

DRAFT MINUTES

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Minutes of a the Tywardreath and Par Parish Council Meeting held on 6th June 2019 at the Par Track Pavilion

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

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

19/22 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr Shroff, Cllr A Wildish
Cornwall Cllr Giles

19/23 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

19/24 Public Questions

None

19/25 To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 2nd May 2019 and (for accuracy) the Annual Parish Assembly held on 2nd May 2019

Annual Meeting. Cllr Page proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman. Annual Parish Assembly. Cllr Rowse proposed, Cllr Chamberlain seconded and it was RESOLVED that the minutes be approved for accuracy.

19/26 Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda – *for report only*

None.

19/27 To receive the Cornwall Councillors Reports

Cllr Virr – reported

Bus Shelter I am pleased to report that the repairs to the damaged Bus Shelter on Castledore Road has now been completed. This is welcome news.

Penstrasse Place I have been acting on behalf of a resident unhappy with changes to a back garden that required retrospective planning approval. I am pleased to report that we managed a negotiated outcome that should settle the issue amicably for both parties.

Traffic Speeding I have contacted the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Geoff Brown, to request a review of their policy towards introducing 20mph zones. It is my belief that they are acting on out of date guidance and evidence. Recent published data from Bristol City showed a 20mph zone improved air

quality, reduced accidents and achieved a reduction in average speed without the use of physical speed reduction interventions or extraordinary enforcement measures. I am seeking their approval to give powers to local parish councils to set local traffic speed limits where they see fit.

Tywardreath Hill / Well Street Closure Due to an unstable wall at the junction of Tywardreath Hill and Well Street, Tywardreath Hill has been closed. My local experience with wall collapses is that the closure will likely be for many months. I have intervened to ensure adequate width for passage of horse riders and appropriate collection of waste for those on the closed road.

Tywardreath Cemetery I am pleased to report that Cornwall Council, after my petitioning, have agreed to repair / replace the broken gates at the entrance to the Cemetery. My thanks to Councillor Shroff for raising the concern.

Fowey Hospital I continue to attend regular meetings to find a sustainable future for the Hospital. The next step is to meet up with the CEO of CPFT (Cornwall Partnership Foundation Trust) to hold them to account on their public commitment to convert the hospital into an NHS Nursing Home.

D Day I was pleased to partake in the D-Day Commemoration in Fowey today. This was a moving and dignified event that brought the community together. I performed with my daughter songs from the 2nd World War. Cllr Hughes reported that there had been a 'Twitter Storm' following Cormac cutting the lady smocks in Tywardreath Churchyard but he confirmed that the Church had agreed to the cut as the lady smocks had finished flowering and the grass was badly in need of mowing.

Cllr Page reported that the gate in Tywardreath Churchyard was still in need of repair.

Cllr Giles – no report

Cllr Rowse – reported

A considerable amount of my time this month has been spent on dealing with the situation at Lesnewth in Biscovey where ten properties have now been evacuated over fears of a mineshaft opening up. What Ocean have done, and how Ocean have acted, really is just fantastic. They have acted promptly, professionally and compassionately in these unfortunate circumstances and have been nothing short of exemplar for a housing association. Whilst I want to say this is unexpected, people that know the area well will know that this area of Par and St Blazey was once mined and shafts are not uncommon in this part of the world. Ocean have kept me updated throughout I will continue to work closely with Ocean to do all that we can to safeguard the residents, find a solution and get the residents back in to their homes as soon as we can. The vast majority of the residents who have been evacuated are now in temporary accommodation in this parish and are being well looked after.

In the last month I have met with ECOBOS over at the docks for a catch up. One of the items discussed included the potential of a local organisation who want to move in to the docks and make Par the STEM education centre for Cornwall. This really is excellent and exciting news and I am hopeful that this could be made a reality in the near future because this would be fantastic opportunity for Par.

Today I had a Par Beach Management Sub Group meeting to discuss to be updated on the progress of the beach huts and access for all works in the dunes. Work will begin on site next week for both the beach huts and the new access path and work should be completed by 15th July. Expect some

disruption on the beach but the end result will be completely worth it. Exciting times down at Par Beach.

At Full Council in May, I was delighted to have been able to support a motion that called on putting an end to developers using bird netting on hedges to drive away wildlife and stop them nesting so that they can build on the fields around it. This is just a barbaric practise and it seems like developers are allowed to just get away with it at the minute. More often than not, it's actually local authorities who are the worse for doing this. Thankfully, there isn't too much of it going in Cornwall. Perhaps this is because of our zero tolerance attitude towards it. However, a classic example of this in Cornwall was when the incinerator was being built and the council did in fact do this to the hedges around St Dennis. This really is not good enough, and Cornwall Council should be leading by example. This motion goes a long way in doing that, so we must now ensure it is enforced properly. We do though, I believe, need a much stronger approach towards this should it happen again in Cornwall. We must preserve our hedgerows, especially our Cornish hedges, and put an end to this. Our countryside, our wildlife and our heritage must be protected.

I am pleased that CORMAC, under the permission of the landowner, have now begun a programme of extensive work to tackle the Japanese Knotweed at the back of Par Green. There is a large area of land that is riddled with it, but I am pleased that the landowner has accepted responsibility and we can now begin to treat the knotweed. I know there was some serious concerns from Par Green residents over this, so I am pleased that it is now being resolved after 12 months of hard work.

Two weeks ago Steve Double MP and I held a Meet the MP/Councillor event at the Par Inn which gave the opportunity to local residents to come and speak to both of us about any local issues or concerns. Busy, but really positive evening.

On Sunday we have the Big Lunch over at Par Track between 10:00 – 16:00. It would be fantastic to see as many people their enjoying the event as possible. Free food and free entertainment – what's not to love about that! Hope to see some new faces there.

19/28 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives

Par Beach Management Group. Cllr Shroff had supplied the following report. As you are aware, I have been working with Cornwall Disability with regard to me representing the Parish Council on the Par Beach Management. Cornwall Disability would like me to reiterate they are extremely disappointed that after 18 months access to the beach is appalling. They have received e mails that the beach had been improved on a visit by them they have seen no work attributing to this. I have explained plans are supposed to be on the agenda and I know Councillor Jordan Rowse informed them work had improved access, unfortunately it hasn't happened. They are taking it up with Cornwall Council but I was very interested to hear Cornwall Council have the worst record for access to all areas of Disability despite their claims on their website. A risk assessment has been carried out and Par Beach comes out in certain areas as High Risk despite me sending photos, walking the beach numerous times with Cornwall Council officials.

19/29 To receive and note any minutes from Parish Council committees

Planning – minutes noted. Cllr Rowse had attended a site meeting at 98, Polmear and reported that the CC planning officer appeared to be happy with the planning application. However, Cllr Rowse still had some reservations about it and given that the parish council had also registered an objection it was agreed that he should call it in.

Environment – no report

Finance – no report

19/30 Correspondence

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

19/31 Accounts for Approval.

Cllr Phillips proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that payment of accounts totalling £2,195.08 be approved.

19/32 Resolutions from Councillors

None

19/33 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Hughes reported that the Steering Group was progressing with draft policies and having regular meetings with Cornwall Council officers, which were much appreciated and very useful.

19/34 Public Conveniences

Cllr Page and Cllr Chamberlain reported that PL24 had cleared their belongings from the Hamleys Corner toilets, apart from things that needed to go to the dump. PL24 would clear these out in the near future. Cllr Hughes suggested that the property could now be advertised as it stood as a short term let. Cllr Rowse suggested that the building could be sold and the money invested in Hamleys Corner car park; he would investigate this option further and report back to the July meeting. After further discussion Cllr C Wildish proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that a Tenancy at Will should be offered if a viable short-term tenant (up to 3 months) could be identified. Cllr C Wildish agreed to put a notice on the site stating that the building was available to rent.

19/35 Vine Place Devolution

No update

19/36 Tenancy at Will

Cllr Rowse had met with Catriona Smith (CC legal) and Tasha Davis and reported that Cornwall Council wanted the parish council to sign the Tenancy at Will and that freehold would then follow at some point in the future. Members were unhappy with this suggestion as CC had offered the freehold transfer and was now failing to honour the agreement; the parish council had already resolved not to accept the Tenancy at Will as it was written unless CC agreed that the freehold transfer would follow within 12 months. Cllr Rowse

would ask Catriona to write to the parish council setting out Cornwall Council's position.

19/37 Time & Tide Bell

Cllr C Wildish reported that the community group had got through to the next round and there would be a meeting to progress the project in July.

19/38 WW1 Memorial Benches

Cllr Chamberlain reported that the Environment Committee had agreed that one bench should be sited in the Par Beach Playground and one in the Buttermarket, possibly as a temporary measure. Cllr C Wildish considered that one should be put at Hamleys Corner and one by the Tehidy Road junction, although it was noted that one bench had been purchased for Par and one for Tywardreath and that ideally they should be positioned on land belonging to or controlled by the parish council. After further discussion Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Page seconded and it was RESOLVED that one seat should be sited in the Par Beach Play Area and the other in the overgrown garden area at the bottom of Tehidy Road. The Environment Committee would organise for the plot to be tidied up and planted, possibly with wild flowers. Cllr C Wildish voted against the proposal.

19/39 Parish Councillors Reports

Cllr Rowse proposed, Cllr Page seconded and it was RESOLVED that the area outside Hamleys Corner toilets should be cleared and also that the Polmear Parc Orchard should be strimmed.

Cllr C Wildish asked for the Community Network Highways Project to be put on the agenda for July.

The Clerk confirmed that she had advertised on the notice boards and website that the parish council would be filling the vacant seat by co-option

It was noted that the footpath running beside the railway line was badly in need of attention. Cllr Rowse would explore options as this path belonged partly to CC and partly to Network Rail and was not a parish council responsibility under the LMP.

Date of Next Meeting 4th July 2019

Meeting Closed 8.17pm