

## **PETER TAVY PARISH COUNCIL**

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

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

**Absent:** Cllr T Pearce (WDBC)

The Chairman Cllr Chanter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

**1. Apologies for absence.**

Cllr T Pearce.

**2. Declarations of interest.**

Cllr Jeffery declared an interest in Church Cottages and Finance.

**3. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016.**

Cllr Lane noted that in section eleven the name is written as Grant but it should be Brunt. After this correction the Minutes 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 Marwood Yeatman from Brook Cottage up in Cudlippstown regarding the opportunity of a flood grant available for rural communities. The Clerk read through the inclusions and exclusions of the grant and it was noted that the grant cannot be used for any individual property protection work (such as flood gates) however it can be used for practical works that will provide immediate benefit to the community. Cllr Lane concluded that Mr Yeatman is asking for protection for his property but that the grant available will not cover that. Cllr Dodd stated that the grant could be used to benefit a group of homes in a high flood risk area. Cllr Lane asked the Clerk to investigate the availability of the flood grant but not for individual properties but to benefit the community as a whole.

The Electrical Installation Condition Report was received from Days Electrical regarding the electrics at No.1 Church Cottages. The cottage scored a 'satisfactory' result. Cllr Lane stated that there were a few items classed as classification C3 that need improving. It was decided by all Cllrs to get a quote from Days Electrical to update all the necessary electrics in the cottage.

Lauren Davies from Airband sent an email regarding village halls across the moors receiving free broadband connection. It was decided by Cllrs to pass the letter onto the Peter Tavy Village Hall for them to pursue.

Further correspondence was received regarding Airband from Emily Vosper stating that Airband has successfully completed testing of the network and that it will now begin releasing postcode areas capable of connecting to the new wireless broadband service.

The Southern Links Minutes of their meeting that took place July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 were circulated. The next meeting date is September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Cllrs read and discussed.

Devon Highways circulated an email regarding looking to hold more open forums for parishes. Cllrs have the opportunity to submit information online regarding the subjects that they would like to be discussed.

Lesley Crocker from DALC sent information about the West Devon Leisure Centre investment. Cllrs noted.

Lesley Crocker also sent correspondence that WDBC have approved the next step into amalgamating into a company. Cllrs noted.

Karla White from WDBC sent an email of a consultation on council tax reduction that is open from now until September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Cllrs can submit comments online.

Jessica Oates from Devon Communities Together emailed about a conference taking place October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for health and well being for the wider communities. Cllr noted.

**6. Reports from outside bodies.**

None.

**7. Church Cottages.**

Discrepancies with the payment of rent were discussed in relation to No.2 Church Cottages. Cllrs were in agreement that rent has to be paid on time as per the rental agreement and any late payments will result in a termination of the rental contract.

At No.1 Church Cottages, Mr Andrew Friend expressed his dissatisfaction over the fact that Cllrs let Days Electrical into the house without his consent. There was some confusion over the appointment and a letter of apology has been written and delivered.

**8. Mill Pond.**

The Mill Pond needs a final flush; Cllrs decided the date to be Friday August 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**9. Playing Field.**

Correspondence was read from Alistair Guy regarding the playing field. Cllr Ball stated that the PTPC should trust Alistair's judgement. Cllr Ball & Litwinska said that Alistair had picked up issues right away that the inspectors had missed. Cllr Ball proposed to get the extra £700 of work done to bring the playground up to an excellent standard. It was agreed by all Cllrs for the Clerk to contact Alistair to agree the rest of the work to be completed. Cllr Litwinska asked that we not use PlaySafety Limited anymore, as they are not thorough enough with their inspections. The Clerk is to contact Dave Potter from Independent Play Inspections.

**10. Parish Emergency Plan.**

Nothing to report.

**11. Highways.**

There are now many areas in the village that have road issues that have not been fixed. Steve Brockman has been out and noted all of the issues however a lack of funds has stopped all work. Cllr Lane has suggested to Highways that they review the work that needs to be done in the village and give us some financial compensation to get the work done ourselves. Hedges are an issue in the village and Highways have stated that they are the responsibility of the individual that owns them. Cllr Dodd commented that cuts usually occur in September but any dangerous hedges should be taken care of by the Council.

Cllr Chanter asked the Clerk to contact the DNP about the tree that has fallen into the Coombe River that needs attention.

The road above Higher Churchtown Farm has been washed out and needs attention, Clerk to report.

**12. Planning.**

Conditional planning permission was granted to Sowtontown Farm for the erection of a ground floor extension to the west elevation.

Further planning permission was agreed for a change of use of ancillary accommodation to a holiday let for Broadmoor Farm.

The Planning Committee also supported an application for the replacement of some windows at Lower Mill.

**13. Finance.**

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

£165.00 Days Electrical – No.1 Church Cott re: electrical report

£204.38 Mrs McDowall - Salary for July

£40.90 Mrs McDowall – Expenses

£82.50 Swift Chimney – No.1 Church Cott – log burner repair and sweep

£7.50 Jim Jeffery – Lengthsmans work

£391.34 Peter Tavy Methodist Church – event for Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

£180.00 IAC Ltd – Internal auditor

**14. Any additional business.**

The Peter Tavy Flower Festival reported an approximate £1500.00 profit

The meeting was closed at 8.55pm

Signed:

Dated: