

DRAFT MINUTES

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Minutes of a the Tywardreath and Par Parish Council Meeting held on 7th June 2018 at the Par Running Track Pavilion

Present Cllrs C Wildish, Chamberlain, Hughes, Page, Phillips, Taylor and A Wildish

In attendance Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Councillor P Giles (part)
Cornwall Councillor A Virr (part)

18/22 To receive and accept apologies for absence
Cllr Rowse, Cllr Scrafton, Cllr Shroff

18/23 Declaration of Interests

1. Pecuniary – None
2. Non Registerable – Cllr Taylor and Cllr Hughes declared a non registerable interest in the resolution in respect of Fourways Youth Centre
3. Dispensations – Cllr Hughes has been granted a dispensation by the Parish Clerk in any matters pertaining to allotments, effective until 2021

18/24 Public Questions

None

18/25 To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 3rd May 2018 (for accuracy) and the Annual Meeting held on 3rd May 2018
APM. Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Phillips seconded and it was RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed for accuracy
Annual Meeting. Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Phillips seconded and it was RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

18/26 Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda – for report only

- Twinning with Palombara – no report
- Flood Group Emergency Committee – no report

The Parish Clerk noted that Cllr Shroff had requested that it be recorded that she had reported the following at the last meeting. *I visited Cornubia Hall and met John Lakey and his team who work with vibrant companies including Sea Salt, where they divert textile and fabric waste from landfill and creating wearable fashion. They are striving hard to create sustainable communities. They welcome any visits, interaction from parish councillors and the community. Working with the community is paramount for them, and I was very impressed with their commitment for the work they do.*

18/27 To receive the Cornwall Councillors Reports

Cllr Giles reported

At the end of April, we had the quarterly Community Network Panel meeting, much of the discussion was about how the £50,000 for the Highways scheme will give to each panel area. Can I ask you to give this your immediate attention, as priorities need to be submitted by 2 July.

I have proposed that, as there are five network panel areas, in order to get some quick wins for our people, we have £10,000 each to spend. We can, if the Town Council decides, hold on to it, to put towards a larger project, or you can match fund to get something done.

As there are numerous Network Panels around Cornwall, it is important that we come to a consensus and submit before 2 July, as it is likely to turn into a bun fight in order to get the work done. Lets be one of the first to submit and see improvements.

It was a lovely sunny day for the PL24 in Bloom St Andrews Road duck pond litter pick, well done to Jordan for organising it. It was heartening to have four young boys turn up to help, I hope we can build on this.

I attended Budehaven school with Dr Barbara Vann, Chair of the Cornwall Foundation Trust to view the Integrated Health Centre. With some many children having complex illnesses, this facility, which is independent of school, but which works closely with the school assists children to find help, using numerous organisations. Children who self harm, who have been abused, are bullied (the list is endless) can meet for private discussion about their problems in privacy. I would love to see one of these in Fowey Academy, and once I am back from holiday, will be seeking a meeting with the school. You will no doubt know I was on the BBC, discussing the new shop St Blazey Recycle, Reuse, Resale CIC, we are opening on Friday 15 June 9am, I would be delighted to see some of you there, please let Gaynor know if you would like to attend. I am now looking for volunteers to give a little of their time, to help repair, maybe make tea, operate the till. I am very excited about this, hopefully, this will become the hub for St Blazey, where groups of all ages can come. I have just taken possession of six refurbished computers from Mounts Bay School, some of them will be set up to help those faced with Universal Credit make their online applications.

Last week I met with Zoe Gofton, the Community Safety Officer about setting up Safer St Blazey, under the umbrella of Safer St Austell, I will be attending a meeting to learn more in July, when I will be able to report back more, but we will be setting this up.

I attended the PL24 BIG LUNCH on Sunday, a great effort by all, thankfully, the weather was nice, which brought out lots of locals.

Cllr Rowse and I attended a StaRR meeting this week, we are at a critical stage with trying to marry up negotiations with funding. We have been assured that, StaRR will happen in one shape or form. We have our fingers crossed! This morning, Cllr Rowse and I had a meeting with Frances Turner, of Ocean Housing to discuss the redevelopment of Polgrean Place. There will be an announcement on Monday about their future plans, and look forward to working with them for the betterment of the people living there.

And finally..... St Blazey Festival will now be on Sunday 17 June from 5pm, I have booked a bouncy castle, we have candy floss and hopefully popcorn, a BBQ and some stalls, we have a lovely man singing, then at dusk

the outdoor cinema will show Paddington 1, I hope you will all be able to join me.

Cllr Rowse had supplied the following report

My apologies for not being here this evening, I currently have my head stuck in a book preparing for my end of year university exam tomorrow!

At the start of May we had our PL24 in Bloom launch over at St Andrews Pond and I am delighted to confirm we are now a formal group. The launch was great. We had glorious weather, picked lots of litter and started work on clearing the footpath from the bunny field to the pond, creating greater disabled access to and from the pond. We plan to do more and more action sessions going forward and are always looking for people to join our action group, so if anyone wants to get involved please get in touch.

On tidying the area up, it is clearly noticeable that Cornwall Council is behind with its maintenance programme for the hedges, verges and their green and open spaces. I have raised this with Cornwall Council and asked for certain areas, like the main roads, to be given priority. Work has started, but it looks like a right naff job to be quite honest. Again, I have seen at least over 10 people moaning on Facebook about the state of the area, and I can't stress how important it is that people actually report this rather than rant on Facebook. That really does not solve anything.

However, after seeing a number of posts on Facebook about the state of the footpath between the running track and the train track, with people refusing to use the path, and after contacting Network Rail and not receiving a response, myself and two residents went down and strimmed and cleared the footpath as it was completely overgrown. We really should not have had to do this, but the path is now clear for people to use again.

Not in the parish but after raising concerns with both Highways and Imerys over Winter about the standing water on Par Moor Road after heavy rain, and the state of the drainage system that runs along the road and under the train tracks, the road was closed overnight a couple of weeks ago to carry out the necessary works. The drainage system is now clear there and should take the water that normally sits on the road. A good result.

Down at County Hall we had Full Council again this month and I was proud to support the Council's decision to approve a grant to invest £1.4 million towards the Eden Project's geothermal energy project. This is fantastic news and really shows the ambition of this Council. Geothermal energy is not a new resource - it's something that has been used in one way or another for years and years. However, for something that has been around for so long, it is still ever relevant today, and I don't doubt that it will become a more vital resource going forward. The potential this has for our economy, the inward investment this could attract, and the prospect of Cornish Lithium is something that excites me. I am delighted that this Council has supported, almost unanimously, this project which will seriously look in to the potential of geothermal power. This is something Eden have been working on for a number of years now and this is very much a long time coming. I absolutely support Eden's brave and innovative efforts to find, extract and produce geothermal power. This really will allow Cornwall to become a leader in environmental growth and renewable energy.

Also at Full Council I was delighted to be appointed and voted in as a Councillor on the Institute of Cornish Studies (ICS). The ICS seeks to promote

a greater knowledge of historical and contemporary Cornwall. As a partnership between the University of Exeter and Cornwall Council, the Institute combines academic research and teaching with community engagement. Promoting Cornish culture and heritage is incredibly important to me, so I very much look forward to joining the Group.

Just a final note to say what a huge success the Big Lunch was on Sunday, with thanks to Par Track Ltd for allowing us to use to centre field. I was would like to congratulate Par Track Ltd on finally having the long-awaited transfer of the track from Cornwall Council. A huge amount of work has gone in to this from the track board, so a big thank you to them. I now look forward to the next chapter for the running track.

Cllr Virr reported

Traffic Survey / Speed restriction / Network Highway money

I have received the traffic survey for Tehidy road which is attached. The vast majority of drivers drove below 40 mph. It is unlikely that the council will take specific action on that stretch of road with the evidence thus far collected, in the absence of any traffic accidents (thankfully). I would recommend that the Parish Council consider using the network highways monies to introduce a new 20 mph for the residential areas of Fowey, Par and Tywardreath.

Fowey Hospital

I presented an update at Cornwall Council's Health and Scrutiny Committee yesterday. Cornwall Councillors were supportive of the proposal to convert the hospital into an NHS Nursing Home. They welcomed the proactive stance of the community.

Tywardreath Shop

I attended the pledgers meeting with the shop owners. I then gave a media interview to offer publicly to enter into a Truth and Reconciliation for the village. I have made approaches to those who have posted concerns regarding the financial status to assist me with an inquiry, but up to this point, no offer of assistance has come forward.

Trevance Park Gardening

Requests have been made to improve some flower beds in Trevance Park. I will approach Tywardreath gardening group to see if they can assist.

Cllr Virr then asked members for their views on the possibility of introducing a 20mph speed limit in Tywardreath and Par villages with the Community Network funding.

The Chairman proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that the meeting be closed and the agenda item on Community Network Funding should be brought forward to enable Cllr Virr to participate in the early stages of discussion. Cllr Hughes stated that whilst he was sympathetic to 20 mph limit in Tywardreath & Par, he doubted that such a scheme was enforceable. Cllr Wildish agreed that enforcement would be problematical and realistically such a limit was likely to be unpopular with locals. Cllr Virr disagreed and stated that the feedback he had received supported a lower limit. Cllr Page noted that 20 mph limits were usually controlled with speed humps, which were also unpopular. Cllr Taylor was in favour of the extension of the average speed restriction in St Blazey being extended to Tywardreath Highway, although he accepted this was unlikely to happen.

Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded and it was RESOLVED that the meeting reopen.

It was proposed by Cllr C Wildish, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that the parish council should highlight local concern for the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and mobility scooter users throughout the villages of Tywardreath & Par and also the lack of appropriate speed signage on the A390.

18/28 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives

No reports

18/29 To receive and note any minutes from parish council committees

Planning – minutes noted.

Environment – no report

Finance - no report

18/30 Correspondence

The list had been circulated and correspondence was ‘left on the table’ for Councillors attention.

It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should write to the Police & Crime Commissioner expressing the parish council’s disappointment that crime figures were no longer being supplied to towns and parishes, apart from on an annual basis. Cllr Chamberlain noted that the statistics were still available online.

18/31 Accounts for Approval.

Cllr Phillips proposed, Cllr Page seconded and it was RESOLVED that payment of accounts totalling £2,269.22 be approved.

Cllr Hughes and Cllr Taylor left the meeting.

18/32 Resolutions from Councillors

1. Cllr Phillips proposed, Cllr A Wildish seconded and it was RESOLVED that the parish council releases the earmarked funding of £2,500.00 to Fourways Youth Centre on the basis of their assurance that match funding has been secured

Cllr Hughes and Cllr Taylor returned to the meeting

2. Cllr Phillips proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded and it was RESOLVED that in recognition of the professional and unstinting performance of her duties over the years and particularly whilst enduring an increasing workload in recent times, the Council increase the remuneration of the Parish Clerk by two spinal column points with immediate effect, resulting in a rise of £1 in the hourly rate

18/33 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Hughes reported that the Blue Green Healthcare Workshop would take place 4th July.

18/34 Par Beach Play Area

No update

18/35 Public Conveniences

Cllr Page tabled his Working Party report.

The toilet group has been meeting monthly since its inception and we have been progressing with various thoughts and ideas on how to make the operation of the toilets more cost effective.

Cllr Rowse is seeking information from Cornwall Council regarding the promised devolution monies along with any information regarding the building and equipment that came with it i.e. pump & macerator.

There is an issue with some users leaving the manual locks in the locked position when leaving to allow following users to gain free entry. This has caused the locks to bend and become inoperable i.e. a user cannot lock themselves in. When the mortice is in the door frame it operates a sensor in the frame that stops the coin mechanism accepting coins whilst the toilet is occupied. I am in discussions with a couple of contractors to try and find a solution to the problem, which is proving to be quite problematic but we are making some headway.

A further result of this issue caused the ladies toilet door to get caught in the northerly gales and was blown forcible open breaking the closing mechanism as fixed door stops are non-existent to prevent that happening. That has now been rectified. We will need to address the lack of door stops to further alleviate this happening in the future.

The group is looking at the idea of gaining more income from both Hamleys Corner Toilets and Par Beach Toilets. I have met with a representative from May, Whetter & Grose to get some idea of what we could gain from (a) the sale or lease of Hamleys Corner toilets block and (b) leasing out the back room at Par Beach Toilets. When there is more info from other agents available we will circulate to the Parish Council with any recommendations. We understand that there are conditions attached to the handover that Cornwall Council will be paid a percentage from the sale.

The most important issue is security. Again there has some evidence of tampering with the pay boxes. I have had three local companies come to look and one has quoted already for security lighting and CCTV separately. Duchy Alarms have already come back to me with a quote in the region of £1800 with a small discount if we accept both quotes. Consideration has had to be given to make sure the equipment is as vandal proof as possible because of the low positioning of units that cannot be avoided. When all quotes are in I will report back.

A couple of contractors have pointed out that is likely that the white boards under the roof space open to the outside are probably asbestos.

We are looking to see if we can get any improvement on future cleaning contracts costs, Legionnaires monitoring and equipment (pump & macerator). It may be that it would be an idea to retain a local maintenance contractor to deal with day to day small maintenance jobs as they arise.

Cllr Wildish is looking into the issue of photovoltaic panels on the roof and it would be beneficial in reducing electricity costs and/or income.

The results of research & events is very much a moving target at the moment and

hopefully there will be something more substantial to bring to the Parish Council within the next month or so.

18/36 Parish Council Committees/Representatives

Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Chamberlain seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Page be elected to serve on the Environment Committee for 2018/2019

Cllr Page proposed, Cllr A Wildish seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Chamberlain be appointed as PL24 representative for 2018/2019

18/37 Application for Community Network Funding

Discussed earlier in the meeting

18/38 Parish Councillors Reports

Cllr Chamberlain reported that he had been elected secretary of PL24 in Bloom

Cllr Hughes reported that Par Running Track was now being run by Par Track Ltd. Support from the community would be vitally important in the future. A vote of thanks was due to Cllr Scrafton for all his hard work in securing the venue for the community.

Date of next meeting – 5th July 2018

Meeting Closed 8.07pm