

**Peter Tavy Parish Council**  
**(Draft awaiting approval)**  
**Minutes of the meeting**  
**held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 7:30pm at the Chapel**

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

**Others Present:** The Clerk, Mr. J. Hunt.

Mr. J. Hunt spoke for the first 15 minutes of time allowed for members of the public and read out a first statement relating to speed of traffic through the village (Attachment 1 to these minutes).

After Mr. Hunt's statement the matter was discussed, and Mr. Hunt said that he was not blaming the agricultural community but visitors generally drove slowly through the village. He said locals need to be more considerate of their speed.

Cllr. E. Dodd explained that Highways were not always helpful taking for example the junction with the A386 and that Highways still have not done anything to help with that dangerous junction. The Clerk will pass the concerns onto Highways and the local road safety team.

Mr. J. Hunt then read out statement number two regarding Part II meetings of the Parish Council. (Attachment 2 to these minutes).

Cllr J. Jeffery said that due to their private and confidential nature part II meeting minutes were not made public. The Clerk will find out if a Parish Council is permitted to publish a summary of any part II meetings and let Mr. Hunt know.

The usual Parish Council meeting now followed.

**1: Apologies for absence**

Cllr. D. Chanter, Cllr. R. Oxborough WDBC. (With the absence of the Chairman Cllr. D. Chanter the meeting will be chaired by the vice-chairman Cllr. J. Jeffery).

**2: Declarations of interest**

Cllr. J. Jeffery number 1 Church Cottages, Cllr R. Myott item 6.

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

The draft minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 required the following amendments before they could be signed: -

Item 8 Highways Paragraph one should read "The state of the VEGITATION at Harford Bridge will also be reported."

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023 were deemed to be a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr. K. Ball, seconded by Cllr. W. Lane all in favour & signed as a true record by the acting Chairman Cllr. J. Jeffery.

**Matters arising:**

None.

**4: Reports from outside bodies**

Cllr. W. Lane reported that a final report on the works at the Parish Church should be ready in April/May 2024.

Cllr. E. Dodd reported that Rob Taylor is soon to leave the Dartmoor National Park Authority and there had been no news of a replacement.

**5: Correspondence**

All correspondence covered in the following items.

**6: Application for adverse possession land adjacent to Lower Mill**

**Cllr. W. Lane read out the following statement:**

"I have read all the paperwork and minutes on the Adverse Possession matter that I can. It appears to me that the Council objection breaks down into two items. The first is that parishioners will not be able to go onto the unregistered land if they want

to. This is true but it is also true at the moment. The unregistered land is not public land and nor is it Common land. It is Private land although the owner is not known therefore anyone going onto this land will be trespassing. The second concerns the access to the Gatehouse Mill field. This matter is a disagreement between the owners of Gatehouse Mill joined by the owners of Gatehouse Cottage and the owners of Lower Mill. The Council should not and must not take sides between disagreeing parishioners.”

Cllrs. Dodd and Jeffery stated that given the legal nature of the matter it would be discussed further at a part II meeting fixed for Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 19:30hrs.

**7: Mill Pond**

The pond was now full and there have to date been no more incidents of rocks being thrown into the pond.

**8: Playing Field**

Work for the new Playing Field equipment is scheduled to begin on 18<sup>th</sup> September. The playing field will need to be closed and locked while the work takes place. The national lottery community fund have helped with funding so it will be good to see the project completed. The Clerk asked if any members of the Parish Council could take some photographs while the works are taking place so she can make a folder of the project.

**9: Highways**

The Parish Council have been given a stakeholders list of contacts for any works that take place in the village. The Clerk was asked to contact them and send them a list of works still to be carried out and report any problems directly to the new contacts, also to see if they knew the outcome of the test pits recently dug in the Parish.

**10: Planning.**

A certificate of lawful use has been given to the old shippen at Paisleymead.

After a site visit the planning sub-committee made a no comment response to the planning application at Edgecumbe Farm on the work to convert a garage into a study and front porch and chimney works.

**11: Church Cottages.**

The tenant of No.2 Church Cottage has written to ask permission to put up a log store and level the garden and sow new grass seed. This permission was granted by the Parish Council.

The septic tank for both cottages has been emptied and the fencing finished.

Now that A plumber will investigate putting an outside tap on the exterior wall using an existing outlet pipe. Cllr. Jeffery has tried to find the external water source but so far after much digging has been unsuccessful.

Rents for the two Cottages will be discussed at the next meeting. The Clerk was asked to see what West Devon has put their social housing rents up by.

Double glazed windows will be the next item to look into for the ongoing works to the Cottages.

**12: Finance**

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

The Clerk Salary May	345.00
Use of Home Office	26.00
Minues PAYE	- 12.00
	<u>£359.00</u>

HMRC PAYE £12.00

Parish magazine printing £89.40

**The Outgoings from the Church Cottages Account to be agreed are: -**

Admin fee to precept account June £26.66

Andrew Crebor fencing £672.00

Septic tank maintenance £140.00

It was agreed to pay the outgoings proposed Cllr. A. Barton, seconded Cllr. R. Myott all in favour.

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The Clerk reported that the bank balances as of the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 were as follows:-

Church Cottages account = £29,740.63

Precept account = £21,683.54

**12. Any Other Business**

The Clerk was asked to report the broken cattle grid on the road to Lower Godsworthy to DNP.

Cllr. Oxborough will be sending proposals from the green party for discussion.

**No further business the Acting Chairman declared the meeting closed 20:38hrs**

**SIGNED .....**

**DATED.....**