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DRAFT Minutes of a Meeting of the Tintagel Parish Council held on Wednesday 4th January 2012

Present: Cllrs. Wickett, Flower, Dyer, Smith, Dangar, Dorman, Bull & Hodge
8 members of the public were present
Apologies: Cllr. Menhenick

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Max Roberts to the meeting. He had met with the Parish Council prior to the meeting and been co-opted as a member of the Parish Council.

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest

None

Invitation to members of the public to speak prior to meeting regarding items on the Agenda (10 minutes allowed for this item)

Ms. Jeannie Hampshire of Mopaddi spoke regarding her concerns over the major building work being carried out to the adjacent property. Plans for Excalibur were passed in October 2011. She felt misleading information had been given to support the plans. The height of the extension is higher than the extended height house. Photos were shown of some aspects of the work. She had complained to Cornwall Council but the complaint was not upheld. She intended to take the matter further and asked for the Parish Council's support. The extended property now overlooks her amenity space, garden and specialist practice area. The new property is a business development and her garden will be overlooked by a weekly change of holidaymakers. The infrastructure of the village amenity has been damaged by the increase in bedrooms of 3 to 6.

Stan Turner also spoke about the same matter and stated that there were already traffic problems along the private road.

Barbara Degener spoke regarding the same matter and felt there were several recent applications of a similar nature and this current approval could set a precedent for more.

Cllr. Hodge asked if the road was private and Mr. Turner confirmed it was. Local residents have improved part of the road but there is still a large section which needs attention.

Cllr. Wicket spoke regarding the matter. He added that the Parish Council had objected to nearly all the applications in the area. He suggested the Parish Council write to Cornwall Council to ask

why permission was given for such a large scale development. He appreciated that you cannot buy a view, but also should not expect an extension of the scale that was being discussed.

Cllr. Brown asked that the Parish Council support Ms. Hampshire in her concerns. She was prepared to take the matter further. He felt the Parish Council should write regarding three main points:-

1. Distance of the extension from Mopaddi – 40m had been stated but in fact it is much closer.
2. The overlooking window should be frosted.
3. Challenge the roof height. Is it to plan or is it higher.

Cllr. Wickett felt a lot of changes are being made to properties all over the parish where the bulk and size is out of context. Residents should consider contacting the Ombudsman if they have real concerns with decisions being made.

Matthew Pink also spoke on behalf of his mother to raise the same concerns as raised by Ms. Hampshire, Mr. Turner and Ms. Degener.

Cllr. Wickett suggested the Parish Council write to Cornwall Council to ask what their overall policy is for Trethevy.

Cllr. Hodge suggested a meeting on site be requested with members of the Planning Department to which local residents should also be invited.

Cllr. Dyer also mentioned the extensive work being carried out to a property on Church Hill.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.25 p.m.

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None

Minutes of the previous meetings 7th December and Matters Arising

Cllr. Bull asked about the future of recycling centres. It was explained that the one in the Visitor Centre car park was not under threat. Cllr. Wickett reminded everyone of the importance to use Bowthick Tip also.

Cllr. Dorman proposed the Minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr. Dyer. All in favour.

REPORTS

CCC C/Cllr. Brown spoke about Cornwall Council's Roadshow "Planning for Cornwall's Future for the next 20 years" being held from 9.1.12 – 2.3.12, and at Camelford on 16.1.12.

He had attended a meeting regarding Camelford Leisure Centre and talks were still taking place regarding the possibility of the Centre being taken over by Carrick Leisure.

Cllr. Dyer had attended a recent Community Network Meeting where she understood that everything was on course for Carrick Leisure to take over from 1.4.12.

Cllr. Dangar was concerned about the winter closure of the Castle. The Clerk added that a representative from English Heritage would attend the April meeting.

Christmas Lighting Committee Cllr. Smith reported on the successful Switch On Event. The Chairman asked that the Parish Council's thanks be passed to the Lighting Committee.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To consider any applications received since the Agenda was published.

No applications received.

Planning application PA10/05736, Excalibur, Trethevy, Tintagel – letter expressing concern re: scale

Discussion had taken place on this item during the public session. Agreed that the Parish Council would write and request a site meeting with the Planning Officer and his superior.

AGENDA ITEMS

Proposal for Affordable Housing development at rear of Fosters Lane

- **Feedback and discussion following public exhibition**
- **Email from Mr. M. Goward**

The Clerk read out the email received from Mr. Goward along with a further email and letter from residents raising concern about the proposals. Cllr. Bull understood that during a recent meeting with Ray Tovey, Cabinet Member, that the Parish Council had to agree to the proposal.

Cllr. Wicket said the plans would have to come to the Parish for consideration. This is a large site and we have not yet seen any plans other than 3 options for layout of the site. He was concerned at the size of the gardens and the areas being left undeveloped. Cllr. Hodge spoke further to Cllr. Bull's comment. The development could not be forced on the Parish but where Parish Councils are totally against developments, Cornwall Council could still impose developments on them. He felt negotiation was needed on the number, size, style and location of this and any future developments. He felt Cornwall Council had jumped the gun as the Parish Council were not given the opportunity to consider these matters prior to the proposal being made known to them. The Parish Plan recognized that some affordable housing is needed but the Parish Council needs to control and minimize the impact.

Cllr. Smith left the meeting as agreed with the Chairman prior to the meeting.

Cllr. Hodge felt the Parish should write to the Housing Association and ask them to meet the Parish Council before further proposals are made. He had spoken to Andrew O'Brien, Affordable Housing Team Leader, from Cornwall Council at the recent public exhibition and felt that he was listening to what local people had to say.

Cllr. Flower mentioned that an important point to be considered is sustainability i.e. jobs, school places.

Cllr. Wickett stated that some of those who attended the public exhibition were local people who already had jobs.

Cllr. Wickett asked that the Clerk write to Victoria Regan to request a further meeting to glean feedback from the exhibition and what their plans are now.

Tintagel Visitor Centre

The chairman confirmed that the Sub-Committee had met again. Their recommendation is that after looking at all the aspects of possible lease or purchase, that approval is given for purchase of the Visitor Centre. Enquiries had been made regarding the loan. He suggested that a meeting be arranged with representatives of Property, Finance and Legal Departments of Cornwall Council to discuss final terms and conditions.

Cllr. Flower proposed that the Parish Council purchase the Tintagel Visitor Centre for a maximum sum of £100,000 and that a meeting between members of the Sub Committee (Cllrs. Wickett, Hodge, Dangar, Mr. H. Sandercock (Advisor) and the Clerk) be arranged with Cornwall Council to finalise the terms.

Cllr. Hodge agreed with Cllr. Flower's proposal to purchase as there were no guarantees after the initial 3 year lease period.

Cllr. Wickett added that there was a lot of work to be done and a meeting should be arranged as soon as possible.

Cllr. Dorman seconded Cllr. Flower's proposal. A vote was taken showing unanimous support for the purchase of Tintagel Visitor Centre.

Trevena Square

- **proposal for new cross/seat – agree work to be carried out to request quotations**
- **consider additional lighting**

The Chairman advised that following a meeting on site in December, some of the ivy had been cleared from the side of the stone hedge. He had spoken with Ms. Grose, an adjacent landowner and was hoping to meet her on site next week. He was also making contact with Mrs. Desousa to speak about the possibility of rendering the face of her concrete block wall. Cllr. Dangar felt more clearing was needed to the end of the flower bed. This was agreed.

Cllr. Dangar proposed that quotations be sought with a view to rebuilding a stoned wall to the end of the flower bed, wall to be cemented and possibly backed by a concrete block wall. The surface around the cross to be crazy paved with 3 or 4 beds left for planting. Quotations to be sought from G. Climo and Son, George Knight, Dean Dangar and Phil Headon.

Lighting to the square – Clerk to speak to Ted Lowe regarding the seat lights and SEC regarding the recent request to repair the street light.

Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, June 2012

Cllr. Bull reported that Mrs. Brown had only received one offer of help following her request in the recent parish newsletter. Agreed that the call for helpers be repeated in the next edition with a question "Do you want an event?" Clerk to contact School and WI to see if they have any plans. To be discussed at the next meeting.

Tintagel Parish Plan - Review

A general discussion took place. It was agreed that many issues raised in the plan are related to ongoing issues being dealt with by the Parish Council.

Particular mention was made regarding the state of the Old Schoolroom and the empty property to the rear. an issue which was raised by many people in the Plan. Cllr. Hodge mentioned a recent TV programme where Councils are contacting property owners to bring properties back into use. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Diocese to ask what their plans are for the future of the properties. A copy of the letter to be sent to Rev. Barfoot.

Co-option of Parish Councillors

The Parish Council met with Mr. Roberts prior to the meeting and it was agreed that he be co-opted to the Parish Council. Agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr. Brooks who had also applied for co-option but had been unable to attend that evening, to arrange for the Parish Council to meet with him prior to the February meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. Flower and seconded by Cllr. Dorman that the late application from Mr. Goward could not be accepted as late applications in the past had not been accepted either. All in favour.

Public Convenience Review – consider meeting with representative from Cornwall Council

Agreed that the Clerk write to Cornwall Council with a view to a meeting in April.

Cllr. Flower left the meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

Cornwall Council:

Town and Parish Council Newsletter – October edition

- **Neighbourhood Development Plans** – The clerk updated on the recent meeting with Ray Tovey when he explained that Parishes would be provided with a stage by stage template to complete a Neighbourhood Development Plan. Clerk to write and ask if there was any progress on this matter.

Dog Control Orders

The Clerk read out some notes she had made from the guidance on this matter. It was agreed that for the time being an approach would be made to Cornwall Council and the Duchy of Cornwall with a view to placing signs in the car parks and at the head of the beach asking that dogs be kept on a lead.

Leader message to members (9.12.11 & 16.12.11)

Noted.

Grass cutting – Possible devolution of service

The figures received from Cornwall Council were discussed. It was agreed to leave this matter for the time being.

Signs at Atlantic Road, Tintagel

The Clerk read out the letter received from Cornwall Council asking that either the signs be moved or they would move them. The Chairman noted that the columns are in fact on land in the ownership of the Parish Council and suggested that a response be sent to advise that Cornwall Council did not pay any rent for the columns being on our land and asking for a meeting with Cornwall Council to discuss either the payment of rent or that they move the street light columns onto the highway.

Cornwall Association of Local Councils

- **Future of the Code of Conduct**
- **“The Week” Issue 49**

Noted.

FOR INFORMATION

Campaign to Protect Rural England – Planning explained
Cllr. Hodge took this publication.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Cllr. Dorman proposed the cheques be signed, seconded by Cllr. Bull. All in favour.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 1st February 2012.

Chairman

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