

PETER TAVY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th August 2017

In The Chapel Room

Councillors present: Mr D Chanter, Mr Ken Ball, Mr J Jeffery, Mr B Lane, Mrs T Abel, Mr E Dodd.

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

12. Apologies for absence.

Cllr. T Pearce (WDBC), Mrs A Skillicorn (Clerk).

13. Declarations of interest.

Cllr Jeffery declared an interest in Church Cottages.

14. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th July 2017.

The Minutes were agreed and accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

15. Matters arising.

The review of the Standing orders was postponed until the next meeting.

16. Co-option of New Councillor.

West Devon Borough Council had confirmed that there had been no request from parishioners to hold an election. The vacancy has been advertised in the Piper with a closing date of 21 August.

17. Reports from Outside Bodies.

At the Southern Links parish's meeting it was stated that there were grants available for Lengthsman services in 2017/18 but these would not be available in 2018/19. Peter Tavy will again be applying for a grant together with 4 or 5 other parishes.

There was no report from the Peter Tavy Hydro committee.

18. Correspondence.

A letter was received from Devon County Council stating that their Public Liability Insurance policy would only cover volunteers working for the Snow Warden. All other insurance cover must come under any private individuals or contractors insurance.

19. Church Cottages.

The electrical work required on No. 1 will be completed on the return of the electrician from holiday.

The tile surround in the fireplace requires repair and the hearth requires renewal in No. 1.

Two estimates will be obtained for both of these separate jobs.

The Tenant of No. 2 will be asked to set up monthly Standing Orders for the payment of the rent.

20. Mill Pond.

The Mill Pond is full but the surrounding area has become very over grown and requires cutting back.

21. Playing Field.

The annual maintenance and repairs have still to be completed by the contractor, Allister Guy.

It was agreed to purchase a further 4 Green bags to take the grass cuttings.

The hedge behind the Wendy House will be cut back. There will be an investigation as to who owns the hedge as this is not known.

22. Parish Emergency Plan.

Nothing to report.

23. Highways.

The potholes at Langston Corner, the approach to Broadmoor and resurfacing will be reported to Highways.

It had been noted that the Road Maintenance hedge cutter had always been accompanied by a large van with a driver who appeared to take no part in the operation.

24. Planning.

The application for outline planning permission for a new house with agricultural tenancy at Sowtontown had been refused by Dartmoor National Park Planning Authority.

25. Finance.

The summary of both accounts were circulated and the cheques for payment were agreed as follows:

£55.00.	Clerk's expenses
£40.00.	Purchase of Green bags for Playing Field grass.
£300.00.	Contribution to Peter Tavy PCC for shed refurbishment and repairs.
£18.70.	Refund of Council Tax payment to tenant No.2 Church Cottage.

Receipts were as follows:

£340.00.	Rent No.1 Church Cottage
£300.00.	Rent No.2 Church Cottage
£18.70.	Refund of Council tax for No. 2Church Cottage.

26. AOB.

Rob Taylor, DNPA Ranger to be invited to the next meeting to discuss over grown footpaths.
Letter to National Grid complaining about the very low flying helicopter spooking cattle on Tuesday 8 August.

The meeting was closed at 8.25pm.

Signed:

Dated: