

# TINTAGEL PARISH COUNCIL



'Tintagel's Great Seal'

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## **Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Tintagel Parish Council** **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021**

**Present:** Cllr Flower (Chairman), Cllr Brooks, Cllr Goward, Cllr Dale, Cllr Harper, and Cllr Callcut. Also, Cllr Fairman, (Cornwall Council), Cllr Barry Jordan (Cornwall Council)

**Members of the Public:** 19

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Vice -Chairman read out the notice relating to the recording/ filming of the meeting and advised all participants that the meeting would be recorded by the Clerk. No other persons declared an intention to record the meeting.

The Vice Chairman added that the recording made by the Clerk was solely for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy of the Meeting Minutes, and that the recording would be destroyed thereafter.

**Apologies:** Cllrs Pearse, Cllr Appleby-Tremain, Cllr Coshall

**Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Goward (Planning Matter PA21/00262)

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

**Mrs Susan Weight** (Trethevy Resident) – Mrs Weight addressed the meeting in relation to the parking issues at Trethevy. Mrs Weight had forwarded photographs that were taken in August, September, and October 2020. These showed the nature of the parking on verges in the area of Trethevy. Mrs Weight highlighted the dangers in the area. She added that during the summer season there is constant noise from car horns; people opening their car door into the road; people walking in the middle of the road into on-coming traffic and car alarms sounding. The car park is sited at the top of a hill, on a blind bend.

Despite the County Council having placed parking restrictions at the site for a month in 2020, motorists continued to park at the site, removing the bollards in order to enable entry.

**Tess Beaumont** (Trethevy Resident) – Ms Beaumont also sent photographs and can substantiate the comments made by Mrs Weight. She added that there is a safety mirror opposite the entrance to her property. Motorists habitually park in front of the mirror and this, in turn, creates problems for the residents as they attempt to leave their property, which is on a tight bend in the road. The parking issues extend from the bus stop up to the entrance of the Trewethick campsite, and sometimes extend beyond that entrance.

**Cllr Barry Jordan** – Cllr Jordan stated that he had received a great deal of correspondence from Trethevy residents and has witnessed the situation during the summer. He added that this was an extremely dangerous situation, which has to be remedied quickly. The responsibility for installing a car park does not lie with Cornwall Council. Cllr Jordan's suggestion, during a meeting with PC Councillors and Mr Oliver Jones (Cormac), was that the owners of St Nectan's Glen should work with local farmers in order to identify a suitable site for off-road parking. He added that he did not know if this had been acted upon however, Cllr Jordan anticipated that the situation will be substantially worse this year with increased numbers of visitors to the area. He emphasised that it was imperative that the road is kept clear to prevent a potentially fatal accident at the site.

**Cllr Goward** - Cllr Goward advised the meeting that, at the site meeting with Mr Jones, it was stated (by Mr Jones) that the signage placed at the site had, in fact, had no effect because of the lack of an appropriate Road Traffic Order to enforce the same. Attendees at the meeting had also been advised that the cost of a traffic order was so great that it was not worth pursuing. Also, he added that local farmers had, in fact been approached, however nobody was willing to sell land for a car parking area. It had also been suggested to Mr Jones that a 'herring bone' car parking scheme could have been placed at the area close to the bus stop. Unfortunately, Mr Jones had not favoured that idea.

The Clerk highlighted the fact that, on two previous occasions, the Parish Council had reported the issue of dangerous parking at the site, to Cornwall Council.

At that juncture, the Clerk requested permission to bring the matters under 'Correspondence' to the top of the agenda, to follow discussion of the Minutes for the last meeting. The reason for the request was to enable matters relating to the extant discussion, to be considered. It was **agreed** that this would be acceptable.

## AGENDA

### MINUTES

#### **Minute 98 – 2020/21**

The Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting, held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 were considered by Members, on a page-by-page basis. No comments were raised in respect of the same.

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Goward, **seconded** by Cllr. Brooks and RESOLVED that the minutes for the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 be signed as a true record of the meeting. Six in favour and one abstention. **Carried.**

#### **Minute 99 – 2020/21**

The Minutes from the Extra Parish Council Meeting, held on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021 were considered by Members, on a page-by-page basis. No comments were raised in respect of the same.

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Goward, **seconded** by Cllr. Brooks and RESOLVED that the minutes for the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021 be signed as a true record of the meeting. Six in favour and one abstention. **Carried.**

### CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised the meeting that there had been a great deal of correspondence and concern in relation the parking problems at both Trethevy and Bossiney. She felt that the matters could not be satisfactorily discussed during a five/ ten-minute slot on the monthly meeting agenda. The Clerk, therefore, suggested that the Parish Council might like to consider calling an Extra Meeting for the sole purpose of discussing the parking problems at the two sites. The Clerk articulated her feeling that it would be advantageous to call such a meeting, and that it should be held sooner rather than later.

Members **agreed** that an Extra Meeting would be a good way forward and requested the Clerk arrange the same. It was suggested that representatives from both Highways and the Police should be invited to attend, along with Cllr Jordan. Cllr Fairman was also invited to attend.

The Clerk stated that she would endeavour to arrange the meeting as soon as possible and would post the details on the Tintagel Parish Council website.

### CORNWALL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Cllr Mould did not attend the Meeting.

Cllr Fairman was invited to address the meeting. He reminded attendees that there will be Town and Parish Elections on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021. It must be noted at this point that those persons wishing to stand for election must submit their Nomination Papers by the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

An allowance has been agreed, under the COVID 19 Regulations. Rather than obtaining ten signatures from Parishioners (to support an application), this has been reduced to two. Nomination Forms can be obtained from Cornwall Council but have not yet been issued. It is understood that all Clerks will be forwarded a number of application packs for existing Members, and an additional number for distribution to interested parties.

Cllr Brooks thanked the County Councillors for their input into the meeting.

### **VICE CHAIRMAN's REPORT**

Cllr Brooks commenced his report by stating that a few things had happened over the last week, in connection with parking at Trethevy and Bossiney.

It has come to the attention of the Parish Council that a number of false allegations have been levelled at Cllr Brooks by a Parishioner. These comments have openly questioned the integrity of Cllr Brooks. This conduct was predicated on the publication of a video made by Cllr Brooks, in relation to parking problems at Bossiney.

Cllr Brooks had been publicly accused of being a good friend of the solicitor, who works for St Nectan's Glen. That statement is false. Cllr Brooks stated that he had only met the gentleman on one occasion, at a meeting at which Cllr Goward, Mr Oliver Jones and Cllr Jordan were also in attendance.

It has also been alleged that Cllr Brooks must be a good friend of Mr Hutchison because they are both members of the Rotary Club. Cllr Brooks stressed that he is not, and never has been, a member of the Rotary Club.

It was also alleged that the meeting at Trethevy (ibid) was a 'secret meeting'. Cllr Brooks stated that the assertion is also untrue and highlighted the fact that Cllr Jordan could back Cllr Brooks up on that point (Cllr Jordan nodded his assent). The meeting had been called by Mr Oliver Jones (Highways) and any person wishing to attend had been at liberty to do so. Four Parish Councillors had indicated an intention to attend but only two did so.

At the meeting relating to the parking issues at Trethevy, Cllr Brooks also spoke with Mr Jones in respect of the parking problems at Bossiney. Mr Jones advised him that he (Mr Jones) was unaware of the problem at Bossiney and suggested that any evidence of the same, should be forwarded to Mr Jones. Cllr Brooks shot the video on his dashcam as evidence of the problem.

Cllr Brooks highlighted the fact that the Parishioner had placed the false comments on Facebook and that the post had initially been seen by Cllr Brooks daughter who suffers with anxiety. The comments had upset her greatly. That conduct is not clever. Furthermore, ninety people who use that particular Facebook site had made comments (many unacceptable) on the erroneous and libellous allegations – one of whom was a Parish Councillor from a neighbouring Parish. Nobody had bothered to check the truth of the statements published and, indeed, the author had used a false name.

Cllr Brooks asked those present to forward any photographs of parking issues at Trethevy/ Bossiney to either Mr Jones or the Parish Clerk.

### **MEMBER ENTERS THE MEETING**

**19.42 hrs - Cllr Flower entered the meeting** at this point, having experienced difficulty in accessing the same via the link provided. He thanked Cllr Brooks for managing the meeting and took over responsibility for the same.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **Minute 100 – 2020/21**

**PA21/01266** - It was **proposed** by Cllr. Goward, **seconded** by Cllr. Brooks and **RESOLVED** that there would be no objection to the application. Unanimous. **Carried.**

### **Minute 101 – 2020/21**

**PA21/01013** - It was **proposed** by Cllr. Goward, **seconded** by Cllr. Brooks and **RESOLVED** that there would be no objection to the application. Unanimous. **Carried.**

## **MEMBER ENTERS THE MEETING**

**19.46 hrs – Cllr Pearse entered the meeting** - having experienced difficulty in accessing the same via the link provided.

### **Minute 102 – 2020/21**

**Cllr Goward** declared an interest in relation to this matter.

**Cllr Flower** declared an interest in relation to this matter.

This matter relates to an application to demolish an existing garage and to create a two-storey extension to the gable end of the building.

Cllr Harper stated that there seemed little room at the site and felt that the extension would be very close to the next-door property.

**PA21/010262** - It was **proposed** by Cllr. Brooks, **seconded** by Cllr. Harper, and **RESOLVED** that this matter would 'be left on the table'. Five in favour and two abstentions (interests declared). **Carried**

## **PLANNING DECISIONS** - Noted

## **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

**Accounts Payable** – Appendix E (as published) plus an additional invoice for £4, 027.

### **Minute 103– 2020/21**

Members considered the schedule of payments to be made. It was proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Goward and **RESOLVED** that the schedule of accounts, at would be accepted. Unanimous. **Carried.**

## **BUILDING MATTERS AT TREVENA SQUARE**

Cllr Goward raised the issue of the recent building of steps and the breach of the boundary between the new housing development at Trerammet and Trevena Square.

Cllr Goward reported that the initial opening made by the developer had now been boarded up, but that a second opening had been made at the bottom end of the car park. It has been noted that a path had been beaten through to the 'Badger Run'. It has been noted that, either side of the gap there are open spaces where no vegetation is growing, it seems clear that this is intended as a future access onto the Parish Council's land.

The Clerk advised that she had written to the developer who, in turn, had contacted Cornwall Council, the latter having indicated its refusal to remove the unlawful access and that the next step was that the Clerk should correspond with that body in respect of the matter.

Cllr Goward highlighted that, on looking at the plans for the site, part of the development includes an old hotel. He also asked where the affordable housing was at the location? There seemed nothing on the plans to indicate this. Cllr Harper advised the meeting that a second sign had now been placed at the site, which highlighted the availability of affordable housing (four one-bedroom flats and two semi-detached houses).

Cllr Callcut asked if it would not be better to let residents have a footpath from the estate to Fore Street. Cllr Goward advised that there was already a footpath, which runs from the bottom of Molesworth Street to the back of the Tintagel Arms. It was **agreed** the clerk would correspond with Cornwall Council to request that the 'stile' at the rear of the Tintagel Arms be replaced with an appropriately constructed stile. The current obstruction is essentially a concrete wall with two scaffolding poles and the nature of the same represents a danger to users of the path.

Cllr Jordan advised the meeting that he had been in touch with the S.106 Office about the development and that he had received an email, which he would forward to the Clerk. The number of affordable houses has been reduced from 6 to 4, the S.106 monies have not yet been paid and the original footpath has to be reinstated, precisely where it was. The newly created footpaths are to be closed.

### **RETURN TO PHYSICAL MEETINGS**

The Clerk advised the Meeting that a notification had been received from CALC, in which Clerk had been advised of the need to return to physical meetings in May 2021. The legislation governing the right to conduct meetings virtually (the Covid Act 2020) expires in May and no extension to the same has been agreed – although the Association of Local Councils is currently petitioning the Government on this matter.

The Parish Council now has to consider the manner in which it wishes to re-establish physical meetings; the location of meetings and the manner in which COVID 19 rules can be safely implemented.

It has been suggested that the TCH could be used for PC meetings, however, minor works would have to be carried out in order to maximise space. This is a cosmetic exercise. However, it will be necessary to consider the purchasing of suitable tables and chairs for use. Although the PC currently has an application submitted for funding the purchase of tables and chairs, the PC in the short-term would have to purchase some items for immediate use.

It may also be advantageous to equip the building in a suitable manner, which would enable the space to be offered for hire to other groups, thereby providing the potential to maximise the potential to generate income.

Cllr Brooks advised that it would be necessary to expend some monies in order to ensure that the building could be established as a meeting venue. If it was possible to hire the facility out for a minimal cost, then it would benefit the Parish and generate income.

Cllr Goward asked if the tables and chairs in the Social Hall are the property of the Parish Council. It was suggested that the Parish Council had, in fact, paid for them. Cllr Harper advised that the 2015/16 Asset Register listed the furniture, sheds and shed contents as being Parish Council assets.

It was mooted that there may be a need to borrow some of the items.

Cllr Brooks suggested that, to prevent ill feeling, the Clerk should investigate the cost of new furniture and advise the Members of the same. The Clerk agreed with this suggestion.

#### **Minute 104 – 2019/20**

**PA21/01013** - It was **proposed** by Cllr. Brooks, **seconded** by Cllr. Pearse and **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would obtain a quotation for the provision of a suitable number of tables and chairs, presenting the same to the Members for consideration. Unanimous. **Carried.**

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** – deferred to next meeting.

**TVC STOCK** – deferred to next meeting.

**TCH UPDATE** – Cllr Harper raised the matter of the removal of fixed cabinets from the TCH and requested permission for their removal, for the purpose of creating additional space.

#### **Minute 105 – 2019/20**

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Brooks, **seconded** by Cllr. Dale and **RESOLVED** that the cabinets should be removed from the TCH Unanimous. **Carried.**

**TREVENA SQUARE PARKING** – Cllr Harper raised the matter of the time limit for parking at Trevena Square. She stated that it had been 1 hour, previously. However, once the contract with the parking enforcement company had been terminated, the lime limit sign had been removed.

Currently, there are four or five vehicles which are permanently parked in the top part of the car park, in light of the fact that there are only twelve space in that area, these vehicles are taking up nearly 50% of the same. The time limit, therefore, requires reinstatement.

The Clerk has investigated the possibility of procuring the services of a traffic management Officer. One option would be the procurement of the time of an officer, arranged through the County Council. However, this would not be a daily commitment, so the alternative is considering hiring a full-time parking enforcement officer – but that is not a cheap option.

The third option is the procurement of services of a parking enforcement company. However, the Clerk cautioned the Members about using that system, as it had not been successful previously.

Cllr Fairman advised that Delabole purchases Enforcement Officer time from the County Council. It is not a cheap option with costs being set at £27 p/h. Delabole used the service for one hour per week, totalling circa £1,400 pa.

The Clerk is to disseminate the County Council document and the matter will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

#### **Minute 106 – 2019/20**

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Brooks, **seconded** by Cllr. Harper and **RESOLVED** that time limiting signage would be procured by Cllr Harper. Parking limit to be 1 hour, with no overnight parking at the site. Unanimous. **Carried.**

**TOWN TWINNING** – The Clerk reported that a further meeting had been held between the parties. An interesting discussion highlighted a number of opportunities, which would be advantageous for the youth of the area, and older parishioners.

Silvi has a renown catering college, which specialises in Italian cooking and bakery. It has been proposed that six places could be allocate, to young people aged between 14 and 18 years. Attendance would culminate in an accredited qualification. Sporting opportunities are also being offered. The Clerk has corresponded with the Head Teacher of the local secondary school to determine interest levels.

Any person interested in joining the meetings is welcome to do so.

The Meeting ended at 20.17 hrs.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021