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(Draft Minutes awaiting approval)

Peter Tavy Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th February 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom

Present: 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, Cllr. J. Jeffery

2: Declarations of Interest

None to report.

3: Approval of previous Minutes & matters arising

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2020 were approved by all present & signed as a true record by Cllr. E. Dodd.

Matters arising:

None.

4: Reports from outside Bodies

Cllr. P. Randall gave a report on proposed works to the Village Hall. Work had started, the existing timber floor had been removed and a great deal of boulders removed from underneath, this together with additional floor venting should help improve air flow. It has been discovered that the kitchen and toilet entrance will need to be supported with lintels. New flame retardant curtains & poles with cords have been quoted for (approximately £1900) and it is hoped that the Parish Council can help with the cost of these. The Parish Council have given out grants in the past. Any grant would need to be split over this financial year and the new financial year and it was proposed by Cllr. Lane to give a grant in principal, the exact amount to be agreed at the next meeting, this was seconded by Cllr. Dodd all in favour.

Cllr. Randall also reported that downpipes and drainage need sorting out at the Village Hall and it was suggested that once he has figures for this that he may approach Cllr. T. Pearce to see if W.D.B.C could help with this.

5: Correspondence

A letter regarding the Beating of the Bounds had been received from Mr. P. Cashell, with a folder of very useful maps & documents.

This years Beating of the Bounds was discussed at length (date, routes, public participation, walk leaders) and it was decided that the traditional time of year was too early (in light of the pandemic) and that for this

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year the Beating of the Bounds needed to be held later in the year, thus giving more time to organise and plan the event. This item is to go onto the Agenda for March's meeting where it will be looked at again.

6: Covid-19

The Clerk had been approached by Sandra (Community Hub) to see if the provision of something to protect the books/puzzles/dvds in the bus shelter could be something that the Parish Council could help with. There was suggestion of perspex screening, but it was mentioned at the meeting that items could still get damp. The Clerk is going to speak with Sandra and come back to the Council with an alternative suggestion.

7: Rural Broadband Funding

Cllr. H. White gave a report as to the evolving government voucher schemes for rural broadband provision. It was decided to put a short survey in the upcoming edition of The Piper in particular reaching out to any small businesses in the parish as well as residential users. Cllr. P. Randall is going to help with the wording for this. The website could also be a good avenue to put this. Proposed Cllr. Dodd, seconded Cllr. White, all in favour.

8: Mill Pond

Last Sunday Cllr. Jeffery had been up at the Coombe strimming and clearing up, this has made a real difference. Cllr. K. Ball kindly took all the equipment up on his quad bike and Cllr. Dodd thanked him for doing this. This Sunday at 1pm a working party is proposed to go up there and site the new lifebuoy and housing and carry on with the tidying up.

9: Playing Field

It was suggested that the grass cutting contractor Mr. Nankivell be contacted to start the grass cutting a little earlier this year, resulting in the first cut not being such a big undertaking. Proposed Cllr. Lane, seconded Cllr. Randall, all in favour.

10: Highways

The Clerk had taken delivery of a ton of salt for the salt shed and Cllr. Dodd asked if a letter of thanks for the same be sent to Tom Lee (Highways) for sorting this out. Proposed Cllr. Stephens and seconded Cllr. Lane all in favour.

11: Planning

Nothing to report this month. Beacon Park is still ongoing.

12: Finance

PRECEPT beginning of January **£21,349.99**

Outgoings

Clerk's Salary £234.30

Use of Home Office £ 26.00

(£260.30)

Postage £ 0.76

Zoom subscription £ 14.39

DALC (Course) £ 54.00

DALC (Course) £ 42.00

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DALC (Course) £ 36.00

Aspli Safety equipment (Coombe) £ 311.08

Income

Church Cottages Admin £26.66

(Including sum held for Lengthsman = £ 60.00)

(Including sum held for Community hub = £550.00)

End of January **Balance in hand £20,684.78**

CHURCH COTTAGES beginning of January £25,266.74

Outgoings

Admin to Precept £ 26.66

Income

Rent £671.00

End of January **Balance in hand £25,884.42**

EXPECTED OUTGOINGS FEBRUARY

FROM PRECEPT

CLERK Salary £ 234.30

Use of home as office £ 26.00

Postage £ 2.55

Zoom monthly £ 14.39

total **£ 277.24**

COMMUNTIY HUB Printing (out of money holding) £ 95.38

PETER TAVY INN Childrens' party parcels(Tsb refund) £ 150.00

MR. D. FRENCH Contribution towards diesel (salt run) £ 25.00

FROM CHURCH COTTAGES

Admin fee to precept acc £26.66

It was agreed to pay the outgoings – Proposed Cllr. Stephens, seconded Cllr. P. Randall all in favour.

13: Church Cottages

An email from the tenant of No.1 Church Cottage had been received and the Tenant was happy for the builders to begin any work required however, the tenant did not wish to be liable for any electricity used by the contractors. It was decided to offer the Tenant a sum of £15.00 towards the unlikely extra use of electricity (most builders bring rechargeable power tools these days). Proposed Cllr. Randall, seconded Cllr. Lane all in favour.

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14. Any Other Business.

Cllr. Stephens mentioned that there was a skip full of old timber from the renovations going on at the village hall and that he had approached the builders who said it was ok for anyone to help themselves to the timber. Cllr. Randall confirmed that as of Thursday people were welcome to take the old timber if required.

Cllr. T. Pearce (W.D.B.C.) informed us that there was a new application to proceed with Peter Tavy and Mary Tavy to become world heritage sites and that the significance of the Devon Consols mine should be recognised. The benefits of recognition of the historical importance of the area would be great for attracting visitors. This will be put on to the March Agenda for further discussion.

The overgrown foot of hedge to the pavement out of the village past Glebe House was discussed, it is pushing out ever further encroaching onto the pavement (which is narrow already). Cllr. Philip Sanders (D.C.C) confirmed that this should be a highways responsibility. The Clerk will write to Tom Lee and copy Cllr. Sanders in asking for a timescale to trim this overgrowth back.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.44hrs.

Signed

Dated