

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

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### **Minutes of a Meeting of Tywardreath & Par Parish Council held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015 at Par Running Track Pavilion at 7.00 pm**

**Present** Cllrs Wildish, Allen, Brasier, Foster, Hughes, Scrafton, Phillips, Taylor, Waddington

**In attendance** Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent  
PC Andrew Barnicoat  
PCSO Rebecca Harris  
2 members of the public

**15/98 Apologies**  
Cllr Fowler

#### **15/99 Declaration of interests**

Pecuniary - None

Non Registerable – None

Dispensations - Cllr Hughes has been granted a dispensation by the Parish Clerk in any matters pertaining to allotments, effective until 2017.

#### **15/100 Public Questions / Police Report**

##### **Public Questions**

None.

##### **Police Report**

There had been 3 recorded crimes in November – 2 x other theft, 1 x criminal damage and 32 police incidents recorded.

#### **15/101 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

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

#### **15/102 Matters arising not on the agenda (for report only)**

None.

#### **15/103 To receive the Cornwall Councillors reports**

**Cllr Scrafton** reported

- I have never before publicly criticised Cornwall Council officers, who I believe in general work extremely hard and effectively for us, with much less credit than they deserve. But I find it intensely frustrating that planning officers have decided to remove the condition imposed by the planning committee on the

development at upper Polmear Parc. This required the developer to replace the grey cladding on the apartment building with white cladding to a design approved in advance by officers, and acceptable to me. Instead the developer has chosen to apply a coat of white paint. And the officers had decided that this will suffice. I have complained to the portfolio holder about this. So far I have not even had the courtesy of an acknowledgement.

- I continue to work with others on proposals to bring Par running track into community ownership. I also attended a meeting this afternoon with Cornwall Council officers and representatives of the Par Bay Community Trust, aimed at arranging the transfer of Par Library to Cornubia Hall. I found these discussions very encouraging.
- I participated, as part of the 'wider-membership' panel in the process of selection for a new Chief Executive for Cornwall Council.
- I participated in the 'sleepout' at the Eden Project in aid of homeless charities. I am grateful to those who felt able to sponsor me.
- I attended last week's open doors meeting in St Austell where the Leader and Deputy Leader of Cornwall Council were available to respond to questions raised by members of the public. Cllr Roy Taylor was also present. There was significant representation from a number of town and parish councils, and I think they found the responses to their questions helpful.
- I have attended a number of other Cornwall Council meetings, including last week's Full Council.
- I attended the Par Community Association's 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

**Cllr Taylor** – reported

- On my return from holiday, I paid a brief visit to the PCA 5<sup>th</sup> birthday event at the Football Club, did not stay long, too tired from travelling.
- The road through Lower Kilhallon is likely to be closed to through traffic for some months while repairs are effected to a section of road that has failed. This will obviously have an affect on residents and traffic flows in the vicinity. Considering that this has a higher priority for me than full Council, I met with residents on Tuesday of last week to view the damage and discuss the implications of the road closure as well as how to expedite repairs. The nature of the ground has to be established by drilling boreholes and digging test pits. When this information is collated, a repair scheme will be worked up and implemented.
- I have requested a review of the diversion signs in place. Given the various (planned and unplanned) road closures in our area. Also requested the "road closed" sign be replaced by a "road ahead closed" at the junction between Kilhallon and the A390 as well as a "business operating normally" sign.
- I attended a meeting with CC officers, Doug and Dave discussing Area Network issues. Also the "open doors" meeting in St Austell where the Leader and Deputy Leader of Cornwall Council were giving a "financial state of the county" presentation followed by a question and answer session with those present.
- Have been to County Hall to hear the Scrutiny Management Committee debate on "Integrated Passenger Transport Provision" and "Progress in Developing and

Delivering the Devolution Programme.” The latter was revealing with regard to the complications they face in trying to devolve some services.

- A member briefing on treasury matters was in fact an update on the impacts of various elements of the Chancellors Autumn Statement though it has to be said that much is still unclear.
  - I attended meetings of both Par Bay Big Local and Par Bay Community Trust as well as the Christmas Market held last weekend in aid of the proposed skatepark.
  - St Blaise Town Council agreed a purchase price (of £25K) for the police station.
  - As officers and PCSOs patrolling other areas than St Blaise will continue to use parts of the building other authorities will be asked if they will contribute to running costs.
  - Have a great Christmas
- Cllr Hughes** – reported
- Cornwall Council has agreed to allocate £680,000 (9% of its devolution budget) to a Local Devolution Fund, to be divided on a pro-rata basis between the Network Areas, who will, collectively, decide the allocation of this money. Our Network’s share will be £22,244.
  - This money is available for revenue expenditure on costs incurred as a result of devolution of assets/ responsibilities to towns and parishes (although individual capital costs less than £10,000 are regarded as revenue.
  - It may not be spent on highways (including RTOs).
  - Areas of “allowable expenditure” might include: Contributing to repairs, refurbishment and remodelling of assets agreed as part of devolution arrangements (subject to spend falling within the definition of revenue expenditure); Purchase of equipment, materials, and other items to support the organisation to which the asset/service is being devolved (ditto); Contributing to one-off costs incurred by organisations in preparing for devolution of assets/services, e.g. training, legal costs, professional fees, business plans, feasibility studies, public engagement and consultation: Contributing to set-up costs of organisations which are being created in order to take over an asset or service (e.g. a Community Interest Company or Charitable Incorporated Organisation).
  - In these cases, Cornwall Council’s preferred option is to make a grant to the relevant T&PC/organisation out of the Local Devolution Fund so they can procure and pay for the item in question. Where appropriate, however, Cornwall Council may procure and pay for the item itself.
  - Grants to organisations who are taking on assets/services to support associated revenue costs in the first twelve months after transfer, as a way of supporting devolutions in their early stages. Cornwall Council would particularly favour this approach where the devolution involves new ways of working.
  - Contributions to funding a local service/asset in the short term, in situations where an organisation has agreed to take it on and operate it in the long term but the devolution is not likely to be completed within the next few months.
  - Secondary priority for spend: Supporting partnership working in the Community Network Area) via one-off items of expenditure that support local partnership

working such as grants to not for profit organisations to fund activities that support local partnership working (grants should meet the criteria set out in the Council's Community Chest scheme)

- At present this is a draft proposal and T & P Councils have the opportunity, through their Cornwall Councillors and Community Network Panels to suggest modifications.
- Tywardreath Village Hall Committee met on Tuesday and resolved to install wi-fi in the hall for the benefits of hall users. They will be seeking funding for installation from the "Community Chest". However, there will be a monthly rental of £30 which they hope to recover through increased charges to hall users availing themselves of the facility. This would include T & P PC Planning Committee. The committee has acquired a large screen for projections.
- Work continues on the refurbishment of Cornubia Hall and it is hoped that it will be up and running early in 2017. Facilities will include a café, linked to catering training, soft-play area, library(?), conference room, business start-up units and a large multipurpose room with stage. The purpose of the Hall is to be a "community hub". The trustees are very conscious of the importance of "lettings" to local organisations with halls and do not seek to poach their source of income.

#### **15/104 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives**

**Imerys Liaison Group** - Cllr Phillips and Cllr Foster had attended a recent meeting and learned that exports of clay for paper were reducing but sales of other products were increasing. It had also been noted that Par Marina will be the 'Jewel in the Crown' of the Eco Town initiative.

#### **15/105 To receive and note minutes of Parish Council Committees**

Planning – minutes noted  
Environment – none.  
Finance – minutes noted

#### **15/106 Correspondence List**

Various emails - circulated

#### **15/107 Accounts for Approval**

Cllr Phillips proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded and it was RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £1,016.60 be approved.

#### **15/108 Resolutions from Councillors**

None

#### **15/109 Public Conveniences in the Parish**

Sir Richard Rashleigh had agreed to grant the parish council an easement over the area currently leased to Cornwall Council, provided he could vary the route from time to time and limit the right to access to the play area and toilets. The easement would end if the properties ceased to be used for the prescribed purposes. Cllr

Scrafton proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that the parish council should approve this way forward.

#### **15/110 Tywardreath Allotments**

Cllr Phillips reported that transfer of the allotments appeared to be very close. However, the Woodland Avenue site was subject to a right in a lease of Tywardreath School and Cllr Phillips was trying to ascertain the terms of this to ensure there were no onerous burdens involved. Cllr Hughes noted that it was imperative to conclude the transfer before early January in order for the plots to be ready for cultivation next year.

#### **15/111 Par Bay Skatepark Project**

No update

#### **15/112 Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Allen had started an application for a grant from 'My Community' and he would also follow up an application to the Lottery. He also had names from people who had expressed an interest in joining the Steering Group and had arranged to meet with them the following week. Cllr Hughes reported that three Plans had been recommended by Cabinet for adoption by full council, which was very encouraging.

#### **15/113 Children's Play Equipment in the Parish**

No report

#### **15/114 Tywardreath Buttermarket**

Cllr Foster had identified somebody who could refurbish the Buttermarket seat if required. The Environment Committee would progress registration with the Land Registry.

#### **15/115 Land at Vine Place**

Cllr Wildish reported that residents in Tywardreath were keen to get involved in the community orchard project. It was noted that there was still a serious problem with dog fouling on the grass area at Vine Place and indeed throughout Tywardreath. Cllr Scrafton reported that the 'Keep Britain Tidy' organisation were currently running a campaign to reduce dog fouling and had produced some very effective 'glow in the dark' posters, aimed at addressing the problem. Members considered that it may be possible for the parish council to produce its own version of the poster.

#### **15/116 Flood & Emergency Planning Committee**

Cllr Wildish proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded and it was RESOLVED that the meeting be closed to allow Charles Richards to speak.

Charles suggested that Tywardreath & Par Parish Council and St Blaise Town Council jointly take ownership of the Flood Plan and manage the group going

forward, by means of forming a new Committee. He reported that the Plan had been greatly streamlined and it had been adopted by St Blaise Town Council the previous week. It was noted that Cllr Wildish, Cllr Taylor and Cllr Waddington had already put their names forward to represent the parish council on the Committee and Cllr Allen agreed to join them.

Cllr Wildish proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded and it was RESOLVED that the meeting be reopened

#### **15/117 Budget 2016/2017**

Cllr Phillips reported on the current and projected financial position and he proposed, Cllr Scrafton seconded and it was RESOLVED that the budget, earmarked reserves and precept requirement of £40,229.00 recommended by the Finance Committee be approved. This would amount to a precept increase of 4%. Cllr Phillips noted that the budget allowed for the purchase of a projector to enable the Planning Committee to meet the requirements of the Cornwall Council Paperless Planning initiative. A suitable machine was available from the Viking group and Cllr Phillips proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded and it was RESOLVED that an account should be set up in the name of the parish council to facilitate its purchase.

#### **15/118 Parish Councillor's Reports**

Cllr Hughes and Cllr Waddington had attended a meeting at Tywardreath School to discuss speeding traffic and inappropriate parking outside the school, primarily by parents and carers dropping off and collecting children. Decisions made appeared to be providing a positive outcome to the problem.

Cllr Brasier reported that The Woodland Trust was giving away free trees - applications had to be submitted by 6<sup>th</sup> January

**Date of Next Meeting** 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**Meeting Closed** 8.23pm