

PETER TAVY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11 September 2019 at 7:30 in the Chapel.

Councillors present:- Mrs V Abel, K Ball, , J Jeffery, E Dodd, H White, D Skillicorn and B Lane

T Pearce (WDBC) . and Mr M Stephens a member of the public

Mr Stephens attended the meeting to ask the procedures for the renting of Church Cottages and their availability. The cottages will be advertised when they become available, no waiting list is held. The cottages are held on a rolling Shorthold Tenancy and there is no time limit to how long a tenant may remain. It was noted that there is an upcoming change that will be made to these tenancies by Section 21 of the Housing Act which will require a fixed term Notice to be issued to retake possession of the property. This change is to protect the tenant as the reason for the Notice will have to be something along the lines of non-payment of rent.

1. Apologies.

None

2. Declarations of interest.

Cllr Jeffery declared an interest in Church Cottages and Highways

3. Approval of previous minutes and Matters Arising

The previous minutes were agreed and signed after the following amendments:-

The words "T Dodd has repaired the gateway area and now has to replace the fence" as this was already stated above.

It was stated that the minutes should go to WDBC Councillor and to Devon County Council.

Cllr Lane suggested that we use the telephone box more in order to keep it.

4. Reports from Outside Bodies

Cllr Lane stated that there are problems with the Southern Links committee. Parishes and DCC are supposed to issue reports but there is nothing on the agendas. DCC say they are either on holiday or too busy to attend and have not attended since March 2018. The Chairman has resigned and they are currently trying to find another one. There is a new Clerk who is trying to effect change but WDBC is also concerned about the non-attendance of DCC.

Cllrs Lane and Jeffery to attend the next meeting but they are not sure it is worth the travel.

Cllr Pearce informed the meeting that Mary Tavy Parish Council Minutes stated that the Emergency Lengthsman's Money, £300, was going to be received by them from Peter Tavy. Clerk stated that this was not the case as the money is held by Peter Tavy for the parishes that were part of the TAP Fund grant and they are responsible therefore only invoices will be paid and that the full amount held will not be transferred to MT.

5. Correspondence

- a. Email from Mr @ Rose Cottage informing the Council that they would be putting in windows on the ground floor of the cottage overlooking the lane. They say that they have checked with DNPA and that Planning Permission is not required as the windows are going in on the ground floor. Rose Cottage is not listed. Clerk to check with DNPA the validity of this information. Council noted that Rose Cottage used to be three cottages and one of the oldest in the village.

6. DALC Climate Meeting

Cllr White had attended this meeting and gave the following report:-

Climate Emergency: Local Councils Action Forum

A Devon Association of Local Councils meeting, Palace Gate Centre, Exeter, 6:30pm
18/7/2019

I attended this meeting as a member of the Peter Tavy Parish Council. Most present were town councilors from around Devon, although parishes were also represented.

There were two presentations and then a question and answer session.

The first presentation was by a Totnes town councillor. She talked about the councils participation in transitioning the town to being carbon neutral by 2030/50, which involved increased moves to engage with the community about different ways to reduce carbon, how to build local resilience and the importance of including local bodies/associations, although she did not give many specifics. She gave an interesting example though - that planters around the town had been planted with herbs and salads rather than flowers, something whilst not earth shattering is an example of things that can positively impact peoples awareness of issues e.g, sustainability. During the discussion further examples came up e.g. encouraging people to improve their gardens for pollinating insects.

The second presentation was by someone from Ide PC. He didn't really give any specifics but talked around the general issues of how (and whether?) to declare a climate emergency. How all councillors should be involved and the aim is to make a compelling case without being scary, and discussing what it means to be carbon neutral, how councils should show what they are already doing, what they might do next, and how it's good to build links with other councils. Not particularly informative or exciting.

There was other discussion around how to raise awareness and implement attitude change and a website was mentioned: <https://www.climatepsychologyalliance.org>

It was noteworthy that almost everyone present was from a council that had already declared a climate emergency, so I wasn't so sure that the meeting was as useful as it could have been

7. Standing Order and Financial Regulations Review

Cllr Lane has looked over these documents and put forward changes to update the records. The clerk is to amend the docs and provide every councilor with a copy.

Standing Orders_ proposed that changes be accepted Cllr Dodd, seconded Cllr Jeffrey- all in agreement

Financial Regulations- proposed that changes be accepted proposed Cllr Jeffery seconded Cllr Dodd

8. Church Cottages

Clerk informed the council that the listing of 1 Church Cottages also includes part of no 2 as the listing refers to 3 windows at the front. Cllr Lane queried this.

Quotes had been obtained for a new roof/replacement of existing tiles and for new windows, UPVC, timber framed and timber framed conservation windows.

It was realized that there was not enough money to do both.

Clerk to obtain quote re building survey from Vickery Holman and from Steve Whettan to see just what does need doing and the priority.

Steve Fraquet is to replace the socket in the front room of no 1 and provide a socket in the bedroom above. This will take at least half a day as it was found that the wiring for the socket is under the concrete floor.

The shed has been ordered from CP Sheds, Cllr Skillicorn to find out about the need for us o supply footings.

9. Millpond

Needs to be emptied before the cold weather.

10. Playing Field

Application was made to WD Community Grant Scheme for £3995 being the full amount of the works required. This was sent in without two quotes and was returned. Cllr Lane spoke to the Council and they said that we should make a matched funding application meaning that we would now only be applying for £1995 with the £1400 shortfall being paid by the parish.

Acceptance of this change of plan was proposed by Cllr Skillicorn and seconded by Cllr Ball.

11. Highways

We had already applied for and received a grant from DCC HMCEF and Cllr Lane suggested applying again. This grant is for the lengthsman work in the parish. Tom Lee from DCC Highways had said that he would support the grant application. Cllr Lane is to apply for a grant of £625.

Proposed Cllr Ball seconded by Cllr Dodd

Tom Lee has said that he has contacted the owner of Wringworthy Farm for them to cut down the hedge on the A386 junction.

Clerk to contact DCC re the word 'SLOW' being painted on the road at the first Peter Tavy directional sign.

12. Planning

The application regarding the sewage plant for the Peter Tavy Inn has been approved.

13. Finance

The second part of the precept has been received.

Precept end of August £19,652.93

Outgoings

Clerk's Salary(July) £232.54

Use of Home office £ 27.50

£260.04

CP Sheds £300.00

Incomings

Church Cotts Admin £ 26.66

Total exc Emerg l'man £18,819.55

Emerg L'man £ 300.00

Church Cotts end of August £18,647.93

Outgoings

Admin to Precept £ 26.66

Incomings

Rent 1 CC £ 356.00

Rent 2 CC £ 309.00

End of September £19,286.27

14. AOB

Clerk informed Council that she had received a phone call from Mr Nail querying why the minutes stated that the bridge at Lower Mill was mentioned as being owned by DCC. He thought we must have more information regarding ownership. Clerk to try to find out and let him know.

DNPA will provide the wood for the benches at Coombe Bridge and the bus shelter.

Cllr Lane asked whether or not we should maintain some kind of parish record such as where the time capsule is buried etc. Discuss at next meeting.

Cllr Pearce asked that we fill out the car parking survey on WDBC website. Cllr Skillicorn to add to Peter Tavy Facebook page.

There being no further business meeting closed at 9:00 pm.