

DRAFT MINUTES

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Minutes of a Tywardreath and Par Parish Council Meeting held on 7th November 2024 at 7.00pm at the Methodist Church, Tywardreath

Present Cllrs C Wildish (Chairman), Cllr Hazeldean, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Nicholls, Cllr Phillips, Cllr Truscott and Cllr A Wildish

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

24/75 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr Taylor
Cornwall Cllr A Virr

24/76 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.

24/77 Public Questions

Caroline Stephenson addressed the meeting about the Luxulyan Valley, which was World Heritage Site Area 8 and a site of Outstanding Universal Value (OUV). An important reason for this designation were 4 unique things found in the valley, which cannot be found anywhere else in the world; the tank dividing the water course, 2 leats, the viaduct and the silt management system. The WHS designation would be reviewed shortly and Caroline considered that the Luxulyan Valley Partnership was not doing enough to protect it; Charlestown was already in danger of losing its designation. Caroline also considered that there was a complete lack of support for landowners with heritage on their land and that they should have a vote as members of the LVP. Additionally, other places have a lot more financial support because they have AONB/SSSI designation and this has been demonstrated in areas such as the Tamar Valley. Could the Valley achieve one or both of these designations? There would be a meeting on Monday at Tywardreath Methodist Church to discuss what we want to see in the 5-year Management Plan and she hoped that representatives of Tywardreath & Par Parish Council would be able to attend.

A member of the public reported that somebody was living in the shed on the junction of the A390 and the road to Penpell.

24/78 Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th September 2024

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

24/79 Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda – for report only
None.

24/80 To receive the Cornwall Councillor's Report

24 Bus Service Route on Sundays I have been asked to see whether the Sunday 24 Bus service could be re-routed to include Tywardreath / Castledore. I have received the following response from the Transport Team:
“You may recall these route changes were made to Service 25 in March 2024. First Kernow made some changes to their commercial Service 24 at that time which would have left Tywardreath and Castledore without a bus service Monday to Saturday, hence our changes to Service 25 to serve these areas. Service 24 does operate on a Sunday and whilst it does not serve all the areas noted below, it would offer a bus service for Tywardreath residents if they were able to walk down to the railway station. We can ask the question of them regarding diverting to Tywardreath but this would likely impact the resource required and come at a cost that would not be commercially feasible for them.

That these changes have seemingly gone unnoticed for over 6 months, would support that the usage and reliance on this service on a Sunday from these stops was negligible.”

I have asked the officer to approach the 24 bus operator to enquire whether a rerouting on a Sunday might be possible. I will report back to the Parish Council any progress.

Works to Tywardreath Hill / Well's Road I have received the following update from Highways: “There is still legal work to be finalised, but the easement agreement is progressing. Once we have confirmation of the easement date, we can advise of a proposed restart date for the works.”

Tywardreath Highway Road Safety I have received the following update from a Highway Safety Officer following safety concerns on Penpillick Hill:
“As you'll be aware, I have been exploring options to progress a proposal for a pedestrian refuge crossing point on the A390 at Tywardreath Highway. Highway Engineers visited site earlier this week and have advised that a topographical survey is required to confirm viability. I spoke with a colleague yesterday who manages the funding route I was hoping to utilise to progress this proposal (external to our team), who advised that funding is now fully committed. All other programmes I am aware of are also fully committed. I have therefore added this proposal to the nominations list for the next Local Transport Plan (LTP) Implementation Plan (IP) for 2025/27.

You may have noted from the various email threads with residents that I was also looking at options to carry out a safety review of the A390 Tywardreath Highway/Penpillick Hill area. Again, with the current LTP IP (2023/25) fully committed and the network safety programme fully committed for 2024/25 and 2025/26, this review will need to be considered as future funding opportunities arise. Is this something the CAP Highway Scheme could also consider as an Expression of Interest?

I will follow up with Devon & Cornwall Police on my request for some enforcement through this section of A390. I am not clear what's taken place.”

24/81 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives

Par Beach Management Group Cllr Hazeldean reported that

- Plans were in place to resurface the road in late January/early February.
- The Par Beach and Dunes Public Survey was due to close on 17th November; she encouraged people to complete it.
- The Beach Huts were not being used for leisure as had been hoped so, as an alternative and to make them more attractive as a business opportunity, there had been a suggestion that they could be devolved together with the dunes, the car park by the toilets and the car park at the far end of the beach. Members considered that the huts were in the wrong position and without services, such as electricity, they were not an attractive proposition.

24/82 To receive and note any minutes from Parish Council Committees

Planning – noted

Finance – no report

24/83 Correspondence

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

24/84 Accounts for Approval

Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Phillips seconded and it was RESOLVED that payment of accounts totalling £8,183.39 be approved.

24/85 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

24/86 Devolution

Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Truscott that the quote from Stephens Scown to act on behalf of the Parish Council in respect of the devolution of Polmear Orchard should be accepted. Cllr Hazeldean proposed, Cllr Nicholls seconded an amendment that the quote from Charles French to act on behalf of the Parish Council in respect of the devolution of Polmear Orchard should be accepted. Voting on the amendment was 2 in favour, 5 against. Voting on the original proposal was 5 in favour, 2 against and it was, therefore, RESOLVED that the quote from Stephens Scown to act on behalf of the Parish Council in respect of the devolution of Polmear Orchard should be accepted.

In respect of the devolution of Vine Place, Cllr C Wildish reminded members of the business rate liability on the car park area, the poor condition of the old toilet block and the maintenance liability of the tarmac road running through the site. Against this, members considered that the regeneration of the green space would be an excellent community project. After further discussion it was proposed by Cllr C Wildish, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that Cornwall Council should be asked if the green space could be devolved without the car park area, the toilet block and responsibility for the road running through the site.

24/87 Tywardreath Remembrance Parade

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Phillips and RESOLVED that a grant of £170.00 should be made to Tywardreath RBL to cover the cost of public liability insurance for the 2024 Remembrance Parade.

24/88 Allotment Management

It was agreed that walkabouts around all the allotment sites to check conditions and compliance with tenancy agreements should be undertaken by Councillors every month. The first walkabout would be on 23rd November starting at the Upper Poldrea site. Cllr Hughes noted that if tenants are members of the Tywardreath Allotment Society they are covered by public liability insurance and it was agreed that when the renewal invoices were issued in March 2025 it be recommended that everybody become a member of TAS.

It was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr C Wildish and RESOLVED that the Parish Council should employ a local tradesman to undertake rubbish clearance at the Glenview site. Cllr Truscott undertook to arrange this.

Cllr Hughes noted that the Parish Council should make provision for the boundaries on all the allotment sites to be cut back annually.

24/89 Council Meeting Date

Cllr C Wildish confirmed that she would be unable to attend the December Council meeting on the usual date of 5th December. Given that a Planning meeting needed to be held and a Finance meeting needed to be scheduled it was agreed that a short Council meeting should be held on 5th December and Cllr Hughes would take the Chair. Planning would be held first, followed by Council and then Finance.

24/90 Parish Councillors Reports

Cllr Hazeldean reported that the Desalination Information Group would like to stage a 20 minute presentation at a future Parish Council meeting. It was agreed that this could potentially be done on 9th January 2025. Cllr Hazeldean would confirm with the Parish Clerk.

Cllr Truscott had reported 3 broken street lights to Cornwall Council

Cllr Phillips advised that she intended to contact Cornwall Council in her private capacity about the inappropriate and unacceptable way they were treating their tenant farmers.

Date of Next Meeting 5th December 2024

Meeting Closed 8.15pm