

## **PETER TAVY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 in The Chapel Room**

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

**Absent:** Mr E Dodd

The Chairman Cllr Chanter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

**1. Apologies for absence.**

Mr E Dodd.

**2. Declarations of interest.**

Cllr Jeffery declared an interest in Church Cottages and Finance.

**3. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2016.**

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

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

Cllr Lane questioned if any postcodes had been released yet in relation to Airband. Cllr Chanter confirmed that this information was not available yet.

**5. Correspondence.**

Came & Company replied to the Clerk's email stating that although we are free to employ whichever inspection company we wish, they would always recommend that they are a member of the Register of Playground Inspectors (RPII). Cllrs discussed and expressed an interest in using the services of Chris Guy from Radman Ltd to inspect the playground in the spring.

Rob Taylor from DNP confirmed Route 27 fingerpost (past PT Inn) will be renewed asap. The tree over the Colley Brook is the responsibility of the owner not of the DNP. In regards to the gate and box fencing up to Smeardon Down Highways are aware of the issue and will replace in due course. Cllr Chanter stated that the footpaths and byways around Sourton Farm are in a shocking state. Cllrs noted.

Correspondence from the Emergency Flood Resilience Grant was circulated. Cllrs decided that by the next meeting they would come back with ideas on how we could use this grant to benefit the village as a whole. Cllr Jeffery suggested a pump might be a beneficial piece of equipment.

Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council sent an email with Links meeting dates. Cllrs noted.

Connecting Devon & Somerset Scheme for Superfast Broadband sent an email stating that phase of the project is underway. Cllrs noted. Cllr Chanter stated that although most parishioners would like the new service there has been no word as of yet on how much it will cost.

The DNP sent a copy of their Minutes from July 13<sup>th</sup> 2016. Cllrs noted.

Rob Taylor from the DNP sent an email regarding the Dartmoor Community Paths Scheme. The scheme creates a partnership to better help look after rights of way. Cllrs discussed.

WDBC sent an email regarding changes in the T18 programme. Cllrs noted.

A newsletter from Clerks & Councils District was circulated. Cllrs read and noted.

DALC annual report was circulated. Cllrs read and noted.

**6. Reports from outside bodies.**

None.

**7. Church Cottages.**

Cllrs agreed that as per the tenant of No.1 Church Cottages rental agreement, a standing order must be set up. Cllrs asked the Clerk to review the contract and contact Alex Rehagg, the housing officer at WDBC to seek advice. Cllr Lane stated that it was pertinent to follow the terms of the contract. Cllr Ball proposed that the Clerk speak to Citizens Advice, seconded by all.

Cllr Jeffery stated that the septic tank has been emptied by Paul Upcott.

**8. Mill Pond.**

Cllr Chanter stated the Mill Pond has quite a bit of debris in it at the moment. Cllr Ball said that the access to the pond is extremely wet and this may be due to a hole somewhere in the concrete. Cllrs discussed and noted.

**9. Playing Field.**

Cllrs Ball & Litwinska said that they were still waiting for Alistair Guy to come out and finish the work that had been agreed upon. The repair to the Spider is satisfactory. Cllr Ball said he was going to raise the net on the hedge of the playing field as it was catching hedgehogs.

**10. Parish Emergency Plan.**

Nothing to report.

**11. Highways.**

The gateway to Smeardon Down has finally been replaced. Cllr Lane noted that he had met the gulley maintenance team from Highways and believes that not all of the gulleys in the area have been cleaned. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways to try to get a copy of the map of the work that has been completed.

**12. Planning.**

Planning approval was received for Lower Mill. No word of a decision has yet been made on the Old Garage site.

**13. Finance.**

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

£225.45 Graphic Words – Phase 1 of website

£204.38 Mrs McDowall - Salary for July

£32.20 Mrs McDowall – Expenses

£120.00 Paul Upcott – No.1 & 2 Church Cott – empty septic tank

£83.50 Jim Jeffery – Lengthsmans work

£48.00 The Parishes of Tavistock – printing of the Peter Tavy Piper

**14. Any additional business.**

None.

The meeting was closed at 8.20pm

Signed:

Dated: