

**Minutes of a the Tywardreath and Par Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting
held on 3rd April 2025 in the Methodist Church, Well Street, Tywardreath at
7pm**

Present Cllrs C Wildish, Hazeldean, Hughes, Nicholls, Phillips,
Truscott and A Wildish

In attendance Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent
5members of the public

24/164 Apologies Cllr Taylor
Cornwall Cllr A Virr

24/165 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 2nd May 2024

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

24/166 Matters Arising

None

24/167 To receive the Annual Report of the Parish Council

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

As this council term draws to a close, I would like to thank the Clerk and Councillors for their support over the last year. I would like to thank Councillor Virr for representing us at County Hall and wish him luck for the future.

Devolution- no further assets have been devolved this year we are still looking to complete on Vine Place, closed toilets in Tywardreath and Polmear Orchard. The transfer is with solicitors so timescales are still not certain. We have recently been offered the beach huts at Par beach, this will be decided by council over next few months.

Allotments. We have undertaken boundary and vegetation cutting recently. I would like to thank Kevin Rouse for being our link with allotment holders. We don't currently have a waiting list for plots so if you know anyone that wants one please ask them to contact the Clerk

Feasibility study. We are looking to apply for a grant to fund a consultant to help us to identify what people see as best use of the green space we either have or could have within the parish. This will help us when we apply for funding for large future projects

Traffic issues I am disappointed that Tywardreath Hill is still closed, cutting our community in two. I will look to work with the new Councillor to get this resolved.

Flood Group We have not had contact with the St Blazey part of the group so it's going to be necessary for us to update our Plan and talk to existing flood wardens

Parking Tehidy Road parking is making that road increasingly dangerous. We are going to work with the new Councillor to see what options there are and what can be done.

Caroline Wildish, Chairman

24/168 To receive the Police Report

The St Austell and Tywardreath Neighbourhood Team currently comprises of 1 Police Sargent (PS) known as a neighbourhood Team Leader (NTL) 5 x Police Officers known as Neighbourhood Beat Managers (NBM), 4 Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) and 2 Tri-Service Safety Officers (TSSO)

The Neighbourhood Inspector responsible for the St Austell and Tywardreath area is currently Inspector Simon Andrews.

PC Domonic Husband and PCSO Graham Wade are the neighbourhood officers responsible for Tywardreath Par, Fowey and Lostwithiel. They are assisted by TSSO Josh HARMON currently operating from Lostwithiel Fire Station.

There has been a number of changes to the neighbourhood team over the past 12 months. PS Ian Chambers, the former NTL, was successful in being promoted to Inspector. His replacement PS Martin Easter has recently joined the team following 5 years as a Custody Sargent based in Newquay. Prior to this Martin was a patrol officer based out St Blazey and St Austell for 9 years. The team will have 3 new PCSO's joining in early April where they will undergo a period of tutorship prior to being deployed into the community. There is the intention that one of the PCSO will be deployed to Tywardreath to assist Domonic and Graham.

We are currently waiting for information from Central Government and the Police and Crime Commissioner in regards to funding for additional NBM'S The team also works closely with Cornwall Council Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Team and the ASB and housing teams working for the various social housing associations with housing stock in the area to deal with ASB and low level crime.

Tywardreath, Par and St Blazey crime and ASB information from March 2024 to February 2025

A total of 547 crimes were reported during this period broken down as below

Crime type	Number
Burglary	18
Criminal damage and arson	83
Vehicle crime	29
Shoplifting	33
Other thefts	45
Drugs offences	20
Possession of weapons	7
Public order offences	39
Other crimes	12
Violence and sexual offences	261

There were 103 ASB incidents reported during this period some including neighbour disputes which are not necessarily ASB but reported as such.

24/169 To receive the Financial Report

Cllr Hughes gave the annual financial report

This year's accounts show that our total income of £96,556 was £34,000 more than the previous year. £29,772 of this was from the sale of the Hamley's Corner Toilets with Planning Permission

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, the Council resolved to sell the site, considering that the risks and management time involved were too great to justify the potential income stream. The proceeds of the sale, £29,772, more or less cover the costs incurred to date by the Council. In theory the Parish Council is liable to pay Cornwall Council 50% of the sale price. Although it is understood that this will not be enforced, it was considered prudent to include a provision for this amount in the 2025-26 budget.

We received £1,230 income from the Par Beach toilets. VAT Reimbursement was just over £600 greater at £4,317.

Excluding Hamley's Corner and other exceptional items, expenditure was roughly in line with the previous year, in spite of inflationary increases in administration costs

In setting the budget for 2025-26, we consider that we have made due provision for foreseeable operating costs and the impact of inflation and taxation changes and ensuring prudent reserves provision for anticipated future commitments and obligations. With this in mind, we determined that we would not need to increase our Council Tax precept this year.

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

David Hughes, Chairman

24/170 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 35 planning applications over this period, registering "No Objection" to 26 and "Objecting" to 9. Of the objections, 4 of our objections were refused by county planning officers; on 3 we "agreed to disagree" as, in officers opinion refusal would not be sustained on appeal, 2 are pending appeal and one (Hendra Court) remains undetermined.

Without doubt, the proposed major development at Hendra Court Nursing Home has been the most controversial application considered and has created strong popular reaction. The applicants came back with revised plans but these were no considered to address the objections. Four months later no decision has been made.

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 Treemill 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. Cornwall Council has placed enforcement orders but these are now subject to appeal.

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. However, the applicant seems to be ignoring the Planner’s decision.

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. It is understood that a revised application has been submitted. 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, failed to observe the conditions and that most of the grounds for our objections were substantiated by experience. It has since re-opened as a fried chicken shop.

We were “consulted” by Cornwall Council regarding traffic calming measures on Par Green. However, our suggestions were ignored and the measures put in place have not made a significant contribution to the excessive speed of some vehicles using this stretch of road.

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 35 applications, some 210 in all).

David Hughes, Chairman

24/171 To receive the Annual Report of the Cornwall Councillor

Cllr Virr had supplied the following report.

This is my last report as your councillor after 8 years of service to the community. This has been a great honour.

I am particularly proud of the improvements I have made to the safety of the Highways with the introduction of the 20mph limits in Par and Tywardreath. Over the past 4 years I have also been on Cornwall Council’s Cabinet overseeing Adult Social Care and Public Health. We invested an additional 30 million pounds at the beginning of our term. We have significantly reduced the waiting lists for care, strengthened the service’s leadership team, kept more residents living in their own homes rather than in care homes and have improved public satisfaction with the service.

I am very grateful for the support and challenge of Parish Councillors and for the projects we have achieved together, including the devolution of the Orchard and Vine Place. Thank you for your tireless hard work.

24/171 To receive Reports from Representatives

Cllr Hazeldean gave the Report of the Par Beach Management Group
The Par Beach Management Group meet quarterly with a mixture of face to face and online meetings. In addition to T&PPC representation, the group consists of the Countryside Officer, the Community Link Officer from Cornwall Council, Cllr Virr, representatives from Friends of Par Beach, the Countryside Ranger (Cormac), Par Sands Holiday Park and other relevant organisations who attend as appropriate.

This year Making Space for Sand, a DEFRA funded Project has been gathering data to better understand and make recommendations about the dune system and potential flooding. This has included public consultations and involvement to direct concepts and plans for the beach and dunes.

Considerable work has been carried out by Cormac for the mechanical removal and burial of invasive plant species. This supplements the continual work undertaken by Friends of Par Beach to manage the dunes, clear paths, litter pick and arrange various other activities to maintain and improve the beach environment.

The beach huts have been consistently on the agenda as Cornwall Council has sought potential alternative uses for the huts and subsequently advertised them via an external agent to let them to a suitable tenant. Currently they are still unused and available.

The road at the beach has been significantly upgraded with full re-surfacing, drainage and re-instatement of the speed bumps. Carried out at the beginning of February, this was a considerable amount of work and a much appreciated improvement.

Installation of a defibrillator to be sited on Par Beach toilets was agreed, with funding from the Community Chest, Friends of Par Beach, Tywardreath and Par Parish Council and PL24. It is hoped that this will be in place for the summer season, subject to final documentation.

South West Water's proposed desalination plant has caused concern about the potential impact on the marine environment, the harbour, the beach and the local land environment. The Marine Management Organisation has refused SWW's licence application to carry out test drilling in the bay. Currently no further applications have been submitted to either the MMO or the Cornwall planning authority.

Water quality in the area continues to be monitored – with some concerns. EA testing for 'bathing water' does not take place year round and in 2024 only achieved 'sufficient'.

Cornwall Wildlife Trust's 'Tor to Shore' project is likely to have a positive benefit in highlighting the natural environment and wildlife at Par Beach and St Austell Bay. They hope the programme will do much to raise awareness and encourage community involvement.

Thanks to Par Sands Park who host the meetings whenever possible.

Deborah Hazeldean, Representative

24/172 Public Participation

A member of the public representing the History Group would supply some tythe maps of Vine Place and asked that the Parish Council host a Public Meeting to ascertain the aspirations of the residents in relation to the future use of the site. Cllr Wildish explained that the area had yet to be devolved so it was difficult as present to organise an event such as this as the Parish Council did not want to raise public expectations prematurely.

Meeting Closed 7.15pm