

**Peter Tavy Parish Council
Approved Minutes of the meeting
held on Wednesday 08th June 2022, 7:30pm at the Chapel**

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 (WDBC), Mr. W. Lane.

1: Apologies for absence

None.

2: Declarations of Interest

No.1 Church Cottages - Cllr. J. Jeffery

3: Co-option of new Councillor

As there is now only one Candidate for the vacant Councillor position Ruth Myott was duly co-opted - Proposed Cllr. E. Dodd, seconded Cllr. M. Stephens voted 4 for and 2 abstained (Cllr. Barton & Cllr. Randall abstained as they head the planning sub-committee, & there could be a conflict of interest as a result).

4: Approval of previous Minutes & matters arising

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 11th May 2022 had the following amendments (Item 7 Cllr. Randall did not propose the planning sub-committee it was Cllr. Dodd the minutes were amended accordingly) these were now approved to be a true and accurate record.

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

Matters arising not covered by the following Agenda.

Cllr. M. Stephens expressed his disappointment that no body from the Parish Council let him know he was no longer lead for the planning sub-committee following the AGM. This comment was noted by the Chairman and Cllr. Stephens was thanked for all he had done previously in the role.

5: Reports from outside bodies

Cllr. E. Dodd reported that Dartmoor National Park Authority had been cutting hedges in Mary Tavy already, this was thought not good practice as it was too early and birds could still be nesting. If you cut hedges too early you would only have to do them twice in a year, rather than the once a year currently recommended to farmers following environmental schemes.

6: Correspondence

A copy of the grant of conditional planning permission had been received for The Oaks.

7: Mill Pond

Cllr. J. Jeffery thanked Cllrs. Dodd, Ball and Miss Jess Ball for their efforts cleaning up the pond, it was considered a shame that they were the only ones taking part in this clean up which benefits many parishioners.

The water is being let in now and for the last two weeks Cllr. Jeffery has been clearing vegetation.

8: Playing Field

Cllr P. Randall and Cllr. K. Ball have had a site meeting at the Playing Field and option plans for x2 possible layouts for the new equipment were passed around to all the other Councillors present.

Option 1 had the new swing installation further towards the bottom of the enclosure. This was said to be unsuitable because that piece of ground gets quite wet. The site of the see saw was unaffected.

Option 2 had the new swing further up the slope and both Cllr. Ball and Cllr. Randall thought this option was the better use of space.

Option 2 as the preferred option Proposed by Cllr. A. Barton, seconded by Cllr. K. Ball. This was voted to be the best option with Cllr. M. Stephens against and the remaining 5 Councillor for.

A working party will take out the old see saw before the new installation takes place

The new Sign is now in place on the gate.

The wendy house needs sanding in a few places where paint is flaking.

The Clerk is going to chase Devon County Council about the grant application for funding towards the new Playing Field equipment.

9: Highways

No acknowledgement or reply has been forthcoming from our new Neighbourhood Highways Officer and the Clerk will send him another email and copy in Cllr. P. Sanders. The Chairman is available any Monday morning for a site meeting with the new N.H.O to go through current issues with the highways in the Parish.

10: Planning

A copy of the Conditional Grant of Planning Permission had been received in respect of The Oaks.

Cllr. P. Randall asked the Clerk if she could circulate to all Parish Councillors before the following months' meeting a copy of who attended any planning site meetings, together with a copy of any comments from the Parish Council on any planning matters – this was so that any Councillors not attending the planning meetings would know what had been decided.

11: Finance

The outgoings from the Precept Account to be approved are:-

Clerks Salary and use of home office	£371.00
Graphic Words domain	£182.25
Gallagher – insurance	£796.63
Ellis Bakery – bounds bbq	£35.10
J & S Downing Butchers – meat jubilee bbq	£100.00

The outgoings from the Church Cottages Account to be approved are:-

Admin fee to the precept account of	£26.66
Fairy Magic Cleaners no.2	£220.00
Bateman Group – Insurance	£473.65

It was agreed to pay the outgoings proposed Cllr. K. Ball, seconded Cllr. M. Stephens all in favour.

The Clerk gave a report as to the bank balances at the end of May which were:-

The Precept Account	£25,727.51
The Church Cottages Account	£26,947.87

These expenditures were approved for payment proposed Cllr. E. Dodd, seconded Cllr. A. Barton all in favour.

12: Church Cottages

The builders have finished the works to No.2 Church Cottages.

The Clerk had arranged an EPC report and the cottage was not at the required standard to be able to let out at the present time. Remedial action will be required in the form of a High Heat Retention Night Store Heater for the main dwelling room. The Clerk was asked to get on and arrange this with an electrician asap. Proposed Cllr. E. Dodd, seconded Cllr. A. Barton all in favour.

The Clerk will write to DNP letting them know about the EPC and seek advice as to whether Double Glazing can be installed to some of the windows (at the non-listed end) of the Cottage and the main door.

The Clerk will speak to letting agents to see what other assessments are required prior to letting.

13: Broadband

Cllrs. A. Barton & P. Randall met online with the broadband officer for WDBC who had little staff and no budget, so it would appear that Parishes are on their own to organise better broadband facilities. It was suggested that a few Parishes could now band together to help with this, and that perhaps a public consultation meeting could be set up with Mary Tavy and Brentor with input from Sydenham Damerel (as they have been through this process already).

14. Any Other Business

Cllr. K. Ball asked the Lengthsman if he could cut grass at the end of the pavement on the bend, and that the willow tree sticking out from Harford Bridge really needs attention as soon as possible.

Cllr. T. Pearce WDBC asked the Clerk to let our planning leads Cllr. A. Barton & Cllr. P. Randall have the Parish copy of the DNP Local Plan Booklet for information.

The Clerk let the Councillors know that there were now spare Peter Tavy Jubilee mugs for sale.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.34 hrs.

Signed

Dated