

Peter Tavy Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8 November 2017 at 7:30pm in the Chapel Room

Councillors Present:- Mr K Ball, Mr J Jeffery (Vice Chairman), Mr d Chanter, Mr E Dodd (from 7:35), Mr H White(From 7:35)

Others Present: T Pearce (WDBC)

1: Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Abel. Cllr Lane on sabbatical.

2: Declarations of Interest

Cllr Jeffery declared an interest in Church Cottages and Finance

3: Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes agreed and signed after the following amendments:-

Cllr Chanter had sent his apologies.

Re Playing Field – Communities Fund should have been described as West Devon Borough Council Communities Fund.

4: Reports from Outside Bodies

Cllr Chanter stated that he is now the liaison with Dartmoor National Park regarding the state of footpaths and bridleways.

No further reports.

5. Correspondence

a) Invoice to be paid re Days Electrical

b) Campaign for Protection of Rural England- Devon. It was decided that the Council would join this organisation when they thought it beneficial to the Council but not at this time.

c) Rural Broadband Newsletter- Broadband in the Village was discussed and stated that the service provided by BT seems to be acceptable. The village is not affected by Air Band. Cllr White stated that he has taken over any dealings with Broadband from Cllr Lane.

d) The Came and Company Newsletter was purely informative and no discussion was necessary

6: Church Cottages

The electrical faults at 1 Church Cottages were discussed with the report from Days Electrical. There was some discussion regarding the fact that a safety certificate had been given but that one socket had no earth. It was agreed that this could have been caused by the same possible rodent damage as both sockets are in line vertically.

The tenant has not made any comment regarding the seal on the recently fitted shower screen so it is assumed that there is no problem. As to the shower, likewise there has been no further complaint.

It was decided that the electrical work required would be completed by Paul Baker, after checking that he has the suitable certificates and public liability insurance. He will be asked to look at the shower at the same time and if necessary a new shower to be fitted.

Clerk to obtain a quote from E J Cann regarding the replacement hearth at no 1, provided that the woodburner does not have to be moved in any way.

The septic tank has been emptied and the invoice re this to be paid.

The tenant of No 2 had mentioned that there could possibly be a problem with a drain. As soon as tenant returns he will be asked to define the problem.

7: Mill Pond

This is half full at present.

8: Playing Field

An interim report was received from Mr Meakin regarding the replacement of the chain link fence in the playing field. The posts are just about re-usable but the existing fence is attached to the 'wrong side' which could mean having to enter Harewood to remove.

It was decided to ask for a quote that did not require access to Harewood, and put the fence on the playing field side. The fence was to remain as this is the access to a spring. A quote also from E J Cann.

Cllr Ball asked if we could obtain a quote for plastic coated chain link as it is a playground.

Clerk is to 'chase up' Alistair Guy re the play equipment to supply an estimated quote.

9: Bus Shelter

One of the locks on the Notice Board needs replacing as the key no longer engages. E J Cann to be asked to replace this.

10: Parish Emergency Plan

The grit bins have been inspected and no further grit/salt is required at this time

11: Highways

Mr Parsons of Lower Wilsworthy House contacted the Clerk to complain about the lack of progress Highways are making over the state of the road outside his property, this road also leads to the car park. Council suggested that he gets all the residents to write to the Highways and Clerk to write a letter in support. No work has taken place on this road since at least 2009. Cllr Pearce asked for the details which will be supplied by the Clerk.

13: Planning

DNPA 0412/17 Oak Cottage- Expected to be conditionally granted – no official information received from DPNA but report to Committee downloaded from website.

DNPA 0459/17 Sheep shed adjacent to Harragrove-Expected to be refused- no official information received from DPNA but report to Committee downloaded from website.

Council is very disappointed with the result regarding the sheep shed as the householder was willing to do anything that was required to obtain permission and Council supported the application. The Report from DNPA stated that there was 'no demonstrable need for the proposed building proportionate to the use of the land holding'. Clerk to write to DPNA to inform them of the Council's concerns- just how many sheep do you need to warrant a sheep shed? The sheep are used for their fleece and so are shorn in Autumn and so require shelter.

14. Finance

Initial discussion was held using the interim figures provided by the Clerk that showed last year's budget, last year's expenditure, expenditure so far this year and estimated spend by the end of the year. These figures, together with those provided by Councillors are to form the basis of the budget required and therefore the precept required.

It was noted that there were differences in what was budgeted for last year and what would be required for 2018-2019. Next year is the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice and celebrations will be held. It was suggested that there could be a celebration in the Village Hall after the Beacon lighting on 11 November 2018.

It was noted that there would be no flower festival next year.

It was requested that the rental of the Chapel Room, to March 2018, be invoiced so that this could be added to the figures.

It was proposed by Cllr Ball that the finance be agreed, Seconded Cllr Chanter. Councillors were asked to consider the figures provided and think if there had been anything omitted that should be taken into account.

Precept Account

Outgoings

Clerks Expenses	
Clerk's Use of home as office	£ 27.50
Mileage re Course	£ 38.25
Office Supplies	£ 3.00
Total	<u>£ 68.75</u>
L'sman Mtnce Budget Invoice 29/30 PT	£ 495.00
L'sman Mtnce Budget Invoice 31 MT	£ 120.00
Grant Thornton External Audit	£ 120.00
Parishes of Tavistock etc (Piper)	£ 56.00
Paul Nankivell (Grass Cutting)	£ 520.00
WDBC (Dog Bin)	£ 71.76

Incomings

Church Cottages Admin	£26.66
Precept	£5,165.00

Balance of Account (exc Lsman) **£ 13,270.25**

Lengthsman Money Held (Emergency) £ 1,135.76

Please note that figures include Cheque

No 1162 to be cancelled

Church Cottages

Outgoings

Precept Account	£ 26.66
Septic Tank	£ 120.00
Days Electrics Investigation	£ 100.00

Incomings

1 Church Cottages Rent	£ 340.00
2 Church Cottages rent (assumed)	£ 300.00

Balance of account **£ 10,476.69**

Please Note that cheque no 1162 is to be cancelled as this was paid to the Lengthsman at Lydford direct whereas he had already been paid by Lydford Council.

15. Any Other Business

There was a general discussion regarding the state of cycle routes, green lanes in the parish.

Councillor Pearce spoke regarding the decision to not accept the One Council idea. He stated that there had been a lot of adverse information from South Hams Council, they said that there would be a shortfall of over £1 million by 2020. All Councils are struggling due to loss of 1/3 of revenue since 2010.

An example was given that 20% of black bag rubbish is food waste and is costing the Council £18,000.

Meeting Closed at 8:45