

DRAFT MINUTES

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Minutes of a Meeting of Tywardreath & Par Parish Council held on Thursday 2nd March 2017 at Par Running Track Pavilion at 7.00 pm

Present Cllr Wildish, Cllr Brasier, Cllr Phillips,
Cllr Rowse, Cllr Scrafton, Cllr Taylor

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

16/172 Apologies Cllr Foster, Cllr Hughes
PCSO Rebecca Harris

16/173 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.

16/174 Public Questions & Participation /Police Report

Public Questions

Susan thanked Cllr Scrafton and Cllr Rowse for getting involved with her concerns about the state of the pavement, verges and cliff face at Polmear. She reported that Cormac had been on site earlier in the day and had done some clearance but she felt that they could have done more. In her opinion the situation was still unsafe as people still had to step off the pavement in places into the road, the traffic was travelling too fast and the cliff face was crumbling. Cllr Scrafton responded that Cornwall Council had inspected the cliff face and had found it to be stable but the authority would continue to monitor it. He also confirmed that a speed check had been carried out in the vicinity previously and the majority of the traffic throughout most of the day had been found to be on or close to the 30mph limit. However, he would ask that the speed check exercise be repeated and ensure that ongoing checks on the cliff face were in place.

Eve asked if the new gate on the access road to the Lower Poldrea allotments could be repositioned as it was very close to her gateway, which she found to be intrusive. Cllrs noted that the gate was on parish council property and there was no right of way onto the track from Eve's property, although an entrance had been knocked through from it. The general feeling was that the gate should not inconvenience Eve in any way, currently there were no plans to lock it and it would be used by very few people as there were only 10 allotments and 3 of the

tenants had direct access from their own property. However, it was agreed that members would visit the site before making a final decision.

Police Report

There had been 6 recorded crimes in February – 1 x violence with injury, 2 x violence without injury, 1 x other theft, 1 x public order, 1 x possession of drugs and 14 police incidents were recorded.

16/175 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd February 2016

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

16/176 Matters arising not on the agenda (for report only)

Members had yet to visit the Hamleys Corner site. Cllr Scrafton would check at the Par Beach Management Group meeting if FOPB still needed storage.

16/177 To receive the Cornwall Councillors reports

Cllr Scrafton – reported

- I have attended a number of meetings during the past month, including two all-member briefings, the central planning committee, the Localism PAC and the Transport PAC. I also attended a briefing on the proposed St Austell to A30 link – and spoke in favour of this at the Transport PAC.
- I was delighted to attend the licensing and installation of the new Vicar of Tywardreath on 3rd February.
- I was at a meeting recently with Samir Sawiris of Eco-Bos, who outlined his ambitions to proceed as quickly as possible with the proposed eco-village at Carclaze – to be followed soon afterwards by the development proposed for Par Docks. I believe that Cornwall Council's planning officers have now been given all of the information they had sought regarding the Carclaze development – and that this may go to the Strategic Planning Committee later this month for a decision.
- Colleagues and I yesterday attended one of the regular briefings about the STARR project organised by SWW, CC and the EA. This revealed that encouraging progress was being made on the finalising of the project details. There remains the question of identifying full funding.
- The Wain Homes appeal against refusal of planning permission for Mountside Road/Manor View will start on 14 March. It is to be held at the Roche Victory Hall, Victoria Road, Roche. I plan to attend as much of it as possible.
- Work is due to start on 6 March on the resurfacing of Par running track. Depending on the weather, this is likely to take about two months. I had a very useful meeting earlier this week with representatives of Cornwall Council and GLL about the handing over of the track to our community group. We reached a clear and positive understanding about how we can work together to achieve this. In the meantime, the community group are now in the.

Cllr Taylor – reported

- As chair of the Transportation PAC I attended two public presentations on proposed A30 - St Austell link road plus recommendation from Transportation PAC to cabinet for Roche route.
- Attended the Neighbourhood Plan meeting in Tywardreath.
- Substitute member for a Children and Young People PAC meeting.
- Attended a meeting of Par Bay Big Local.
- Scrutiny Management Committee.
- Attended a member briefing on BREXIT
- Full meeting of Cornwall Council – took advantage of the budget debate to speak out against the European Capital of Culture bid.
- I attended the AGM of Par Bay Community Trust.
- A meeting of Par and St Blazey Community Flood Group. We have a more public meeting arranged for Flood Wardens and anyone else who is interested at 6.30 on Friday 10th at Alexander Hall. The purpose being to introduce the Joint Flood Group, update the information shown in the Flood Plan and arrange training where needed.
- Yesterday I attended a meeting on the Par Urban Drainage Project (that is a part of StARR) the scheme still has a shortfall of some £10M hopefully to be sourced from DCLG.
- Busy with casework. Worryingly, I note that more local families are now struggling financially than used to be the case.

Cllr Hughes – reported

- **Local Government Boundary Review**

Following public consultation, reports from Cornwall Association of Local Councils and other parties, surveys of Members and several sessions of a Council Working Group, some of which I have attended and spoken at, Cornwall Council has submitted its final recommendation to the Local Government Commission, with the support of an overwhelming majority of the Council, including members of all political groups. Following advice from the Commission, a figure of 99 members was proposed. This was at the highest end of the “indicated” acceptable range and was selected since it offered the best fit with existing parish and Area Network boundaries.

I have stressed throughout that reducing representation by 20% or more is going to put severe strain on the resources of town and parish councils, disproportionately so on the smaller and more rural ones. I have asked that urgent consideration is given to increasing support from the Council, perhaps by “beefing up” the Area Network system. If re-elected in May, I shall be pushing this hard as, without extra help, I fear that these areas will become second-class citizens relative to the better-resourced large urban areas.

- **Planning**

I am pleased to report that, after some teething problems resulting from poor communications between the Inspectorate and individual Inspectors, the policies and objectives of the Local Plan are starting to have a significant influence on appeal decisions. It is also gratifying to note how Inspectors regularly refer to the policies of Neighbourhood Plans when they are in place.

One area which has caused some difficulty is in defining “infill” and “rounding-off”, which the Local Plan refers to, particularly in villages and rural areas. At the Planning Policy Committee last week we spent some time critically discussing proposed guidance notes on this subject; clear definitions (with examples) should be publicly available in the near future. This will be particularly helpful in assessing proposed developments in villages like ours.

- **Council Tax**

At the Council Meeting on 21st February we set a budget incorporating an increase of 1.97% (the maximum under Government rules) plus a levy of 2% ring-fenced for adult social care. Although, in theory, we could have imposed a levy of 3%, because of the way in which the addition levy rules are calculated, over the 3 years of the scheme, the benefit to the council’s finances would be insignificant relative to what we have agreed but would have thrust an increased burden on council tax payers in the current year.

Because of the on-going reduction of Central Government support grants, even with the approved tax increase, the Council is going to have to make further “economies” of some £36 million next year. This will inevitably result in reductions in staffing levels and a concentration on services which the Council has a statutory duty to provide, with fewer resources available for non-statutory obligations

- **European City of Culture Bid**

In spite of the comments above, Cornwall is not “shutting for business. Indeed, if we want to improve we must do everything within our power to attract income and investment to the county, both to provide employment and to increase revenue from business rates since this is how the Government expects us to finance Cornwall in the future.

It was in this context that the Economic Development team proposed investing some £325,000 in underwriting an initial bid to become the European City of Culture 2023. Evidence from those cities which have held this title in the past suggests a “multiplier” of at least ten times the sum invested as a result of their success, and even on money invested in the initial bid stage. This evidence is backed up by the results of the highly successful “Man-Engine” project last year and the Olympic Torch progress through Cornwall, both of which were highly successful, both in attracting visitors and raising the profile of Cornwall globally.

The bid has to come from the Authority using money from the existing Regeneration capital budget to underwrite the bid; as such, the money used could not be used for revenue expenses such as school transport or pot-hole repairs.

However, the team are working hard to attract commercial investors in the project and have already got support of over £100,000, with interest growing.

I look back to those who decried Cornwall using “public money” to the Tate at St Ives and the Eden Project. These investments have been highly successful, both commercially and in putting Cornwall on the international stage and it is a long time since I have heard any serious criticism of those decisions.

We must hold those involved up to close scrutiny as the project develops and make sure that money is well spent. However, for the long-term good of Cornwall, I believe that we should give the project a cautious welcome and avoid it being

damaged by becoming a political football judged by a flurry of opportunistic sound-bites. I should stress that this is my personal view, not that of any group.

- **Flooding at St Andrew's Road**

I have received a number of complaints about flooding of the road and distress to pedestrians drenched in water by inconsiderate motorists driving too fast through the flood-water. I have raised this with Highways, who, whilst being sympathetic, suggest that little can be done at present as the drains in the flooded areas should run into the duck-pond. However, due to the degree of silting of the pond, the drainage water does not get a clear run and only seeps away. The pond is not under Highways' control and remedial dredging would, in any case, be very expensive.

I have raised the matter with the STARR team in the hope that they can include measures in their plans to alleviate the St Andrew's Rd flooding in their master-plan. They are currently investigating schemes which may reduce the silting although they may not be able to finance full dredging of the pond.

- **WainHomes Mountside Appeal**

I would remind members that the appeal is scheduled for 13th to 16th March at Roche Victory Hall. This is a public meeting and individuals will have the opportunity to speak. The Council's legal team are keen to encourage maximum involvement from those affected by the proposed development.

If members of the public are considering speaking, I would urge them to let Cllr Scafton or me know to help coordinate our case.

- **Seats**

The restoration of the seat by the Buttermarket has been a great success. Not only does it enhance the appearance of the area but, by cleverly raising the height of the seat it has made it much easier to sit on, especially for those of us less flexible than we were. I am assured that the colour will mellow in a matter of months but could be stained a darker colour in the future should we so wish. It has not been painted as this would create a long-term maintenance commitment; however, we should arrange for it to be oiled periodically to extend its useful life.

I would like to congratulate those responsible for replacing the seat at the foot of St Benedict's Close so swiftly and with so little fuss. It is very much appreciated by those who have toiled up the hill from Par and the station.

16/178 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives

None

16/179 To receive and note minutes of Parish Council Committees

Planning – minutes noted.

Environment – no report

Finance – no report

16/180 Correspondence List

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

16/181 Accounts for Approval

Cllr Phillips proposed, Cllr Scrafton seconded and it was RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £5,559.08 be approved.

16/182 Resolutions from Councillors

Cllr Wildish moved her resolution *‘Tywardreath & Par Parish Council shall review and amend Standing Orders to reflect the CALC Model Document, including the recommended amendments to the section on the Code of Conduct and Dispensations.’* Cllr Taylor seconded the proposal.

16/183 Tywardreath Allotments

Cllr Phillips reported that Lower Poldrea was now ready for occupation and would offer 10 plots, 4 of which had already been allocated. All but one plot at Glenview were now let and there was one remaining plot in Woodland Avenue. He had visited all the sites with David George, which had been a useful exercise and would be repeated in a month or so. During the walkabout one issue at Upper Poldrea had been identified where somebody had begun to build a chicken run with part of it sited on the 10 foot access track, which was not part of his plot. Together with Cllr Hughes, he would speak to the tenant responsible and also approach the other plot holders to remind them of the restriction.

16/184 Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk reported that the agendas and minutes were now available on the website. She also confirmed that the Lanlivery NP was now out for the 6week pre-submission consultation.

16/185 Par Beach Play Area

No update

16/186 Flood Group Emergency Committee

Cllr Taylor reported that the next meeting was scheduled for 6.30pm on Friday 10th March at Alexander Hall. Cllr Wildish queried if the parish council should be compiling an Emergency Plan in addition to a Flood Plan; she understood that there was funding available to do so.

16/187 Land at Vine Place

No progress.

16/188 Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that the APM should be held on 6th April 2017. In order to generate more interest it was also agreed that the NP Steering Group should be asked if they would like to be involved, perhaps as an early part of their consultation process.

16/189 Parish Councillor’s Reports

Cllr Wildish had received complaints about dog fouling in Tywardreath and noted that the Dog Warden had been more visible in recent weeks.

Cllr Taylor had reported flooding issues and unsafe trees on the footpath between Kilhallon and Walter Baileys to Cornwall Council.

The Clerk reported that Lloyds Bank would be offering a limited mobile service from 22nd February onwards in St Blazey Football Club car park on Monday's between 12.45pm and 2.15pm, Thursday's between 9.30am and 1.45pm and Friday's between 12.15pm and 2.15pm.

Cllr Phillips noted that there was a nuisance phone call scam about to be launched where the first question was 'can you hear me.' The answer 'yes' by the recipient would mean acceptance to purchasing an item.

Date of Next Meeting 6th April 2017 – Annual Parish Meeting

Meeting Closed 8.04pm