

PETER TAVY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th July 2016 in The Chapel Room

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

Absent: none

The Chairman Cllr Chanter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

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 8th June 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.

Emails were received from Steve Carreck regarding the printing of The Peter Tavy Piper. Two quotes for £72 & £49.50 were received, Cllrs unanimously agreed that funding The Piper was a well worthy cause to support. A further cost to be incurred would be £35 to have the magazines folded and stapled.

WDBC sent an email regarding Plymouth & SW Devon Joint Local Plan. Cllr Lane informed the Councillors that The National Park are proposing their own consultation that should be up and running by the autumn. Cllrs discussed.

An Agenda was received by email from the Southern Link Committee. Cllr Lane attended the meeting and informed the Council that the Airband/broadband was progressing well and so far had established approximately 70 masts around Devon.

An email was received from WDBC regarding the fact there will not be a charge to collect garden waste. Cllrs noted.

Claire Hall representing Legal & Democratic Services sent an email about the new appointments in the National Park Authority. Cllrs noted.

Clerks & Councils Direct newsletter was circulated. Cllrs read.

6. Reports from outside bodies.

None.

7. Church Cottages.

Cllr Chanter reported that the chimney blocks in No.1 Church Cottages had been replaced and a new baffle plate has been made but the work was not up to standard. The baffle plate was loose and the firebricks were insufficient. The

Clerk has been in contact with Swift Chimney Sweep and they are in the process of cutting a new baffle plate and have replaced the firebricks. Mr Friend also reported an issue with the key for the back door stating that it no longer worked. The Clerk reported that after getting a locksmith to look at the lock it just needed a longer key (as the lock in place is technically for an interior door). However after talking to different locksmiths, longer keys are not available for that particular type of lock. Cllr Chanter reported that the lock worked fine and just needed some mild persuasion. The carbon monoxide and smoke alarm detectors have now been fitted at the cottage. Cllr Ball raised the issue of the fact that the electrics have not been checked in a while. The Clerk informed the Council that Chris Day was scheduled to do the electrical testing 15/07/16.

The issue of the hedge outside the garden of No.2 Church Cottages was again raised. Cllr Ball insisted that the hedge is the responsibility of the tenant and all Cllrs agreed. Cllr Pearce agreed and mentioned that hedge cutting was enforced by Highways.

8. Mill Pond.

Cllr Chanter reported that the pond was cleaned out 17/6/16 and was in rather a bad state. Cllr Ball stated that the pond needs washing out again and that this should be scheduled in for this month, date to be decided. Cllr Chanter thought it would encourage more people to turn up and help if it coincided with a barbecue or something of that nature.

9. Playing Field.

A quote was received from Alistair Guy for the remedial work required at the playground. The estimate total was £700 plus VAT. It was decided that we next year we will get two independent quotes for any works that need completing but this summer we will just get the woodwork weatherproofed. Cllr Litwinska reminded Cllrs that in previous years Alistair Guy had offered this service plus minor repairs for £400 plus VAT.

10. Parish Emergency Plan.

Nothing to report.

11. Highways.

Cllr Ball reported that himself and Cllr Pearce spent half a day with Steve Brockman from Highways 20/6/16. The outcome was not successful as unfortunately Highways has no more money to spend and there is a 5 year waiting list for rural areas. Although the Broadimoor Road is in bad condition technically the surface is intact so therefore nothing will be done about it. Only areas of high residency / traffic are being currently fixed. The Parish Lengthsman Cllr Jeffery has sorted the issue at Minefield and is going to unblock the gutter at Broadimoor. The Clerk is to issue a letter to Jo Hunt to trim his hedge as per Steve Brockman's instructions. Mr Brockman was going to arrange for a digger to come out and shift some dirt on the road from Copsythornes up to Cox Tor. All the issues in the village have been reported and have gone on file but unfortunately we are looking at a long wait to get any work done. Cllr Ball stated that it was a good idea to mention something in The Piper so that villagers will know that the PTPC have done everything they can to try to get issues sorted. (Cllr Pearce reported that Highways have a backlog of 578 million pounds of work and their budget this year has been cut by a further 3 million pounds.) Cllr Pearce stated that Devon County has taken over hedge cutting from West Devon and last year did one cut only, leaving homeowner to take care of their own properties.

Cllr Lane said that he had been in talks with Peter Grant head of Highways Devon County to try to propose a plan that would work for Peter Tavy, Mary

Tavy and Brentor. Parishes will record all costs of trimming, gully and drain work and get paid part of the Highways grant to fund this. Cllr Lane continued on that the TAP fund was probably not going to continue in the future and that a replacement for this needs to be agreed and put in place permanently.

Cllr Dodd reported that there are further road issues at Higher Churchtown Farm where the side of the road has fallen out and also at Yolden where there is a hole at least a foot deep. Clerk to report.

12. Planning.

The Planning Committee supported an application at Sowtontown Farm for the erection of a ground floor extension to the west elevation. Cllr Litwinska reported that the proposed planning was in keeping with the rest of the house and presented no problems for the neighbours, as there were no overlooking windows.

The Planning Committee also supported an application for a new dwelling on the old garage site. The only issue that the committee could foresee was the floods that occurred in the spring. Cllrs noted that DNP should review the flood planes before going ahead with the approval. Cllr Chanter made it clear he opposed the decision that had been made. He also mentioned the dredging of stones from the Colley Brook should not have taken place along with the moving of potentially contaminated soil. Cllr Pearce was quick to step in to state that any concerns should be carried forward with future planning applications. All Cllrs agreed.

13. Finance.

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

£95.97 Day Electrical – No.1 Church Cott re: smoke detectors and c/m box

£189.32 Mrs McDowall - Salary for June

£38.50 Mrs McDowall – Expenses

£21.00 HM Revenue & Customs – C.McDowall PAYE contributions

£105.00 Jim Jeffery – Lengthsmans work.

£600.00 – see below

(Councillors asked the Clerk to move the 2 payments of rent, equating to £600.00 from the Peter Tavy Parish Council Account to the Church Cottages Account as No.2 Church Cottages rent had been paid into the wrong account. This was agreed by all.)

14. Any additional business.

Cllr Litwinska brought up the issues of the gates around the moors. The Clerk informed the Council that Rob Taylor had been contacted right after the last meeting and he had adjusted the 2 gates in question and reported the third to another authority. Cllr Litwinska also mentioned about the rotten fence surrounding the cattle grid that leads onto the moor and Cllr Pearce said he would report that. Cllr Ball mentioned the footpaths around the village are in a bit of a state in some place and Cllr Chanter informed the council that he reported issues twice a year to DNP.

Cllr Chanter said that it would be welcoming for visitors to the village to have a permanent information board on where various things. Cllrs discussed and will consider in the future.

The meeting was closed at 9.05pm

Signed:

Dated: