

PETER TAVY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13 March 2019 at 8:30 in the Chapel meeting Room.

Councillors present:- Mrs V Abel, K Ball, , E Dodd (at 7:45), J Jeffery (at 7:33), W Lane, H White.

In Attendance: - Cllr. T Pearce WDBC.

1. Apologies.

Mr D Chanter

2. Declarations of interest.

Cllr Jeffery declared an interest in Church Cottages.

3. Approval of previous minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

4. Reports from Outside Bodies.

Southern Links meeting to be held on 21 March

5. Correspondence.

Regarding Councillor and eligibility re Lengthsman we have received a further email from DALC in response to our query and they say that if we are happy the robust safeguards in place then we can proceed. NALC has stated that the Lengthsman should not be a member of the Council but we have argued that he is not carrying out a statutory function. Cllr Lane to send email and was thanked for his taking control of this issue.

Devon Communities together invited the council to a Devon Community Resilience Forum with workshop but it was declined.

The possibility of a emergency flood resilience grant was looked at, clerk providing information re different systems, but this was not taken up.

(at this point Cllr Dodd joined the meeting)

Devon Communities Together Rural Futures Conference to be held on 28 June in Crediton- decided not to attend.

Calor Rural Community Fund could provide grants of up to £5,000 re community projects such as playgrounds- Cllr lane to investigate.

A quote was received from P Nankivell regarding the cutting the grass at the playing field, an expression of interest was received from T Brown regarding the same. Clerk to write to P Dawe, who cuts the Church grass for a quote and clarification of equipment and insurance. Mr T Brown to be thanked for his interest but we are unable to accept his proposal due to his age and insurance issues. He is to be commended for his entrepreneurial spirit.

6. Church Cottages.

P Fraquet, electrician will be attending 2 Church Cottages on 15 March re bathroom extractor fan. In view of previous decision that clerk should be accompanied Cllr Abel said that she would also attend.

A rent increase was discussed.

Cllr Lane gave information regarding the average rent increases that are being asked for and proposed an increase of 2.5%. Seconded by Cllr White.

Before this could be voted on Cllr Dodd proposed an increase of 2% which was seconded by Cllr Abel/. A vote was taken re the 2% proposal and 3 Councillors agreed therefore the rent will be increased by 2% from July.

Mr Friend has stated that there are 'noises' within the property and this may have been caused by SWW who have recently carried out work on the area and which may therefore be solved by turning the stopcock off and on.

7. Mill Pond

Damage was done in the area during the replacement of the poles, there is a meeting to be held at which the question of compensation should be addressed.

8. Playing Field.

Cllr Lane apologised to the Chairman that the request for the grant which was to be applied for from Devon Communities at the Southern Links meeting was not presented in time for it to be discussed at that session. There had been a change in the small print in that applications should be referred one month in advance rather than the fortnight which it had been. Chairman accepted Cllr Lane's apologies. At this point Cllr Pearce stated that even he as a WDBC member was not aware of the timing change.

All is not lost as there may be more money available. A discussion held at the Southern Links meeting seemed to indicate that money by the previous TAP Fund may not be returned to DCC but could still be available with up to a possible £30,00 per parish.

The gym equipment that was to cost £6,000 has now been taken out of the equation.

Brentor and Mary Tavy are going to be asking for £4-5000 as their need for improvement is greater than ours.

9. Parish Emergency Plan.

Everything is in place

10. Election

The election, if required, will be held in May. Clerk handed out nomination packs to the existing councilors. Clerk will undertake to take any completed forms to WDBC before the closing date if required to do so.

11. Conservation Area

The possibility of Peter Tavy being a Conservation Area was discussed. It was stated that it can be advantageous in that it can stop indiscriminate development. We will still be able to put in UPVC windows if we want, just not in a listed Building. Tree Preservation Orders would apply. Cllr Pearce will supply any relevant information to the Clerk. This will be discussed in more depth at a later date.

12. Highways

Blocked drains, information provided by Cllr Jeffery, to be reported.

It was noted that the main road into Peter Tavy has been patched. This is seemingly being done prior to the road being surface dressed next year.

Cllr Jeffery left the room whilst a discussion took place regarding emergency Lengthsman work. It was proposed by Cllr Dodd and seconded by Cllr Ball that £300 be put aside to account for this work- all in favour

13-Planning**This was discussed prior to item 9 due to the proposed early departure of Cllr White at 8:30**

Planning applications 0020/19 (Rose Cottage) and 0659/18 (Gatehouse Mill) have both been given conditional approval.

Planning app 0076/19 Farm manager's dwelling at land adjoining Sowtontown Farm, Cllrs Lane and White attended the site and reported to the Council at the meeting. Apologies having been received from Cllr Chanter, Jeffery, Abel and Ball .

The dwelling will be the first property that will be seen going up Batteridge Hill and will be able to be seen from Cox Tor to Godsworthy. It is highly visible and expands the Sowtontown footprint. It was noted that the dwelling will be 'tied' to the farm and so help to retain a farming family.

A vote was taken and it was decided to support the application by 4 Cllrs and a neutral vote being made by 2 Cllrs.

14.Finance

Precept end of February £17,378.27

Outgoings

Clerk's Salary £226.63

Use of Home office £ 27.50

Total £254.13

Incomings

Church Cotts Admin £ 26.66

END OF YEAR**Total exc Emerg**

l'man £16,622.33

Emerg L'man £ 300.00

Church Cotts end of February £15,387.99

Outgoings

Admin to Precept £ 26.66

P Upcott (septic tank) £120.00

Incomings

Rent 1 CC £349.00

Rent 2 CC £309.00

END OF YEAR £15,899.33

15. AOB

Bridge at Coombe needs to be reported to DNPA and Duchy.

Annual Parish meeting to be held on either 15 or 22 May. Guest speakers to be invited.

Gate at Coxtor to be reported.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:56pm.