

PETER TAVY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Councillors present:- K Ball, J Jeffery, D Skillicorn, B Lane and H White Cllr Dodd joined at 8:17

1. Apologies.

Cllr Pearce apologised and said he may not be able to attend

2. Declarations of interest.

Cllr Jeffery declared an interest in Church Cottages, Finance and Lengthsman's portion in the precept setting. Cllr Dodd declared an interest in Finance and the Playing Field

3. Approval of previous minutes and Matters Arising

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

11. 'Satis' was amended to 'satisfactory'
- 12 'treed' was amended to 'trees'.

The trees at Harford Bridge, we were told, were to be planted 5m away from any boundary fence and also away from the power lines but this is not the case as they have been planted within these limits.

Tom Lee is still to write a letter re the hedge at Wringworthy Farm along the A386.

4. Reports from Outside Bodies

Cllr Jeffery attended the Southern Links meeting regarding the highways and was informed that there is no money available. There will be a further meeting in January. It was noted that the Contractors would not go over any hedges and regard the drains as the landowners responsibility.

The Contractors are aiming to meet with the parishes and this may improve communication and so ensure the best use of the workmen and their time.

At the Superlinks meeting it was stated that any works required by the parish the cost should be included in the precept as there is no money available. DCC have a limit on raising their tax of 1.99% and West Devon by 2%- there is no limit on parish council raising their precept.

5. Correspondence

The question raised by the clerk regarding the refund of VAT for works carried out on Church Cottages has been resolved. The Parish council can reclaim up to £7,500 of tax in the year and if, due to large works being carried out, this can be averaged over a five year period. Cllr Skillicorn has had an email stating that the blocked drain at Harford Bridge requires rodding- the job has been removed from the DCC webpage but the works have not been carried out.

Engaging Micros information to be added to Facebook and the Piper Invite to the Devon Countryside Access Forum was noted

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Information regarding the Local Electricity Bill has been handed to Cllr White so that he may look into the matter and report at the next meeting

6. Parish Records

Cllr Lane suggest that there was a pool of information regarding the parish eg the fact that there are electricity cables underneath the bus shelter, basically information that would not be held elsewhere. Cllr Lane is to report at the next meeting.

7. Church Cottages

The Vickery Holman report was looked at and various works were discussed, quotes required and councillors to look at drainage round the properties. Radon Gas monitors are to be sourced, carbon monoxide monitors made available, an EPC certificate to be arranged, Legionnaires report to be arranged. Clerk to check paperwork re woodworm treatment already having been completed.

8. Millpond

All okay

9. Playing Field

Clerk to check progress of Grant application made to WDBC.

Councillors to cut the hedge between farm and playing field to allow Alastair Guy access to erect new netting and poles.

Cllr Dodd joined the meeting

Cllr Balll to ask Mr Guy about the guttering recently added to the play house as this appears to be redirecting the water into the playhouse,

Clerk to email to say that the hedge has been cut.

10. Highways

Some of the works reported to the Council have been completed.

The cattle grid to the moor has a broken post which means that the gate is being left open.

Clerk to report to DNPA or DCC.

Clerk to report, as clerk, re the drain at Harford Bridge referred to above and also the fingerpost sign that usually stands at the bottom of Batteridge Hill.

11. Planning

No new planning applications. Clerk to comment on Coppythornes as this is not shown on DNPA site.

12. Finance

Precept end of November £23,623.16

Outgoings

Clerk's

Salary(October) £232.54

Use of Home office £ 27.50

£260.04

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Ms WORDfor year	£79.99
P Nankivell	£700.00
T Dodd	£616.80
J Jeffery L'man	£906.00
Incomings	
Church Cotts Admin	£ 26.66
WDBC seat	£16.00

End of December

Total exc Emerg l'man	£20,902.99
Emerg L'man	£ 200.00

Church Cotts end of November £18,341.67

Outgoings

Admin to Precept £ 26.66

Incomings

Rent 1 CC	£ 356.00
Rent 2 CC	£ 315.00

End of December £18,986.01

Precept was set at £10,500 for the next financial year after perusal of the existing budget figures and taking into account the need to account for any drainage highways works required and if any top up was required to the works at Church Cottages.

13. AOB

SWWA –Clerk has contacted DNPA re the drainage problem on Causeway as there has been no help from SWWA who seem to be under the impression that this is caused by a spring
An eye to be kept to see if the give way sign at A386 junction is replaced.
Cllr white queried the style of the Parish Council’s report in the Piper- is it too informal? To be discussed at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm