

PETER TAVY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 27 May 2020 via Zoom

Councillors online: V Abel, B Lane and H White. E Dodd joined at 7:40

And Clerk

1. Apologies

Cllr T Pearce (WDBC)

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest

3. Approval of Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

Minutes approved.

Letter to Mr French still to be sent re salt.

Query regarding the Part II meeting that should have been held regarding Church Cottages rent. The discussion actually took place during the standard meeting.

4. Reports from Outside Bodies

No firm date set for next Southern Links meeting.

5. Correspondence

The Council have received an email from Cllr Skillicorn regarding his resignation from the Council.

West Devon Borough Council to be contacted to inform them of this.

Clerk to investigate how a vacancy is to be advertised at this time.

6. Covid 19

Cllr Abel stated that she had taken the decision to allow the use of the Council website to be used to disseminate information by the Peter Tavy Community Hub.

Clerk to prepare a notice of thanks for the outstanding work being carried out by the Village.

Cllr Dodd joined the meeting.

Cllr Dodd asked whether the Parish Council could use the money originally set aside for the Flower festival to go towards the running of the Hub. Cllr Land stated that Sandra Dodd had already claimed grants from Dartmoor National Park and West Devon Borough Council

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Cllr Dodd explained that some of the money had already been used for publicity and printing etc and that the National Park's grant money had been used up.

Cllr Lane asked that due to the time limitation of 40 mins on the Zoom meeting that this should be put off until the next meeting.

7. Church Cottages

The front door of no 1 Church Cottages is coming away from its frame. The problem is that the Council has obtained quotes for new doors and windows for both cottages but there is a query regarding the listing of the Cottages. Cllr Lane and the Clerk disagree as to what is listed and what is not therefore Clerk to contact Historic England to clarify the matter once and for all. Cllr Dodd said that he would look at the door in the meantime and make a report at the next meeting.

8. Mill Pond

We have received correspondence regarding the Millpond. There appears to be confusion in that it would seem that, due to the pond being empty, they are not allowed to go there. There is a worry that if the pool was full it would attract incomers to the Village.

Cllr Lane reiterated that it is open access land and that anybody can go there and that it is up to the individual if they wish to enter a pond that has rough edges.

Cllr White asked whether the repairs that are normally carried out in about May can actually happen due to social distancing. Cllr Dodd said that, as the brook is so low at the moment, if any height of water was to be retained in the pond then the repairs would have to be done. It is leaking badly around the valve and it does need repair.

People are worried about others accessing the pond and Cllr Skillicorn had obtained a chain and had locked the valve shut stopping the pond being filled as a deterrent and worries as to spread of coronavirus as out door swimming pools were closed.

Cllr Dodd said that we could obtain the materials needed to effect repairs, he had already swept the major mud from the large pond but had not touched the small pond. He said that we should be able to repair the pond and have it open approximately by the time of the next meeting which will be held on 10 June. Cllr Dodd said that if we supplied the materials then Villagers who have time on their hands would be able to undertake repairs and so be able to maintain social distancing.

Cllr White lost contact and then re-joined the meeting.

Cllr Dodd re-iterated that the decision had been taken that he would oversee the repairs that could be carried out by volunteers.

Clerk to provide draft replies to Mrs Preece and Mr Pitt in response to their emails voicing their concerns regarding the mill pond opening.

Cllr White mentioned that there was no foreseeable amounts of rain therefore it may not be able to fill the pond even if it was repaired.

Cllr Dodd said that the cleaning and repairs were not normally carried out until Devon County Show weekend which would have been 21st to 23rd May.

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Clerk to contact land owner for access one details supplied to her by Cllr Dodd.

Cllr Dodd will create a poster to advertise the works that need to be done and a request for volunteers.

9. Playing Field

Grass has been cut twice.

Report from Rospa does not need any action at the moment.

Alastair Guy to be contacted again regarding works.

Clerk was informed that we only have 6 bags for the grass cuttings and that they had not been picked up. Clerk explained that she had actually spoken to someone at WDRC regarding the green bags as they have to use an identifiable address but there is not one for the playing field.

Playing field is still locked in line with current regulations.

10. Highways

Works to be undertaken in June at Sowtontown.

Cllr Skillicorn had made adjustments to the gate at Longtimber but there was no action yet on the gate to mine field. DNPA were supposed to fix the gate and actually put in a walking gate but this has not yet happened. Landowner is trying to make repairs to ensure that it is stockproof.

Cllr Dodd asked that Cllr skillicorn be thanked for all his works during Covid 19 regarding gates and the playing field. Clerk stated that Cllr Skillicorn had said that, despite being no longer on the Council, he would continue with reporting leaks and potholes atc.

11. Planning

The planning application re The Old Root House has been refused.

12. Finance

Cllr Lane asked that in future the finance statement be changed so that instead of showing opening and closing balances it just show the opening balance and then a list of cheques that need to be paid. This is due to the fact that the meetings are held in the middle of the month and so the end balance would not take into account any monies received.

All agreed to try for a month.

Precept start of April £18,716.36

Outgoings

Clerk's Salary(April)	£232.54
	£
Use of Home office	27.50
	£
	<u>260.04</u>

Green Bags	£80.00
defibrillator battery	£264.00
dog bin	£35.88
playground report	£82.20
Public Liability Ins	£628.02

Incomings

	£
Church Cotts Admin	26.66
1/2 yr precept	£5,250

Church Cotts start of April £20,695.83

Outgoings

	£
Admin to Precept	53.32

Incomings

	£
Rent	1,342.00

It was queried whether the internal audit figures would be completed by next meeting Clerk assured that they would be.

13. AOB

All correspondence to be sent out in folder.

There being no further business meeting ended at 8:30