

**Peter Tavy Parish Council**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 09 January 2019 at 7:30 in the Chapel Meeting Room**

Councillors Present:-K Ball, H White, E Dodd, W Lane, J Jeffery, D Chanter and T Pearce (WDBC)

**1: Apologies**

Apologies received from Mrs Abel

**2: Declaration of Interest**

Cllr Jeffery declared an interest in Church Cottages and Finance

**3: Approval of Previous Minutes and Matters Arising**

As there were so many changes to be made in the minutes it was agreed that they would be signed, after amendment, at the next meeting.

It was agreed that the minutes should be sent to the Chairman/Vice Chairman, whichever is applicable within one week of the date of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Jeffery Seconded by Cllr Ball

All in agreement.

Cllr Lane queried the Precept Account figures in that the amount quoted as being held in the bank at the end of November did not include the VAT refund or the TAP Fund payment, these were referred to in the incomings.

Cllr Lane is to ensure that the Clerk is able to gain up to the minute statements rather than having to rely on postal ones.

Leaf sweeper- Cllr Pearce stated that the sweeper should visit the village at the end of September and October Council asked if this could be amended to end of October and November, Cllr Pearce will bring this to the attention of WDBC. Whilst asking for the change of dates it was proposed that it be brought to their attention that it would be beneficial that they swept the concrete gulleys at Harford Bridge and at Langsford Barn.

**4: Reports from Outside Bodies**

Cllr Chanter, as a representative of DNP re footpaths, that the signpost at Hill Bridge has fallen down.

**5: Correspondence**

DALC have asked for nominations to a Royal Garden Party to be held in May- no nomination made.

WDBC have asked for nominations for the Mayoral Award Scheme- no nominations made.

**6: Church Cottages**

Clerk confirmed that the heaters in both cottages have now been repaired.

Extractor Fan in no 1 still to be replaced.

Clerk attended the cottages on 7 January at the request of Mr Malloy. There is black mould in the window reveal in the bedroom of No 2. This has been noted by a Health Visitor as a problem. It was noted that the heater in the bedroom was not used and the window was open on a regular basis.

It was noted that the wet patches on the gable end wall in no 1 were still there. It was suggested that the chimney liner had not yet had chance to dry this out.

Clerk is to write to both tenants regarding ongoing repairs.

#### **7: Mill Pond**

The mill pond is currently empty.

It was noted that there has been major damage to the area of Black Pool by contractors working for Western Power Distribution in their works replacing poles. The vehicles have caused damage to the ground due to their access and unnecessary damage to vegetation. It was noted that previously the poles had been dropped by helicopter.

Clerk to write a strongly worded letter to Western Power Distribution. Letters also to be sent to Peter Tavy Commoners and Duchy of Cornwall.

#### **8: Playing Field**

Peter Tavy and Brentor will combine to submit an application to Community Together Fund to replace and buy new equipment for their respective playing fields.

We will be asking for a net behind the goalposts to cover the full length of the boundary, ropes for the wendy house, a see saw and a piece of equipment, as suggested by Alastair Guy, for health/exercise.

Cllr Lane has contacted Alastair Guy and his daughter said that they would attend the playing field as soon as they have received details from Brentor regarding their requirements.

A composite estimate will be produced by the end of January. Southern Links Committee will meet to discuss funding on 21 March and so everything needs to be in place for the February Council Meeting. Cllr Pearce and Cllr Lane will liaise.

The fencing that needs to be repaired will require further quotations. Clerk to contact T Dodd and another.

It was noted that the gateway to the field needs attention, Cllr Dodd to look into this.

#### **9: Parish Emergency Plan**

All in place.

Clerk to write to Highways to ask if they will be delivering salt, in addition to our existing stocks, this year.

#### **10: Highways**

Map to go out to all councillors again asap and all the current problems to be added to DC website.

Highways to be contacted re damage to the cattle grid at Smeardon Down.

Clerk to contact Tom Lee re the junction of the A386.

**11: Planning**

Cllrs Ball, Chanter, White and Lane had a site meeting regarding 0659/18, gateway and hardstanding into field adjacent Lower Mill Cottage.

It was decided to object on the following grounds:-

At present the water from the roadway runs along the face of the wall and enters the Colley Brook at the bridge the water would now appear to flow into the field. A flood assessment would be required to ensure that there would be no negative effect on Lower Mill,

The gateway would change the visual impact of the village as this is an old wall

There is already access to the field suitable for the level of livestock that use the field.

**12: Finance**

**Precept end of December** £18,274.21

**Outgoings**

Clerk's Salary £226.63

Use of Home office £ 27.50

**Total** £254.13

Lengthsman £385.00

**Incomings**

Church Cotts Admin £ 26.66

**Total exc Emerg l'man** £17,361.74

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**Church Cotts end of Dec** £14,125.31

**Outgoings**

**Admin to Precept** £ 26.66

**Incomings**

**Rent 1 CC** £349.00

**Rent 2 CC** £309.00

**End of Jan** £14,756.65

The budget figures looked at last meeting were revisited and agreed. Proposed by Cllr Lane seconded by Cllr Ball. All in favour.

The amount of the precept was then discussed Cllr Lane noted that the expenditure was underspent from last 3 years for the amount claimed in the precept by almost £10,000. We already have £15,000 in the bank which equates to 1.5 years expenditure.

Cllr Lane proposed that the precept be set at £8,000. Seconded by Cllr Ball.

Cllr Dodd then asked for an amendment in that the rate be set at £10.500 as at present. Proposed by Cllr Dodd seconded by Cllr Chanter.

At this point Cllr Lane asked if the voting could be identified. Voting was

Cllrs Dodd, Chanter and Jeffery for the amendment

Cllrs Ball and Lane against

Cllr White abstained.

Cllr Dodd's amendment was carried and the precept set at £10,500.

An item is to be added to next meeting's agenda to discuss the provisions of why the extra money is needed in the bank account.

### **13 Peter Tavy Assets of Community Value**

It was noted that the garage plot was for sale and that the community had the right to bid to make this an asset of community value.

If it were allowed to be an ACV then the community would have 6 months to come up with the finance and make a market level bid to obtain the property. Normally these bids are made before the asset is actually put on the market.

If the community was to make a bid to WDBC then this would probably fail as one of the criteria is \_ is the asset of a direct community value and what is the quality of the asset.

We would need to come up with a proposed new use that directly enhanced the village.

The advantage of the bid would that we had 6 months to make the offer.

Cllr White was thanked for looking into this,

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:25.