

Peter Tavy Parish Council – Approved

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th October 2021 7:30pm at the Chapel Meeting Room

Present: Cllr. J. Jeffery, Cllr. A. Barton, Cllr. E. Dodd, Cllr. K. Ball, Cllr. W. Lane, Cllr. P. Randall & Cllr. M. Stephens

Others Present: The Clerk, Cllr T. Pearce (W.D.B.C)

1: Apologies for absence

None.

2: Declarations of Interest

Church Cottages - Cllr. J. Jeffery.

3: Approval of previous Minutes & matters arising

The minutes of the part II meeting held on 30th September 2021 had the following amendment “Tom Lee’s boss is called John Fewings” then were agreed to be a true and correct record. These were duly signed by Chairman J. Jeffery. Proposed Cllr. M. Stephens, seconded Cllr. W. Lane all in favour

Matters arising Cllr. W. Lane commented that the letter to Tom Lee of highways should be separated into the two blocks of issues 1. the main highways repairs etc. and a separate letter on the matter of the gate at the bridge to Lower Mill, should be voted on as a separate issue. This was a proposal by Cllr. W. Lane and seconded by Cllr. P. Randall

After lengthy discussion and another proposal this matter was voted on as follows:-

That a letter be sent as one complete letter covering all highways subjects, including the gate at the bridge to Lower Mill, with the Parish Council’s concerns over Devon County Highways decision to allow the gate to stay in situ. Proposed that a single letter be sent Cllr. K. Ball, seconded Cllr. M. Stephens

Votes for sending the letter – Cllr. K. Ball, Cllr. M. Stephens, Cllr. E. Dodd, Cllr. J. Jeffery

Votes against sending the letter – Cllr. W. Lane, Cllr. P. Randall & Cllr. A. Barton

Carried that the letter is sent as a single letter.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th September 2021 had the following amendments:-

Item 4 - the celebration of bell ringing was due in “October” and not November as stated.

Item 5 - Notification of roadworks starting on Thursday 16th “September”.

Item 16 – There was no other business to report.

Once amended these were approved as a true and correct record.

Proposed by Cllr. K. Ball seconded by Cllr. M. Stephens, all in favour & signed as a true record by Cllr. J. Jeffery.

Matters arising The festival of bellringing scheduled to take place in October will no longer be taking place.

4: Reports from outside Bodies

Cllr. W. Lane reported that a petition will be taken to all households in the parish in the coming ten days or so regarding the General Synod’s proposal to give Bishops the ability to close parish churches without any consultation with either the parishioners or the Parochial Church Council.

This proposal has the potential to affect everyone whether you attend Church or not. Burials, Weddings, Christenings all rely on our Church being open for business.

If the Parish Council would like to put forward their own objections to this proposal this can be arranged.

A letter will be sent by the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council in support of the petition. Proposed Cllr. E. Dodd, seconded Cllr. P. Randall – all in favour.

5: Correspondence

Nothing other than what will be covered in following items.

6: Covid-19

Cllr. T. Pearce (WDBC) reported that West Devon has the second highest rates in the County and it seems to be more prevalent in school aged children at the present time. We still need to be following sensible precautions.

7: Mill Pond

The Mill Pond has now been emptied.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Duchy of Cornwall to see if there had been any compensation received from Western Power and if they could donate some of any compensation towards planned maintenance of the Mill Pond.

8: Playing Field

The Playground inspection has now taken place and every Councillor had seen a 28 page report following this inspection. As a result the playing field sub-committee are going to meet at the Playing Field with the report in hand and draw up a list of immediate works that are needed. Once this list is drawn up the Clerk will contact Alistair Guy and two other playground maintenance companies to quote for the works required.

9: Highways

Some repairs to the road up to Broadmoor have taken place, a 9" pipe has been put across the road and approximately 20ft of road patched up. This pipe will probably not be sufficient to carry the water and it would have been better to see more of the road repaired.

The Clerk has received a complaint about the state of repair at the top of the lane running from the Colley Brook bridge in the centre of the village down to Laurel Cottages. The resident has a mobility scooter and finds it increasingly difficult to negotiate that particular stretch of the lane. The Clerk was asked to inform Highways regarding this issue and to attach photographs to the email.

10: Planning

Nothing to report this month.

11: Church Cottages

The Clerk was asked to sort out access and timings for the electrician to visit no.1 Church Cottages.

2: Beating the Bounds

A big thank you was said to everybody who helped and took part, for all their hard work putting together a very successful and well received event. A total of £169.30 was given to the Dartmoor Search & Rescue.

Mr. P. Cashell had sent a letter of thanks to Cllr. Dodd and Cllr. W. Lane expressed how much he had enjoyed the event. It was suggested that maybe a piece with photographs could be sent into the Tavistock Times and Cllr. A. Barton is going to look into this.

13. Finance

The Clerk thanked Cllr. W. Lane for his help recently with spreadsheets.

A report was given as to the bank balances as of 3/10/21 as follows

PRECEPT ACCOUNT - £25,862.86

CHURCH COTTAGES ACCOUNT - £27,390.49

It was agreed to pay the outgoings from the precept account of

Clerks Salary £332.40 & use of home office £26.00

Wickstead Playground inspection £103.20

West Devon Borough Council Direct Debit Dog Bin £95.47

Debit Card stationery – up to £65

It was agreed to pay the outgoings from the Church Cottages account of

Admin fee to the precept account - £26.66

Proposed Cllr. K. Ball, seconded Cllr. A. Barton - all in favour.

Cllr. T. Pearce (WDBC) is going to see if there can be a credit note for the occasions when the Dog Bin has not been emptied.

14. Any Other Business.

The recycling lorry has not been up to the road from the village hall to Broadoaks for a number of weeks. Various excuses have been given from the driver not being able to reverse up the road, to overhanging trees causing the lorry problems. Maybe an answer would be for these properties to be added to the round picked up by the smaller lorry.

The Clerk was asked to pay for the wreath for remembrance Sunday before collection by Cllr. W. Lane.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.02hrs.

Signed

Dated