

Peter Tavy Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13 December 2017 at 7.30pm in the Chapel meeting Room

Councillors Present:- Mrs T Abel (from 7.35), Mr K Ball, Mr D Chanter, Mr E Dodd, Mr J Jeffery (Vice Chairman), Mr W lane (Chairman), Mr H White.

Cllr. J Jeffery took the Chair.

1: Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr. T Pearce (WDBC), Mrs A Skillicorn (Clerk).

2: Declarations of interest

Cllr Jeffery declared an interest in Church Cottages and Finance.

Cllr Dodd declared an interest in Playing Field.

3: Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes agreed and signed after the following amendments:-

Cllr Chanter was present.

4: Reports from Outside Bodies

Cllr Lane stated that at the Southern Links Council Committee meeting that the Police Report had shown that in the last 12 months in the Tavistock area the level of crime had risen in almost all areas. A representative of Devon Highways had not attended to answer the Peter Tavy Parish Question carried over from the previous meeting.

Cllr Chanter reported that the sign post at the Combe had broken.

5: Correspondence

A request was received from the Torridge, North, Mid and West Devon Citizens Advice for a donation towards their work. It was agreed to make a donation of between £50 and £100 in line with previous years donations. Decision to be made at the next meeting.

A request was received from Mrs D Sherrell, Village Hall Secretary, for a contribution of £100 to the cost of the Peter Tavy Christmas Children's Party. All agreed.

A letter was received from the WDBC Council Tax Support Group detailing the Council Tax Support Grant for 2017/18, 2018/18 and 2019/20. Cllr Lane explained that this grant was that part of the parish precept that would be paid from Government funds. Over the years this Government Support Grant is being gradually reduced by 8.6% per annum. The grant for Peter Tavy in 2017/18 was £170 and is reduced to £155 for 2018/19 and £142 for 2019/20.

A letter was received from WDBC giving notice that a Town and Parish Council training event on Members Code of Conduct will be held on Wednesday 17 January 2018. Cllr Lane and the Clerk will attend.

A letter was received from WDBC in response to the Parish Council enquiry about visits of the road leaf sweeper. WDBC stated that the leaf sweeper was scheduled to visit Peter Tavy every 8 weeks and more frequently, as necessary, in the autumn. Councillors did not think that the leaf sweeper had been seen in the village in the last 4 months. WDBC will be asked to send the sweeper out without further delay.

Dartmoor National Park Authority replied to the Parish Council's request for a more detailed explanation as to why the planning application for a sheep shed had been refused. The DNPA stated that in view of the size of the holding, the number of sheep and the existing building at the farmstead (Secretaries note: which is some distance away) it was considered that the need did not outweigh the harm to the character of the landscape.

Correspondence was received regarding the deterioration of the road at Willsworthy which Devon Highways did not consider was in need of repair. There has been further deterioration in the surface of the road and this will be taken up with Devon Highways.

A letter was received from the South Hams and West Devon Asset Team regarding the provision of road sand and sand bags. It was agreed that no further supplies were required at the present.

Dean Elliott & Son Garden Care asked for an opportunity to quote for ground maintenance in the Playing Field. The Council agreed that they were satisfied with the present service.

6: Church Cottages

Arrangements had been made for Paul Baker to undertake the electrical work required at No. 1 Church Cottage on 14 December.

7: Mill Pond

The Mill Pond is now empty for the winter.

8: Playing Field

The old fence between the Playing Field and Harewood House requires replacing. It was agreed that the existing fence should be left in place and that new fencing of plastic covered galvanised wire should be fixed against the old wire.

9: Bus Shelter

Arrangements will be made to clean the shelter.

10: Parish Emergency Plan

Nothing to report.

11: Highways

The Clerk will take up the following matters with Devon Highways:

1. Highways to be asked to distribute the bags of salt round the parish as a matter of urgency.
2. The sign at the top of the road turning down to Hill Bridge is broken and needs replacing.
3. No action has been taken on the blocked culvert on the road from Peter Tavy Village to Cudlipptown.
4. The water is flowing over the road below Paisley Mead causing the pot hole repair to be washed out.
5. The road at Willsworthy has been washed out. Repair work has been previously refused by Highways but further damage has occurred. An ambulance recently found it difficult to reach an injured soldier at Baggator.
6. The pipe under the road South of Brook Cottage at Cudlipptown is blocked and the local lengthsman has been unable to clear it.

The Council continue to be concerned at the continuing traffic hazard to vehicles turning into Peter Tavy off the A386. The clerk was asked to obtain from Devon and Somerset Police a record of the number of accidents at Peter Tavy Cross in the last 10 years.

The Council had put a question to Devon Highways at the Southern Links Council Committee at two meetings regarding liaison between the Council and the Highways Maintenance Company regarding the visits of the Company to the parish by maintenance teams but there had been no representative of Devon Highways to answer the question. Cllr Lane said that he would contact John Fewing, Devon Highways, for an answer to the question.

12: Planning

None

13: Dog Bin

The Council have now been advised that the bin would be emptied on a regular weekly basis.

14: War memorial

A letter was received from Historic England in response to the Parish Councils application for inclusion of the War Memorial in the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest ask for more details. It was agreed not to pursue this application further.

15: Finance

The following cheques were agreed for signature:

Tavistock PCC. Payment for printing of the Piper. (Replacement)	£56
Devon association of Local Councils. Clerk's course.	£30

Lydford Parish Council. Lengthsman payment from TAP fund grant.	£275
J Jeffery. Lengthsman payment from TAP fund grant.	£1780
Peter Tavy Village Hall. Children's Christmas party.	£100
Mr Taylor. Lydford Lengthsman.	£150

A claim will be submitted to WDBC for payment of £2440 from the TAP fund grant.

16: Any other business

None

Meeting closed at: 20:45