

Minutes 2021-09

(Draft Minutes awaiting approval)

Peter Tavy Parish Council

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

Present: Cllr. E. Dodd, Cllr. W. Lane, Cllr. H. White, Cllr. P. Randall

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

1: Apologies for absence

Cllr. K. Ball, Cllr. J. Jeffery, Cllr. M. Stephens

2: Declarations of Interest

Village Hall Cllr. P. Randall

3: Approval of previous Minutes & matters arising

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2021 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 works to the Village Hall. Work was well underway to the floor and this had thrown up additional drainage issues requiring additional remedial repairs. Cllr. T. Pearce (W.D.B.C) confirmed that the Parish Council could award a grant to the Village Hall for works that had already been carried out. The Parish Council had received an email from the Village Hall Committee asking for financial help. Any grant would need to be split over this financial year and the new financial year and it was agreed to give an initial grant in this financial year of £1000 to the Village Hall Committee and a further sum of £1000 in the new financial year. Proposed Cllr. H. White, seconded Cllr. W. Lane all in favour

5: Correspondence

A letter regarding a quantity of litter/plastic at a farm in Cuddliptown had been received and passed to the Solicitor acting for the estate of the late farmer. The Clerk will reply to the sender.

An email on the Waste Management Survey had been received and Cllr. P. Randall has had a look at it. However, this survey requires specialist waste management knowledge and is very leading. A letter will be drafted for the clerk to send in response.

6: Covid-19

The Clerk had been in touch with Sandra (Community Hub) to see if the provision of a watertight place to store the book/puzzle swap items could be sorted out. It is felt this facility will get well used even once restrictions are lifted. Sandra is looking at various options and will get back to the Council ready for a future meeting.

7: **Rural Broadband Funding**

Cllr. H. White gave a report about the current options for rural broadband provision funding. Cllr. T. Pearce (W.D.B.C) informed the Council that the current BT voucher scheme had ended but, that it was being replaced by a new scheme, soon to be announced. It was decided to put a short survey in the upcoming edition of The Piper and Cllr. White suggested that the Council could help fund this one post pandemic edition as a full print run (rather than mostly on digital platforms). Steve Carreck will be approached regarding this funding. Proposed Cllr. H. White, seconded Cllr. P. Randall all in favour.

8: **Mill Pond**

The new lifebuoy, housing and floating rope had been put in place and thanks was given to Cllr. T. Pearce (W.D.B.C) for funding this from his localities budget.

Recently Cllr. J. Jeffery and a working party of Councillors had been up at the Coombe clearing up from the recent cutting & strimming. This has made a real difference and has been noticed by several parishioners.

9: **Playing Field**

Cllr. K. Ball and the Clerk had inspected the play equipment and there were no obvious problems to report. The protective paint was in reasonably good order. The official inspection should be carried out in the spring ready for the coming year.

10: **Highways**

It was noted that in recent correspondence with Highways that funding is always an issue when scheduling works to be carried out in the Parish. The Parish Council spends somewhere in the region of £2000 a year doing our bit to keep drains clear etc. It was felt that maybe this should be pointed out to Highways next time correspondence is exchanged.

11: **Planning**

Nothing to report this month.

12: **Finance**

PRECEPT beginning of February £20,447.84

Outgoings

Clerk's Salary (Jan) £234.30

Use of Home Office £ 26.00

(£260.30)

Postage £ 2.55

Zoom subscription £ 14.39

NALC (Planning webinar) £ 77.86

Parish wreath £ 18.50

Children xmas party boxes £150.00

Income

Church Cottages Admin	£26.66
W.D.B.C. (locality budget for lifebuoy etc)	£260.00

(Including sum held for Lengthsman = £ 60.00)

(Including sum held for Community hub = £550.00)

End of February **Balance in hand £20,477.84**

CHURCH COTTAGES beginning of February £25,884.42

Outgoings

Admin to Precept	£ 26.66
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Income

Rent	£671.00
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End of February **Balance in hand £26,528.76**

EXPECTED OUTGOINGS MARCH

FROM PRECEPT

CLERK	Salary	£ 234.30
	Use of home as office	£ 26.00
	Ink cartridges	£ 22.97
	Zoom monthly	£ 14.39
	total	<u>£ 297.66</u>

DUCHY OF CORNWALL (rent on millpond) £ 30.00

J. Jeffery (Lengthsman invoice) £1,200.00

Mary Tavy Parish Council (amount held for lengthsman) £ 60.00

Grant to Village Hall £1,000.00

FROM CHURCH COTTAGES

Admin fee to precept acc £ 26.66

P. Upcott (Septic tank Church Cottages) £130.00

It was agreed to pay the outgoings – Proposed Cllr. W. Lane, seconded Cllr. H. White all in favour.

13: Church Cottages

The Clerk had received a start date from the builders for No.1 Church Cottages and has informed the tenant.

An email from the tenant of No.1 Church Cottage had been received regarding ongoing damp problems. The issues at the cottage were discussed at length and it was agreed to have a site meeting with the builders near

the end of the week, when they are there doing phase one of the works, to get a quote for the next phase needed.

Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors were also discussed and will be mentioned to the electrician who will be there with the builders during phase one.

The rents for the Cottages are to be put on the Agenda for the next Council meeting.

14. Beating the Bounds.

It was discussed if the event could take place in September, however some Councillors felt it would be better to postpone until the usual event date of May next year. This would allow plenty of time to organise things and the pandemic would hopefully by then be more under control. There is great enthusiasm for this event and should really be discussed when the full council are back meeting face to face. It was decided to leave it as an Agenda item for future meetings and that discussions should continue as to when to hold the event as things open up and the covid-19 situation unfolds.

15. Any Other Business.

Clr. W. Lane reported that a stone had been uncovered in the wall at the Church side gate (by the steps) inscribed with CP 1880 – this marks the event when the Civil Parish broke away from the Ecclesiastical Parish in 1880 and the stone marks the boundary of the Civil Parish and it was safe to say that this was when the original Parish Council was formed. It is a very rare stone. Clr. Lane is going to approach Historic England to see if the stone can be listed.

The next Parish Council meeting scheduled to happen on April 14th could maybe happen face to face if it was postponed until 20th April. Clr. T. Pearce (W.D.B.C) will let the Clerk know if this is the case nearer the date.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.46 hrs.

Signed

Dated