

TINTAGEL PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of the meeting of Tintagel Parish Council **Wednesday 7th March 2018**

Present: Cllrs. Wickett (Chairman), Brooks, Dyer, Flower, Goward, Hart, Lewis and Avis

Apologies: Cllrs. Rotherham and Dale

Members of the Public: four

DCC – Cllr Jordan

The Chairman read aloud the declaration relating to the filming and recording rights of the meeting.

Declarations of Interest

None

Invitation to members of the public to speak prior to the meeting

Mr Terry Dangar – Asked Cllr Barry Jordan (Cornwall Council) why gritting had not been carried out on the roads in and around Tintagel. Cllr Jordan stated that he did not know.

Mr Dangar alluded to the decision of the Parish Council to re-open Trebarwith Strand public lavatories, with no cost for use by the public. He stated that charges should not then apply to the lavatories in the village. The Chairman advised Mr Dangar that the Parish Council had been obliged to make a weighted decision in relation to the issue of charging for the facilities at Trebarwith Strand, balancing the potential income from the lavatories against the potential cost of damage to the same, should charges be made for usage. It was emphasised that the arrangement was being

trialled for 2018 only and that it had been a collective decision by Parish Council Members, made for the benefit of the Parish. It is hoped that those who use the facilities will be sympathetic to the effort being made by the Parish Council and will respect the facilities. Cllr Wickett added that the situation will be closely monitored throughout the period March to October.

Mr Dangar requested to know where all the people, who were at the meeting on 7th June 2017 were, stating that they had undertaken to keep the facility under observation. Cllr Hart stated that the group was irrelevant to the discussion and that the situation had moved on from that time. Mr Dangar stated that these had all been Cllr. Hart's 'cronies' and that Cllr Hart had arranged for their attendance at the aforementioned meeting.

Cllr. Hart stated that these people were not his 'cronies' and that he had not been involved in their decision to attend the meeting of the [date]. Cllr Hart then demanded an apology from Mr Dangar, who apologised with the qualified statement 'I apologise but it's true'.

Georgia Butters, Head of Operations, Cornwall, English Heritage address the Members on the matter of the new Tintagel Bridge.

Ms Butters thanked the Parish Council for its support, in relation to the Planning Application for the bridge. The application was successful, and the project is now moving ahead. Contracts have agreed and are scheduled to be signed next week.

Members were also advised that construction of the bridge will not interfere with the peak season opening of the castle. The castle will be closed at the end of September 2018 and she is confident that it will re-open in the Spring of 2019.

Cllr Flower asked if local contractors were being employed for the project. Ms Butters advised the meeting that Delabole Slate Company had been contracted with to provide slate. The engineering tenders had to be dealt with in accordance with European Procurement Rules but that local companies tendering for work would be considered along with all other applicants.

English Heritage is holding an Open Day, at the top shop. The event is a 'drop-in' session and the residents of the village have been leafletted in relation to the same.

Cllr Wickett asked if, from September onwards, there would still be public access to the beach for viewing purposes, he also stated that he would like to see a viewing platform at the Church. Ms Butters stated that there would be no access to the beach for health and safety reasons but that English Heritage were looking at providing some facility near the Church.

Cllr Dyer asked if the beach was presently open. Ms Butters stated that there had been a lot of undermining to the steps down to the beach. The steps have recently been repaired but the undermining has still to be addressed. This work will be carried out by a local contractor, prior to Easter 2018.

Cllr Wickett thanked Ms Butters for the update.

Cllr Barry Jordan – advised the Members that the problems on the main road at Trethevy have now been addressed. The flooding to the road and the spread of stones across the highway had represented a danger to traffic and pedestrians. Cormac Solutions Ltd have now carried out concreting to the area. The lane from the highway to the Church is the source of the problem, with water egressing from the same onto the road. This lane has been identified as a B47 by-way and Cllr Jordan hopes to have the by-way reinstated using concrete or road scalplings. Cllr Wickett advised that the lane from Tregatta Corner to the Church also required scalplings added to its surface.

The Parish Clerk thanked Cllr Jordan for his assistance with this matter. He had acted expediently when the problem had been brought to his attention.

Cllr Jordan alluded to the National Grid work to be carried out. A meeting has been arranged for Monday 20th March 2017, at Pendragon House, Camelford, commencing at 18:15 hrs, to discuss the engagement plan.

The development at the Prince of Wales Quarry (Kudvah) is currently earmarked for enforcement to deal with.

AGENDA

Meeting Minutes

Minute 75 - 2017/18

It was **proposed** by Cllr Dyer, **seconded** by Cllr Lewis and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting, held on 7th March 2018, should be signed as a true record of the meeting. Unanimous. **Carried**.

Minute 76 - 2017/18

It was **proposed** by Cllr Hart, **seconded** by Cllr Goward and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting, held on 7th March 2018, should be signed as a true record of the meeting. Six in favour, two abstentions. **Carried**.

Working Group Formation

Membership of Parish Council Working Groups was considered and decided by a closed vote, recorded on appropriate proformas.

Working Party	Members
Planning Group Membership*	Cllr Hart Cllr Goward Cllr Brooks
Projects Group Membership	Cllr Flower Cllr Lewis Cllr Wickett Cllr Avis
Lavatories Group Membership	Cllr Hart Cllr Lewis
Christmas Lights Sub-Committee Membership	Cllr Avis Cllr Hart (resigned)
TVC Group Membership	Cllr Wickett Cllr Dyer Cllr Dale Cllr Lewis Cllr Rotherham
Trevena Square Development Committee	Cllr Hart Cllr Lewis

- *The election of Members to this work group was met with an unacceptable comment from a Member of the public who, targeting Cllr Hart, referred to an 'Architect on the Planning' Work Group.*

Planning Decisions – Noted

Correspondence

The Parish Clerk advised the meeting that a telephone call had been received from the Post Office area Manager, in relation to the proposed postal service to be provided to the village. It has been agreed that the Clerk will meet with representatives from the Post Office, to accompany them on their visit to the sites offered by the Parish. It was **agreed** that Cllrs. Goward, Wickett and Lewis would also attend.

Accounts Payable

The Clerk distributed an amended list of accounts payable.

Minute 2017/18 – 77

It was **proposed** by Cllr Dyer, **seconded** by Cllr Lewis and **RESOLVED** that, with an alteration to totals, the accounts be agreed. Unanimous. **Carried**

Public Lavatories

Cllr Hart reported that he attended at Trebarwith Strand Lavatories, accompanied by Mr Les Freak. Cllr Hart advised the meeting that he had not seen any evidence of sub-meters having been installed for power and water to the lavatories.

It is hoped that the Trebarwith Strand Lavatories will be opened the weekend before aster and will be available for use between 0700 hrs and 1900 hrs.

The provision of signage at the location was discussed. Members felt that the public should be made aware that the facilities were being provided and subsidised by the Parish. It was **agreed** that Cllr Hart would put the text together and disseminate the same to the Members for approval.

It was suggested by Cllr Lewis, that consideration might be given to the provision of a donations box at the site. This would be a task to be undertaken by the Projects Work Group.

Recycling Problems

Cllr Lewis alluded to the unacceptable volume of recycling materials that had been left uncollected at Bossiney Road Car Park. He stated that this had been accumulating for approximately six weeks. The wind had blown the materials across the car park, causing an unsightly mess. The Parish Clerk stated that she had spoken with the contractor about the situation. Cllr Wickett stated that, once reinstated, information relating to the disposal of cardboard could be provided to parishioners through the same.

Bar Coding – TVC - Deferred

Updates

Christmas Lights – Cllr Avis

Cllr Avis advised the meeting that a new, large, sub-committee had now been formed. She stated that there had now been an official 'thank you' provided to the electrician, who had installed and removed the lights at Trevena Square. She added that the Members of the previous committee had been thanked for their work and had each been provided with a bouquet of flowers.

The sub-committee now has a Facebook page, which is operational and a 'fund-raiser' Curry Night Event has been arranged.

Cllr Avis stated that she would like the Parish Council to increase the sum to be made available to the Christmas Lights Committee. There was substantial discussion relating to this request.

Cllr Avis stated that the sub-committee was considering commissioning a supplier/ contractor to supply, install, maintain and remove the Christmas lights) and stated that the Parish Council would no longer require a storage facility. It was stated that this would cost in the region of £5,000.

Cllr Wickett stated that the precept had already been agreed for the financial year 2018/19 and that no alteration could be made to the same. He added that should the sub-committee require a higher level of funding in the future, then a fully costed proposal would have to be presented at the Precept Setting Meeting in November 2018.

Cllr Hart questioned the need for further funding from the Parish Council, pointing out that there is currently approximately £2,750 in the sub-committee bank account, the £3,200 from the Parish Council would take the first sum to over £5,000. Further to this, the sub-committee's purpose was to fund raise to purchase lights.

The Parish Clerk advised that there was a potential legal problem with the provision on monies, based on the assertions of Cllr Avis. The Clerk pointed out that the monies provided by the Parish Council were specifically for the erecting and removal of the lighting. The task of the sub- group was to raise funds for lights. The payment of a contractor to undertake all work in connection of the lights represented a fundamental change to the original agreement. Cllr Avis stated that she did not agree and could see no difference.

Throughout this discussion, there were constant interruptions from members of the public, with one Member of the Council interacting with the commentator. The member of the public stated, on one occasion, 'You'll get no money because they have spent it all on the toilets'.

The discussion relating to Council process continued.

Cllr Flower intervened by proposing that Council should carry on with the next agenda item.

Minute 2107/18 – 78

It was **proposed** by Cllr Flower, **seconded** by Cllr Goward and **RESOLVED** that the meeting should progress with the next agenda item. Three in favour, four abstentions and one against. **Carried**.

At 20:35 hrs, the meeting was interrupted by two members of the public, who had started to leave the Chamber. One of these persons stated loudly that the Parish Council 'should be ashamed of themselves', he added that the Council needed to get rid of 'him' (pointing at Councillor Hart), this

person then made a personal and derogatory comment about Cllr. Hart, using unacceptable language. As he pointed at Cllr. Hart again. The pair then left the Chamber.

Cllr Hart vacated his seat to follow the pair. The Clerk followed immediately after. The situation was addressed and Cllr Hart returned to the Chamber with the Clerk, who closed the door.

At that juncture one of the members of the public returned to the Chamber, alleging unacceptable conduct on the part of Cllr Hart. The Clerk intervened, and the member of the public then left the building.

Christmas Lights Storage

Cllr Hart reported that he had sourced an appropriate Apex Shed, 9ft x 14.1 ft for a price of £4,195, including VAT, delivery and erection. The Parish Council will, however, be required to arrange and pay for a concrete base for the structure.

It was **agreed** that Cllr Hart should investigate and arrange for the provision of the concrete base.

Cllr Lewis proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Hart for his work in relation to this matter.

TVC Update

Cllr Wickett reported that there had been a constructive meeting, held at the TVC. He added that there are still a few matters to be finalised, prior to the commencement of the season. It was emphasised that the TVC is a self-funding entity and a sound Parish asset.

Part II

COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it is resolved that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of the following items: -

1. Cornwall Council S/O Report - Deferred
2. Member Resignation - Acknowledged

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 4th April 2018, at Tintagel Social Hall, commencing at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 20:47 hrs.

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