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Draft Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Meeting of Tintagel Parish Council
Wednesday 10th August, 2016

Present: Cllrs. Dyer, Wickett, Flower, Hart, Goward, Dale, Brooks & Hodge.

Apologies: Cllrs. Soutter, Keenan & Dorman.

Members of the public: Three

Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Hart declared an interest in planning application PA16/06580.

Cllr Dyer read out the following notice:

This meeting has been advertised as a public meeting and as such could be filmed or recorded by broadcasters, the media or members of the public.

Please be aware that whilst every effort is taken to ensure that members of the public are not filmed, we cannot guarantee this, especially if you are speaking or taking an active role.

Invitation to members of the public to speak prior to meeting, (10 minutes allowed for this item).

Mr. L Freaks spoke regarding the public conveniences at Trebarwith Strand. He said he was disappointed the toilets were being abused as they provided a necessary service. Mr Freaks also commented that the precept for the parish had been raised to cover the costs of keeping the toilets open and therefore they should continue to be kept open.

Mr. Freaks stated that the Parish Council should be proud of the hard work they have put in to keep the Public conveniences open after Cornwall Council decided to close them. He also made the point that a lot of local people used the facilities as well as holiday makers and tourists. Mr Freaks asks that the Parish Council continue with their support.

AGENDA

Planning applications - *Cllr. Hart left the room for this item.*

PA16/06580 – Part conversion of the existing ground floor shop to a residential dwelling. Construct an extension to the remaining shop with a new staircase and other alterations. Form a car parking area. The Crazy Mermaid, Trebarwith Strand. I & N Collins and Neate. It was proposed by Cllr. Brooks, seconded by Cllr. Goward and RESOLVED that no objection be raised to this application. All in favour. Carried.

Cllr. Hart returned to the meeting.

Agenda Items

The future of Trebarwith Strand and Trevena Square public toilets.

The clerk handed out the July costings for the running of Trebarwith Strand and Trevena Square public conveniences to the members of the Parish Council. It was noted that Trebarwith Strand takes very little in comparison with Trevena Square.

Cllr. Hodge reported on the meeting between the sub-committee and Jon James of Cornwall Council and Sarah Sims, Community Link Officer. With regard to the vandalism problems at Trebarwith Strand, a few possible solutions were discussed, i.e. door alarms which sound if the door is held open for a set length of time, CCTV, local policing of the toilets. Shutting the toilets for while was also discussed. Also the issue of business rates was also mentioned and Jon James will look into this. Another meeting with Cornwall Council will be arranged for further discussion, and the clerk will try to arrange this before the next full Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Dale remarked that Councillors declined to consider the suggestion that if toilet facilities at Trebarwith Strand were provided free of charge, it would create:

1. A positive atmosphere of good will.
2. Eliminate the main cause of vandalism.
3. Avoid all complexities of collection, taking into account that monies collected do not cover the cost of collection.
4. Toilet facilities, provide free or otherwise must be available for the R N L I and "possibly" through contract for the Surf club. Cllr Dale also stated Tintagel in practice relies heavily on the tourist trade.

The only legal issue with Trevena Square was clause 11, and this is being looked into at present, but this should not affect the acquisition of the freehold.

It was confirmed that Cornwall Council would honour the grant obtained by the clerk and payment of this is being processed.

Cllr. Goward queried if Trebarwith Strand toilets could be closed temporarily due to the vandalism problems, this had been discussed at the meeting, but there may be a problem as RNLI staff may have rights of access to toilet facilities. The sub-committee were awaiting confirmation of this but had not had any response from Cornwall Council yet. Further discussions ensued with regard to the vandalism, lack of interest by businesses and locals, plus other ways of informing the public of the problems, i.e. notices on the toilets doors etc.

Cllr. Hart queried the legal issue of not being able to gain finance from Cornwall Council car parks, as Boscastle had been able to. Cllr Wickett explained this had been queried in prior discussions with Cornwall Council and they had said that legally monies gained from parking could only be spent on those projects. The clerk confirmed that she had written communication confirming this.

A member of the public, Mrs May asked if she could speak in the meeting as she had some advice for the council. The Chairman opened the meeting to enable Mrs May to speak. Mrs. May informed the meeting that there are no legal reasons why Cornwall Council could not give a levy of some of the car parking monies to financially support the upkeep of the public toilets. Mrs May also informed the meeting that the life saving club had put a considerable amount of finance into the building in which the toilets are situated. Approximately £76,000.

The chairman thanked Mrs May for the information. It was proposed by Cllr. Flower, seconded by Cllr. Hart that the meeting go back into committee. All in favour. Carried. It was proposed by Cllr. Hodge, seconded by Cllr. Flower that the toilets continue as before until the next meeting.

An amendment was proposed by Cllr. Hart to keep the toilets going as they are until the end of the season. Two in favour, six against.

Voting on the original proposal then went ahead, four in favour, three against, one abstention. Carried.

Cllr. Wickett stated that there were two quotes on the table for the collection of the monies and maintenance of the coin machines. Cllr. Hodge proposed accepting the second quote on a temporary basis, until full decisions were made with regard to the future of the public toilets. Seconded by Cllr. Hart. All in Favour. Passed.

Cllr. Flower informed the meeting that the Social Hall Committee had purchased and installed a new cooker and warming cupboard. This was noted by the clerk.
It was proposed by Cllr. Hart, seconded by Cllr. Brooks and RESOLVED that the quote for the Schedule of works survey be accepted. All in favour. Carried.
Cllr Hart explained the next steps once the survey had been completed.
It was proposed by Cllr. Wickett, seconded by Cllr. Hart and RESOLVED that a Parish councillor should also be at the meeting between the surveyor and Social Hall committee. All in favour. Carried.
Cllr. Hart will arrange and attend the meeting with the surveyor and Social Hall committee.

Date and time of next meeting.

The next full Parish Council meeting will be at 7pm on the 6th September, 2016 at Tintagel Social Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:40pm.

M. Dyer, Chairman

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