

DRAFT MINUTES

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Minutes of a the Tywardreath and Par Parish Council Meeting held on 4th April 2019 at the Par Track Pavilion

Present Cllrs C Wildish (Chairman), Chamberlain, Page, Phillips, Rowse, Taylor, A Wildish

In attendance The Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Cllr P Giles, Cornwall Cllr A Virr

The Chairman informed the meeting that Cllr Scrafton had resigned from the council. Both the Chairman and the Parish Clerk had contacted him expressing their sadness that his expertise would be lost to the council and all present recorded thanks to him for his many years of service to the community as both a Cornwall and a Parish Councillor.

18/182 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr Page, Cllr Shroff

18/183 Declaration of Interests

1. Pecuniary – None
2. Non Registerable – None.
3. Dispensations – Cllr Hughes has been granted a dispensation by the Parish Clerk in any matters pertaining to allotments, effective until 2021

18/184 Public Questions

None

18/185 To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 7th March 2019

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

18/186 Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda – *for report only*

None.

18/187 To receive the Cornwall Councillors Reports

Cllr Rowse – reported

Not directly in the parish, but in March I welcomed the announcement that Cornwall would welcome the first stage of the Tour of Britain. This is huge for Cornwall, and for the PL24 area as the Eden Project is one of the stops on the first stage. The race will give a massive boost to Cornwall's economy. Independent economic reports estimate that the race will generate over £3m of extra spending within Cornwall over the stage, and it is hoped that around 180,000 people will line the roads of Cornwall to watch. The Tour of Britain stage will be the biggest ever sporting event to be hosted in Cornwall. The

Tour of Britain is British Cycling's premier road cycling event and the most prestigious race in Britain, and is shown live on ITV4 and Eurosport as well as being broadcast in 190 countries worldwide. A total of 120 riders take part in the Tour of Britain and by hosting the first stage of the race in 2020, it will give opportunity for the public in Cornwall to see the world's best cyclists in action. This really is fantastic news and I very much look forward to welcoming the Tour of Britain to the area in September 2020.

In March I joined fellow Parish Councillors on a walk around St Andrews Nature Reserve to discuss the STARR project and the Environment Agency's plans for the Reserve. With all funding now almost in place, I am getting increasingly excited about the positive impact this £30 million project will have on Par and St Blazey. Work has already started on the project, surveys and groundworks etc, so I would just ask the residents of Par to be patient during this process as they drive around the area. The slight disruption really will be worth it.

Over the last few weeks I have been working on a motion to present to Cornwall Council, alongside Cllr Mustoe of Mevagissey, that we will be proposing at Full Council in April. The bones of the motion is that Cornwall Council takes urgent steps to produce a new, up to date, costed and funded Beach Management Strategy. Currently, Cornwall Council manage 86 beaches in Cornwall, Par Beach being one. The Council's last beach management strategy ran from 2011 to 2015, so there has been no beach management strategy in place for the last four years for the Council to manage its 86 beaches. This is something I have raised previously as Chair of the Par Beach Management Group and I do not feel it is good enough given the importance of our coastline and beached to those living in the County, and to the millions of visitors to the County each year. I do not see how Cornwall Council can possibly manage the 86 beaches it looks after with a strategy that is now four years out of date. As we can see on Par Beach, beaches are ever-changing assets and need to be managed properly. A lot has changed in the four years since the strategy ended. From the spiralling importance of managing marine litter, to the changes to our dynamic coastline. The local authority needs a strategy in place to manage these vital sites and that's exactly why I will be shouting the corner for this motion which has outside support from Final Straw Cornwall, the Beach Guardian and the Cornish Plastic Pollution Coalition.

As ever it is my councillor surgery at Cornubia this Saturday, first Saturday of the month and I will be there from 10:30 – 11:30 if anyone wants to come and see me.

Cllr Giles – reported

We had a very constructive stroll with the Environment Agency around the St Andrews Road area looking at the two options to help alleviate the flooding of St Blazey. The improvements to the tow paths towards Par will give access to wheelchairs, making movement around the area much easier. A leaflet will be sent out to the whole community in the next 4- 6 weeks and there will be a community event w/e 20th May to showcase developments.

As of 1st April the planning department will change its working procedures. We will be Area Planning 6, officers will have an improved knowledge of the area they are covering, with a central team able to offer policy advice to all the Area Teams around the county. I am extremely pleased to see this change after

the absolute mess surrounding the recent application at the top of Penpillick Hill. A breakdown in planning protocol meant the neighbouring Cornwall Councillor called it in, wrote reports and the officer involved 'assumed' he was the Councillor responsible. Said officer went on holiday and her senior 'assumed' she had written the wrong Councillors name had been submitted, changed the name to mine and it went to Committee. This put me in a very unprofessional light with the Committee. There has been an investigation and I have received an apology from Kate Kennally.

I attended the Spaceport member briefing were Miles Carden highlighted how important Cornwall's part is in the future of space travel. I commented that, with a date of 2028 being worked to, in order to ensure the children of Cornwall are able to access the well-paid jobs that this venture will create the curriculum needed to be altered now in order to maximise their opportunities. And finally, St Blazey Recycle, Reuse, Resale CIC moved to a larger premises on Monday. In the last ten days we have helped to furnish three flats for homeless people and a further three will be helped next week. We look forward to getting the kitchen and café open to reach out to the community even more.

Cllr Virr – reported

Brexit I have contacted our local MP to express my concern that a no deal Brexit will put patient care at risk within the NHS. We are reliant on the easy passage of medicines from Europe, essential European Healthcare workers and co-operation in pan-European research projects. Unfortunately, our MP was unable to support that idea, but I am pleased to report that a majority of MPs have voted to prevent a no deal Brexit.

Road re-surfacing I am pleased to report that Cornwall Council have committed to patch repairs on Tehidy Road, Church Street and Southpark Road in Tywardreath in 2019-2020. I await confirmation of a start date for the work.

Bus Shelter I have again been chasing up Cornwall Council to repair the bus shelter. I am aware of the concerns of the Parish Council if children continuing to use the shelter in the rain, despite its broken state. I am told the delay is due to Cormac activity being prioritised in Looe's seawall.

Speeding Reduction I have written to Councillor Geoff Brown, portfolio holder for Highways, to gain his view on 20mph limits within residential areas. If Councillor Brown is not supportive of the idea, I will look to bringing a Council motion on the introduction of 20mph zones where it is supported by Parish Councils.

Fowey Hospital I am attending a stakeholder's meeting later this month, including all the GP surgeries in the Fowey, Par and Tywardreath area. This is an important step in the process of justifying the change to the proposed NHS nursing home.

Polmear Hill A Fowey Resident has requested traffic measures at the bottom of Polmear Hill, at the point where there are multiple parked cars. Highways have responded:

"A review of the accident statistics between July 2013 and June 2018 reveals only one slight incident, and one record of wing mirror of parked vehicle being knocked. I met with a resident at this location a few years ago (2016). At the time we discussed consideration of parking restrictions to control vehicle flows and prevent safety concerns to both parked vehicles and passing

traffic. At the time there was no funding for such a scheme but as you know if this is a local priority then it would perhaps be a scheme to consider via the CNP route. Many of the residents do not have off-street parking here so careful consideration would need to be given before the removal of any parking, as a scheme if not carefully considered would cause significant objection.”

I, therefore, suggest we do not change the current arrangement, other than to encourage drivers to be considerate.

18/188 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives

No reports

18/189 To receive and note any minutes from Parish Council committees

Planning – minutes noted.

Environment – no report

Finance – no report

18/190 Correspondence

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

18/191 Accounts for Approval.

Cllr Phillips proposed, Cllr A Wildish seconded and it was RESOLVED that payment of accounts totalling £14,156.63 be approved.

18/192 Resolutions from Councillors

Cllr Phillips proposed, Cllr C Wildish seconded and it was RESOLVED that Financial Regulations be amended to allow the Parish Clerk to operate the parish councils bank accounts using the online facility, including authorisation to make BACS payments and move funds between accounts and to sign cheques on behalf of the parish council. The Chairman of the Finance Committee be authorised to access the online system to enable him/her to undertake internal audit responsibilities.

18/193 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Hughes reported

The Steering Group is looking at the results of the surveys to date and will be posting the reports on Tywardreath and Par Parish Council website in the very near future: <http://www.tywardreathandparparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Here are a few of the results.....

23% of residents completed the Residents’ Questionnaire and, of those who expressed an opinion.....

99% want children to be able to walk on well-lit pavements to school

93% think we should create accessible, safe road-crossing points

92% support the proposed Vision Statement

90% want solar panels, other renewable sources of energy in new builds

85% think flooding is a significant risk/problem in the parish

79% support the development boundaries shown on the map

Those who indicated that they wished to talk to us about the plan are being contacted by post (we only have their addresses). The winner of the draw is being contacted.

Guided by the survey results, work is continuing on the compilation of supporting evidence and formulation of draft policies. These will be presented for public consultation later in the year.

18/194 Public Conveniences

Cllr A Wildish confirmed that the solar panels were now connected and producing electricity, although currently it was unclear whether the documentation had been submitted in time to attract the FIT. There was no progress on the Hamleys Corner site but the Clerk confirmed that PL24 had been asked to vacate on or before 1st May 2019. It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Rowse and RESOLVED that a 2-month tenancy on the empty space at the Par beach site should be approved. The Clerk confirmed that the change of use planning application was progressing. 4. Cllr Rowse proposed, Cllr Phillips seconded and it was RESOLVED to give parish council approval to Cornwall Council's request for a new path around the beach huts to join the path to the toilet block.

18/195 Vine Place Devolution

No update

18/196 Tenancy at Will

Cllr Rowse would follow this up with Gerry Faulkard at CC Legal.

18/197 Par Track Play Equipment

Cllr Hughes reported that after consultation with potential users and those who have been leading the group working to get a skate-park at Par Track, it has been decided that it would be more desirable to install a "bump-track" rather than the concrete structure in the submitted planning application. This is essentially formed by shaped mounds of earth, turfed and with some "soft landscaping", with just the riding surfaced covered with a wearing layer. A contractor has been identified and funding secured. A site meeting took place last Friday with the builder and representatives from the Environment Agency, who did not consider that there would be any adverse effects on flood risk. The new proposal will cover essentially the same site and area as that approved (very slightly larger to accommodate the grass bunds) and will not impact on any other activities on site.

Following this meeting I contacted the Acting Head of Planning at Cornwall Council, who has agreed that we will not have to reapply for Planning Permission provided that this Parish Council is satisfied with the alterations. I am therefore asking this meeting to minute their support. If the meeting indicates its support, contracts will be signed tomorrow (05/04/19) and preparatory work will start next week. Weather permitting, it is hoped that the new facility would be operational by July. Cllr Taylor proposed, Cllr C Wildish seconded and it was RESOLVED that the parish council should support the amended proposals.

18/198 Community Assets in the Parish

Cllr Wildish had investigated the viability of registering the Post Office at Par Green but understood that it was no longer for sale. It was therefore agreed to shelve this project for the immediate future.

It was agreed that the application to register the Village Shop in Tywardreath should continue.

18/199 Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting

Annual reports were required.

18/200 Parish Councillors Reports

Cllr Taylor reported that there had been a Level 3 Flood Alert the previous week when the weather had been very warm and dry, which had turned out to be a false alarm caused by a release of water at Pontsmill. He was currently updating the Flood Plan and asked for this to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Cllr Hughes wished to put on record that, in spite of promises, to date, no work has been done to repair the bus shelter at Polpey Lane. The condition of the building continues to deteriorate and it is, in my opinion, in a dangerous state. Nonetheless, when the weather is bad, young people are bypassing the barriers and using the shelter whilst waiting for the school/college buses.

Cllr Hughes had received several complaints about weeds (especially brambles and nettles) on the pavement, especially in Mount Bennett Road, and the unkempt state of the area in front of the Buttermarket: he trusted that something could be done about this before the Street Fair on 25th May.

Cllr C Wildish had found that it was possible to have a street light powered by dog poo, which sounded an interesting innovation.

Cllr Phillips reported that somebody had dismantled the parish council fence at the Poldrea allotments. Cllr Hughes responded that the environment committee had authorised the removal of some barbed wire but that he would visit the site and check out the situation.

The Clerk queried where the memorial seats were going to be sited as they were currently stored in her yard. Members agreed to discuss options via email.

Date of Next Meeting 2nd May 2019

Meeting Closed 7.51pm