

Minutes 2020-81

(Draft Minutes awaiting approval)

Peter Tavy Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th December 2020 at 7:30pm via Zoom

Present: Cllr. J. Jeffery, Cllr. E. Dodd, Cllr. B. Lane, Cllr. H. White, Cllr. P. Randall & Cllr. M. Stephens

Others Present: The Clerk, Cllr T. Pearce (W.D.B.C) & Cllr. P. Sanders (D.C.C)

1: Apologies for absence

Cllr. K. Ball

2: Declarations of Interest

Chairman J. Jeffery relating to a) Church Cottages b) setting of precept budget relating to Lengthsman work & c) Finance for Lengthsman's invoice.

3: Approval of previous Minutes & matters arising

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2020 were approved by all present & will be signed as a true record by Cllr. Jeffery as soon as possible.

Matters arising: Beating the Bounds in 2021 – the Clerk has copied the informative pamphlet from 2007 and given these out to the Councillors.

The consultation questionnaire on the Dartmoor Local Plan had been sent out to all the Councillors and the Clerk has sent the response back to D.N.P.

Pictures and prices of a new lifebuoy, housing & rope for the Mill Pond have been sent by the Clerk to all Councillors for their consideration.

The leaf sweeper had been requested and has already been right through the Village.

An alternative quote for the works to Church Cottages had been arranged by the Clerk.

Details of a hardship fund available through W.D.B.C still needs to be put up on the website, the Clerk is going to contact Cllr. T. Pearce (W.D.B.C) to arrange this.

4: Reports from outside Bodies

None to report.

5: Correspondence

Letter regarding Avian Flu outbreak (details to be put on website)

Devon Carbon Consultation (link to be put on website)

Highways – confirmation of priority of works for the Village

Evans plumbing – quote for works to Church Cottages

A.C. Worth builders – quote for works to Church Cottages

Enquiry regarding Solar Panel planning

Application for Lengthsmans grant

Mobile Library email regarding donations of books having to be sold to raise funds rather than used directly by the library.

6: Covid-19

The Community Hub is still taking the lead in community assistance during the pandemic. With no childrens' Christmas party this year it is proposed that all the children in the Parish be given an edible treat (being co-ordinated with the Peter Tavy Inn). The Parish Council would normally contribute to the childrens' party each year and this year it is suggested that a donation be given towards the cost of this proposed Cllr. E. Dodd seconded Cllr. P. Randall all in favour

The TSB bank had refunded the Council's account with £150 following a complaint from Cllr. W. Lane and it was decided to give this money for use by the Community Hub. Proposed Cllr. W. Lane Seconded by Cllr. J. Jeffery all in favour

7: Ratify Councils' decision on the Clerk

Council voted to ratify the decision taken in A.O.B in the meeting held on 11th November via Zoom. Proposed Cllr. H. White seconded Cllr. J. Jeffery all in favour.

The Chair of the meeting was temporarily taken on by Cllr. W. Lane at this point as Cllrs. Jeffery and Dodd lost Zoom connection.

8: Rural Broadband Funding

Cllr. H. White gave a report into various funding options from different providers to improve the local broadband provision. After discussion it was decided to send a questionnaire to all households (this could be done with the parish Christmas cards) asking whether each household is happy with the quality of their broadband. Proposed Cllr. H. White seconded Cllr. W. Lane all in favour.

Cllrs. Jeffery & Dodd were able to re-join the Zoom meeting at this point.

9: Mill Pond

With regards to the new lifebuoy and housing The Clerk has emailed the pricing details to all Councillors and a decision was made to purchase these. Cllr. T. Pearce (W.D.B.C) and Cllr. P. Sanders (D.C.C.) both offered locality grants to help fund these. The clerk will contact both Councillors to deal with the grant process. Proposed Cllr. J. Jeffery seconded Cllr. E. Dodd all in favour

10: Playing Field

The Clerk confirmed that Cllr. K. Ball and herself had been to inspect the Playing Field and there were no serious problems to report. Cllr. Jeffery suggested that as some Councillors in the past had not been happy with the ROSPA annual inspection he has found another firm Caledonian Playgrounds who will happily quote to inspect the play equipment. The point of contact lives in Lydford. It was decided to give them a try proposed Cllr. J. Jeffery seconded Cllr. E. Dodd all in favour

11: Highways

There was a discussion about the proposed works and the timescales of these, including the road to Broadmoor, the springs on the road coming in from Churchtown, the water coming down from Slate Hill towards Boulter's Tor House (the D.N.P. have been doing drainage works to Slate Hill and Cllr. Jeffery is going

to look at the drains in the area) the junction with the A386 (Clerk to email Highways reminding them of previous correspondence about this junction). There will be no major works started during the remainder of this financial year. However, the road into the Village will be closed on Tuesday 15th December for the whole day with a password required for entry/exit. This clashes with refuse collections on the same day.

The Clerk was tasked to send a letter of thanks to Mr. David French, for putting around the bags of salt with Cllrs. Ball & Stephens during the recent icy weather.

12: Planning

The application from Gatehouse Mill had been approved.

The application from Wedlake Farm had been approved.

There has been no information from D.N.P. regarding Beacon Park.

13: Precept Budget draft

Council discussed the need to get the budget set in draft ready for the January deadline.

It was agreed to set an amount of £300.00 ready for Beating of the Bounds next year. Proposed by Cllr. Jeffery seconded by Cllr. M. Stephens all in favour.

It was decided to set the same amount of precept as last year (£10,500.00), but waiting advice from W.D.B.C as to possible changes to the Council tax base figures. Proposed by Cllr. Jeffery seconded by Cllr. E. Dodd all in favour.

14: Finance

PRECEPT end of October £23,216.61

Outgoings

Clerk's Salary £234.30

Use of Home Office £ 26.00

(£260.30)

Postage £ 1.52

Grass Cutting Playing Field £ 870.00

Income

Church Cottages Admin £26.66

(Including sum held for Lengthsman = £ 60.00)

(Including sum held for Community hub = £400.00)

End of Nov **Balance in hand £22,261.45**

CHURCH COTTAGES end of October £23,951.40

Outgoings

Admin to Precept £ 26.66

Income

Rent £671.00

End of Nov **Balance in hand £24,595.74**

Cllr. J. Jeffery handed the meeting over to Cllr. E. Dodd (interest in the next item).

The outgoings of Clerks Salary, Lengthsman's invoice and Dalc training course fees were agreed by Council proposed by Cllr. P. Randall seconded by Cllr. M. Stephens all in favour.

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15: Church Cottages

Two quotes for the works for no.1 Church Cottages have now been received. The quotes were discussed and Cllrs. White, Lane & Jeffery declared an interest and took no part in voting. The Council voted to go ahead with the quote from A.C. Worth Builders proposed by Cllr. P. Randall seconded by Cllr. M. Stephens all in favour.

The Clerk was asked to write to both firms thanking them for their quotes and instructing A.C. Worth Builders to carry out the required work, and also tasked to get a quote for the decorating required as a result. It was suggested to give the successful firm a time limit of the end of March to complete the work.

Cllr. P. Randall pointed out that with the weather patterns getting worse year on year that it could reasonably be assumed that there will be a greater requirement for the Lengthsman's services.

It was agreed by Council that it would be prudent to up the Lengthsman element of the budget.

The Budget has to be set by January 2021 and so these items agreed today in principle will have to be decided upon at the January Parish Council meeting.

Proposed Cllr. W. Lane & seconded by Cllr. H. White all in favour.

Cllr. Jeffery resumed Chair of the meeting for the remainder of items.

16. Any Other Business.

Cllr. P. Randall gave a report on the upcoming Village Hall repairs and the further work that will be required afterwards.

Cllr. H. White in light of the disjointed meeting on Zoom suggested a monthly subscription to Zoom Pro (which can be cancelled without notice) to enable the Council to seamlessly meet, proposed Cllr. H. White seconded by Cllr. J. Jeffery all in favour – this decision will be put on the Agenda for the January meeting and ratified then.

Cllr. E. Dodd suggested a log book of quotes/works to Church Cottages be kept.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.42hrs.

Signed

Dated