

**Peter Tavy Parish Council – (APPROVED)**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 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 & Finance - Cllr. J. Jeffery

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

After the following typing corrections to Item 5 last sentence should read “ASAP” and not “alsp”. And Item 8 first paragraph should read “PRIORITY” and not “priory”. Once corrected the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were approved to be a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr. E. Dodd 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**

Cllr. T. Pearce (WDBC) asked Councillors how often in their opinion the Southern Links meetings should happen, this was discussed and agreed that quarterly should be the way forward. The Clerk will get notification of the next meeting which should be sometime in April.

**5: Correspondence**

Various items of correspondence were discussed and The Clerk was asked to copy John Hart of Devon County Council in on the next request for a response from Cllr. Philip Sanders (DCC).

**6: Covid-19**

It was noted that the current rate of infection in Devon particularly the Exeter area were now higher than the national average.

**7: Mill Pond**

The water level was now down and there is a leak around the outlet valve.

A letter from the Duchy of Cornwall had been received instructing the Parish Council to deal direct with Western Power to negotiate compensation due as a result of historic damage to the Coombe area. The Clerk was asked to liaise with Western Power direct regarding this, she will bring any news to the next meeting.

**8: Playing Field**

Cllr. P. Randall gave a written report into his research regarding renewals/repairs required to the playpark. These were discussed at length and a priority will be the entrance and getting the playpark open. An initial budget of £5,000 was proposed as this is likely to be match funded elsewhere. This budget will be spent on renewing the swings with a longer serving piece of equipment (likely to be swings).

If the goal posts were to go more equipment could be purchased, however this was seen by Councillors as removing a much-loved asset for more equipment which was not necessarily needed. However, there was an agreement that current pieces will need to be updated.

Cllr. K. Ball expressed a concern that the wendy house is kept in situ.

It was suggested that the Clerk could approach Cllr. P. Saunders (DCC) to see if his localities budget could give a grant towards the new equipment.

The proposed initial budget of £5,000 by Cllr. M. Stephens was seconded by Cllr. E. Dodd all in favour

Cllr. P. Randall will now get some prices for the swings to bring back to the playing field sub-committee.

#### **9: Highways**

The Chairman gave the Clerk a list of what 3 words co-ordinates for drains which require Devon County Highways attention. The Clerk will email these to Tom Lee of Highways.

The dangerous junction with the A386 still remains dangerous and if the bridge parapet could be lowered this would help with poor visibility as vehicles approach the junction. The Clerk will suggest this in her next email to Devon County Highways.

The exit pipe from drain under the road has been tarmacked over, preventing the water from running free onto the highway. The Parish Council would like to know when remedial works will be scheduled.

The Clerk was asked to contact Devon Highways to ask if any of the outstanding works will begin in the new financial year and to what extent the works will be.

It was noted that the works at Broadmoor to the pipework was ok but the tarmac was minimal.

#### **10: Planning**

The Planning Application at Gatehouse Mill has been refused by DNP.

The Planning Application at Langsford Barn has been refused by DNP.

#### **11: Church Cottages**

The Clerk has applied for planning advice from DNP planning department regarding no.2 Church Cottages but has not yet heard anything. The Clerk was asked to chase this up.

The Clerk was asked to contact the late Mr. Malloy's Son to let him know that the Parish Council now require vacant possession of No. 2 Church Cottages.

The Chairman will request the septic tank to be emptied.

#### **12: The Queen's Jubilee Beacon etc.**

The beacon fire will be lit on the Thursday evening of the long bank holiday and it was suggested that this will have to be on top of Smeardon Down so it can be seen from other vantage points ie: (Blackdown, Mary Tavy).

On the Saturday of the long bank holiday a walk to include some boundary stones is in the planning stages.

On the Sunday a joint service and street party are being planned.

As in previous jubilees the Parish Council would like to give commemorative mugs to the Children of the Parish and The Clerk is going to obtain quotes for these.

#### **13: Finance**

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

**PRECEPT ACCOUNT - £23,204.47**

**CHURCH COTTAGES ACCOUNT - £24,919.77**

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

Clerks Salary £332.40 & use of home office £26.00

Lengthsman's invoice £2,400.00

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

Admin fee to the precept account - £26.66

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

#### **14. Any Other Business**

It was noted that collections of recycling and food waste bins are regularly missed in the Village. The speed the collections happen could be a factor. Cllr. M. Stephens said on Tavistock's collection days the rubbish left on the roads is a matter for concern.

A proposal for the Clerk to contact Steve Carreck about the next edition of the Piper was put forward and a suggested budget of £150 for printing was agreed and will be ratified at the next Parish Council Meeting under a S.137 payment.

Cllr. T. Pearce (WDBC) brought up the Governments plan for £150 to come off Council Tax Bills for those in Band D and below properties within West Devon. As the bills are produced and sent out in March, and the rebate not going ahead until April this will be rebated direct to the Council Tax payer by way of direct bank payment straight into the bill payer's account.

The Chairman asked if there will be reminders sent out this year for the green bag subscriptions as no reminders were received last year. Cllr. T Pearce (WDBC) stated that the reminders should come out to households in March.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.10 hrs.**

**Signed**

**Dated**