

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

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### **Minutes of a Tywardreath and Par Parish Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 at 7pm at the Methodist Church, Tywardreath**

**Present** Cllrs C Wildish (Chairman), Cllr Hughes, Cllr Nicholls, Cllr Oxenham, Cllr Phillips, Cllr Rickard, and Cllr A Wildish

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

**25/76 To receive and accept apologies for absence**  
Cllr Hazeldean, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Truscott

#### **25/77 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.

**25/78 Public Questions**  
None

**25/79 Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025**  
It was proposed by Cllr A Wildish, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**25/80 Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda – *for report only***  
Mark Place had tidied up the area around the memorial seat at the bottom of Tehidy Road.

**25/81 To receive and note any minutes from Parish Council Committees**  
Planning – noted  
Finance – no report

**25/82 Correspondence**  
Correspondence had been electronically circulated to members and was ‘left on the table’ for Councillors attention.

**25/83 Accounts for Approval**  
Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Rickard seconded and it was RESOLVED that payment of accounts totalling £1,504.28 be approved.

**25/84 Resolutions from Councillors**  
None.

## **25/85 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives**

Cllr Hazeldean had submitted the following report

The defibrillator is now fully installed.

We discussed the issue of the toilets at some length – especially in relation to the perpetrators of the vandalism, the financial impact on the Parish Council resulting from the continual vandalism and the option of CCTV.

The Police are aware of the individuals concerned, and banning letters have been issued, but unfortunately these letters were not effective. Michelle Pickett has met with Noah Law MP and discussed concerns, and he has spoken to the Police who are taking action. The ASB includes hassling the night staff at the caravan park as well as the vandalism of the toilets and this also extends to Par running track and St Andrews wetlands.

It was suggested that a public meeting would be useful to raise awareness of the issues and also to explore how to engage young people in a positive way. I mentioned the public consultation we are planning with regard to Vine Place and any other local issues, but it was generally agreed that the combined vandalism issues of the toilets, the caravan park, Par Track and St Andrew's wetlands was of sufficient importance to merit a dedicated meeting.

Michelle agreed to host the meeting and Noah Law and the Police will be invited to attend. I would hope that the Parish Council will support this – I offered to help with logistics. Members confirmed that they would certainly support this initiative.

Charlotte Evans has also agreed to contact CC Car Parks asking them to explore CCTV in the CC car park at Par beach.

Charlotte is still working to the September deadline to make a decision on the beach huts.

## **25/86 To Receive the meeting notes/updates from the Vine Place/Polmear Orchard Working Group**

Cllr C Wildish reported that the Working Group had not met since the previous Parish Council meeting. However, Cllr C Wildish and Cllr A Wildish had visited the site and found the surface very dangerous, due in part to dumping; this had been reported to Cornwall Council as urgent action was required.

## **25/87 To receive the Cornwall Councillor's Report**

Cllr Wilson gave the following report

Probably the most notable issue for the Parish this month has been the CC Planning Committee meeting for Hendra Court (PA24/02955), which was heard on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September. The decision to reject the proposed development was almost unanimous with 9 votes against and 2 abstentions. My thanks go Parish Councillor David Hughes for his support and help in this matter.

Speed Monitoring Equipment was deployed in Tehidy Road as requested by some members of the Community and the results were interesting. Average vehicle speeds have not increased by any significant amount since the last speed checks in 2023, however, because the speed limit has now been reduced to 20mph, the amount of technically speeding traffic has increased significantly. In discussions with CC, it transpires that Tehidy Road may have incorrectly been placed within the 20mph Zone criteria. Although difficult, if there is enough local public support, with good reasoning 20mph limits can

allegedly be removed. The mechanism does exist to accomplish this under the right circumstances, although CC seem pretty committed in rolling out 20mph across all of Cornwall for non-arterial roads. 20mph Zoning is planned to be discussed in Committee at County Hall on the 7<sup>th</sup> October for those interested. Mount Bennett Road and Par Green are still waiting for their turn to have a Speed Monitoring Check.

Par Beach Huts – I have to express my disappointment with Cornwall Council who, at first seemed interested in working with me to get the Par Beach Huts in use. Sadly, negotiation broke down with the Council being unable to untie itself from its own bureaucratic knots and thus a realistic agreement could not be reached. I will attempt to resurrect the Pilot Project for next year, but I am not hopeful based on my experience this year. I have escalated the lack of co-operation to higher levels in the Council.

Continuing with my disappointment in Cornwall Council this month, as part of our ongoing efforts to tackle the Anti-Social Behaviour problem blighting our neighbourhood in recent months, which CC seem not to take seriously, I acquired a camera for test purposes for use at the Nature Reserve in agreement with the Chairman or the Reserve. Whilst discussing this with Cornwall Council, they made it clear in no uncertain terms, that they will not allow us to place any cameras on their land even though we were working with the Police on this matter. Cornwall Council (Charlotte Evans) have taken ownership of the problem though, and I will be pushing them for action.

In Search of Tywardreath put on an excellent and informative exhibition at St Andrews Church on the 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> September and I for one never realized the extent of our local history.

Cllr Hughes asked Cllr Wilson to approach Rachael Tatlow and request that the 30mph signing and dragons teeth in the road outside Trecarrel be repainted as they had completely worn away. Cllr Wilson agreed to do this.

#### **25/88 Conclusion of Audit 2024/2025**

The Parish Clerk confirmed that BDO LLP had concluded the 2024/2025 audit. The auditors had noted that a figure on the 2023/2024 AGAR section had been transposed and read £55,412 and not £55,142 and the Parish Council reserves appeared to be excessive but otherwise no matters of concern were found. Members noted the reference to the high reserve level and would keep it under review, but considered that the devolution of Vine Place and Polmear Orchard was likely to result in high expenditure for 2025/2026. The Parish Clerk confirmed that she had published the necessary Conclusion of Audit documentation on the notice boards and website.

#### **25/89 ISOT Information Board**

Members noted an agreement between ISOT and Volunteer Cornwall that if ISOT should ever fold funds will be given to the Parish Council for any future upkeep of an information board, which will be sited by ISOT on Cornwall Council land opposite Par station and alongside the bus stop. Members noted that this would not commit the Parish Council to assuming ownership/responsibility in the event ISOT should fold, it simply acknowledges that the Parish Council would receive the funds, which would be earmarked for the upkeep of the board.

#### **25/90 Application for Funding**

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Oxenham and RESOLVED that a donation of £91.99 to cover the whole cost of public liability cover for the 2025 Remembrance Parade in Tywardreath should be made.

#### **25/91 Par Beach Toilets**

Cllr C Wildish reported that APS Construction had not recommended painting the doors but had agreed to supply a quote. Unfortunately, this had yet to be received so Cllr C Wildish would follow up. Given that Cllr Wilson had reported that CC would not allow CCTV cameras to be installed on their property the suggestion of using them to cover the toilets no longer appeared to be an option. Hopefully, however, CC would install cameras in their adjacent car park and this would go some way to help.

#### **25/92 Highways Scheme**

Members discussed several potential schemes that could be put forward, including a suggestion that the speed limit on Penpillick Hill could be reduced to 40mph. Cllr Rickard reported that, together with Noah Law, she had canvassed people living on Penpillick Hill about the possibility of reducing the speed limit but it had transpired they were more concerned about excessive speed in Tywardreath Highway than further up the Hill. Members also discussed the introduction double yellow lines at the top of Tehidy Road as a possible proposal, but it was noted that this was already included on CC's list of planned work. It was proposed by Cllr C Wildish, seconded Cllr Rickard and RESOLVED that a request that the management of speeding in Tywardreath Highway should be submitted as a formal proposal to the CAP Highways Scheme from the Parish Council.

#### **25/93 Parish Councillors Reports**

Cllr Hughes reported that was still chasing the gentleman who had agreed to put up the notice board in Tywardreath; to date he continued to be unsuccessful so he suggested that alternate arrangements should be made. It was agreed that APS Construction should be asked to undertake the work. The Parish Clerk would make the arrangements.

Cllr Hughes reported that a complaint had been received about a dispute between an allotment holder and the son of a resident living in a property adjoining the allotments. It appeared that the son had lit a bonfire on parish council land, which had burned an apple tree on an allotment. Cllr Hughes confirmed that, although it was quite clear where the boundary was, the property owners had been encroaching on to Parish Council land and he suggested that the boundary should be physically restored with a fence. There was general agreement with this suggestion.

Cllr A Wildish had completed the final draft of the Emergency Plan. It was now in the process of being checked and he hoped to be able to include it for adoption at the December Parish Council meeting.

Cllr C Wildish noted that, together with Cllr A Wildish and the Parish Clerk, she had visited Tywardreath School to investigate the ownership of the distressed elm trees close to the boundary of the Woodland Avenue

allotments. Inspection had shown that the trees were on the school side of the boundary and the school had accepted responsibility for them. The trees had already been itemised in the school's risk assessment and found to be safe but the school would arrange for a further inspection to check if there had been further deterioration, making them unsafe.

**Date of Next Meeting**          6<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Meeting Closed**                  7.48pm