

DRAFT MINUTES

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Minutes of a Meeting of Tywardreath & Par Parish Council held on Thursday 5th November 2015 at Par Running Track Pavilion at 7.00 pm

Present Cllrs Wildish, Brasier, Hughes, Scrafton, Phillips,
Taylor, Waddington

In attendance Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent
Sam Smith (Fowey River Academy)(part)
1 member of the public

15/77 Apologies

Cllr Allen, Cllr Foster, Cllr Fowler
PCSO Rebecca Harris

15/78 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.

15/79 Public Questions / Police Report

Public Questions

Sam Smith introduced herself as the Community Liaison Director at Fowey River Academy. She felt that over the past 5 years the school had lost engagement with the Community and she was eager to reverse this trend now it was under a new management structure. The school was keen to rebuild community links and to support local communities in any way it could. Cllr Hughes noted that the recent fiasco with the Sports Hub had meant that the school had lost a great deal of local credibility, given that the facility had originally been built as a community asset, albeit on Fowey School grounds. Sam responded that she was fully aware of the problem and would be doing her best to address the issue.

Police Report

There had been 5 recorded crimes in October – 2 x violence with injury, 1 x other theft, 1 x burglary dwelling, 1 x not stated and 24 police incidents recorded.

15/80 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st October 2015

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

15/81 Matters arising not on the agenda (for report only)

None.

15/82 To receive the Cornwall Councillors reports

Cllr Scrafton reported

- Like others, no doubt, I remain deeply concerned about the implications for policing in our area of further swingeing central government cuts to the police budget. I know from experience of the deep cuts that government has imposed on local government funding just what an impact this is likely to have. I have already received expressions of concern from some of our neighbours. I have therefore written to our Member of Parliament, to ask what action he is taking to ensure that the government do not further cut funding to our police service.
- I am working with a number of local groups to explore the possibility of Par running track and its associated facilities being brought into community ownership. This facility is used by people throughout central Cornwall, and I believe that its future is best secured by means of local ownership. Following decisions by Cornwall Council's cabinet yesterday, the signs are encouraging, provided that an appropriate business plan and social enterprise can be pulled together. This is a major undertaking, and I hope it will receive the active support of all local groups who make use of the facilities, or who would like to. I do hope that volunteers will come forward.
- Another facility which is well used is Par Library. As you will know, Cornwall Council wishes significantly to reduce its expenditure on libraries, and Par Library would be likely to be a victim of any further savings. I attended a meeting recently between Cornwall Council officers and representatives of the Par Bay Community Trust, where there was initial discussion of ways in which the library might fall under their umbrella. I found these discussions very encouraging. Cabinet yesterday approved recommendations on the handling of devolution of libraries. The way is now clear for more detailed negotiation.
- I had another Par Beach site meeting with officers from Cornwall Council on 7th October. I hope that the way is now clear to remove and improve some of the signage along the road there, to provide a more welcoming image.

Cllr Taylor – reported

- Local government funding has been hit hard by central government cuts and further cuts to the police force budget have led to a situation where the Police Station in St Blazey is very much at risk of closure. With the best will in the world money can only stretch so far, then something has to give.
- I have suggested to St Blaise Town Council that were they to purchase the Police Station, they could lease back the two rooms required by the Police to give them the flexibility of use they need. This is also conditional on the ability to retain St Blazey based officers.
- The group interested in the Roundhouse has met twice in the last month.
- Meetings attended included Fourways, Economy and Culture PAC, Town Team, met with Andy Stevenson re Brooks Corner flooding.
- I attended an update in St Austell OSS on progress with the local plan.

- I attended a member briefing on feedback from the CC staff survey.
- I Chaired Burrows AGM followed by a board meeting, (I am still chairman).
- I attended an Extraordinary meeting of the Communities PAC.
- I Chaired Network panel and the Transportation PAC.
- Another briefing by the Environment Agency, SWW and Cornwall Council was held concerning possible flood prevention work centred on Brooks Corner but extending to protecting a much wider area. Grant funding bids have been placed and I trust this will lead to some action starting early next year.
- I was happy to accept an invitation to the launch of “Grow St Blazey” held at the garden centre by Par Moor, followed by a visit to the Hands Together Community Garden. The intent is to encourage local people to grow their own fruit, vegetables and flowers.
- I attended meetings of PBBL and PBCT as well as Apple Day and a meeting to discuss the proposed layout of Glencliffe Garden (formerly known as Netherton Gardens).
- It has been a very busy month with too many other diverse meetings to mention attended.

Clr Hughes – reported

- Following further impassioned pleas from Tywardreath School regarding anti-social and potentially dangerous parking around the school by a minority of parents/carers, I have taken the matter up with the Children & Young Peoples’ Lead on Cornwall Council. In addition to the specific, and, in my opinion, dangerous situation at our school, I pointed out that I was aware of similar situations across Cornwall. I suggested that the Council should be developing an urgent, county-wide, strategy of information, education and action to tackle the problem. I suggested that this might include instructing Enforcement Officers to prioritise being an active presence outside vulnerable schools at drop-off and pick-up times over their other duties.
- There has been considerable comment in the press in recent days about levels of house building to be contained in the Cornwall Local Plan 2010-2030. The original figure agreed in the Plan, after much heated debate, was 48,500. When the Plan was submitted for Government inspection, the Inspector indicated that, in his opinion, this figure was too low, partly because it did not reflect the level of second-homes actually being sold, although he also made clear that he considered the suggestion by some parties of a figure of 67,000 to be unreasonable. The Council was invited to suspend the hearing to allow it to revise its figures in line with his observations. This offer was accepted and a revised figure of 52,500 is now being put forward. Interestingly, in the reallocation to Network Areas of this additional housing, the figure for our Network Area has not been increased, reflecting the impact of the Area of Outstanding Beauty, flood risks and other geographical factors.
- Whilst many of us would prefer to see a lower target figure, the harsh reality is that with any lower figure the local plan would almost certainly not be accepted. In the absence of an adopted Local Plan, all planning decisions

would have to be guided by the National Planning Policy Framework. This does not take into account local factors or community opinion and offers little constraint to unscrupulous developers. In my opinion, and that of most Councillors who have studied the subject, the benefits to the people of Cornwall of accepting higher target figures in order to have a valid Local Plan far outweigh the negative aspects.

- The applicant has appealed the refusal of the planning application at 61, Southpark Road and this will be determined by Written Representation. Because of my position on the Planning Committee, I had been unable to comment on the many comments made to me as Local Member prior to the decision. I have now written to the Inspector, supporting the opinions expressed by both this Parish Council and the Cornwall Council officers.
- In a conversation with the County Environment Officer, I voiced the many complaints which I have received about seaweed on Par Beach. I am aware of the conflict between the environmental need to provide a habitat for micro-organisms, essential to a stable eco-system and the wish of most beach-users to have a “clean” beach. He has agreed that one of his officers will come to the next Par Beach Management Committee with ideas on finding a reasonable compromise solution and of the experience of other Cornish beaches with a similar problem.
- Four candidates have been short-listed for the position of CEO of Cornwall Council. Members will have an opportunity to meet the candidates informally on 17th November and the selection panel will be putting their recommendations to the Full Council on 24th November, hopefully for ratification.

15/83 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives

Community Network - Cllr Wildish reported that at the last meeting there had been a talk from Environmental Standards about future asset management. The Cornwall Development Company had also given a presentation on grant funding available

15/84 To receive and note minutes of Parish Council Committees

Planning – minutes noted
Environment – minutes noted.
Finance – no report

15/85 Correspondence List

The correspondence list had been circulated and the file was available for Cllrs attention.

An email had been received from Alyson Parkes raising several concerns/queries. Members debated the points raised and agreed a response.

The Clerk had authorised St Austell Brewery to erect scaffolding at Well Street Wells to repair the adjacent wall, subject to the relevant insurance and risk assessments being in place. The work should be completed before Christmas.

Keith Netherton had raised concerns about a possible enforcement issue regarding the footpath adjacent to the Hamleys Corner car park. Cllrs Hughes, Scrafton and Taylor agreed to look into this but advised that Mr Netherton should report the issue to CC as well. The Clerk would send him the appropriate form to complete.

15/86 Accounts for Approval

Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded and it was RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £1614.26 be approved.

15/87 Resolutions from Councillors

None

15/88 Public Conveniences in the Parish

The Clerk reported that the parish council solicitors were still working on the transfers.

15/89 Tywardreath Allotments

Cllr Phillips reported some progress, although very little. Cllr Hughes had yet to ascertain if Cornwall Council would allow preparatory work to be undertaken before the transfer was complete.

15/90 Par Bay Skatepark Project

No update

15/91 Neighbourhood Plan

No report

15/92 Children's Play Equipment in the Parish

Now that the transfer was complete, Cllr Scrafton reported that Friends of Par Beach were keen to fundraise and he was hopeful that Park Leisure would contribute, which would mean a minimal initial cost to the parish council. He would ask Sonia to submit updated design ideas to the parish council for consideration.

15/93 Tywardreath Butte rmarket

Given that the Environment Committee had been unable to establish any registered owner of this area despite extensive enquiries, Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Phillips seconded and it was RESOLVED that the parish council should assume ownership of the area and authorise the Environment Committee to collate evidence for submission to the Land Registry.

15/94 Land at Vine Place

No update

15/95 Flood & Emergency Planning Committee

Cllr Taylor reported that four Councillors from St Blaise had volunteered to form part of the new Committee suggested by Charles Richards. Cllr Waddington, Cllr Taylor and Cllr Wildish volunteered to represent Tywardreath & Par parish council

15/96 Parish Council Website

The Clerk asked members to consider updating the parish council website in line with the improvements recently incorporated into the Fowey Town Council site. Members agreed that improvements were necessary and instructed the Clerk to get a quote so that provision could be made in the budget. Cllr Phillips volunteered to be involved in the design and maintenance of the new site.

15/97 Parish Councillor's Reports

Cllr Phillips reported that he had been asked by Lanlivery to cost out a hanging screen, projector etc. which would be needed for CC's new paperless planning regime. He noted that provision would also be needed for this in the Tywardreath & Par budget.

Cllr Wildish reported that the Par Community AGM would be held on 23rd November at Football Club

Cllr Wildish reminded members that the Remembrance Parade would take place on Sunday 8th November

Date of Next Meeting 3rd December 2015

Meeting Closed 8.15pm