

DRAFT MINUTES

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Minutes of a Meeting of Tywardreath & Par Parish Council held on Thursday 3rd March 2016 at Par Running Track Pavilion at 7.00 pm

Present Cllrs Wildish, Brasier, Foster, Hughes, Srafton, Phillips, Taylor and Waddington

In attendance Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent
Rachael Bice (part)
1 member of the press

15/143 Apologies Cllr Allen, Cllr Fowler
PCSO Rebecca Harris

15/144 Declaration of interests

Pecuniary - Cllr Wildish declared a pecuniary interest in the grant application from St Blaise Town Council
Non Registerable – Cllr Taylor declared a non registerable interest in the grant application from St Blaise Town Council
Dispensations - Cllr Hughes has been granted a dispensation by the Parish Clerk in any matters pertaining to allotments, effective until 2017.

15/145 Rachael Bice, Senior Environment Manager Cornwall Council

Rachael gave a short presentation on the St Austell Bay Resilient Regeneration (StARR) project. The aim of the scheme was to alleviate flood risk and unlock economic opportunities. She explained that StARR was a partnership between Cornwall Council, the Environment Agency, South West Water, The University of Exeter, Cornwall Development Company and West Country Rivers Trust. Together they were working to identify funding and were putting forward a bid for £20 million of European, Government and private funding. One of the challenges of the project was that there was a huge catchment area directly affecting the area so changes would be needed higher up towards the moors.

15/146 Public Questions / Police Report

Public Questions

None

Police Report

There had been 4 recorded crimes in February – 1 x violence without injury, 1 x vehicle offences, 1 x other theft, 1 x criminal damage and 34 police incidents recorded.

15/147 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4th February 2016

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

15/148 Matters arising not on the agenda (for report only)

None.

15/149 To receive the Cornwall Councillors reports

Cllr Srafton reported

- I have attended a number of meetings at County Hall, including briefings on dementia, corporate safeguarding and housing. I also attended full council, and the Scrutiny Management, Localism and Reputation and Performance, Economy and Culture and Housing and Environment committees. I have also been to a meeting of the St Austell Bay Economic Forum.
- Last month's full council agreed an increase of 1.97% in council tax for the coming year, and an additional 2% to meet a shortfall in central government funding of adult social care. Together, these increases amount to 99p per week for a band D property.
- I am now meeting weekly with the group putting together proposals to assume responsibility for and control of Par Running Track. That group is making very encouraging progress, and I am increasingly confident that it will have a convincing feasibility and business case ready in time for submission next month.
- I attended a site meeting yesterday concerning proposals for extension of a house at 39, Polmear Road. The original plans have been substantially altered. I made some comments on the new plans, which I hope might be taken into account before a fresh planning application is submitted.
- I have attended meetings concerning the St Blazey Roundhouse.
- I have been appointed a non-executive director of CC Group. This is the holding company that supervises the work of the Cormac Companies and the Cornwall Development Company.

Cllr Taylor – reported

- February was a busy month with many meetings attended which I won't go into here.
- Wash-up from the A390 level crossing closure. The official diversion provided a detour via Bodmin, the A38, A30 and the A391. As anticipated, many people used local country roads to get around rather than that "negotiated" by NR.
- Residents of Porcupine Lane, Treesmill, Kilhallon, Lanescot and Driving Lane saw a very significant increase in traffic not all being driven at a speed suitable for the road conditions. Although I am not aware of any plans to do so I have insisted that should there be any repeat closure an enforceable one way system for local back roads with a suitable speed limit will have to be put in place prior to granting consent for closure. This has been agreed with a senior officer from Highways.
- Kilhallon landslip. Trial pits and borehole sampling of the materials under the road have been completed and the materials have been analysed in the lab. A

permanent restoration is now being planned using this data and I understand that repairs will be initiated as soon as a plan is in place, expected to be in April.

- The Roundhouse. To avoid reinventing the wheel, the group that is trying to improve the lot of the Roundhouse and turntable have an opportunity to meet with Mervyn Allcock from Barrow Hill (a roundhouse railway centre / museum) near Chesterfield.
- St Blazey Police Station. The police have withdrawn from the sale of the property to St Blaise Town Council. It is apparent to me that the representatives of the police we were dealing with had not thought through the requirements of their own officers before offering the property for sale.
- Motion re parking at Schools. Twice a day, five days a week in term time parking traffic chaos descends upon the roads near many schools in Cornwall. Doug's motion to Council has been sent to the committee I chair (the Transportation PAC) to recommend a way forward. The item will feature on the April agenda. Any solutions that are proposed are likely to be an improvement on the status quo.
- Various highway schemes that have been submitted by Doug Srafton, David Hughes and I have all been rejected. Mine included a means to calm traffic (ideally average speed cameras) on Tywardreath Highway.
- A Housing and Planning bill. Is making its way through parliament. I attended a briefing recently and the information provided was disturbing to say the least. Too much data to absorb in one session. I will provide a further report on this when I better understand the potential ramifications

Clr Hughes – reported

- At the February Council Meeting, members reluctantly agreed a 3.97% increase in Council Tax for 2016-2017 (1.97% on the general rate plus the 2% “allowed” by the Chancellor to go towards the additional costs of Adult Care). Most of this will be required to cover the government decision to increase minimum wages in the care sector, the remainder being used to offset some of the additional pressures of inflation and an aging population. Whilst nobody wants to see increased taxes, I am confident that Cornwall Council finances are being carefully and prudently managed and, as a result, we have suffered far less cuts to front-line services than most authorities: indeed the Leader has announced that Cornwall Council has been shortlisted for the ‘Council of the Year award’ to be decided in March.
- Two weeks ago, I attended a Transport PAC meeting which supported a proposal for the Council to go ahead with a major “Business Case Development”, financed by the Dept. of Transport, to enable an application for funding of a new link road from Stenales to the A 30 at Victoria under the government major road building programme. If the bid is successful, work could start within 3 years. Parish Councils are invited to a briefing session on 22nd March.
- We were also briefed on progress towards delivery of a “One Public Transport System for Cornwall”. This would enable the council to take over bus franchising for the county, enabling bus systems to be based on customer needs rather than commercial advantage, integrated bus and rail timetabling and single-ticketing. This would be coordinated with the new half-hourly rail service from Plymouth to

Penzance. If the timescales presented are adhered to, this should be in operation by the end of 2018.

- At last week's Planning Policy Advisory Committee we were discussing Pre-application consultations, and in particular the need for clear protocols to avoid misinterpretations. It was stressed that where PCs hold pre-consultation meetings with applicants it is important that they should send the Planning Officer a clear "minute" of their interpretation of the discussions in order that their comments are not misrepresented in the application. I understand that Looe Parish Council has recently approved a set of protocols and it might be useful to have a look at these and perhaps adapt them for use in Tywardreath & Par. It is always better to set the ground rules in advance rather than try and sort out problems later.
- In the context of Neighbourhood Plans, it was noted that, in areas with high property values, Councils had sought imaginative ways to provide affordable housing for those local people whose incomes were above the threshold for "affordable homes" but were effectively priced out of the open market. However, particularly on "exception sites", this could not be at the expense of "affordables" since such developments were expected to be "affordable" led, with an initial expectation of 100% "affordable and never less than 50% when viability precluded achieving the maximum

15/150 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives

None.

15/151 To receive and note minutes of Parish Council Committees

Planning – minutes noted. Cllr Phillips reported that the planning application for two new properties on Moorland Road had been opposed by the Environment Agency as the site was on the flood plain; it had consequently been refused by Cornwall Council using delegated powers.

Environment – minutes noted

Finance – none

15/152 Correspondence List

The correspondence list was 'left on the table' for Cllrs attention

15/153 Accounts for Approval

Cllr Phillips proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £4,383.90 be approved.

15/154 Resolutions from Councillors

None

15/155 Public Conveniences in the Parish

Cllr Phillips and the Clerk had met with builders at the Par Beach facilities and they would be providing tenders for the work. The Clerk had contacted Cormac who would be providing costings for cleaning. Cllr Brasier had met with Cllr Phillips to discuss the availability of funds for the refurbishment and she

confirmed that these were in place. Cllr Brasier then proposed, Cllr Phillips seconded and it was RESOLVED that an application for a grant should also be made to the Cornwall Council Devolution Grant Scheme.

15/156 Tywardreath Allotments

Two sites had been registered with the Land Registry as being the property of the parish council but registering the remaining two would take longer as they were part of larger parcels of property. The Clerk would seek clarification on this at a meeting with the parish council so solicitors the following day. Clearly a decision was now needed as to how to progress the management of the sites and Cllr Wildish and Cllr Phillips agreed to meet urgently to discuss this.

15/157 Par Bay Skatepark Project

No update

15/158 Neighbourhood Plan

No update

15/159 Par Beach Play Area

The FOPB had set up a sub committee to identify possible schemes for the play area and available funding. Broadly the sub committee's view was that the design should complement the local environment, the emphasis should be on physical activity and wood and natural materials were favoured. The group would report back to the parish council with suggested schemes, together with prices when available.

15/160 Tywardreath Butte rmarket

No update

15/161 St Blaise Community Space

Not discussed as the Police had withdrawn from the sale of the property to St Blaise Town Council.

15/162 Land at Vine Place

No update

15/163 Parish Council Environment Committee

Cllr Hughes considered that no action was necessary at this point, given that a useful meeting had been held the previous week, but that the position should be reviewed in three months. This was agreed.

15/164 Parish Councillor's Reports

Cllr Brasier reported a big pothole in the middle of Church Street, Tywardreath, which she had reported to CC Highways. Cllr Hughes agreed to chase this up as it was a significant safety issue.

Date of Next Meeting 7th April 2016

Meeting Closed 8.04pm