

# TINTAGEL PARISH COUNCIL



'Tintagel's Great Seal'

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## **Minutes of the meeting of Tintagel Parish Council** **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019**

**Present:** Cllr Flower (Chairman), Cllr Brooks (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Goward, Cllr Dyer, Cllr Dale, Cllr Tremain, Cllr Harper, Cllr Pearce, Cllr Calcutt

**Members of the Public:** 6 and Cllr Barry Jordan (Cornwall Council)

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman read out the notice relating to the recording/ filming of the meeting.

**Minute 032/2019-20**

**Apologies:** none

**Declarations of Interest:** none

### **Invitation to members of the public to speak prior to the meeting:**

**Zoe Coshall** - Zoe advised the Meeting that she was still awaiting receipt of insurance quotations for the Christmas Lights in the village. It is estimated that the cost for the same will be in the region of £325.00 for the four-week period. There will also be an excess of £250.00. Other costs to be incurred include £57.00 for closure of the road.

Arrangements for the Christmas Lights event are now well underway. A children's choir is being formed and this group will lead the procession at the event, with Father Christmas following. Camelford Town Band has been booked to attend and will remain in the area after the procession, to play Christmas Carols. The Reverends have also been invited to the ceremony to switch on the Christmas Lights.

It is intended that the event will commence at 17.30 hrs this year, in order to accommodate the younger children who are taking part in the procession.

Zoe was thanked by the Chairman for the work that she has put into the event.

**Roger Wickett** - Mr Wickett raised the matter of the closure of the public lavatories at Bossiney, by the Parish Council, highlighting his alarm that the decision had been taken at a single meeting of the Parish Council in September 2019.

Mr Wickett alluded to the potential problem that may arise following any sale of the site, using a previous example as an analogy. He expressed his disappointment at the disposal of the asset and alluded to the purchase price of the same. He suggested that the facility should be 'mothballed'.

Mr Wickett expressed his concern over the allegations of noise, emanating from the groups which are alleged to have congregated at the site and commented in respect of the evidence available.

Mr Wickett also referred to the installation of entry barriers to the lavatories in Tintagel and questioned the pricing strategy for charges levied for access to the same.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to respond to Mr Wickett, in relation to his comments and to matters raised in an email to the Clerk, dated 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

**The Parish Clerk** responded to Mr Wickett stating that there were, essentially, two strands to the decision to close the lavatories. One strand was financial and the other legal. Further to these strands, it had to be borne in mind that there is no statutory obligation for any council to provide public lavatorial facilities.

**The Financial strand** related to the fact that the Bossiney lavatories did not represent 'best value' to the Parish. The facility has provided no income stream to offset the costs incurred in running the same, which in the past six months had totalled £2,400. Further to that fact, it was felt that Parishioners had derived no real benefit from the facilities.

At present, almost 40% of the Parish Council's total precept is used to maintain public lavatories. The Parish Council does not deem that situation to be either fair, or acceptable. Tintagel has been identified (through the Index for Multiple Deprivation) as an area which experiences extreme poverty and it is considered insupportable that Parishioners, who exist in poverty, should be expected to pay rates in order to provide public lavatories for visitors. Hence, the decision to install the barrier systems at

Tintagel TVC and Trevena Square was made. It is believed, by the Members of the Parish Council, to be fair that those who use the facilities pay for them. Advice was taken on the entry cost.

**The Legal Strand** of the discussion is predicated upon two proven facts, the existence of long-term noise nuisance and the discharge of 'black water' (human waste, mixed with chemicals) into the lavatories by motor homeowners and caravaners.

Evidence had been provided to the Parish Council to substantiate numerous complaints of **noise nuisance**, created by gatherings of people outside the Bossiney Lavatories. Particularly during the hours of darkness. The problem had been reported to Cornwall Council and brought to the attention of the Parish Clerk.

The Clerk alluded to the terms and conditions set out by the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and emphasised the point that the Parish Council could not permit the continued occurrence of noise nuisance at a Council owned location.

**The discharge of black water** into the public lavatories could not be condoned. It is generally accepted that those people who provide camping sites/ facilities, are required to provide dedicated and adequate facilities for the discharge of grey and black water, so that it may be properly processed.

Evidence had been supplied to the Parish Council, which substantiated an allegation that the Bossiney lavatories were being used by motorhome owners/ caravan owners to discharge waste tanks.

**Water abstraction** by motorhome owners/ caravan owners and campers had been evidenced. Despite bib-taps in the lavatories having been capped, the practice of abstraction had continued, with people removing the caps with pliers in order to attach hosepipes to fill water tanks. That practice represented a cost to Parishioners and did not reflect any purpose for which the facilities were made available.

## **AGENDA**

Minutes

### **Minute 033-2019/20**

The Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting, held on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were considered by Members, on a page by page basis. No issues were raised in relation to the same.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Dale, **seconded** by Cllr Brooks and **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. Eight in favour and one abstention. Carried.

### **Cllr Barry Jordan - Cornwall Council**

Cllr Jordan advised the meeting that he had raised several questions at Cornwall Council, relating to the nature of Cormac's bidding process for council contracts. Cllr Jordan learned that Cormac has 16 'arm's length' companies in its Core Group and is not required to go to tender, in relation to Cornwall Council contracts. It is likely that the St Austell link road contract will be awarded to Cormac.

Camelford by-pass has been approved and will be completed by 2022.

An application to build 30 homes on the land opposite the Cricket Ground, Bossiney Road, is to be submitted to Cornwall Council. The scheme incorporates 15 affordable homes (local) and 15 full cost dwellings. The applicant wished to speak to Tintagel Parish Council about the proposal and will attend at the November meeting to do so.

#### **Corporate Fraud** at Cornwall Council;

- Several staff members have been dismissed for falsifying records.
- Fraudulent use of concessionary bus pass – one person fined £730 plus costs.
- Fraudulent claims for ‘sole occupancy’ Council Tax rate - 26% the single person population is currently being investigated.

#### **Planning Applications**

##### **Minute 034 -2019/20**

**PA19/07698** - 2 Veronica Court, Molesworth Street, Tintagel PL34 0BY

It was **proposed** by Cllr Goward, **seconded** by Cllr Dyer and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would object to this application on the following grounds:

- The property is located in an ANOB;
- The proposed Velux window will be the only one on the face of the property and would be unsightly;
- The proposed larger porch is not in keeping with the area and would impair the vista.

All in favour. Unanimous. **Carried.**

##### **Minute 035 -2019/20**

**PA19/07810** – Trebarwith Road Rustic Quarry

It was proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Goward and **RESOLVED** that there would be no objection to this application. Unanimous. **Carried.**

##### **Minute 036 -2019/20**

**PA19/08126** – The Pottery, Trethevy Barns, Trethevy, Tintagel PL34 0BG

It was proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Goward and **RESOLVED** that there would be no objection to this application. Unanimous. **Carried.**

## **Minute 037 -2019/20**

### **PA19/08066**

Merlin Cottage, Trevillick, Tintagel

It was proposed by Cllr Goward seconded by Cllr Brooks and RESOLVED that there would be no objection to this application. Unanimous. Carried.

## **Planning Decisions – Noted**

### **Finance**

Accounts Payable

## **Minute 038-2019/20**

Members considered the schedule of payments to be made.

It was proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Dale and RESOLVED that the schedule of accounts would be accepted. Eight in favour, one abstention. **Carried.**

### **Youth Provision in Tintagel**

The Parish Clerk raised the issue of Youth Service provision in the parish, citing a recent presentation to other Parish Councils by Youth Genesis Trust. However, it was noted that a new youth club has been set up by Zoe Coshall, who indicated that she would be willing to work with the Parish Council on a Youth Project.

Cllr Tremain suggested that a Focus Group should be established to progress the matter. This group will comprise of Cllr Tremain, Zoe Coshall, Jana Hague and the Parish Clerk.

### **Public Lavatories**

Trevena Square and the Visitor Centre lavatories are operating well. There is, however, a problem with groups of youths congregating outside the TVC. This matter will have to be addressed.

The main banks of lavatories are to be closed on 31<sup>st</sup> October, with only the disabled and new lavatories being left open at Trevena Square, the disabled lavatory only will be open at the TVC, after that date.

### **Trebarwith Strand**

## **Minute 39-2018/19**

Due to the costs incurred in the provision of these lavatories and the lack of income (donations). It was **proposed** by Cllr Dale, **seconded** by Cllr Dyer and RESOLVED that the Trebarwith Strand Lavatories would be returned to Cornwall Council forthwith. Unanimous. **Carried.**

## **Bossiney Lavatories**

The Parish Council's solicitor has been instructed to locate the deeds for the property. Once these have been provided, an estate agent will be instructed to value the site and place the same upon the open market for sale.

## **Tintagel Social Hall**

The Clerk reported that the Tintagel Social Hall meeting had been held on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Forty-six members of the public were in attendance.

The Minutes of the Meeting were taken by the Clerk and have now been made publicly available.

The Clerk has also created a document, which outlines the duties of a Trustee, as these are more onerous than those of a 'committee member'.

The Clerk has also:

- Compiled a list of those who have indicated their willingness to serve as a Trustee;
- Compiled a partial list of social groups in the village;
- Drafted a letter to send to relevant group

It is hoped that the future of the Social Hall Trusteeship can be determined at the AGM in November.

## **Updates**

Planning Group – None

TVC – The Clerk reported that things were continuing to 'ticking over' and that a number of new retail lines have been ordered. The book base has been expanded and it is hoped that a re-launch can be undertaken in early course.

## **Correspondence**

### **Minute 40-2019/20**

The Clerk advised the Meeting that the External Audit report from PFK Littlejohn LLP had now been received.

It was proposed by Cllr Goward, seconded by Cllr Brooks and RESOLVED that the schedule of accounts would be accepted. Unanimous. **Carried.**

Cllr Dyer reminded Members about the purchase of the Poppy Wreath. Cllr Dyer will make enquiries in respect of the same and advise the Clerk accordingly.

**The meeting closed at 8.17 pm.**

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