

Peter Tavy Parish Council
(Draft awaiting approval)
Minutes of the AGM
held on Wednesday 10th May 2023, 7:30pm at the Chapel

Present: Cllr. A. Barton, Cllr. E. Dodd, Cllr. K. Ball, Cllr. J. Jeffery, Cllr. R. Myott, Cllr. D. Chanter & Cllr. W. Lane

Others Present: The Clerk and Cllr R. Oxborough (WDBC).

TIME ALLOWED FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK 15 MINUTES: -
Nothing to minute

The meeting of the Parish Council now continued as follows: -

Before the meeting could start Cllr. J. Jeffery congratulated all the Councillors who had been elected to stand as Peter Tavy Parish Councillors and expressed his thanks to Cllr. M. Stephens and Cllr. P. Randall for all their hard work during their time as Parish Councillors and asked the Clerk to write to them to say thank you on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr. Jeffery showed the other Parish Councillors a gift of Decanter and Wine Glasses which will be presented to our outgoing West Devon Borough Councillor Terry Pearce in recognition of his 16years of service within our community.

Cllr. Jeffery also expressed congratulations to Cllr. R. Oxborough our new ward member for West Devon Borough Council.

1: Apologies for absence

Cllr. T. Pearce (WDBC) and Cllr. J. Jeffery (had to leave early during the meeting)

2: Declarations of interest

Cllr. J. Jeffery No.1 Church Cottages

3: Election of Chairman

Cllr. J. Jeffery is standing down as Chairman and Cllr. E. Dodd as current Vice-Chairman declined to stand as Chairman this time round. Cllr. D. Chanter is willing to stand as Chairman and was proposed by Cllr. R. Myott, seconded by Cllr. E. Dodd and voted in unanimously.

The new Chairman Cllr. D. Chanter stated it was nice to be back on the Parish Council after a few years absence and that there were challenging local issues to be dealt with. He expressed a wish that the Parish Council are a united strong team who will take things forward.

4: Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr. E. Dodd is standing down as Vice-Chairman and Cllr. J. Jeffery is willing to become the Vice-Chairman proposed Cllr. K. Ball, seconded Cllr. D. Chanter and voted in unanimously.

5: Acceptance of Office & Declarations of Interest

Cllr. D. Chanter (Chairman) Cllr. J. Jeffery (Vice-Chairman) Cllr. E. Dodd, Cllr. K. Ball, Cllr. W. Lane, Cllr. R. Myott & Cllr. A. Barton all signed their acceptance of office and took away the declaration of interest forms to fill in and return to the Clerk asap.

6: Nominations to committees

PLANNING – Cllr. W. Lane, Cllr. A. Barton & Cllr. K. Ball
PLAYINGFIELD – Cllr. K. Ball, Cllr. R. Myott & Cllr. E. Dodd
MILLPOND – Cllr. J. Jeffery, Cllr. E. Dodd & Cllr. D. Chanter
CHURCH COTTAGES – all Parish Councillors
SOUTHERN LINKS REPRESENTATIVES – Cllr. J. Jeffery & Cllr. W. Lane
ST. PETERS CHURCH contact – Cllr. W. Lane
VILLAGE HALL contact – Cllr. R. Myott

All the above proposed Cllr. A. Barton seconded by Cllr. K. Ball all in favour.

7: Setting a date for the Annual Parish Meeting

A date of Thursday 25th May was set for the Annual Parish Meeting with the Clerk asked to book the Village Hall as the venue with the Dartmoor Commoners being asked to take part and Rob Taylor of DNP also asked to attend. The Clerk will ask DNP to limit their report to the immediate local area.

8: Approval of previous Minutes & matters arising

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12th April 2023 were deemed to be a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. J. Jeffery, seconded by Cllr. A. Barton, all in favour & signed as a true record by Cllr. D. Chanter

Matters arising: None

9: Reports from outside bodies

Cllr. W. Lane reported on the ongoing works to the Church Tower with the initial investigations now completed, they are waiting on a final report from the Architect to see what further works are required. So far concrete has been taken off and Bell Tower wooden planks have been replaced and dowels have been set into the tower itself.

The Bishop of Exeter is due to retire.

10: Correspondence

- a) Dartmoor National Park notice of parish member elections – Clerk to circulate list of candidates so that Peter Tavy Parish Council can vote for their preferred candidate.
- b) Gallagher Insurance Quote – Clerk to arrange insurance as per this quote which is an increase of some £90 on the previous year.
- c) DCC Highways map request – Clerk to chase our Neighbourhood Highways Officer for a map of where the highway ends beyond the bridge at Lower Mill. This is ready for mediation talks.

11: Mill Pond

The major works to the Mill Pond are now completed and a great job has been done to preserve the Pond for future generations to enjoy. It should now be returned to its former glory. A very good turn out of volunteers came on the Bank Holiday for the annual clean up, with the wild meadow seeds having to be sown at a date soon because of the inclement weather on the day. Everybody enjoyed the pasties and refreshments at lunch time. There will be one more bill to come in from D. Vigers contractor, and there will be a little more pointing to be finished off.

12: Playing Field

Mr. P. Randall will be asked to return any relevant papers regarding funding applications for the new play equipment. Cllr. W. Lane will oversee the finances with Cllr. D. Chanter stating that all correspondence has from now on got to go through the Clerk. The Parish Council have committed to buy the new play equipment and are waiting for a grant decision from the National Lottery. In the meantime the Clerk will provide a summary of the project to Cllr. R. Oxborough (WDBC) to see if he will be able to help with a grant and will also contact Cllr. P. Sanders (DCC) to see if he can also help with funding.

13: Highways

There are major issues all over the Devon County Council Highways area and the budget always seems to be the excuse for not repairing areas like around Drakes Statue in Tavistock, so a small rural parish like Peter Tavy seems to get side lined when it comes to repairs. There is a lot of time and money wasted merely patching potholes rather than sorting them out properly. Cllr. R. Oxborough (WDBC) commented that a lot of time is wasted fixing one pothole in an area that has dozens of pot holes then the repair teams come back and do another one in the same area sometime later.

It was agreed to keep up the pressure on Highways and the National Park Service to look at repairing some of the blocked drains and potholes in our Parish. The online portal for reporting potholes is open to members of the public and if enough people report the problems, then Highways are bound to look at them.

Cllr. E. Dodd reported problems with a drain from the Lower Yard and stream step at Chubb Farm. The Clerk will report this online.

14: Planning.

The DNP planning website is still having issues.
There have been no planning consultations in from DNP.

15: Church Cottages.

The Clerk is going to get the fencing Contractors to give a date when they can start at the Church Cottage gardens.
The annual inspection of the Cottages is due before the June meeting and the Clerk will give the tenants notice of this.

16: Finance

A set of accounts from the 2022/2023 year were distributed to the Parish Councillors so they could see where things were at the end of the financial year. Income for the Precept account amounted to £21,216.14 and the outgoings were £28,650.41. Income for the Church Cottages account amounted to £7,072.05 and the outgoings were £5,823.89.

The clerk reported the balance on the Precept Account at the 1st of May stood at £16,369.15
The Clerk reported the balance on the Church Cottages Account at the 1st of May stood at £27,539.10

Outgoings to be paid from the Precept Account

Clerks Salary less tax	£359.00
Chown China – coronation mugs	£412.80
Amazon – printer ink	£ 31.89
Pasties for coronation clean up	£202.05
Goren farm seeds – Meadow seeds for coombe	£100.00

Outgoings to be paid from Church Cottages Account

Admin fee to the precept account	£ 26.66
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It was agreed to pay the outgoings proposed Cllr. D. Chanter and seconded by Cllr. A. Barton, all in favour.

12. Any Other Business

Cllr. K. Ball reminded the Clerk that she will need to get another signatory for the cheques with the bank and Cllr. D. Chanter as Chairman is going to take on this responsibility.

There had been a report of Japanese Knotweed in the centre of the village – This is going to be investigated further.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 14th June

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:33 hrs.

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