

TINTAGEL PARISH COUNCIL.
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2022 The Chairman, Cllr. Roger Lyle welcomed all to this meeting.

He paid tribute to David Flower, whose death had recently been reported. David was a well known and much respected resident of Tintagel who will be missed.

Cllr. Lyle then gave a short resume of the past year. The ongoing employment issue was highlighted. Cllr. Lyle had not expected the negotiations to be so protracted but as it had turned out the Clerk to this Council, having submitted an Employment Tribunal Claim against the Council, had failed to attend the first hearing and a second hearing had been scheduled for 9th August 2022.

Cllr. Lyle pointed out the failure of the previous Council to conduct an orderly handover following the elections in May 2021. He thanked Mr Mick Goward, the only Councillor at the time, who had tried to 'hold the Council together' and carry out the business of Council in the correct manner. Sadly to no avail as the sins of the past were still being visited upon the present Council, twelve months on.

Cllr. Lyle did make mention of the extra workload being put on the Locum Clerk sorting out the legal aspects of the Employment Tribunal Claim, the numerous Freedom of Information requests, the many malicious communications received, and other issues surrounding the previous Council and the Clerk.

It was to be hoped the public toilet entry system would soon be repaired and revenue from these facilities would start coming in again.

Cllr. Lyle assured the meeting that the traffic / parking problems in Trethevy were being addressed and a permanent Road Traffic Order would soon be in place which would prohibit parking along this stretch of road.

Aims for the coming year: To resolve issues at the Visitor Centre and Castle Beach.

Reach agreement with Cornwall Council over the devolution of Trebarwith toilets to the Parish Council and move forward to make Tintagel a great place to live and work.

(The full text of Cllr. Lyle's report attached with these Minutes.)

Cornwall Councillor Dominic Fairman reported as follows:

He was of the opinion that the Clerk to this Council was a very experienced Clerk and had not been served well by the previous Council. This omission had led to a very trying year for the present Council. He wished the Council well for the coming year.

Cllr. Fairman was pleased to report that a Traffic Regulation Order would soon be in place at Trethevy which, hopefully, would see an end to the parking and speeding problems experienced in previous years. He hoped that more affordable housing would be built in, and around, the Parish, and that the devolution of Trebarwith Public Toilets would soon take place to the benefit of tourists and residents. Cllr. Lyle asked why these toilets could not be funded out of business rates, but was told as public toilets were a non-statutory obligation, Cornwall Council could not use business rates in this way, but town and parish councils would have to fund them from Council Tax levied on the residents, following devolution. The first speaker asked for confirmation of the Parish Council's ongoing support for the Visitor Centre. They were assured that every effort would be made to support the volunteers with training and back office improvements. It was vital that the status quo be maintained over the coming year and that any changes be brought in following consultation with the residents, businesses and Council working together.

The second speaker felt sure the Clerk's Contract of Employment would have gone before Councillors prior to its being agreed and signed. He was of the opinion that the previous Council had taken over office from a very well run Council, but mistakes and errors of judgement had led to the situation the present Council found itself in.

Finally, he questioned the re-opening of Bossiney public toilet as he felt it was not run as efficiently as it should be. Cllrs. Hillier and Leahy would investigate conditions at the site. He was assured that the sign placed at Bossiney, which he found offensive, was nothing to do with the Parish Council, action would be taken to see that it was amended. Cllr. Coshall then presented her report on the Christmas Lights Committee and explained their final accounts position.