

Peter Tavy Parish Council – Approved

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th December 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 and Mr. W. Lane

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ALLOTTED TIME TO SPEAK BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS

Bill Lane had the following comments to make to the Parish Council:-

At the recent remembrance service at the war memorial the order of events was set out by the Church. During the first minutes after the parade reaches the memorial, a parish wreath is laid. This is usually carried out by either the Chairman or his representative from the Parish Council (this year it was carried out by a serving serviceman as requested by the Chairman J. Jeffery). Once the wreath is laid serving and ex-servicemen from the village read out the names of parishioners who gave their lives during the first and second world wars.

Bill had received a number of adverse comments that no representative from the actual Parish Council attended the service. (The Clerk was present). It was considered extremely poor and disrespectful that not one Councillor was in attendance this year, leaving the parish wreath to be laid by one of the Servicemen.

Bill expressed a wish that this should never be allowed to happen again.

The Chairman replied that Bill's comments would be noted and that he hoped whoever is Chairman next year will be able to rectify this, and that the wreath would be laid by either the Chairman or a serving Parish Councillor.

THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWED

1: Apologies for absence

Cllr. T. Pearce (W.D.B.C)

2: Declarations of Interest

Church Cottages & Lengthsman Budget - Cllr. J. Jeffery

3: Approval of previous Minutes & matters arising

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th November 2021 were approved to be a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr. E. Dodd seconded by Cllr. K. Ball, 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 thanks had been received from ex Councillor W. Lane for a gift to him from the other Councillors after he had resigned from the Parish Council.

A letter had been received from Mr. V. Nail in relation to the issue of the gate at the bridge, Lower Mill and a response to this was discussed and will be sent by the Clerk.

A copy of a letter sent by Gatehouse Mill on the matter of the gate at the bridge, Lower Mill had been received an acknowledgement will be sent by the Clerk.

A notice about changes to the 118 bus service was received and the timetable will now be enhanced to link with the new train service at Okehampton. A notice will be put up in the bus shelter (with a new timetable

when it is released) and on the website about this. The Clerk will also ask Steve Carreck to put something into the next edition of the Piper.

6: Covid-19

The Councillors discussed the latest variant and noted no news of cases in West Devon yet as far as they were aware. People are still advised to take all usual precautions.

7: Mill Pond

The Mill Pond is still fairly full and as far as the Councillors were aware the dog was still swimming there. Cllr. E. Dodd will judge when to let the water out and empty the pond.

8: Playing Field

The report from Wickstead has been emailed to Alistair Guy ready for his quote on necessary repairs.

A letter will be sent to Linwood to see if another quote can be obtained.

Because Wickstead did not instal the play equipment they are not willing to quote for repairs.

Cllr. P. Randall suggested that because repairs are likely to be expensive (and that grants are available to help with replacing play equipment) maybe we should be looking into quotes for renewing rather than repairing. The Clerk is going to send off for some brochures so that the playing field sub-committee can have a look. This would be a positive project for the community in the new year.

9: Highways

The further repairs to the road up to Broadmoor have been done 'on the cheap' and are seen to be poor repairs. The mounds have been turned into lumps and the Parish Council have received verbal complaints from a nearby resident and the home owner at the top of the lane. A resident had to move 5 barrows of silt from the entrance to his property which had washed down the lane after the said repairs had taken place. The Clerk was asked to write to highways to ascertain if these repairs are a temporary measure ? It would appear they had been funded from the pot hole budget and not as a bigger project. It was noted that this lane is definitely a bigger project.

A pipe recently renewed across the road at Chubb Farm is clearly not large enough, it has this week already blocked and flooded across the road.

The Clerk will also write to Councillor. P. Sanders (DCC) to see if he will meet with the Chairman and be shown where and the extent of these highways/flooding issues are.

There has been another near miss at the bus stop junction with the A386.

10: Planning

The Planning sub-committee had been out to Lower Wapworthy and met with Mr. Guest. The works so far have been of a high standard using local materials and the Parish Council will support the application.

There had been a grant of conditional planning permission for The Oaks.

The Planning sub-committee support the application for Avaries at land by Will Farm.

A new application has come in for Gatehouse Mill and the planning sub-committee will go and look at this in due course.

11: Church Cottages

The scaffolding has now been taken down on No.1 Church Cottages.

Cllr. M. Stephens is going to go and clear out the guttering at the back of the Cottages during this next week.

12: Budget for Lengthsman from the Precept Account for 2022

Cllr. J. Jeffery handed over to Vice Chairman Cllr. E. Dodd and left the room for the next item.

The spend to date has been £775 with works still to be carried out over the winter. With the situation of Highways doing less and less within the parish it was noted that there may well be more ditch/drain clearing required from the Lengthsman. The Parish Council were in favour of keeping the Lengthsman on proposed Cllr. A. Barton, seconded Cllr. K. Ball all in favour.

The budget for lengthsman was agreed to be set at £2000 for 2022 and once £1500 had been reached the Lengthsman will ask the Parish Council whether any further works can be carried out. Proposed Cllr. K. Ball, seconded Cllr. A. Barton all in favour.

The Councillors wanted it noted that their thanks are extended to Cllr. J. Jeffery for his sterling work as Lengthsman for the Peter Tavy Parish.

13: Finance

Cllr. M. Stephens is going to take ID into the bank to become a new signatory this week.

A report was given as to the bank balances as of 1/12/21 as follows

PRECEPT ACCOUNT - £19,405.93

CHURCH COTTAGES ACCOUNT - £28,700.53

The Clerk was authorised to buy stationery and stamps using the Debit Card for the precept account.

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

Clerks Salary £332.40 & use of home office £26.00

It was agreed to pay the outgoings from the church cottages account of

Transfer back to Precept Account re: cheques written from precept account £4775.80

Admin fee to the precept account - £26.66

Proposed Cllr. A. Barton, seconded Cllr. P. Randall all in favour

14. Any Other Business

Cllr. P. Randall suggested that as the new windows in the village hall are wooden but carry a 50 year guarantee, that maybe these could be looked into for the Church Cottages. A local tradesman was used (Nathan McArthur joinery) from Tavistock. The rest of the Councillors thought that using a local supplier would be a good idea and that this could be discussed at another meeting in the new year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.28hrs.

Signed

Dated