

## **PETER TAVY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016 in The Chapel Room**

**Councillors present:** Mr D Chanter, Mr K Ball, Mrs V Abel, Mrs N Litwinska, Mr B Lane, Cllr T Pearce (WDBC), Mr J Jeffery (late) and Mr E Dodd (late).

**Members of the public present:** Mr S Carreck

**Absent:** none

The Chairman Cllr Chanter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

Mr S Carreck outlined his appeal for support for the financing of The Peter Tavy Piper. Councillors noted and a formal decision will be made at the next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

**1. Apologies for absence.**

None.

**2. Declarations of interest.**

Cllr Jeffery declared an interest in Church Cottages and Finance.

**3. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016.**

The Minutes were agreed and accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters arising from the Minutes.**

None.

**5. Correspondence.**

An email was received from Cllr Lane with the agreed plan for the payment scheme for the TAP fund. Cllrs noted.

An email was received from Mr & Mrs Carreck regarding the PTPC taking on the print and production costs of The Peter Tavy Piper. Cllrs discussed and will make an official decision at the next meeting however it was the general consensus that it is a worthwhile responsibility to take on. Cllr Jeffery proposed that £300 per year be given for the production costs of The Piper and this was seconded by Cllr Abel and Cllr Ball and then agreed by all.

An email was received from DALC regarding the 1% pay increase affecting pay scale points 18 and upwards. Cllrs noted.

Clerks & Councils Direct newsletter was circulated. Cllrs read.

HAGS (outdoor play equipment) magazine was circulated. Cllrs read.

**6. Reports from outside bodies.**

Cllr Lane expressed concern as to what was happening with the Peter Tavy Hydro project. Phase one of the feasibility study has been completed however nothing seems to be happening with phase two. Cllr Abel informed Cllr Lane

that the second half of the feasibility study was underway and that they were awaiting further information.

**7. Church Cottages.**

Cllr Litwinska and Cllr Dodd conducted the annual inspection of Church Cottages No.1 on June 7. A few minor issues were reported that need to be fixed. The chimney needs sweeping, smoke detectors and a carbon monoxide box need to be installed, a lock needs fixing on an exterior door and the wood burner bricks need replacing. The Clerk was asked to arrange all of the above works. Cllr Litwinska asked the Clerk to look into when the last electrical inspection took place also. A letter was received from the tenant Mr A Friend informing the PTPC that there are now two permanent residents at the cottage. The Clerk was asked to issue an updated rental contract to Mr Friend.

The hedge outside No.2 Church Cottages was discussed and it was noted that it has always been the responsibility of the tenant. The Clerk is to inform Mr R Malloy by sending him a letter.

**8. Mill Pond.**

A date was set for the annual Mill Pond cleanup – Friday June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm.

**9. Playing Field.**

Cllrs Ball and Litwinska found some safety issues that need attending imminently at the playing field. A handle needs putting back on, a rope needs replacing on the bridge and part of the spider needs attention. The Clerk was asked by the Cllrs to contact Alistair Guy to come out to attend to the issues. All the Cllrs were in agreement to get the work done asap for the safety of the children using the playground.

**10. Parish Emergency Plan.**

No items to discuss.

**11. Highways.**

There are quite a few places around the village that still have issues despite the Clerk continually reporting them. Cllr Pearce kindly said he would contact Steve Brockman and arrange for him to come out to the village to see the issues that need addressing.

**12. Planning.**

The Planning Committee supported an application at Broadmoor Farm, Cudlipptown for the change of use of additional sleeping accommodation to a holiday let.

**13. Finance.**

The Clerk circulated the summaries of both accounts and the cheques for payment were agreed as follows:

£492.54 Came & Co – Annual parish insurance renewal

£204.38 Mrs McDowall - Salary for May

£108.76 Mrs McDowall – Expenses

£15.00 Jim Jeffery – Lengthsmans work.

A vote was taken and it was agreed to enter into a three yearlong agreement with Came & Company for the parish insurance for a fixed rate of £492.54. This was proposed by Cllr Lane, seconded by Cllr Ball and agreed by all.

**14. Any additional business.**

Cllr Lane informed the Council that the £7.50 charged through TSB twice a year was for withholding the deeds to Church Cottages.

Cllrs informed The Clerk that she is to backdate her wages to April with the new pay rise effective April 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. SCP 18 increased from £9.20 per hour to £9.29 per hour.

Cllrs asked Cllr Jeffery to strim up the lane by the Church ready for the Queen's birthday party at the weekend. Also that Langsford Brook needs some attention.

Cllr Abel stated that the gates to the moors are being continually left open by walkers causing stock to stray into dangerous situations. Some gates are in need of attention too. The Clerk was asked to contact Rob Taylor from Dartmoor National Park to inform him of the gate issues and ask if signs can be put up on all the gates to remind people to close them securely.

The meeting was closed at 8.40pm

Signed:

Dated: