

**Peter Tavy Parish Council**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4 April 2018 at 7.30pm in the Chapel meeting Room**

Councillors Present:- Mr B Lane (Chairman) Mr J Jeffery (Vice Chairman), Mr E Dodd, Mr H White, Mr K Ball and Mr D Chanter. Mrs Abel joined the meeting at the beginning of No 5a

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 agreed and signed.

Cllr Lane stated that the parish question had been asked at Southern Links meeting. It was stated that they knew they had problems but were not able to put them right. It is possible that there are communication problems between WDBC and Scania and also that Scania did not understand the road problems specific to such a rural area.

**4: Reports from Outside Bodies**

Cllr Lane has written to Simon Kitchen the DCC rep at the Southern Links regarding the TAP fund and the future of the parish lengthsman. There has been no reply to date.

(Cllr Abel joined the meeting)

Cllr Dodd queried what would happen if the parish had to take over the lengthsman job. Would DCC offload the problems and do they have the commitment to maintain the roads? It was noted that nationwide it would require over £500 million to take the road network to a reasonable standard.

**5: Correspondence**

A "thank You" letter was received from the Citizen's Advice Bureau.

An email was received regarding funding towards Villages in Action. Clerk to contact Village Hall and obtain their views

**6: Church Cottages**

Clerk reported on 2 Church Cottages. Letter to be sent to the tenants to say that any problems must be reported to the Clerk, in writing (email acceptable).

A rent review to be held after the inspection of the Cottages which will be held in May.

**7: Mill Pond**

The access is still "terrible". Mill Pond cleaning is to be carried out at the beginning of May, Cllr Dodd to send out date for this

**8: Playing Field**

Awaiting further quote re play equipment.

**9: Bus Shelter**

Nothing to report

**10: Parish Emergency Plan**

Nothing to report

**11: Highways**

Cllrs reported various problems which the Clerk will add to the DCC website.

Cllr Lane reported that there has been an accident at Peter Tavy cross. It appears to have been a turning out accident.

**12: Planning**

The garage site was discussed and whether or not the Council should apply for a Section 215 Untidy Land Notice. This is unlikely to be granted and at most Dartmoor National Park could get the grass cut.

It was proposed that we apply for the Notice by Cllr lane seconded by Cllr Chanter.

A counter proposal was then put forward by Cllr Ball that we allow matters to stand as at present this was seconded by Cllr Dodd.

A vote was taken on the second proposal- all in favour apart from Clls lane and Chanter.

No action to be taken

**13:Finance**

Finance at April 2018 meeting			
<b>Precept Account</b>		£ 7,884.14	
<b><u>Outgoings</u></b>			
Clerks Expenses			
Use of Home as office (March)		£ 27.50	
Paper		£ 3.00	
Total		<b>£ 30.50</b>	
Emergency lengthsmen (Brentor)		<b>£ 70.00</b>	
<b><u>Incomings</u></b>			
Church Cottages Admin			£ 26.66
Balance of Account (exc Lsman)		<b>£ 7,880.30</b>	
<b>Lenghthsmen Money Held (Emergency)</b>		<b>£ 925.76</b>	
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<b>Church Cottages</b>			£12,812.38
<b><u>Outgoings</u></b>			
Precept Account		£ 26.66	
<b><u>Paul Upcott (Septic tank emptying)</u></b>		£ 120.00	
Custody of Deeds		£ 7.50	
<b><u>Incomings</u></b>			
1 Church Cottages Rent		£ 340.00	
2 Church Cottages Rent		£ 300.00	
Balance of account		<b>£ 13,324.88</b>	

Annual accounts agreed.

Cllr Pearce has suggested that he chase up the lengthsmen's funding that we are awaiting from WDBC.

**14: Annual Parish Meeting**

Clerk was asked to invite the leader of the Devon County Council to speak at the meeting to be held in May. If he is unable to attend Cllr Pearce has offered to discuss the new re-cycling regime

**15: AOB**

Cllr Pearce discussed the new re-cycling procedures, blue boxes to be delivered soon . Meeting closed at 9pm