

TINTAGEL PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of the meeting of Tintagel Parish Council **Wednesday 4th December 2019**

Present: Cllr Flower (Chairman), Cllr Goward, Cllr Dale, Cllr Tremain, Cllr Harper, Cllr Pearse, Cllr Callcut

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

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

Apologies: Cllr. Brooks, Cllr. Dyer

Declarations of Interest: none

Invitation to members of the public to speak prior to the meeting: None

AGENDA

MINUTES

Minute 055-2019/20

The Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting, held on the 6th November 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. Goward, **seconded** by Cllr. Tremain and **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. Unanimous. **Carried.**

CLLR BARRY JORDAN – CORNWALL COUNCIL

Field at Molesworth Street

Cllr. Jordan advised the meeting that he had received a complaint, in relation to the condition of the field at Molesworth Street, Tintagel (used as a lay-down site / compound by the American Bridge construction company).

Enquiries revealed that, at the request of the landowner, the materials currently on site be left there, for the use of the landowner. The site is now back under the control of the landowner and, therefore, neither Tintagel Parish Council, nor Cornwall Council, does not have any jurisdiction over the same.

Cllr. Tremain advised the meeting that there is currently a burst water pipe at the site. Cllr Jordan stated that he would address the matter with the appropriate service provider.

Cornwall Council - Annual Council Tax Rise

Cllr. Jordan advised the meeting that Cornwall Council had agreed on a 3.99% rise in Council Tax, for the financial year 2020/21. It was agreed that 2% of the revenue increase would be apportioned to Social Care.

Lavatory Rates

Cllr. Flower alluded to the recent letter from Cornwall Council, which advised Parish/ Town Councils that, despite expectations to the contrary, there was a possibility that Council Tax may continue to be imposed for Public Lavatories. The reason for this advice was that the relevant legislation had not yet been passed by Parliament.

Cllr. Jordan stated that the legislation had been close to being approved, however, the impending election had prevented completion of the process.

Gritting in Tintagel

Cllr. Callcut raised the matter of gritting of the roads in Tintagel, advising that the failure to do so was impacting on the ability of residents to undertake their employment, when roads are slippery. Cllr Jordan undertook to look into the matter.

PLANNING MATTERS

Minute 056 -2019/20

PA19/09787 -Land West of Trevena, Molesworth Street, Tintagel

It was **proposed** by Cllr Goward, **seconded** by Cllr Flower and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would object to the application on the grounds that there is doubt as to whether the clearing of the knotweed was properly carried out. Unanimous. **Carried.**

Minute 057 -2019/20

PA19/09603 – Land North of the Quoit, Trethevy, Tintagel

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

- Permitting this development is likely to create a precedent in the area, as the proposed development will create a gap between the same and the next building. Therefore, future applications, based on 'infill' are likely to be submitted.
- The proposal represents over-development of the area/ site;
- The entrance/ exit to the site

Planning Decisions – Noted

Finance

Accounts Payable

Minute 058-2019/20

Members considered the schedule of payments to be made.

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

Budget and Precept Setting

Members considered the budget and precept for the financial year 2020/21, considering the projected expenditure for the current year and future/ on-going liabilities.

It was accepted that the costs for the maintenance of public lavatories have become onerous for the Parish. It is hoped that the return of Trebarwith Strand Lavatories to Cornwall Council and the closure of the Bossiney Lavatories will alleviate some of the financial pressures on the Parish Council in the next financial year. However, other cost cutting measures would have to be considered.

The Clerk provided an outline of costs for the maintenance of all sets of public lavatories during 2019/20 (including projections until the end of the current financial year). The total projected costs amount to 43.8% of the Parish Council's precept.

Minute 059-2019/20

It was **proposed** by Cllr Flower, **seconded** by Cllr Dale and RESOLVED that the Parish Council would, in order to reduce outgoings, reduce the number of lavatories opened to the public in 2020. The disabled lavatory at the TVC is to be open, along with the new lavatories and disabled lavatory at Trevena Square.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Flower, **seconded** by Cllr Pearse and RESOLVED that hanging baskets for the 2020 Summer season would be provided by the Parish Council, for Trevena Square only. It was suggested that local retailers should be encouraged to provide displays for outside their own shops. Unanimous. **Carried.**

The finalised budget was set at £141,350.

Members considered the matter of setting the Precept for 2020/21. It was noted that, despite advice, many town and Parish Councils had raised their 2019/20 precept by more than 3%. Of the 45 Parish/Town Councils in Cornwall, which receive a precept of £75,000 or more, the average percentage rise was 5.76%. The highest increase among this group was 56.05%.

Minute 060-2019/20

It was **proposed** by Cllr Flower, **seconded** by Cllr Callcut and RESOLVED that the Parish Council would raise the precept for 2020/21 by 9.5%. Six in favour, one against. **Carried.**

Updates

Planning Group – None

TVC – The Clerk reported the recent Christmas Event had gone well and that the new stock had been well received. The Clerk alluded to the hard work of the volunteers and the Chairman congratulated all in relation to the appearance of the TVC, which had been decorated for Christmas. The TVC will be open on the evening of the 7th December, prior to the Christmas Lights Event.

Correspondence

Tintagel Tennis Club

The Clerk read out a letter from the Tintagel Tennis Club, in which the latter was requesting a sum of money pledged by the Parish Council in 2010.

It was felt that too great a period of time had elapsed between the granting of the sum and the organisation claiming the same. The Parish Council budgets on an annual basis and it is realistic to expect grants to be claimed within a reasonable period of time. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would correspond with the Tennis Club Secretary on the matter.

Tintagel Orpheus Choir

The Clerk read out a letter, received from Tintagel Orpheus Choir, which was seeking funding for sound equipment.

Members suggested that the Clerk should advise the Secretary of the Choir that funding may be available from the Arts Council for the equipment.

BT Telephone Box Survey – Noted

Cornwall Council (Business Rates Relief) – Noted

Part II

Minute 061-2019/20

At 2040 hrs. It was **proposed** by Cllr Goward, **seconded** by Cllr Flower and RESOLVED that the meeting should go into Committee. Unanimous. **Carried**

The public left the Chamber

Confidential discussions were entered into.

Staff Matters

Minute 062-2019/20

It was **proposed** by Cllr Flower, **seconded** by Cllr Tremain and RESOLVED that the Parish Council would agree the salary of the Parish Clerk and that there would be a regular review of the same. All in favour. **Carried.**

Acquisitions and Disposals - deferred until January 2020 meeting

The meeting closed at 21.59 pm.

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