

# TINTAGEL PARISH COUNCIL



'Tintagel's Great Seal'

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## **Minutes of the meeting of Tintagel Parish Council** **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**Present:** Cllr Flower (Chairman); Cllr Goward; Cllr Brooks; Cllr Tremain, Cllr Harper, Cllr Dale, Cllr Pearse and Cllr Calcutt

**Members of the Public:** 7 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 026/2019-20**

**Apologies:** Cllr. Dyer

**Declarations of Interest:** none

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

Georgia Butters

Georgia Butters attended on behalf of English Heritage in order to provide an update, in relation to the opening of Tintagel Castle.

The opening of bridge from the mainland to the castle was covered, extensively, by the media across the world. There have been thousands of visitors to the site and numbers are 40% higher than in 2018. There have been an overwhelming number of positive comments about the bridge.

Georgia detailed the extended opening ties for the site.

Zoe Coshall

Zoe advised the Members that she was still awaiting insurance quotations for coverage of the Christmas Lights period. She stated that she would provide full quotations at the October Parish Council meeting.

Zoe added that a recent fundraising event has raised £580.00 for the committee.

Jon Willis (Letter read out by the Clerk)

Mr Willis raised two matters.

Firstly, the planning pre-application relating to the land at PL34 OAE. Mr Wills advised of a desire for 4 – 8 houses to be built on the site. The Parish Council was advised that discussions between residents of neighbouring properties have highlighted an objection to the proposed development on the grounds of poor access and egress. Mr Wills asked that the Parish Council support the residents in their objections to the proposal.

The Clerk responded by advising the Members that no Planning Application had been received in relation to the aforementioned site. It was agreed that should an application be presented; the Clerk will advise Mr Wills of the same and invite him to speak at the relevant Parish Council meeting in relation to the matter.

Secondly, Mr Wills raised the matter of speeding traffic on Bossiney Road. The Clerk advised that this matter had been raised by the Parish Council previously, to no avail. Responsibility for the road/ signage rests with Cornwall Council (Highways) and any issue should be referred to that body. However, the police operate the 'Community Speed Watch' Programme, which trains volunteers to undertake speed checks. Cllr Jordan added that PCSO Dodds (Camelford) is currently seeking volunteers for the scheme.

### **AGENDA**

#### **Minutes**

#### **Minute 027-2019/20**

The Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting, held on the 3rd July 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. Brooks seconded by Cllr. Pearse and RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. All in favour. Unanimous. Carried.

The Clerk formally thanked Cllr. Goward for the excellent manner in which he had noted and drafted the Minutes for the last Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Barry Jordan

Cllr Jordan advised the meeting that he had attended the opening of the new bridge at Tintagel. He described the bridge as being 'wonderful' and thanked Georgia Butters for the hard work undertaken in order to bring the project to fruition.

Cllr Jordan advised the meeting that the new contract for Waste, to be entered into by Cornwall Council, had been costed at £62 million. The contract is period scheduled to commence on 1st April 2020 and will run for a period of eight years. However, to date, no contractor has been appointed to manage the same.

The Sowenna Unit at Bodmin will officially open on Friday 6th September 2019 and will take its first patients the following week. Cllr Jordan was congratulated by Cllr Flower on the work that had been undertaken by Cllr Jordan in relation to this project. In excess of £25,000 was raised from local council donations towards the same. The Clerk asked if some photographs of the unit opening could be provided for the Parish Council website, as the Parish had contributed towards the project.

Residents of Treknow had made a complaint in respect of the level of parking on yellow lines in the area. Cornwall Council Highways Department have advised that there is no action that can be taken and that a Traffic Restriction Order (TRO) might be requested by the Parish Council in the future.

Cllr Jordan has raised his concerns, relating to the standard of some Planning Applications presented, with the Chief of the Cornwall Council Planning Department (Louise Wood). He is concerned that standards are not being uniformly applied across all areas and that some, poorly presented applications are misleading. Cllr Jordan and Ms Wood recently visited Tintagel, where the problems highlighted were evidenced to Ms Wood. It was agreed that Ms Wood should take the matter back to Cornwall Council for consideration.

The clearance of the land to the rear of Molesworth Street in Tintagel was discussed. There was no discernible paperwork available for the same and it was agreed that Cllr Jordan would follow up the Clerk's enquiry to the local Planning Officer.

At that juncture, the Clerk thanked Cllr Pearse (Tintagel Parish Council) for her expedient action, in respect of the inspection of the Parish Council land, which adjoins the area being cleared.

Planning Applications

Minute 028 -2019/20

PA19/ 06186 – 16 Atlantic Close Treknow Tintagel Cornwall PL34 0EL

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

PA19/06829 - Fenterleigh Bossiney Tintagel Cornwall PL34 0HN

PA19/06828 - Fenterleigh Bossiney Tintagel Cornwall PL34 0HN

PA19/02043/PREAPP - Fenterleigh Bossiney Tintagel Cornwall PL34 0HN

It was agreed that these matters would, according to protocol, would not be determined by the Parish Council

Minute 029 -2019/20

PA19/06837 - Long Island Trevillet Tintagel Cornwall PL34 0HL

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 030-2019/20

Members considered the schedule of payments to be made.

The Clerk provided an update of the current financial position of the Parish Council, advising that all capital payments had been met from the Current Account, thus leaving reserves intact. A VAT refund of £19,500 had been secured and the precept was expected imminently. However, there is a need to exercise caution in relation to spending over the next six months.

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

Public Lavatories

The Clerk provided Members with an update in relation to cost and income, in respect of the lavatories owned and maintained by the Parish Council.

Total Income for the current Financial Year (2019/20) has been as follows:

Period	Income
April 2019	£ 466.20
May 2019	£ 1,898.00
June 2019	£ 3,169.00
July 2019	£ 4,280.50
August 2019	£ 6,400.00
Total	£ 16, 231.70

The total cost of running the lavatories for the period April 2019 – August 2019, totalled approximately £49,000. This sum, however, included £24,500, attributable to the new entry systems installed at Trevena Square and the TVC.

To date, donations at Trebarwith Strand Lavatories have been recorded at £403.46. Total costs for running these facilities have been approximately £8,500, this financial year.

Members engaged in discussion relating to the facilities. It was felt that the lavatories at Trevena Square should have clearer signage as there has been some confusion in respect of the new facilities. More

visible signage for the original sets should also be provided. It was agreed that the signage problem would be addressed.

#### Minute 031-2019/20

It was proposed by Cllr Pearse, seconded by Cllr Dale and RESOLVED that Cllr Flower and the Clerk should engage in discussions with Cornwall Council representatives, in relation to the Trebarwith Sands Lavatories. In the event that any offer is made by the latter organisation, in respect of a compensatory 'trade off', then the matter is to be brought back before the Parish Council for discussion. In the event that no such offer is made by Cornwall Council, the Chairman (Cllr Flower) and the Clerk are hereby authorised to return the facility to Cornwall Council forthwith. All in favour. Carried.

#### Bossiney Lavatories

Members were advised that a number of noise nuisance complaints, during the hours of darkness, have been received from residents who live in the vicinity of Bossiney Lavatories. Photographic evidence of youths congregating at the site was provided to substantiate the claims.

Further to the incidents of unacceptable levels of noise, evidence was provided to substantiate claims that motor homeowners were utilising the facility in order to empty their waste and soil tanks, and to refill their vehicle water tanks. The facilities were even referred to on the internet as being available for these purposes.

The act of emptying spoil tanks into the lavatories is unacceptable as the practice results in chemicals being discharged into the watercourse. There is a requirement for such discharges to be made in the appropriate locations.

The practice of filling water tanks from the lavatory bib-taps is unacceptable and it was noted by the Clerk that a recent water bill had resulted in her asking the supplier to check for water leaks in the area. It was felt that the sum of £340 was not reflective of expected water charges for the facility.

#### Minute 032-2019/20

It was **proposed** by Cllr Brooks, **seconded** by Cllr Pearse and RESOLVED that the Bossiney Lavatories would be closed at the end of September 2019. The Clerk is to ascertain the whereabouts of the Deeds for the same and make the necessary arrangements to place the site onto the market for sale. Unanimous. **Carried.**

#### Tintagel Social Hall

The Clerk presented a report, relating to the terms and conditions for the management of the Tintagel Social Hall (as contained in Schedule I of the Deed of Transfer, dated 12th October 1946).

Cllr Flower explained that it has been difficult to form the required committee and that management of the facility has, in the main, fallen to him. The situation is onerous and must be addressed.

Members felt that an effort should be made to address the situation, in order to ensure that the amenity remains available to parishioners.

In accordance with the aforementioned terms and conditions, it was agreed that the Clerk should arrange for a public meeting to be held before the end of September 2019, in order to either form a committee or to look at other options available.

## **Updates**

Planning Group – Cllr Goward stated that he felt that he was the only person to inspect the planning documents relating to applications for consideration by the Parish Council. It was agreed that hard copies of the plans would be made available to Members.

TVC - The Clerk provided a report to the Members in relation to the TVC. Despite low visitor numbers and the need for more volunteers, the TVC has generated a good level of income. At a recent meeting of volunteers, it was noted that morale was high and that there exists a desire to move the service forward. A planned relaunch is currently being discussed.

It was agreed that the service would be monitored by the Parish Council.

## **Correspondence**

The Clerk read out letters from;

St Johns Ambulance

Camelford Leisure Centre

Tintagel Memorial Playing Fields Association

Each correspondent was seeking financial support from the Parish Council.

It was agreed that, at this juncture, the Parish Council was not in a position to assist with donations and that the Clerk would advise the correspondents of the same.

## **The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.**

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