

**Peter Tavy Parish Council**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13 September 2017 at 7:30pm in the Chapel Room**

Councillors Present:- Mr B Lane, Mr K Ball, Mr J Jeffery, Mrs V Abel, Mr E Dodd

Absent: Mr D Chanter

Others Present: T Pearce (WDBC)

**1: Apologies for absence**

Cllr Chanter

**2: Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Jeffery declared an interest in Church Cottages and Finance

**3: Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising**

Minutes agreed and signed. Rob Taylor (DNPA) unable to attend as requested.

**4: Co-option of new Councillor**

An email was received from Mr Henry White asking to be considered for co-option. Proposed by Cllr Lane and seconded by Cllr Dodd. Carried unanimously

**5: Reports from Outside Bodies**

Cllr Lane will be applying for new funding from the TAP fund for money for the Parish Lengthsman (Maintenance) Budget for this year. This money will not be available in 2018/2019. The parish is joined in this application by Mary Tavy, Brentor, Lydford and Buckland Monachorum. All parishes are asking for the same funding as last year, this money to be used by March 31<sup>st</sup> next year.

There is a Southern Links Meeting on 5 October at which the following Parish Question is to be raised:-

“What arrangements have been made for Devon Highways and the Road Maintenance Company to liaise with the Parish representative before they visit the parish in order to ensure the efficient use of the services provided?”

**6: Correspondence**

Revised Standing Orders were discussed and Cllr Dodd proposed the following amendments:-

a) that we aim to retain 4 years rent in the Cottages Account as a contingency fund. Seconded Cllr Jeffery -carried unanimously.

b) that the rent should be reviewed at the time of setting the precept with a view to any rent increase to take effect from April 1<sup>st</sup>. Seconded Cllr Jeffery- carried unanimously.

Bus Shelter- quotes had been requested for replacement of rotten wood and treatment of all exterior timber.

Quotes were received from E J Cann for £280 and from H J Clarke for £570. It was proposed by Cllr Abel that the quote from Mr Cann be accepted. Seconded by Cllr Jeffery- agreed.

#### **7: Church Cottages**

Cllr Jeffery has asked for the emptying of the septic tank.

No 1 Quotes are in the process of being obtained regarding the replacement of the hearth and repairs to the fire surround. Mr Day to be contacted urgently regarding the electrical repairs required.

#### **8: Mill Pond**

Empty at present. The valve is to be opened and allowed to run through.

#### **9: Playing Field**

It was proposed by Cllr Dodd and seconded by Cllr Jeffery that the quote from Alistair Guy be accepted and that the remedial work should be started as soon as weather permits and the painting next year.

A further 4 green bags have been acquired for the green waste. It was noted that the bags were not picked up in the first week and a complaint was made to WDBC. It was thought that, in the future, as this is a paid for service, that we should apply for a refund if this happens again.

The hedge has been cut between the playing field and Harewood House. The chainlink fence between the properties may need replacing, this is in the ownership of the Council.

#### **10: Parish Emergency Plan**

Noting to report

#### **11: Highways**

All problems that were reported to the Clerk have been added to the Devon County Council website and we await action.

#### **12: Planning**

Oak Cottage: 0412/17

This application has been resubmitted. The only difference between the new application and the previous is that this now includes a bat survey. The Council have objected to this application as it is not in keeping and the Council questions the need for an extension.

Sunnyside: 0306/17

The application has been refused by DPNA as:-“The proposed conversion scheme of this barn, would substantially harm the significance of the non-designated heritage asset and there are no substantial public benefits which would outweigh the harm”

**13: Finance**

Precept Account

**Outgoings**

Clerks Expenses

		£
Clerk's Use of home as office (June)		27.50
		£
WDBC Green Collection	RefWDSW00072357	40.00
		£
Total		65.50

**Incomings**

		£
Church Cottages Admin		26.66
		£
Grant from DALC re printer		41.66
		<u>£</u>
Balance of Account (exc Lsman)		<b><u>11,359.33</u></b>

**£**  
**1,210.76**

**Lengthsman Money Held**

Church Cottages

**Outgoings**

		£
Precept Account		26.66

**Incomings**

1 Church Cottages Rent	£340.00
2 Church Cottages rent	£200.00
	£100.00

Balance of account **£9,616.96**

**14: Archival of Old Minutes**

Clerk requested permission for the minutes between 1991 and 2008 to be taken to West Devon Records Office for storage. Permission was granted. The minutes prior to this date are already with the records office

**15: Any Other Business**

Cllr Pearce (WDBC) handed out leaflets and cards relating to the One Council and re-iterated the need for everyone to have their say.

Cllr Pearce (WDBC) stated that he was a trustee of Watts Charity in Tavistock and asked that it be remembered that grants are available.

Meeting closed at 8:56

Signed

Dated