

Peter Tavy Parish Council – Approved

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th November 7:30pm at the Chapel Meeting Room

Present: Cllr. J. Jeffery, Cllr. A. Barton, Cllr. E. Dodd, Cllr. K. Ball, 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 & Planning Cllr. A. Barton

3: Approval of previous Minutes & matters arising

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th October 2021 had the following amendments:-

Item 3 – the proposal to send two separate letters was proposed by Cllr. W. Lane and Seconded by Cllr. P. Randall.

Item 9 – paragraph one should read “to carry the water”.

Item 11 – paragraph two should be struck out as unnecessary but a record kept.

Item 12 – the thanks for beating the bounds should be extended to everybody that helped and took part.

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

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

Matters arising (None).

4: Reports from outside Bodies (None)

5: Correspondence

A letter of resignation from the Parish Council has been received from Councillor W. Lane dated 14/10/21 and deemed as accepted by the chairman at this meeting. The Clerk was asked to draft a letter of thanks to Councillor Lane for his some 30 years of service to the Parish Council, for all Councillors to sign.

6: Covid-19

Cllr. T. Pearce (WDBC) reported that West Devon’s numbers are down slightly but that it is still not out of the woods and caution will still need to be exercised especially over the winter months.

7: Mill Pond

The Mill Pond has at present got water in which is welcome by an arthritic dog in the parish who finds the swimming beneficial.

8: Playing Field

A number of Councillors had been to the playing field to look at the works required to make it safe to open again. The Clerk was tasked to get three of four quotes for the works immediately required.

A new sign will be required for the gate and the Clerk was asked to get Tavi Signs to quote for one. It should have the address and a contact number of somebody responsible from the Parish Council.

The fact that the current play equipment now requires repair after only 12 years was commented on and, WDBC may be able to help with the cost of some repairs.

9: Highways

Some further repairs to the road up to Broadmoor have taken place.

The pavement and hedge adjacent had been tidied up.

The Clerk was asked to report the pot hole as you go out of the village, together with the drainage problems at the open ditch up church hill, and a drainage pipe required by mine fields.

Cllr. Jeffery is going to check the state of the salt in local salt bins.

The Clerk was asked to put in a request for the leaf sweeper to visit the village.

Cllr. T. Pearce requested a list of outstanding Highways works required in the village ready for an online meeting coming up soon.

The gate at Lower Mill was discussed again and it was proposed to send a letter of complaint to County Hall regarding Tom Lee's decision and also Highway's response to the Parish Councils comments thereto. Proposed Cllr. E. Dodd, seconded Cllr. M. Stephens and voted as follows – 3 For – 2 Against – 1 Abstain.

Motion to send the letter carried.

10: Planning

Cllr. Stephens will require an extension to the date allowed for comments from a Parish Council on the DNP planning application by the owners of Lower Wapsworthy. He is going to sort out an alternative date and let other Councillors know.

The Parish Council comments on the application by the owners of The Oaks have gone in.

11: Church Cottages

Councillors had a site meeting with the builders at Church Cottages and were happy with the works during recent repairs. Further works of an electrical socket and outside taps will now be put on a list of future works.

12: Budget for Precept 2022

The budget was discussed and it was provisionally agreed (subject to notices about precepts from WDBC) to accept the budget and set the precept for 2022 at £11,000.00. Proposed Cllr. E. Dodd, seconded Cllr. J. Jeffery all in favour.

13: Finance

The Clerk reported that a new cheque book for the Church Cottages account has been requested and a change of signatories form has also been requested following the resignation of Cllr. W. Lane who was a signatory.

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

PRECEPT ACCOUNT - £25,251.97

CHURCH COTTAGES ACCOUNT - £28,045.51

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

Clerks Salary £332.40 & use of home office £26.00

Paul Nankivell – playing field grass cutting £850.00

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Admin fee to the precept account - £26.66

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A.C. Worth Builders - £3537.00

Electrician - £1108.80

P. Upcott, septic tank - £130.00

Proposed Cllr. P. Randall, seconded Cllr. E. Dodd - all in favour

14. Any Other Business

Cllr. E. Dodd had received complaints that the Parish Council notice boards were too untidy. The Clerk commented that the minutes could not be printed out any smaller as nobody would be able to read them and that the communal board next door was far too overcrowded and that she would do something to try and tidy them both up.

The seemingly abandoned vehicle next to the church lane is broken down and the owner is waiting for parts.

It was noted that the microbrewery is attracting increased traffic on the single road up to it.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.00hrs.

Signed

Dated