

PETER TAVY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 10th May 2017 in The Village Hall

Councillors present: Mr E Dodd, Mr B Lane, Mr D Chanter, Mrs V Abel, Mr K Ball, Mrs A Skillicorn and 4 members of the public.

Absent: none

The Chairman, Cllr Chanter opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

- 1. Apologies for absence.**
Mr J Jeffery.
- 2. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th May 2016.**
Cllr Chanter summarised the minutes and it was agreed to sign them as an accurate record.
- 3. Chairmans Report 2016-2017.**
Cllr Chanter reported that it had been a less eventful year than previous years. He noted that the turnout to the meeting was particularly disappointing in relation to important changes that are occurring in the community. He stated that if we want to see changes then there must be involvement from the community in the future. Cllr Chanter noted that the Mill Pond, Village Hall, Church Cottages and playground play an important role in our community and reinforce community spirit. The Peter Tavy Piper is now subsidised by the PTPC. Cllr Lane has been voted in as the new Chairman of the PTPC.
- 4. Peter Tavy Community Hydro Scheme.**
Cllr Chanter invited Mr White to make a report on the current activities of the Committee. Mr White reported that it had been an eventful year. An independent consultant had been hired to conduct a feasibility study. DNP and the Environment Agency looked at potential issues. The conclusion was that the Hydro Scheme is a viable project. There is ongoing conflict with four landowners that once sorted agreements can be secured. The total cost of the project will be around half a million pounds. A return on investment for the community of 5%, based on a 20 year pay back. Mr White suggested that the Cllrs accompany him to a similar hydro scheme at Huckworthy Bridge to see and hear for themselves a working turbine.
- 5. DNPA Rangers Report.**
Mr Taylor reported that Ten Tors had come and gone with 2900 participants. Only three groups pulled out and two groups did not complete the walk which was a testament to the military on how well it was organised. There was only a few injuries and groups acted responsibly closing gates where necessary etc. Mr Taylor discussed the voluntary warden scheme where he himself would not attend but he would send a group of DNP members out to do community

maintenance while he himself concentrated on more core work around schools. There is plan to make forestry school for children more of a business like offer rather than the random pop-ins that he has been doing. The DNP have also been getting involved in the Hill Farm Project. The DNP is currently going through some structural changes to its staffing and what they are responsible for but by the summer they will know where they will be heading.

6. **Village Hall.**

The Peter Tavy Village Hall was represented by Steve Carreck who reported that the funds are back up after having spent quite a bit of money repairing the hall after the water damage. Steve Mortimer has taken over as the treasurer.

7. **The Chapel.**

The Peter Tavy Chapel was represented by David Dodd who reported that there hadn't been much change overall in the year. The soup lunches are popular, drawing 40-60 people. The building itself is always a problem to maintain.

8. **PTCC.**

The Peter Tavy Church Council was represented by Bill Lane. Mr Lane reported that the show was very successful however the numbers were disappointingly down on previous years.

9. **The Piper**

The Piper was represented by Steve Carrick who produces the newsletter with his wife Ali. Steve thanked the PTPC for covering the cost of the printing and also thanked the Tavistock Parishes for printing the newsletter.

10. **Youth Club.**

The Youth Club was represented by David Dodd. At this moment the youth club is not running its monthly meeting however as and when it is required it will be started again. Mr Dodd thanked Richard Walker for his all of his help with the youth club.

11. **Any additional business.**

On May 15th the Environment office will be meeting at 10.30am at the old garage site to put forward some suggestions to alleviate flood problems in the future.

The meeting was closed at 8.00pm

Signed:

Dated: