

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

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### **Minutes of a the Tywardreath and Par Parish Council Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at the Par Running Track Portacabin**

**Present** Cllrs C Wildish (Chairman), Chamberlain, Hughes, Page, Phillips, Rowse, Scrafton, Shroff (part), Taylor, A Wildish

**In attendance** Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent  
Cornwall Councillor A Virr  
Cornwall Councillor Mrs P Giles (part)  
2 members of the public (part)

**18/71 To receive and accept apologies for absence**  
None

#### **18/72 Declaration of Interests**

1. Pecuniary – None
2. Non Registerable – Cllr Hughes and Cllr Scrafton declared a non-registerable interest in the Par Track planning applications.
3. Dispensations – Cllr Hughes has been granted a dispensation by the Parish Clerk in any matters pertaining to allotments, effective until 2021

#### **18/73 Public Questions**

The postmaster of the Par Green Post Office asked for the parish council's support as he understood that CC Highways were intending to close Par Green between 10<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December, primarily for drain cleaning. Whilst he appreciated that this work must be done this would cause great harm to his business at a critical time of year and would impact not only on himself and his family but also on his staff and customers. Cllr Rowse confirmed that he was aware of the situation as he had requested that the work be done before the winter but that he was horrified to have been told that it was scheduled for the busiest time of year for the post office and other businesses in Par. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Rachael Tatlow and ask that the work be either deferred until after Christmas or done in the very near future.

#### **18/74 To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

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

#### **18/75 Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda – *for report only***

Flood Group Emergency Committee – Cllr Taylor reported that he had tried to arrange a Flood Group meeting the previous week but had been unable to co-ordinate both a venue and the availability of members.

## **18/76 To receive the Cornwall Councillors Reports**

### **Cllr Giles reported**

We had a very successful litter pick around Polgrean on the 8th September. We picked up over a dozen black bags of rubbish, and pulled a pushchair and paddling pool out of the river. I will be speaking to Biffa, about having pickers and hoops in the shop, so that people can pop in and go out regularly in the hope that we can improve the litter issue in St Blazey.

At Full Council on 11th, I made my feelings known on the position of poor housing provision in Cornwall. We are currently spending millions of pounds, housing families in B&Bs which are not fit for purpose. The fact that in my division we have a business which makes homes out of containers and that they have tried to engage with the council for the last 4 years is frustrating. To make matters worse, because of Cornwall Councils lack of engagement, the company has expanded its business in Hampshire, creating some 70 jobs there instead of St Blazey, I have been promised their proposition is now being considered, which for me is so infuriating, as 70 jobs in St Blazey would have helped our community greatly.

I have had a meeting with the new owners of the Kelly's site and Cornwall Council, and my proposal is being looked at to have a purpose built warehouse on site allowing us to expand the operation and open the community cafe and create recycling workshops.

I have attended my first Neighbourhoods meeting, as Shadow Cabinet member for Environment and Public Protection, the main topic being the County farms owned by the Council and the review of policies to help incoming farmers become more profitable.

The Mayor, Jordan and myself had a very informative meeting with Ocean Housing to update us on Polgrean. It was very encouraging to hear that residents were engaging with them, and that several families had already moved and plans were moving forward on time.

We have much to be excited about for St Blazey, StaRR looks like it is back on course and the redevelopment of Polgrean will improve the area greatly. Onward and upwards for our lovely Town.

Can I remind you all, that the next network panel meeting is at Alexander Hall, on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October. The theme is Community Safety, discussing crime & disorder reduction and the impact of reduced policing. We are delighted to have Insp Ed Gard, Helen Toms, ASB Officer, Zoe Gofton from Safer St Austell and Dave Eaton, Strategic Police Officer OPCC in attendance. There will also be feedback on the expressions of interest regarding the new Highways scheme. Last year, this Panel meeting was very well attended by both Parish & Town Councils and the public, we are hoping for similar this year.

She had just attended a Network Panel meeting to discuss the Highways Scheme with Rachael Tatlow. Surprisingly there appears to be no problem with speeding in Tywardreath Highway and I have requested a covert camera be installed to check this out. Given that a house is going to be built on the Pontsmill junction and the fact that there have been previous accidents there I will pursue some action.

Tywardreath Highway is the gateway to the south coast. St Blazey is looking lovely but Tywardreath Highway less so. Could there be flower beds and

planting be put in for next year? The St Blazey maintenance man was available for sub-contracting if required.

### **Cllr Rowse reported**

It was great to welcome the Cornish Tick Box Bus to County Hall at the beginning of the month as part of our all member briefing on Cornish Minority Status. The bus is a great way for people to think about the elements of our identity such as culture, language and heritage in an entertaining way. The project has been supported by Cornwall Council through funding allocated by the Cornish National Minority Working Group, with the bus donated by First Kernow. This is all part of our campaign to have a Cornish tick box on the next Census in 2021. While it is important to have a tick box bus for people to identify as Cornish, it's also important as it helps Cornwall Council, and government bodies, when making decisions. In the 2011 Census, 84000 people in Britain ticked 'other' and physically wrote in 'Cornish' as their national identity. Within Cornwall the total was 73000. Thousands more would have done so if the option had been as straightforward as it is for the other nationalities. In addition to this, more than 50% of school children identified themselves as Cornish in an education survey conducted last year. This data sends a clear message to the Office for National Statistics that the people of Cornwall are willing, and should have the right, to self-identify as Cornish – whether by birth, ancestry, marriage or other means.

Whilst I'm talking about County Hall, a quick update on the Council's boundary review. At Full Council earlier this month Members voted on the Council's final submission to the Boundary Commission which has now been submitted. We are due to hear back from the Boundary Commission with their final recommendations in December. The proposals for Tywardreath and Par have not changed since the first submission by Cornwall Council. That is to do away with the Par and St Blazey Gate seat and put Par in with the current Fowey and Tywardreath seat. This seat will then include the parishes of Fowey, St Sampson and Tywardreath and Par. Cornwall Council have suggested that this sea be called Fowey, Tywardreath and Par.

After 18 months of putting pressure on Highways at Cornwall Council, and one failed attempt, my request for a proper clearing and maintenance programme for the drains and gullies on the one-way system has now been agreed and planning for it has begun. This is something that hasn't been done for a number of years, and that is quite evident with the state of the drains and gullies, so I am delighted that thorough works have now been planned. Like anything, if a job is going to be done, then it needs to be done properly. To do this, Par Green will need to be shut for 9 days. This is currently being proposed for 10<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> December. This is something I am not happy with. I have been asking Highways to do this before winter kicks in, so to then go and programme the works and close the road on the busiest week of the year for local businesses, like the post office, is simply not acceptable. Whilst I agree that the road will need to be closed to carry out the necessary works, I have gone back to Highways and have asked them to change the date and bring the works forward. I will be sure to keep you updated with this.

Just to finish off, some surprising news this week. I have been told that I have been nominated, and now shortlisted, for the UK's Young Councillor of the Year award at the National Councillor Achievement Awards 2018. When you do a job like this you certainly don't do it for recognition and praise, so to be

recognised for the work I have done in my first year as a Cornwall Councillor and be nominated and shortlisted for this prestigious award is overwhelming. As ever, if anyone has any issues or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact me. I also have my monthly surgery this Saturday (6<sup>th</sup> October) over at the library between 10:30-11:30 if anyone wants to see me.

**Cllr Virr reported**

Speeding Tywardreath.

Residents have once again raised concerns about speeding within Tywardreath Village. On this occasion this is with respect to cars driving down Tywardreath Hill into Wells Street in the vicinity of the Nursery. I have previously requested support for a 20mph scheme within Tywardreath. Could I formally request you debate the introduction of a 20mph scheme within Tywardreath?

Fowey Hospital

Yesterday KCCG announced a public consultation regarding the future of Fowey Hospital. This is a necessary step in the process of changing the use of the Hospital in its journey to becoming an NHS Nursing Home.

Tywardreath Shop

Please can I request that Par & Tywardreath Parish Council formally request Tywardreath Shop to become a community asset in the event that that the shop should become on the market in the future.

PBBL bike scheme

I chaired a meeting between PBBL and some individuals who have raised concerns regarding the outcomes of the mentoring scheme. Following the investigation PBBL have expressed a wish to move on and focus on the current projects, having learnt lessons from previous projects and operating a more robust selection process for new local projects.

Tywardreath Cemetery Play Field

Cornwall Council have suggested that the Tywardreath Cemetery Play Field is repaired in the following manner: "Reduce height of existing posts and add angled support posts (making safe cut ends). Attach new 1m chain link fence to include pedestrian openings at ~20m intervals (suggest 1 at each end red line and 1 in middle – where accessible). No gates required. £2638.13"

I would be grateful for the parish council's support for the scheme as outlined. Members agreed to support this proposal

At the suggestion of the Parish Clerk, it was agreed that the possibility of the introduction of 20mph limits within the parish should be an agenda item at the November meeting.

It was agreed that the possibility of Tywardreath Shop being listed as a Community Asset should be an agenda item in November.

Cllr Shroff left the meeting

Cllr Giles left the meeting

**18/77 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives**

Cllr Page confirmed that he would ensure that the minutes of the Par Beach Management Group meeting were circulated to all members

**18/78 To receive and note any minutes from parish council committees**

Planning – minutes noted. Cllr Hughes noted that the 21 day period for consultation on planning applications was too short for parish councils to operate effectively.

Environment – minutes noted

Finance - no report

### **18/79 Correspondence**

Correspondence had been electronically circulated to members and was ‘left on the table’ for Councillors attention.

It was proposed by Cllr Phillips, seconded Cllr Scrafton and RESOLVED in principle that the parish council should purchase two memorial benches to commemorate the end of WW1.

### **18/80 Accounts for Approval.**

Cllr Scrafton proposed, Cllr Phillips seconded and it was RESOLVED that payment of accounts totalling £3,124.02 be approved.

### **18/81 Resolutions from Councillors**

None

### **18/82 Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Hughes reported

Following meetings of the Steering Group and in consultation with Cornwall Council Officers, a final draft of the main questionnaire has been sent to “Marketing Means” for formatting. Once their layout has been agreed, they will send copies to every household in the parish, hopefully by mid-November. Residents will be asked to fill it in either as a post-paid paper copy or on-line, as soon as possible. All those returning their questionnaire will have the opportunity to enter a draw with a cash prize. Once results have been analysed we will be able to start writing the draft Neighbourhood Plan. This will be presented for public consultation early next year; then a final draft will be provided to Cornwall Council to ensure that it is compatible with the Cornwall Local Plan. A final version will then be reviewed by an independent Government Inspector. The latter part of this process is very bureaucratic but we hope that we will be able to submit the final Plan to the people of the Parish for approval by referendum later in the year. In the Plan, we propose to establish a settlement boundary around the villages of Tywardreath and Par very similar to the existing one (just minor changes to recognise building which has already taken place). Any development outside these boundaries would then be considered “Rural Exception Sites” which have to meet very strict planning criteria.

We have met with the Environment Agency, who will be working with us on the Flood Protection and Resilience aspects of the Plan.

### **18/83 Par Beach Play Area**

Cllr Scrafton suggested that this item could be taken off the agenda and dealt with by the Environment Committee.

### **18/84 Public Conveniences**

Cllr Page reported that he would circulate notes of a recent meeting to all members

#### **18/85 Vine Place Devolution**

Cllr C Wildish proposed, Cllr Chamberlain seconded and it was RESOLVED that this item be taken in Closed Session due to commercial sensitivity

#### **18/86 Bus Shelters in the Parish**

Cllr Scrafton reported that the Environment Committee had considered replacing the bus shelter at Par Station with a wooden structure to improve the look of the entrance to the parish, but the expenditure was significant at £7,000.00. Cllr Phillips noted that the existing shelter had been subject to vandalism in the past, although there had been no damage for a year or so. Cllr Scrafton then proposed, Cllr Chamberlain seconded and it was RESOLVED that this expenditure should be included in the Environment Committee 2019/2020 budget.

#### **18/87 Planning**

PA18/08526. Locate Portacabin as temporary public library, re-locate and re-equip children's play area and establish an overspill parking area for buses and minibuses. Land South of Par Sports Centre Pavilion, Access to Par Sports Centre, Par.

Cllr Hughes and Cllr Scrafton left the meeting

It was proposed by Cllr Rowse, seconded Cllr Taylor and RESOLVED that a recommendation of support should be made to Cornwall Council. *Reason: This is the first phase of an extensive programme to ensure the long-term viability and value of the Par Track facility. The operators have started development of an exciting new programme to extend the range of activities on offer to encourage usage by a much wider cross-section of the community, including working with local health providers to encourage "social prescribing" where people are actively encouraged to get involved in physical activities to improve their physical and mental health. In due course there are plans to replace the pavilion currently on site to accommodate additional facilities, including a gym, treatment rooms and a café, the latter also accommodating Par Library, which will have to vacate its current site next year. This, it is understood, will be the subject of a separate planning application but in the meantime the portacabin is needed to locate a temporary building on site to house the library on an interim basis. Parking on site is somewhat limited and is not accessible to buses. When there is a major event, overspill onto adjacent public roads can cause nuisance to the inhabitants of nearby properties and slows traffic flows, especially when several buses are parked on the highway. In view of probable increased usage of the facilities this issue must be addressed at the outset and the parish council supports the provision of a coach-accessible overspill carpark on the site.*

*The children's playground has been neglected in recent years and has very limited useable facilities. It is also somewhat distant from the other core activities and is not closely overlooked, presenting risks and problems of*

*supervision and inappropriate use. Moving the play area to a site adjacent to the sports hub will not only reduce risks to users; it will also allow the current site to be used for the overspill car-park and, when not in use, this area could be used as additional informal play space. Overall, these proposals will provide much needed improvements in safety and capacity whilst having minimal, potentially positive, impact on neighbouring properties.*

Cllr Hughes and Cllr Scrafton returned to the meeting

**18/88 Appointment of a Representative**

It was proposed by Cllr C Wildish, seconded Cllr Wildish and **RESOLVED** that Cllr Page should serve as the parish council police liaison representative.

**18/89 Parish Councillors Reports**

The AGM of the Cornwall Community Flood Forum would be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November in Truro

*Cllr Scrafton proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded and **RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded under Section 1(2) of the Press & Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted in connection with Vine Place Devolution.*