

Peter Tavy Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9 May 2018 at 8.00pm in the Chapel meeting Room

Councillors Present:- Mrs V Abel (Chairman) Mr J Jeffery (Vice Chairman), Mr E Dodd, Mr H White, Mr K Ball, Mr D Chanter and Mr Lane

Cllr T Pearce (WDBC)

1: Apologies for absence

None received

2: Declarations of interest

Cllr Jeffery declared an interest in Church Cottages and finances

3: Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes were agreed and signed after amendment in entry 3 which should read 'problems between DCC and Scania' and not 'problems between WDBC and Scania'

4: Reports from Outside Bodies

There was no report from the Hydro Committee.

Clerk to contact Village Hall regarding the possibility of funding for Villages in Action.

Cllr Pearce stated that he had 'chased up' the request for the TAP funding regarding the Lengthsman and that the money should be with us shortly

5: Correspondence

Clerk stated that she had received an email which quoted the savings made by WDBC by going 'cashless'. She was concerned as she had not had any previous notification of this. Cllr Pearce said that although cheques or currency were no longer accepted payments could still be made by credit/debit card or by standing order/direct debit.

6: Church Cottages

Clerk is to write the reports on the inspections of the two cottages and provide at the next meeting.

A rent review was held. It was proposed by Cllr Lane that the rent be increased by 3%. Seconded by Cllr Chanter. No 1 Church Cottages to be increased to £349.00 per month from July. No 2 to be increased to £309 per month from July.

This was agreed unanimously, Cllr Jeffrey not voting due to interest.

7: Mill Pond

Mill Pond Cleaning to be organised for Friday 18th May at 6.30pm. Cllr Dodd to supply the Notices. Clerk to obtain the materials necessary from Tinhay Mill. Clerk also to obtain light refreshments.

The Duchy of Cornwall has proposed a rent increase for the Mill Pond from £30 (£25 plus VAT) to £42 (£35 plus VAT). We have just paid the £30 for this year. After discussion it was requested that Clerk write to the Duchy to say that the Council see to the upkeep of the pond by cleaning, repairing and replacing as required. This is done at the cost of the Council who make no financial gain. If the Council did not complete the necessary work the pond would fall into disrepair and therefore mar what is a local beauty spot and heritage site. The pond has formed a major part of the village, from providing the energy for 3 mills to becoming a local attraction. Cllr Lane stated that from reading the old Minutes that in the 1930's the young men of the village asked that they be able to build changing huts for their use. This was granted on the basis that they remained 'suitably attired'.

8: Playing Field

The grass is to be cut by Mr Nankivell. Clerk to write to Mr Nankivell to confirm the price of the cuts. Clerk verified that the replacement green bag tags had been received.

The spider and the net swing have been removed. Alastair Guy to be contacted re quote for their repair.

9: Bus Shelter

To be cleaned as part of the litter pick which will take place on 26 May at 10am. Clerk to provide Notices

10: Parish Emergency Plan

Salt to be picked up

11: Highways

Cllr Lane has written to Simon Kitchen to ask whether or not there would be any contribution regarding the work currently undertaken by the Lengthsman when the TAP fund is closed. Mr Kitchen said that he was having difficulty contacting Highways. Cllr Lane is to retain an overview of TAP Funding.

12: Planning

Planning Applications are to be given to Cllr Lane.

Application re Southernwood has been Granted Conditionally

13:Finance

Clerk inadvertently did not include the finance statement in the correspondence envelope.

Finance as at 30/4/2018

Precept Account	£	
	8,806.06	
<u>Outgoings</u>		
Clerks Expenses	£	
Use of Home as office (April))	27.50	
Books of Stamps	£	
	10.98	
Total	<u>£</u>	
	<u>38.48</u>	
Graphic Words	<u>£</u>	
	<u>209.85</u>	
<u>Incomings</u>		
Church Cottages Admin		£
		26.66
1/2 years precept		£
		5,327.50
Balance of Account (exc Lsman)	<u>£</u>	
	<u>12,985.13</u>	
Lengthsman Money Held (Emergency)	<u>£</u>	
	<u>925.76</u>	
Church Cottages		£13,324.88
<u>Outgoings</u>		
Precept Account		26.66
<u>Incomings</u>		
1 Church Cottages Rent	£	
	340.00	
2 Church Cottages Rent	£	
	300.00	
Balance of account	<u>£</u>	
	<u>13,938.22</u>	

Clerk is to look for an Internal Auditor.

14: Annual Parish Meeting

Clerk reported that she had had no reply from Cllr Hart. Cllr Pearce was then asked if he would step into the breach. Clerk to liaise to decide whether 11th or 20th June was best date.

15: War Memorial

It was thought that when we did not offer any further evidence when requested by Historic England that the idea would be dropped. Contact Historic England to ask why.

Clerk will need to look into a possible grant re re-lettering.

What responsibility does the War Graves Commission?

16 : AOB

An email regarding a Chairman's Course was given to the new Chairman.

A Councillors' Meeting was requested by Cllr Lane.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:50pm.