

## Peter Tavy Parish Council

Approved Minutes of the meeting  
held on Wednesday 06<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 7:30pm at the Chapel

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

**Others Present:** The Clerk, Major W. Lane

**1: Apologies for absence**

Cllr. R. Oxborough (WDBC).

**2: Declarations of interest**

Cllr. J. Jeffery number 1 Church Cottages. Cllr. A. Barton planning.

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

The draft minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 had the following amendments:-

Item 11: Cllr. R. Myottl should be spelt Cllr. R. Myott.

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

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

Cllr. A. Barton wanted it noted in the minutes that she thought the response to statement from Mr. V. Nail was going to be published straight after the last meeting and not kept back until the Part II meeting following this meeting tonight. She felt that Cllr. Lane also had that opinion and that is why he resigned when he did. Cllr. A. Barton said in her opinion that the response voted on at the last meeting was too long and could have been just a couple of lines. Chairman D. Chanter said that Councillors has differing views and that is why the response, and its content was voted on at the last meeting and that it would be published following the part II meeting tonight.

The Clerk said it was her understanding that further advice was to be sought before the part II meeting that evening and that the response would be published afterwards. This was also the understanding of the Chairman and other Councillors around the table. The Clerk would let Mr. and Mrs. Nail have a copy of the response immediately before it gets published on the notice board.

Mr. J. Hunt previously requested a summary of the part II meetings relating to this matter, however the Parish Council has been advised by the legal team at WDBC that it would not be possible to publish detailed summaries of part II meetings due to the confidential nature of discussions at such meetings.

**4: Reports from outside bodies**

None. The Clerk was asked to find out when we will get a new Ranger from Dartmoor National Park.

**5: Correspondence**

A portrait of His Majesty King Charles III has been offered from the government. The Parish Council will accept the offer and put the portrait up either in the Village Hall or another prominent place in the village. Cllr. R. Myott is going to see if this will be possible in the Village Hall

The PC response to Devon Carbon Plan was well received by Cllr. R. Oxborough (WDBC).

There will be a spring edition of the Peter Tavy Piper magazine and the Clerk will write a piece all things Parish Council with a few lines regarding the response to the Devon Carbon Plan from Cllr. A. Barton.

**6: Vacancy on the Parish Council**

Cllr. W. Lane has submitted his resignation, and the Clerk has informed WDBC and put a notice up on the notice board regarding a vacancy. After 14 days the presiding officer at WDBC will let the Clerk know if there is to be an election or if the PC can co-opt another Councillor onto the Parish Council.

Cllr. E. Dodd said that in Cllr. Lane's resignation email there were quite serious accusations of code of conduct issues. Cllr. Dodd had been asked by a parishioner why there had been no PC response to Mr. Nail's statement at the November meeting.

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Following concerns expressed by Cllr. A. Barton (item 3) Cllr. E. Dodd proposed that as Cllr. Lane had misunderstood the timings of the response to Mr. Nail’s Statement being published on the notice board then he should be given the opportunity to reconsider his resignation, Seconded Cllr. A. Barton

Counter proposal made by Chairman D. Chanter that the resignation had been submitted and that things should now follow due process, seconded by Cllr. J. Jeffery was then voted on FOR Cllr. D. Chanter, Cllr. E. Dodd, Cllr. K. Ball, Cllr. R. Myott AGAINST Cllr. A. Barton, Cllr. E. Dodd this motion was duly carried.

It was suggested that Major W. Lane could either re-stand in any forthcoming elections or put himself forward for co-option back onto the Parish Council if he wanted to rejoin the PC.

**7: Mill Pond**

Currently the Mill Pond is now empty for the winter. As was at the last PC meeting 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.

**8: Playing Field**

Tree saplings for the hedging have arrived and Cllr. E. Dodd will go along with his equipment and prepare the area ready for planting.

The picnic table and benches are in a bad state of repair Cllr. K. Ball suggested the wooden planks are replaced where necessary. Once replaced the table could be painted in a non-toxic exterior coating.

Inspection is due to happen in March – Clerk did not have an exact date. Grass cutting can go ahead now.

**9: Highways**

Highways have sent the Clerk a response to her report to say a contractor had looked at the drain up from Coppythorns and that there was not a problem with water entering the highway.

A comprehensive list of works needed in the village will be sent to Cllr. R. Oxborough (WDBC) and also DCC Highways department to see what can be achieved in the coming financial year. If DCC would re-instate the grants for lengthsman’s work then our own Parish Lengthsman could carry out a lot of the works at a lower cost to DCC than their own contractors.

**10: Planning**

Cllr. A. Barton declared an interest in the following application at Middle Wapsworthy and did not vote.

A revised planning application had been received relating to Middle Wapsworthy and the PC agreed a response to fully support the application. Proposed Cllr. J. Jeffery, seconded Chairman D. Chanter all in favour

A revised planning application had been received relating to Langsford Caravan Park and the PC agreed to support the application. Proposed Cllr. A. Barton, seconded Cllr. R. Myott all in favour.

**11: Church Cottages**

The heat loss camera has not gone back to WDBC yet. The Clerk will find out when will be convenient to take the thermal images of the cottages with the Tenanats.

Safe and Sound and Okehampton Glass have been approached to give quotes for new double glazed windows for the cottages.

**12: 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>
Duchy of Cornwall millpond rent	£ 30.00

