

DRAFT MINUTES

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Minutes of a Tywardreath and Par Parish Council Meeting held on 4th September 2025 at 7pm at the Methodist Church, Tywardreath

Present Cllrs C Wildish (Chairman), Cllr Hazeldean, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Oxenham, Cllr Rickard, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Truscott and Cllr A Wildish

In attendance The Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Cllr I Wilson
2 members of the public (part)

25/59 To receive and accept apologies for absence
Cllr Nicholls, Cllr Phillips

25/60 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 2029.

25/61 Public Questions

A member of the public reported that speed limits in Par were continually being broken. The lady confirmed that she was a member of the Community Speed Watch but more members were needed to cover the whole Tywardreath & Par area. In her opinion so many motorists were continually breaking the limit average speed cameras covering the whole area were the only answer. Cllr Wilson confirmed that speed monitoring was needed before any decision could be made regarding cameras as the cost of installing them was prohibitive and historically speeding had been shown by monitoring to be largely perceived. However, he agreed that he would meet the lady to see about suitable locations for potential monitoring cameras.

A member of the public addressed the meeting about the suggestion of a one-way traffic system covering Polpey Lane and Tywardreath Hill, which, in particular, would help to alleviate the risk to children leaving Footsteps, a significant danger point. Cllr Wilson suggested that the lady email him and he would pass on the concerns to Cornwall Council Highways. Cllr C Wildish suggested that a table to investigate public opinion on a one-way scheme could be set up at the consultation that was planned to canvass the views of people on the future of Vine Place. Cllr Hughes made the point that the amount of traffic on Polpey Lane had increased substantially since Tywardreath Hill had been closed and the volume would hopefully lessen when Tywardreath Hill reopened. Additionally, on a practical basis he understood that the milk tanker and other farm vehicles are not able to turn into Lampetho Farm if they approach from the other direction.

25/62 Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd July 2025

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

25/63 Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda – *for report only*

None.

25/64 To receive and note any minutes from Parish Council Committees

Planning – noted

Finance – noted

25/65 Correspondence

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

25/66 Accounts for Approval

Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Hazeldean seconded and it was RESOLVED that payment of accounts totalling £13,742.07 be approved.

25/67 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

25/68 Devolution

The devolution of both Vine Place and Polmear Orchard was still being dealt with; searches had now been undertaken by the Parish Council solicitor. The Finance Committee had authorised a site meeting at Vine Place with the Parish Council solicitor, but this had been deferred due to the high cost. Cllr Wilson would ask Cornwall Council to cut back the vegetation/brambles that were overhanging the gardens of residents.

25/69 To Receive the meeting notes of the Vine Place/Polmear Orchard Working Group

Cllr C Wildish reported that the Working Group had not met since the previous Parish Council meeting.

25/70 To receive the Cornwall Councillor’s Report

Cllr Wilson gave the following report

Finally, after months of pushing, Tywardreath Hill has been scheduled in for repair work. Work should now start around September 8th and last for 12 weeks. Hopefully this means the road will reopen before the end of the year. The Hendra Court Planning Application has gone very quiet, possibly in anticipation of the similar application made in Lostwithiel, which has now been refused. I have indicated to the planning department, that I will not support a delegated approval and expressed hope that planning will agree with me, the Parish and local residents and reject this planning application. Anti-Social behaviour has been in full swing around the Par Running Track and the St Andrews Road Nature Reserve. I have met with the Chairman of the Nature Reserve and the local Police to formulate an action plan. Police patrols have been increased, and certain individuals have been spoken too. It

seems problems have reduced for the time being, although there is also the issue of very loud motor bikes racing around Par and St Blazey, some allegedly without number plates. The Police are aware of this problem. I spent Sunday evening out with the Police on patrol around Par, Tywardreath and Fowey and have a far better idea of the challenges faced by our local Police. In cooperation with the nature reserve and the Police, temporary covert cameras will be placed at hidden locations at the nature reserve to help identify any future perpetrators of vandalism in order that they may be prosecuted. Suitable cameras have been identified and will be installed as a pilot project shortly.

There have been many complaints of speeding around Tywardreath and Par, so I am in the process of organising Speed Monitoring Equipment for key areas. These need to be booked in advance and will take some time to implement. It should be pointed out however, that previous speed monitoring in the area has suggested the problem is statistically quite low. New monitoring will confirm if things have deteriorated enough to require camera installations.

After four attempts, the speed warning sign along Polmear Road now appears to be working.

A new group has been set up called “The Par Beach Huts - Market Association” and the pilot project to get the huts used for Arts and Crafts is nearly in place. Cornwall Council have only allowed the use of the huts for a 4-weekend trial at this stage, but we will take what we can get. So hopefully, some local Artisans will be seen at the huts during the last two weekends of September and first two weekends of October.

25/71 Parish Council Committees

Deferred.

25/72 Tywardreath Hill/Polpey Lane

Further to the discussions earlier in the meeting, members noted that a one way system would potentially exacerbate the speeding situation; in relation to Footsteps it was felt that some sort of traffic calming could well be a better way to address the situation there. It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Rickard and RESOLVED that discussion on the matter should be deferred but retained as a future agenda item when Tywardreath Hill reopens.

25/73 Par Beach Toilets

There had been further vandalism at the toilets and APS (the toilet cleaners) were dealing with the damage with the locks. The Parish Clerk reported that Russell, who has been collecting the cash from the coinpays, was sadly very poorly so she had arranged for APS to take over this task going forwards. Cllr Oxenham suggested that it would be useful to see the results of the CCTV operation at St Andrews Nature Reserve before making any suggestions regarding the toilet site. Cllr C Wildish reported that the toilet doors were badly in need of repainting; it was agreed that this should be an agenda item in October and in the meantime Cllr C Wildish would get a quote from APS for the work.

25/74 Open Space in Tehidy Road

Cllr Hazeldean reported that she felt that the very untidy state of the open space at the bottom of Tehidy Road gave a very poor impression to people entering Tywardreath village. Members noted that although this area was part of the highway the Parish Council had paid for maintenance in the past as Cornwall Council had failed to do it. It was proposed by Cllr Hazeldean, seconded Cllr Truscott and RESOLVED that Mark Place should be asked to tidy up the site.

25/75 Parish Councillors Reports

Cllr Hughes reported that was still chasing the gentleman who had agreed to put up the notice board in Tywardreath; if he did not get any success in the near future he would make other arrangements.

Cllr Truscott queried the position regarding street lights going off at midnight until 5am as he felt this could possibly encourage anti-social and criminal behaviour. It was confirmed that this was now Cornwall Council policy.

Cllr Richards added that anti-social behaviour had noticeably decreased since the recent Police activity in the parish.

Date of Next Meeting 2nd October 2025

Meeting Closed 7.58pm