

**PETER TAVY PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
held on Wednesday 08th June 2022, 8:30pm at the Chapel**

Present: Cllr. J. Jeffery (Chairman), Cllr. A. Barton, Cllr. E. Dodd (Vice-Chairman), Cllr. K. Ball, Cllr. P. Randall & Cllr. M. Stephens

Others Present: Mrs. M. Widdows (Clerk), Cllr. T. Pearce (WDBC), Mr. W. Lane.

1: Agreement of last Annual Parish Meeting minutes (2018)

The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting dated 20th June 2018 were read and approved – proposed Cllr. E. Dodd, seconded Mr. W. Lane all in favour.

2: Chairman's Report

The Chairman expressed thanks to Cllr. E. Dodd for being Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for a number of years and also expressed thanks to the Dodd family as a whole for arranging so much in this Parish and noted that without whom most of the events would not take place.

He went on to thank all the people who had been Councillors since the last Annual Parish Meeting, and also expressed thanks to Mrs. V. Abel the previous Chair of the Parish Council.

A lot had happened over the jubilee weekend and all the volunteers and organisers of the various events pulled together to make the weekend a great success.

A big thank was said to Cllr. Terry Pearce (WDBC) who has served as a Borough Councillor for some 16 years, and who will be greatly missed when he steps down from office.

The Clerk was thanked for all her work with Church Cottages, the Playing Field and producing the minutes.

3: Cllr. T. Pearce (WDBC) Report.

Last year a plan for West Devon had been adopted offering more co-operation with Parish Councils, greater emphasis on affordable housing (for example bringing forward the Spring Hill development) and greater community support will be central to this policy. Access to the plan can be found on WDBC's website. If all the proposals were brought forward then West Devon would be the best Local Authority in the Country.

The plan for Tavistock is covered by the WDBC plan and should focus on quality of accommodation and creating employment for example the Hazledon House 10 home development will incorporate the reinstatement of parkland. Several Parish Councillors commented however as it is on an old flood plain this will also need addressing.

Like all Local Authorities finances are limited and as a result providing services is getting more difficult.

Cllr. T. Pearce apologised that Peter Tavy had been hit so hard with problems with recycling and refuse collection, and said that meetings are happening soon to address these issues. He acknowledged the missed collections from the dog waste bin and pledged that he could fund another bin from his localities budget if it could be situated near the existing one. The Clerk is going to ask the relevant parties.

Attending the Peter Tavy Parish Council meetings has been an enjoyable part of Cllr. Pearce's duties and he said that it had been a pleasure working with them all.

Peter Tavy's Jubilee Beacon was a great triumph as it was well visible, and one of the last ones to go out! Appreciation must be given to the Dodd family for their incredible work not only during the Jubilee

weekend, but also throughout the Pandemic and it is noted that Peter Tavy is very fortunate to have such a great community spirit.

4: Any other Village Group Reports

Mr. W. Lane gave a report from St. Peter's Church:-

There is a need for a complete re-wire of our Church, and as the Church is listed the diocese has to visit before any works can take place. This could cause delays of approximately two months.

The Tower is scheduled for works in two phases. The first course of action is to investigate how extensive any water damage is. This will involve putting dowels at strategic points in the tower and monitoring moisture ingress for about six months. This should be started in early October and will require scaffolding to about 20ft high. The wiring will also need to be done at this stage of the works. The wiring will require special tools and this could delay the completion of the first stage of investigative works. The second course of action will begin next year and involve the remedial works.

The benefice of Peter Tavy and Mary Tavy have been without their own Clergyman for some time and this is not likely to change until well into 2023.

The way benefices are made up is under review. Tavistock is in a large benefice and will likely become a ministry for smaller benefices like Mary Tavy and Peter Tavy. However, the Peter Tavy Parochial Church Council is determined not to lose authority for Peter Tavy's Church. PCC measures have been in place since 1956 for general responsibility of running Parishes.

There appears to be national movement to group Churches together.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Lane for his report.

5. Any Other Business

Cllr. T. Pearce (WDBC) gave information on an exhibition at the Providence Methodist Chapel in Throwleigh of renown local photographer Chris Chapman's photographs. This exhibition gives a wonderful step back in time of life on Dartmoor over the years.

Mr. W. Lane wanted to remind anybody with a septic tank installed before 1983, that if their run off goes near a watercourse then the system will require changing to a three-stage treatment system. If this has not been done it could result in problems selling your property.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.18 hrs.

Signed

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