

Peter Tavy Parish Council – (Approved)

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th January 2022 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 Cllr. T. Pearce (WDBC)

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 meeting held on Tuesday 7th December 2021 were approved to be a true and accurate record.

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

Matters arising (None).

4: Reports from outside Bodies

Cllrs. P. Randall and A. Barton attended a webinar hosted by WDBC on the topic of improving community broadband. They are waiting for the follow up sheets from that meeting. Gemma Bristow (WDBC Co-ordinator) explained the technical elements to faster broadband and also explained the role of the broadband champions for each parish. Following the webinar Cllr. Randall will go back to West Devon Borough Council with details of the 12 parishioners who have already expressed an interest in faster broadband and try to arrange a public consultation meeting to be held in the coming months.

5: Correspondence

A letter had been received from Bill Lane and this will be discussed under precept later in the meeting.

Following the recent Vacancy for a Parish Councillor no one had requested an election so WDBC have now given Peter Tavy Parish Council the go-ahead to Co-Opt another Councillor onto the Parish Council. The Clerk will put up a notice of Vacancy in the bus shelter and also on the website. Steve Carreck will be asked asap to include this in the next edition of The Piper if possible.

6: Covid-19

The Councillors discussed the latest variant and noted that there had been 17 cases of the Omicron Variant in the Tavistock area reported that Monday alone. The public are still being urged to exercise caution when mixing or in crowded spaces.

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 was asked if he could at least let some of the water down now to prevent any frost damage to the pond.

Correspondence had been received from the Duchy regarding the historic damage by Western Power to The Coombe. It was agreed to reply with the Parish Councils' view that any repairs would now be a waste of time. Parishioners wanted easier access and planting more scrub/hazel trees would only make an already overgrown area worse. The ruts left by Western Power had all but healed over now and the only repairs necessary are

the damage caused to the pipework at the lower side of the pond, which they had driven over. In the Parish Councils' view this money would be better spent repairing the broken pipe and maintaining better access for the public and ongoing upkeep of the pond. The Clerk will send this reply.

8: Playing Field

The Playing Field Sub-Committee have met on site and although the wendy house requires repair it is still a valuable piece of play equipment. The priority now has to be getting the playing field re-open before the summer months.

West Devon Borough Council have grants available for match funding for play equipment and Cllr. P. Randall is going to correspond with Cllr. T. Pearce regarding this.

Cllr. P. Randall is going to approach the 12 playground firms in the South West to get some idea of costs of replacing equipment and bring this to the next meeting.

The entrance way was very boggy and suggestions were discussed to remedy this. All Councillors agreed that the playing field must be functional for use this year, and are making this project a priority.

9: Highways

The Clerk had written to Cllr. P. Sanders (DCC) to see if he would be willing to meet with the Parish Lengthsman to discuss ongoing highways issues – despite repeated attempts no reply has been received.

A little more repair work has been carried out at Broadmoor but the workmen damaged more of the highway with their delivery lorry than was fixed.

The planned works for the middle of the village and road closure are now re-scheduled for Thurs 13th Fri 14th and Mon 17th and should finish by Tues 18th.

10: Planning

Gatehouse Mill had been visited on site and the Planning Sub-Committee approved of the plans.

A grant of conditional planning permission had been received regarding the Avaries at Will Farm.

The application regarding Langsford Barn agricultural building had not been visited on time to allow for the Parish Council to pass comment on the application.

11: Church Cottages

Cllr. M. Stephens has been up to the Cottages and cleared out the guttering to the rear, however the concrete gully is showing signs of damage and will need looking at further.

Mr. Ray Molloy tenant of No.2 has sadly passed away and the Parish Council have sent their condolences to his family. There will now be a vacancy for No.2. Once the cottage has been cleared and keys handed back to the Parish Council any necessary works will be carried out before the cottage is advertised publicly.

The Clerk was asked to set up an onsite meeting with a DNP Planning Officer to see what the Parish Council will be allowed to do with No.2 Church Cottages especially in respect of the windows.

12: Setting the Precept for 2022

A letter setting out objections to the Parish Council setting a precept amount of £11,000 had been received from Mr. W. Lane. This was discussed at length and a reply will be sent by the Clerk setting out the reasons the Parish Council are holding reserves in hand, and that the precept for the past few years has not met the actual spending of the Parish Council as per its budget.

The Councillors agreed that their decision at the last Parish Council meeting to set the precept figure at £11,000 should therefore stand.

13: Finance

A report was given as to the bank balances up to date as follows

PRECEPT ACCOUNT - £23,718.53

CHURCH COTTAGES ACCOUNT - £24,606.41

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

Admin fee to the precept account - £26.66

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

14. Any Other Business

Cllr. K. Ball asked that all the documentation and information regarding the unsuccessful bid for a hydro scheme be held by the Parish Council and that ex Cllr. H. White be contacted to see what happened to this paperwork.

Cllr. E. Dodd asked if anybody knew of any schemes whereby the electric heating at Church Cottages could be upgraded using an available grant. Cllr. T. Pearce (WDBC) informed the Councillors that West Devon Borough Council have a list of approved contractors who would deal with any grant schemes for this purpose.

Cllr. E. Dodd said that at future meetings the Parish Council needed to start discussing the beacon and other celebrations planned for the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Cllr. P. Randall said the village hall were probably planning something and it would be useful for the village efforts as a whole to be jointly co-ordinated.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.55hrs.

Signed

Dated