

Peter Tavy Parish Council

APPROVED Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th February 2024, 7:30pm at the Chapel

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

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

1: Apologies for absence

None.

2: Declarations of interest

Cllr. J. Jeffery number 1 Church Cottages & Finance.

3: Approval of previous Minutes & matters arising

The draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 10th January 2024 had the following amendments:-

Item 1: there were no apologies for absence to record.

Item 13: the £1,000 for playground new equipment should say ringfenced, £1,500 for professional advice should say ringfenced

Item 14: paragraph should read "Cllr. W. Lane said that regarding the A386 junction a meeting with Highways was held some years ago, Highways said that they were responsible for the wall and that landowners have responsibility for the hedge. Just after the parapet wall is where you sit to turn into Peter Tavy coming from Tavistock, if that was taken down to a more sensible level cars could see other cars waiting to turn in".

Once amended the draft minutes were deemed to be a true and accurate record proposed Cllr. K. Ball, seconded Cllr. A. Barton all in favour. The draft minutes were then signed by the Chairman Cllr. D. Chanter.

Matters arising that will not be covered by the following agenda.

Cllr. R. Oxborough (WDBC) said at the last meeting that Churches could not claim VAT but that this statement was wrong. Under the listed places of worship grant scheme churches can claim back VAT on maintenance or repairs but not renewals. The tower work and maintenance at St. Peters could have the VAT claimed back but the renewal of the lighting could not.

4: Reports from outside bodies

None.

5: Correspondence

Cllr. R. Myott declared an interest in next item A. and did not vote.

A. Devon Association of Local Councils have responded to say that a summary of part II meetings can be published but the Clerk is going to seek further legal advice before the next part II meeting and Cllr. E. Dodd proposed that a summary in response to Mr. V. Nails statement read out at the November meeting now be published, after further discussion at another part II meeting next month. Cllr. W. Lane stated that he was not happy with this response and that we as a Parish Council should not be responding at all.

A response was discussed and voted on as follows:- Proposed to publish for the Parish to see Cllr. E. Dodd, seconded Cllr. J. Jeffery, FOR Cllrs. E. Dodd, J. Jeffery, K. Ball, D. Chanter AGAINST Cllrs. W. Lane & A. Barton.

This response will be published following a part II Meeting after the next Parish Council meeting on 6th March 2024.

The Clerk was asked to contact land registry to see if there are any other pending applications for adverse possession within the Parish and also to obtain a map of unregistered land within the built up area of the village.

B. A notice about road closure into the village on 14th & 15th April this is to carry out essential tree works at Beggars Hatch just before Langsford Road. The clerk will put up on the notice board.

C. Correspondence regarding the Tavistock Development plan was received and Councillors were asked to make comment directly to them were possible.

6: Mill Pond

Currently the Mill Pond is now empty for the winter. The surrounding area is muddy but much better than in previous years following improvement works to the immediate area. The ground is holding up quite well given all the recent rain.

7: Playing Field

Tree saplings for the hedging should arrive in late February to early March there are approximately 115 on order.

8: Highways

The Neighbourhood Highways Officer is waiting for his contractor to report back on things the Parish Council have reported recently.

9: Planning

A report has come in of a new entrance way appeared in a Devon bank at The Oaks, and a new sewage treatment system at the same property less than 50 meters from a borehole. The clerk will ask the National Park Planning enforcement officer to check and also the public health department of WDBC.

Grant of conditional planning permission had been received for Midhurst Cottgace.

10: Church Cottages

The heat loss at the cottages will have to be re-assessed when the tenants are in with their windows closed. The Clerk will find out when this will be possible.

Double glazing firms to try are Safe and Sound and two other local firms. The Clerk will arrange an appointment for quotes for both cottages.

11: Finance

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

The Clerk Salary January	385.20
Use of Home Office	26.00
Minues PAYE	- 20.20
	<u>£391.00</u>

SLCC subscription £ 112.00

J. Jeffery Lengthsman bill £2,700.00

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

Admin fee to precept account June £26.66

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

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as of the 1st February 2024 were as follows:-

Church Cottages account = £32,020.63
Precept account = £ 1,100.16

The bill for the Lengthsman will have to be paid out of Church Cottages account and refunded from Precept Account when back in funds.

The Clerk reported that the parish laptop needed attention and it was agreed to consult Matty at Tavistock Tech.

12. Any Other Business

Cllr. E. Dodd asked the clerk to approach DNP about the notice board lock repairs and also to mention the footpath erosion and also the granite sets outside of Village Way. The Clerk will try and find out if Rob Taylor has a replacement in this area.

Cllr. R. Oxborough (WDBC) asked about broadband dead spots, the two Godsworthys and Sowtontown were put forward.

Chairman Cllr. D. Chanter said the state of gates at Southditch should be reported to DNP and also the declining state of footpaths within the parish.

No further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed 21.00hrs

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