

## **PETER TAVY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in The Chapel Room**

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

**Absent:** Mr D Chanter, Mrs N Litwinska.

The Chairman Cllr Chanter was absent along with the Vice Chairman Cllr Litwinska. It was decided that Cllr Jeffery would Chair the meeting. Cllr Jeffery welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

**1. Apologies for absence.**

Mr D Chanter & Mrs N Litwinska.

**2. Declarations of interest.**

Cllr Jeffery declared an interest in Church Cottages and Finance.

**3. a.) To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**

Cllr Lane noted that in Section 7 the Cottage should be No.2 not No.1. Also Section 5 the spelling of Sowtown Farm needs correcting. After these amendments the Minutes were agreed and accepted as an accurate record and signed by the acting Chairman.

**b.) To approve the Part 2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**

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

**c.) To approve the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016.**

Cllr Lane stated that the Minutes should read, "sent to the external auditor" instead of "returned to the auditor". After this amendment the Minutes were agreed and accepted as an accurate record and signed by the acting Chairman.

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

Cllr Lane discussed the Flood Defence Grant. It was decided that Cllr Dodd would ascertain the costs of a pump and a dehumidifier, for the benefit of the whole community, and then pass onto the Clerk to apply for a grant.

The tree that was blocking the river above the village has been cleared now, Cllrs asked the Clerk to write to John Collins to thank him for his efforts in contacting the Duchy to get it removed.

**5. Correspondence.**

An email was received from Southern Links regarding the meeting highlights. Cllrs read and noted.

A letter was received from the Duchy of Cornwall regarding the rent for the Millpond. Cllrs read and noted.

Southern Links sent an email regarding the summary of the TAP fund applications. Cllrs noted.

The Devon Community Resilience Forum sent out a newsletter. Cllrs read and noted.

An email from Cllr John Sheldon from WDBC was received regarding Councillor training. Cllrs read and discussed.

Darryl White from WDBC sent correspondence regarding the Super Link Meeting Agenda, meeting scheduled for 07/12/16. Cllrs noted.

Airband released the first waive of postcodes to be eligible to apply for broadband. Cllrs noted.

Angela Endean from WDBC sent an email regarding the delay of Precept funds to Councils. Cllrs noted.

Dan Janota from Dartmoor National Park sent an email referring to Dartmoor Local Plan consultation. Cllr Lane stated that the upcoming consultation was referring to the plan for the DNP for the next 10 years on how Dartmoor should be developed. Cllr Lane said that the reduction in cattle had resulted in many areas becoming overgrown resulting in archaeological sites not being able to be found. Cllr Jeffery suggested that a sub committee be formed to discuss the DNP. Cllr Lane thought that the PTPC should contribute to the consultation, agreed by Cllr Dodd and Cllr Abel. Cllr Lane is going to draft a letter and bring it to the next meeting.

DALC published their annual report for 2015/2016. Cllrs read and noted.

Clerks & Councils Direct sent out a newsletter. Cllrs read and noted.

**6. Reports from outside bodies.**

None.

**7. Church Cottages.**

The Clerk informed the Council that the tenant at No.2 Church Cottages had still not set up a standing order as per his rental contract. The Council stated that this had to be done otherwise he is in breach of his contract. The Council asked the Clerk to pick up a standing order form at the bank and deliver it to the tenant. Cllr Abel noted that the hedge was looking rather over grown and Cllr Dodd informed Council that Tim Dodd will be strimming it shortly.

**8. Mill Pond.**

Cllr Ball said that it's the time of the year now to let the water out of the pond. All Cllrs agreed.

**9. Playing Field.**

Cllr Ball mentioned that a part of the Spider was broken and Alistair Guy came out and offered to replace it free of charge. He also painted the playhouse and fixed the table. The Clerk was asked to contact the insurance company and check how often the playing field needs to be inspected, if we could possibly inspect once a month instead of once a week. Moving forward it was the overall consensus of the Council that in the springtime we use Alistair Guy for an inspection and then Chris Guy in the autumn for repairs.

**10. Parish Emergency Plan.**

Cllr Abel is writing an article for The Peter Tavy Piper on the current Parish Emergency Plan.

**11. Highways.**

The road outside Chubb farm has been all marked out for what looks like repairs but as of yet no repairs have been made. Cllr Dodd stated that bus corner down on the main road has caused to accidents recently and something needs to be done about it as its very dangerous.

**12. Planning.**

Cllr Lane noted that the planning application for the old Garage site is still under consideration

**13. Finance.**

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

£30.00 Duchy of Cornwall – Mill Pond rent

£204.38 Mrs McDowall - Salary for September

£27.50 Mrs McDowall – Expenses

Cllr Lane stated that at the moment we keep the Church Cottages account and the Peter Tavy Parish Council separate but in future depending on reductions of precept monies we may have to start using some of the Cottages income for Parish business. Cllrs noted.

**14. Any additional business.**

Cllr Ball noted that the Airband pole has been placed in slightly the wrong place due to a large 100 year old oak tree being in the way. Also a big green box has been placed at the start of route 27.

Cllr Dodd requested that Cllr Jeffery trim by the pavement where the stream runs through the village to clear the drain. It was the general consensus that Cllr Jeffery the Parish Lengthsman start to sort and clear out the drains in preparation for the winter.

The meeting was closed at 8.30pm

Signed:

Dated: