

Peter Tavy Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th September 2020 at 7:30pm in the Chapel

Present: Cllr. J. Jeffery, Cllr. E. Dodd, Cllr. B. Lane, Cllr K. Ball & Cllr. H. White
Others Present: The Clerk, Cllr T. Pearce (W.D.B.C), Mr. M. Stephens & Mr. P. Randall

1: **Apologies for absence**

None.

2: **Declarations of Interest**

Chairman J. Jeffery relating to a) Church Cottages b) finances - invoice for grass cutting & c) co-option of new councillors as one is related.

3: **Approval of previous Minutes & matters arising**

The Minutes of the meeting & part II held on 12th August were approved & signed as a true record by Cllr. Jeffery.

Matters arising: Poster for solar power initiative to be chased up by the Clerk.

On the subject of the telephone kiosk Cllr. Pearce (W.D.B.C) said the Peter Tavy response to BT for keeping the telephone kiosk had now been ratified. WDBC were still in the process of collating information & processing responses accordingly.

Cllr. Lane had been approached by a Peter Tavy resident to say that their mobile phone signal was great and they didn't see the need to keep the kiosk, unfortunately this was after Peter Tavy had ratified a response to BT to keep this kiosk. Various members of the Parish Council expressed that their own mobile telephone signals in Peter Tavy were extremely poor .

Cllr. Dodd asked if we had received a response from Dartmoor National Park regarding the broken wood on the Mary Tavy Clam footbridge, The Clerk reported that we had not had a response as yet. (Action required Clerk to chase response from DNP).

4: **Reports from outside Bodies**

Cllr. Lane reported that there is a Southern Links Zoom meeting on the 17/9/20 and did anyone have any questions to submit prior to this meeting? No questions were offered.

Cllr. Lane & Cllr. T. Pearce then gave a brief explanation of what the Southern Links do.

5: **Correspondence**

W.D.B.C.Register of Electors Changes to the register

Cllr. T. Pearce Wording suggestion for plaque on bench

DALC Newsletter

W.D.B.C Grant Scheme Acceptance form for Playground grant

Devon County Council Dangers of Ash Die Back (discussed at meeting with Cllr. Pearce (WDBC) stating that the ash tree on top of a hedge is the responsibility of whoever owns the hedge, Highways get involved when there is a safety issue for example if the tree overhangs a road.

6: **Covid-19**

The Clerk had received a poster looking for nominations for our local Covid Heroes and thought it would be a good thing to nominate our Community Hub. It was agreed that Sandra & the Community Hub should be nominated & Cllr. White suggested it should also include the contribution by the Peter Tavy Inn. These will all be nominated in the categories for Community Leadership, Star Volunteer & Organisation. (Clerk to action this) Proposed Cllr. Jeffery seconded by Cllr. Lane all in favour.

7: **Mill Pond**

The risk assessment and inspection forms were now ready for Council to adopt, these were duly adopted. Proposed by Cllr. White seconded by Cllr. Ball all in favour.

As a result of the risk assessment it was felt that the signage and lifebuoy together with its housing need updating – South West Water use Greenhams Ltd for their lifebuoys etc and it was stated by Cllr. Dodd that the rope needs to be 30m long. Tavistock Signage could be approached to make the signs with the same wording as on the existing sign. This could possibly fit on the housing to the lifebuoy. (Clerk was tasked to organise this) Cllr. Pearce (WDBC) suggested this might be something his localities budget could help towards.

The Inspection of the site needs to be carried out by a Councillor weekly when the Mill Pond is full and monthly thereafter. (Clerk has the inspection forms)

Cllr. Jeffery suggested that before the next meeting that the water should now be let out of the Mill Pond and Cllr. Ball said the vegetation now needs to be cut back. Cllr. Jeffery and Cllr. Dodd are going to fix up a date to start this work, it was estimated to take approximately 1 day.

Cllr. Dodd suggested that the Clerk writes to the Secretary of the Peter Tavy Commoners to see if there has been any progress made in contacting Western Power regarding compensation due to damage caused to the Coombe. This money could be used to help with renovation of the area and the Mill Pond.

8: **Playing Field**

Cllr. Ball has asked Charlie about cutting the hedge behind the football netting. Clerk to contact Charlie and ask him to carry on and cut back the hedge behind the football netting.

An inspection of the playing field equipment is going to be carried out weekly by Cllr. Ball and the Clerk until after the October half term and thereafter fortnightly until the spring.

The seesaw needs to be added to the Insurance Policy (Clerk to action)

9: **Highways**

Cllr. Jeffery expressed concern that he is still waiting for a response from Highways, Cllr. Pearce (WDBC) said he passed on Cllr. Jeffery's telephone number to them.

Cllr. Lane had noticed that the kerb stones opposite Genesta had been knocked out and needed putting back. It was making it hazardous to walk along there outside Spring House. (Clerk to email Andrew Watson DNP as the DNP put the kerbstones in when they did the stream). Cllr. Pearce suggested that if the Parish Council were prepared to contribute to the works that Highways could get it done quicker.

Cllr. Dodd said Highways should be notified about the road up to Broadmoor which is in a very bad state of repair. (Clerk to email them).

Cllr. Jeffery handed over meeting to Cllr. Dodd as he has an interest in the next item.

10. Co-option of new Councillors

Two new Councillors were Co-opted to the Council they are Mr. Martin Stephens & Mr. Peter Randall proposed by Cllr. Ball seconded by Cllr. Lane all in favour. (Clerk to send signed forms to WDBC)

11. Planning

No new planning applications to report.

There is an online planning event by the National Association of Local Councils on the 18/9/20 to inform Councils about the proposed changes to planning in the Government's upcoming white paper – this event will be attended by Cllr. Randall & Cllr. Stephens

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12: Finance

PRECEPT END OF AUGUST £21,660.88

Outgoings

Clerk's Salary £234.30

Use of Home Office £ 26.00

(£260.30)

Postage £ 1.52

Bin Liners £ 1.89

DALC Membership £ 76.05

Alison Skillicorn (outstanding Pay) £ 25.52

Alistair Guy (playing field) £ 4908.00

Parish Lengthsman (grasscutting) £ 24.00

Income

Church Cottages Admin £26.66

(less sum held for Lengthsman = £)

(less sum held for Community hub = £)

CHURCH COTTAGES END OF AUGUST £23,514.38

Outgoings

Admin £ 26.66

P. Upcott (septic tank) £130.00

M. Goslin (repairs) £695.00

Income

Rent £671.00

The outgoing was agreed by Council proposed by Cllr. Lane & seconded by Cllr. Ball – All in favour.

Chairman Cllr. Jeffery handed the meeting over to Cllr. Dodd (interest in next item)

13: Church Cottages

The Clerk was tasked to pay Matt Goslin's invoice but to also send an email to say the front door drags and the inside of the door needs glossing. There will be further repairs needed to the bathroom floor (wet) so maybe some plumbing (if he could quote) so he can catch up with these small jobs at the same time.

14: Any other business

Cllr. Ball reported there was a large stone blocking the gateway at Sentries and a member of the public was forced to climb the gate (Action required – the Clerk to inform Dartmoor National Park). It was also mentioned that the footpath from Coombe Gate to Lower Godsworthy fields was not cleared adequately following us reporting it to Rob Taylor (DNP).

Cllr. Stephens commented on the tap being removed at Southditch, apparently it was in a state of disrepair and was removed recently.

A suggestion was made that the Clerk could draw up a poster to put in the Bus Shelter notice board telling members of the public to please report footpath problems to the Parish Council.

Cllr. Dodd said that the delivery of sand and cement from Tinhay at the front of the Village Hall had been delivered to the wrong location (should have been behind the Village Hall). Cllr. Jeffery & Cllr. Dodd are going to fill some sandbags for flood prevention on Tuesday evening. (Clerk to put up a notice following this to tell people the village flood defence sand bags were now restocked).

Cllr. Dodd brought up the issue of our Snow Warden, Cllr. Jeffery will collect the key to the salt shed from Mrs. T. Abel. The Councillors suggested that the key be held by the Clerk and a list of volunteers be kept to drop around bags of salt. Both the Church & Devon County are to be notified of the new key location.

Cllr. White enquired about the bracken clearance happening on Smeardon Down & which chemicals were being sprayed, he was informed that this was a Peter Tavy Commoners issue and that signs were put up prior to the works, stock was removed from the Common. Cllr. Pearce (WDBC) stated that Natural England were overseeing the project on target areas.

Cllr. Lane informed Council that next year will be a Beating the Bounds year, this needs to be kept up with, the map with the boundary stones needs to be located. Cllr. Ball has a map and Cllr. Lane is going to have a look at this.

The Clerk informed Council of a communication from the What Three Words organisation and it was agreed that the Clerk should find out more about getting our Parish Council involved.

Cllr. Jeffery told the Council that the Peter Tavy Inn hedge repairs were all in hand.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.09hrs.

Signed

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