to do one in Par or St Blazey so it is easy to see what is planned

23/172 To receive the Police Report

PCSO William Chesterfield had supplied the following report

St Austell Neighbourhood Team currently comprises 8 x Police Officers known as Neighbourhood Beat Managers, 5 X Police Community Support Officers, and 3 Tri-Service Safety Officers covering 3 geographic patches of St Austell- East, Town and West teams.

Staffing changes for the last 12 months include an additional 2 NBM's to join the team over the next couple of months. Sergeant Ian Chambers has temporarily moved to an Acting Inspector role, with NBM Will Chesterfield taking over as Acting Neighbourhood Team Leader in his absence. Inspector Matthew Trevivian remains Sector Inspector for St Austell.

The team covering TYWARDREATH includes NBM Craig BOUNDY, NBM Dominic HUSBAND, and PCSO Graham WADE.

3 Tri-Service Safety Officers are based in Fowey, Lostwithiel and St Dennis Fire Stations. Their role is to provide early intervention, prevention, and an operational response.

They work collaboratively with Devon and Cornwall Police, Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service, South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust, and Cornwall Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Team.

The TSSO role provides the three emergency services with a presence in otherwise hard to reach communities. The early intervention work that the TSSO's carry out reduces demand and impact on the 3 emergency services. There are plans to open further TSSO locations in the near future.

St Austell Neighbourhood Team also works closely with Cornwall Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team, and the ASB Caseworker Katherine James is responsible for St Austell and outlying areas, utilising the Local Authorities specific powers to work with the Police to combat Anti-Social behaviour.

Tywardreath Parish ASB data:

2023-2024

154 x Crimes in total reported, with no specific trends. This is a reduction from 177 crimes the previous year.

6 x ASB reports for this period, there are no specific problem areas highlighted.

Police have received 42 intelligence submissions for Tywardreath parish area during this year, and

St Austell Neighbourhood Team would like to remind members of the public of the importance of reporting incidents, crimes, and submitting intelligence. Intelligence can help Devon and Cornwall Police to build a picture on crime in the area, including organised crime groups (OCG's) and County Lines Drug Supply. Using this information from the public, Devon and Cornwall Police target known suspects and carry out proactive work to disrupt crime. Aside

from the additional methods of contacting Police, such as 101 telephone, email and webchat, Crime Stoppers is an excellent method of reporting information via their website, or their telephone number **0800 555 111**. Important to note the source of the information is protected and never revealed to the subject.

St Austell Neighbourhood Operations 2023-24

Some of the activities undertaken by St Austell Neighbourhood during 2023-24....

May 2023

Closure obtained at an address in St Austell following persistent ASB at the address and following an Affray involving a large knife. This court order prevents any persons from accessing the property for an initial 3-month period, whilst the housing organisation later obtained full possession of the property.

December 2023

Drug intelligence received relating to drug supply in the nighttime economy. Drug warrant obtained and executed by St Austell Neighbourhood Team, a quantity of drugs located and significant cash seized from the address.

December 2023- 'Op Limit'

This was a pro-active Traffic Operation targeting drink and drug driving during the festive season, in partnership with the No Excuses Team and Safety Camera Partnership. Numerous traffic offences observed and drivers reported. Driver arrested for drug driving.

January 2024 and March 2024

Closure Orders obtained at Cornwall Magistrates Court against 2 individual properties in St Austell due to persistent Anti-Social Behaviour. These remain closed at this time.

March 2024- 'Op Scorpion' intensification week

Op Scorpion is Devon and Cornwall Police's force-wide response to drug related crime. Within St Austell, Safeguarding checks were carried out to victims of cuckooing, known drug suppliers were targeted for checks, several persons were arrested for drug offences and successful drug warrants were executed in the St Austell area.

23/173 To receive the Financial Report

Cllr Hughes gave the annual financial report

This year's accounts show that our total income of £61,116 was £9,000 more than the previous year. £2,100 of this was accounted for by our decision to avail ourselves of the Local Maintenance Partnership grants system. In addition, we received £3,000 income from the Par Beach toilets store and there was an increase of just over £900 in the Council Tax Support Grant. Also, VAT reimbursement was just over £1,000 greater at £3,835. Expenditure rose by just under £16,000, £3,000 of which was due to inflationary increases in administration costs. The cost of running Par Beach toilets rose by approx. £600. The cost of developing the Hamley's Corner site for this year has been £18,000.

The Council took over responsibility for the Hambley's Corner toilets as part of the "package" with the Par Beach toilets. Since the cost of restoring them to their original purpose was prohibitive, it was resolved to develop the site as a modest residential property, which the Council could then let to underwrite its costs, or sell. Since that decision was taken, building and operational costs

have risen substantially and estimates of potential revenue have not kept pace. Following advice of the Finance Committee, at its March 2024 meeting, the Council resolved to sell the site, considering that the risks and management time involved were too great to justify the potential income stream. It is anticipated that the proceeds of the sale should cover the costs incurred to date by the Council.

At the time (December 2023) that the budget for the present year was set, this decision had not been made and a considerable provision was included for building-out the project. Assuming that the sale goes ahead, this should significantly reduce pressures on the 2025-2026 budget.

During the year, Mike Phillips, our long-standing Finance Chairman, stood down. The committee expressed their huge gratitude to him for his calm, professional service.

My thanks to our Clerk, Sally Vincent for her meticulous book-keeping and sound guidance and to my committee.

23/174 To receive the Annual Report of the Environment Committee

No report

23/175 To receive the Annual Report of the Planning Committee

Cllr Hughes gave his annual report

The Planning Committee has met 11 times in the past year. To minimise the number of meeting-days to comply with government guidelines, planning meetings have been taking place immediately before Full Council meetings. This has made for long evenings for Planning Committee members, especially on occasions when they have multiple applications to consider. I am grateful to members for their efforts to attend in these circumstances.

The committee has considered 27 planning applications over this period, 'Supporting' 2, registering 'No Objection' to 22 and 'Objecting' to 3. Of the objections, 2 were refused by county planning officers; the third has been called in to CC Planning Committee and remains undetermined.

It is heartening to note that applicants, agents and officers are making serious reference to our Neighbourhood Plan, as they should, since it is now a 'material consideration.'

The Parish Council has concerns with Planning enforcement over the proliferation of unauthorised developments at Treesmill Farm but the removal of two large red double-decker buses is welcomed. The same applies to their objection to the proliferation of unauthorised non-residential equipment and untidy site at Rosegoth Farm which represents a very conspicuous blot on the rural landscape when viewed from several popular public viewpoints.

Following a visit by enforcement officers, there has been significant improvement but there are still large items of 'commercial' equipment on site. We are pleased to note that a development on our boundary with Lanlivery, to which we objected in 2021 and was refused by Cornwall Council, had its appeal refused.

The controversial proposal by SW Water for a desalination plant by Par Harbour, connecting by pipeline to the Restormel Water Treatment Plant could have significant planning implications for our parish. However, no planning documents have been published to date and it would be inappropriate

for the committee, or its members, speaking in their official capacity, to express opinions on the subject.

It is noted that the Kebab Shop on Eastcliffe Road, which was approved by Cornwall Council, with conditions, in spite of objections, continues to raise strong concerns with local residents, in particular with respect to failure to observe the conditions and that most of the grounds for our objections have been substantiated by experience.

As Chairman, I would like to thank the members of the committee for their hard work over the past year, especially for their assiduous reading of the many planning documents involved in advance of the meeting (averaging some 6 plans or documents for each of the 27 applications, some 162 in all).

23/176 To receive the Annual Report of the Cornwall Councillor

Cllr Virr had supplied the following report

Recent tragic death Penpillick Hill I was very saddened to hear of the death of a child on Penpillick Hill over the last week. This was devastating and my sincere condolences go out to the family. I have written to Highways to discuss and review recent accidents on that stretch of road and understand any causation patterns.

Covid Vaccination The NHS national booking system is open for spring Covid-19 vaccination bookings. People at increased risk from severe illness can get the vaccine, including those aged 75 or over (on 30 June 2024), people with a weakened immune system or who live in an older adult care home. Spring vaccinations will be available until 30 June 2024. Anyone eligible can book a vaccine appointment via the [NHS.UK website](https://www.nhs.uk) or by calling 119 for free, with parents or carers able to book a Covid-19 vaccination for children under 16 on their behalf. Eligible people aged 16 and over can also use the NHS App to book an appointment. The NHS is sending texts, emails, NHS App messages or letters to those who are eligible, but they do not have to wait for the invite to book.

Councillors Many thanks to all the councillors for their tireless hard work for their communities as they serve on the parish council. Thank you!

23/177 Public Participation

None

Meeting Closed 7.10pm