

## **PETER TAVY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 in The Chapel Room**

**Councillors present:** Mr E Dodd, Mr J Jeffery, Mr K Ball, Mr D Chanter, Mrs V Abel, Mrs N Litwinska and Mr B Lane.

**Absent:** Cllr Terry Pearce.

The Chairman Cllr Jeffery welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

**1. Apologies for absence.**

Cllr Pearce.

**2. Declarations of interest.**

Cllr Lane declared his interest in the letter from the Church Council regarding the toilets. Cllr Jeffery declared an interest in Church Cottages.

**3. To approve the Minutes of the Meetings.**

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

The Minutes from the Informal Meeting in regards to the appraisal of the clerk were agreed and accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

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

None.

**5. Correspondence.**

A letter was received from the secretary Patrick Cashell of the Peter Tavy Church Council regarding the provision of toilet facilities. Councillors discussed. Cllr Ball proposed in favour of the idea, seconded by Cllr Jeffery. Councillors took a vote: 5 for (Cllrs Abel, Ball, Dodd, Jeffery, Litwinska), 1 against (Cllr Chanter) and 1 no-vote (Cllr Lane). Cllr Jeffery confirmed that the council was in principle in favour of providing toilet facilities and the logistics will be discussed later.

A letter was received from the secretary Kerri Higham from the Mary Tavy Parish Council regarding a joint TAP fund venture to provide extra signage to make motorists aware of the school field. Councillors discussed. Cllr Jeffery proposed to support the application, seconded by Cllr Ball. All Cllrs in favour.

A letter was received from the Vice Chairman Steve Roche from Horrabridge Parish Council regarding a joint TAP fund venture to provide radar speed display signs. Councillors noted but at this time are not going to action.

Alfie Hall from Ricochet Ltd is making a TV documentary and requires homeowners who are interested in turning their homes into B&B's. Cllr Lane stated that the information should be put on the notice board and anyone interested can apply themselves. Councillors noted.

Correspondence was received confirming our involvement to The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration. Councillors noted.

The Annual Mayoral Awards sent nomination forms. Councillors did not complete any forms for submission.

Alison Marshall from DALC confirmed that the Transparency Fund Application had been received and the funding should be received by the end of February 2016. Councillors noted.

Lucy Radford from Flood & Coastal Risk Management Team at Devon County Council requested information on our sand bag policy. Councillors noted.

A letter from Torridge, North, Mid & West Devon Citizens Advice was received asking for a donations/contributions to the Citizens Advice Bureau. Cllrs agreed to make a donation of £50. Councillors actioned.

RoSPA confirmed that they will be inspecting the play area during the month of March 2016. Councillors noted.

The NLA Tenancy Agreement was circulated for Councillors to make notes/amendments as required. The Clerk Cassandra McDowall is to make all necessary amendments and then re-circulate the Agreement.

Councillor Chanter suggested that the Clerk Cassandra McDowall draw up an application form to include two references for new tenants of Church Cottages. Councillor Jeffery confirmed it was a good idea. All Councillors agreed.

**6. Reports from outside bodies.**

Councillor Lane raised the point that there is £17,000.00 available in the TAP fund for ditch/drain clearance. At this point Cllr Jeffery declared an interest. Cllr Lane informed the Council that he had contacted Brentor, Mary Tavy and Lydford to see if they were interested in a joint venture. Mary Tavy Parish Council had responded that they are interested and we are awaiting the replies from Brentor and Lydford. Councillor Chanter proposed the idea, seconded by Cllr Abel. Six Councillors in favour (Chanter, Lane, Dodd, Abel, Litwinska and Ball), one councillor declared no comment due to interest.

A letter was received from Mr & Mrs Yeatman regarding the floodwater at Cudlipptown. Councillors discussed and Councillor Jeffery is going to report all of the issues to Highways 11/02/16.

Councillor Chanter reported that Peter Tavy Community Hydropower feasibility study was going ahead.

Councillor Chanter reported that the footpaths were in very bad condition after the floods. It was the overall consensus that the Crossways footpath next to the chapel needs to be closed but it has to be done by Dartmoor National Park for legal reasons.

**7. Church Cottages.**

Day Electrical was scheduled to arrive 11/02/16 to complete scheduled works. The chimney was swept 22/01/16 and issued with a certificate.

The septic tank is due to be emptied.

**8. Mill Pond.**

Cllr Chanter advised that the Mill Pond needs shovelling out but no damage has been done by floods.

**9. Playing Field.**

No items to discuss.

**10. Parish Emergency Plan.**

No items to discuss.

**11. Highways.**

Road past Coppy Thorns to Cox Tor Farm is completely washed out.

Road from Pasleymead to Harragrove – blocked drains and stone washed out.

Road from Harragrove to Youlditch is washed out, tarmac lifted and potholes.

Road from Harragrove back to village – lots of rubbish washed out onto road.  
Road down to Lower Mill damaged.  
Pot Holes at Chubb Farm and drain not taking water/collapsed drain.  
Church Hill side of road washed out.

Drain blocked at Mine Field.  
Road from Cudlipptown to Broadmoor Farm – stone washed out and badly damaged road. Blocked pipe at top.  
Blocked drain other side of Cudlipptown.  
Road by Genesta House – hedge is coming onto highway stopping water running by the side of the road.  
Drain block in Peter Tavy at the end of the pavement.  
Road into Nutley damaged.

**12. Planning.**

Cllr Chanter reported that the planning was approved for Cllr Lane's field shelter at Lower Churchtown.

The planning application for the old garage site was turned down due to aesthetic values.

A planning application was received from Cox Tor Farm to erect a telegraph pole with antennas for mobile telecommunications. The Council support this application.

**13. Finance.**

The Clerk discussed that she had been approached by Mr Richard Walker to purchase another set of defibrillator pads as they can only be used once. Council agreed.

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

£40.00 R.Mears & Sons Ltd – chimney sweep Church Cottage No.2

£50.00 TNMWD Citizens Advice - donation

£303.60 Mrs McDowall - Salary December

£130.07 Mrs McDowall – Expenses

£220.00 Jim Jeffery – Lengthsmans work

**14. Any additional business.**

Councillor Lane proposed that we join the 'Clean for the Queen for Her Majesty's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday' March 4-6, 2016. This is a campaign launched by Country Life magazine in partnership with Keep Britain Tidy. The idea was seconded by Cllr Jeffery and then agreed by all Cllrs. A notice will be put up on the notice board on how people can get involved. The Clerk will register so that we can take part.

The meeting was closed at 9.00pm

Signed:

Dated: