

DRAFT MINUTES

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Minutes of a Meeting of Tywardreath & Par Parish Council held on Thursday 3rd September 2015 at Par Running Track Pavilion at 7.00 pm

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Wildish, Cllr Phillips took the Chair for the meeting

Present Cllrs Brasier, Fowler, Hughes, Scrafton, Phillips, Taylor

In attendance Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent
4 members of the public

15/39 Apologies

Cllr Wildish, Cllr Waddington, Cllr Allen, Cllr Foster
PCSO Rebecca Harris

15/40 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.

15/41 Public Questions / Police Report

Public Questions

The owner of a property in Polpey Lane reported that she had cut down a large oak tree and she offered a section of the parish for carving as a public monument. Cllr Hughes, whilst appreciative of the sentiment, highlighted the need for appropriate Health & Safety precautions and identifying the right site. Cllr Scrafton was also supportive but suggested that somebody needed to come forward with a design and costing for such a project.

A lady living on Par Green highlighted her concerns about anti social behavior on the street, particularly with youths getting off the buses. Cllr Phillips sympathised, although he suggested that this was really a matter for the police. There was also an issue with speeding traffic and the lady suggested that traffic calming measures or a 20mph limit should be considered. Cllr Scrafton replied that that it was unlikely that traffic calming could be introduced as this was a main road and given that the radar speed testing carried out in 2014 had shown that traffic was not actually speeding, it was just a perception of speed, he was doubtful if anything could be done without more evidence. Cllr Scrafton endorsed the suggestion of Cllr Phillips that the ladies should contact PCSO Harris about both issues and also advised that she keep a log of any incidents.

Another lady reported that unacceptable noise levels were generated by the patrons of the Welcome Inn; the Clerk suggested that CC Environmental Health should be contacted about this.

Police Report

There had been 10 recorded crimes in July – 2 x violence with injury, 2 x violence without injury, 1 x rape, 1 x burglary non dwelling, 1 x vehicle offences, 1 x other theft, 1 x criminal damage, 1 x public order and 30 police incidents recorded.

There had been 5 recorded crimes in August - 1 x violence without injury, 2 x other sexual offences, 1 x other theft, 1 x criminal damage and 41 police incidents recorded

15/42 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd July 2015

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

15/43 Matters arising not on the agenda (for report only)

None.

15/44 To receive the Cornwall Councillors reports

Cllr Scrafton reported

- I chaired a meeting of the Community Network Panel on 27 July, where representatives of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office and of Devon and Cornwall Police explained their decision to close St Blazey Police Office. I found the explanations disingenuous and the lack of consultation arrogant. On 21 August I attended the Police and Crime Commissioner's Performance and Accountability Board meeting in Truro. This is the meeting at which he is supposed to hold the Chief Constable to account. Prior to the meeting, I submitted a question regarding consultations prior to decisions about the future of police offices. Unfortunately, the Commissioner chose not to ask it. I have therefore written to Cdre Hogg. A copy of my letter has been passed to the Parish Clerk.
- With support from Councillor Taylor and others, I secured the approval by Cornwall Council on 21 July of a motion calling upon the government to ensure that similar weight is given to public opinion on housing developments as they have on wind turbines (the rules have been changed, requiring applications for wind turbines to be able to demonstrate public acceptance). The Leader of Cornwall Council is charged with passing this information to HMG.
- The so-called 'Deal for Cornwall' announced with much fanfare in July is a pale imitation of the 'Case for Cornwall' that Cornwall Council put forward, seeking significantly greater devolution. In particular, the 'Deal' allows for no new local influence over housing or planning issues. Nevertheless, the 'Deal' is a step in the right direction and should be welcomed for that reason. But much more needs to be done.

- On 6 August, I was present at the Eden Project, when the Minister of State for Transport inaugurated one of the first rapid-charge charging points for electrically-powered vehicles in the country.
- There has been significant publicity about the future of Par running track. This item is due for discussion later on our agenda.

Cllr Taylor – reported

- I have attended the usual range of meetings, including PBBL and PBCT at Cornubia. Kathryn now staffs Cornubia on Saturday mornings 10 till 12noon. The Growing Project now has a solid focus with a five year renewable lease on arable land bordering Eastcliff Road and owned by Keith Netherton. It will be known as Netherton Gardens.
- The Area Network meeting was largely given over to discussion of the potential loss of the Police Station in St Blazey. The possibilities are subject to ongoing consideration.
- I attended a member briefing on the options for rerouting the A391 to provide a better link with the A30.
- I also attended the inauguration of Armillary Sphere.
- Garth Shepard, a Mevagissey Parish Councillor, presented a slide show bemoaning the lack of architectural wasteland that most new developments are creating. He also showed some examples of good and sympathetic development. The message is that although we may only be consultees we have the ability to suggest improved design and should use it more often.
- Charles Richards has asked for a paper on Flood and Emergency Planning to be tabled at the next council meeting. Too late for this month, I have requested it be put to the October meeting.

Cllr Hughes – no report as his colleagues had already updated the meeting and he endorsed their reports

15/45 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives

No reports

15/46 To receive and note minutes of Parish Council Committees

Planning – minutes noted

Environment – minutes noted. Cllr Taylor noted that the planter on Tywardreath Highway was no longer being maintained by the Environment Committee.

However, he confirmed that St Blaise Town Council had agreed that their Warden would look after it in future.

Finance – no report

15/47 Correspondence List

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

15/48 Accounts for Approval

Cllr Phillips proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £1295.07 be approved.

15/49 Resolutions from Councillors

None

15/50 Public Conveniences in the Parish

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

15/51 Tywardreath Allotments

No progress, due to hold-ups with the legal department at Cornwall Council. Cllr Hughes would enquire if Cornwall Council would allow preparatory work to be undertaken before the transfer was complete.

15/52 Par Bay Skatepark Project

Cllr Taylor reported that he had been approached by SK8 who had asked if the parish council would front the planning application, with SK8 paying the application fee. This was agreed as a sensible way forward.

15/53 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Allen was actively working on the Plan.

15/54 Children's Play Equipment in the Parish

The transfer was still being progressed. Cllr Hughes noted that the Poldrea play area would need to be looked at when the Par Beach transfer was completed

15/55 Par Running Track

Cllr Scafton explained that he had asked for this item to be put on the agenda as CC were currently doing a soft market test on leisure facilities and Par Running Track had been included, originally with a £1.75 million price estimate. Cllr Scafton had met with the portfolio holder and he was satisfied that CC would be willing for another organisation to take it over and he had met with various local organisations with an interest in doing so. There was an inclination within that group to form some sort of social enterprise to acquire the title and contract out the management. He felt that this may be the best way forward as it would incorporate all the users of the facility and be a broad based group of people and, also, being a social enterprise it would open up funding opportunities and would give ownership to the local community. However, this solution would not give any influence to the parish council and Cllr Scafton was anxious for input from colleagues before the idea progressed any further. Cllr Hughes considered that if the proposals moved ahead a representative of the parish council should be on the managing committee and on this basis he proposed, Cllr Brasier seconded and it was RESOLVED that the parish council should support this initiative.

15/56 Parish Councillor's Reports

Cllr Fowler reported that the gold path between Par Green car park and Costcutters was still in a poor state. He also considered that a storage area built by Costcutters was encroaching on the path. At the suggestion of Cllr Hughes it was agreed that this minor encroachment should not be followed up but Cllr Scrafton would try to arrange for the path to be tidied up.
Cllr Fowler reported that the alley at the back end of Dunmere Close was overgrown.

Date of Next Meeting 1st October 2015

Meeting Closed 8.14pm