

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

<b>Date</b>	12 June 2018
<b>Location</b>	Reading Rooms, Mary Tavy
<b>Those present</b>	Cllr J Bright, Cllr M Fife Cook, Cllr G Hill, Cllr J Hill (Chair), Cllr P Jarvis, Cllr R Page
<b>Others present</b>	2 members of the public.

## Proceedings

### Parishioner's time

One member of the public was concerned about the state of the Playground and equipment. The Chairman explained that it was not a matter for the Parish Council but the Trustees of the Recreation Ground of which he is a Member. He explained that the replacement of the equipment was currently being considered but as it would be expensive to replace, funding was also being considered.

The second member of the public expressed concern regarding the lack of a pavement around the new housing development and asked when a pavement would be put in place. Cllr Fife Cook answered the queries.

**The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.30pm.**

**021:18/19 Apologies for absence**  
None – all present

**022:18/19 Declarations of interest**  
None

**023:18/19 Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- 15 May 2018
- 22 May 2018

Cllr Fife Cook had several amendments he wished to make to both sets of minutes. The Clerk asked for his list so she could make them later. Cllr Fife Cook also asked when the minutes from both February and March would be amended.

Both Cllrs Page and Fife Cook were unhappy that the minutes collated from the un-quoted Finance meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 had not been included. The Clerk explained that she had taken advice from DALC regarding minutes from an unquoted meeting.

**024:18/19 Planning**

0277/18 Holditch Farm

The Council discussed the application but **resolved to Object** to the development. Cllr Fife Cook said that he would inform DNP of the Council's decision and email the detail of the objections back to the Council.

**025:18/19 Application to Name and Number a New Street**

The Council were asked to approve of the name, BLACKDOWN CLOSE submitted by the developer, for the new development in Mary Tavy, however, one councillor felt the name was too similar to his own property and the council as a whole, having understood that a selection of names would be provided for consideration by the Council, suggested that as the close was not even in Blackdown, it was not appropriate to refer to the close as such. The Council **resolved to Object** to the suggested name.

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## **026:18/19 Dates of Future Meetings**

The Clerk asked the Council to approve of a list of parish meeting dates for 2018/19 in order to aid booking of the Reading Rooms and invoicing. The Council **agreed** with the dates listed and their booking in advance.

## **027:18/19 Financial Matters**

The Council reviewed and approved the monthly Financial Report and the following payments were approved. Due to internet banking problems all were paid by cheque.

- Mary Tavy Coronation Hall hire £33.00 (001275)
- S Honey Notebooks £7.00 (001274)
- S Honey Stamps £4.02 (001274)
- S Honey Printer Paper £2.75 (001274)

The Clerk's salary for May 2018 was noted and approved (001274)

Cllr Page asked that the Clerk send out copies of the bank statements along with the finance report so that payments can be checked to the finance report.

## **028:18/19 A Note of Thanks from the Sub-Postmaster of Mary Tavy PO & Stores**

The Chairman was pleased to receive a note of thanks from the Sub-Postmaster; relating to the clearing of snow throughout the bad weather by the use of the new Gritter.

## **029:18/19 Progress Reports – Provision of Allotment Gardens**

Cllrs Bright, G Hill and the Chairman declared an interest.

Cllr Bright said they were all ready to go with the project and proposed that;  
*This council instructs Kevin Hilborn to construct a rabbit proof fence of 240 meters around the allotment site in the Recreation Ground in line with his original quote of £11.50 perimeter including a 12 wooden field gate at £175.00 and make a grant of £448.00 to the Mary Tavy Community Allotment Garden Association to cover their other set up costs.*

Cllr Page said nothing could be decided because a finance meeting had not been held to discuss the matter. Cllr G Hill reminded everyone that this issue had been drawn out for too long. Cllr Fife Cook said he was not prepared to discuss the allotments as they were not on the agenda and were a parish project. Although he was not against the project he felt he had not been given the information required and that due diligence must be undertaken.

A lively discussion followed where Cllr Page suggested that the project could not go ahead due to due diligence having not been undertaken. The Chairman stated that Cllr Page had received all the information required and had held two meetings with Cllr Bright in order to obtain all the information.

Cllr Fife Cook asked that it be noted in the minutes that he was informing the Council, that in his opinion, it was an unlawful act to make such a decision and that if the Council went forward it was treading on very dangerous ground and felt that DALC would agree.

Cllr G Hill proposed that a vote should be held. Cllr Jarvis seconded the proposal. Cllr Bright abstained. 3 were in favour, Cllrs Fife Cook and Page were against. **The proposal was agreed.**

## **030:18/19 Councillors Reports from Outside Organisations and Items for Future Agenda**

### ***Emergency Warden and Snow Warden***

Cllr Page will send his points on the Emergency report. The Clerk to then send out the report.

### ***Southern Parishes Link Committee representative***

No meeting had been held.

### ***Dartmoor National Park Authority representative***

No meeting has been held as yet.

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## **Coronation Hall Representative**

The Chairman said that the Village Fair had been a success but they needed some funding for new toilets.

## **Webmaster Report**

The Chairman mentioned the notes made by the Auditor.

## **Mary Tavy Victory Memorial Recreation Ground**

Cllr G Hill said that the climbing area had been dismantled and they were looking at new equipment and that they were looking for any grants that might be available.

## **Cemetery Report**

Cllr Jarvis said there had been a minor problem. Mrs Duke's husband's memorial had been erected but due to it being manufactured abroad and having then been imported and was delivered in pieces. However during its erection it was slightly out of line. It was difficult to make the alterations due to the size of the memorial and the area it covers. All seems to be in order now.

The grass in the parish churchyard is waist high. WDBC have not cut the grass to date. Cllr Jarvis to investigate when the grass will be cut and contact Ms Honey Foskett.

## **031:18/19 For Future Agenda**

Cllr Fife cook asked;

1. On what date did the Council adopt the Code of Conduct? The Clerk has been unable to find the date and this question is on his Declaration of Interest form.
2. When will the minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting be available? The Chairman will issue them.
3. There has been a problem with rats in Laburnum Villas and Standard Court. An Environmental Officer had visited but it was felt the Council should know.
4. The wording under *Parishioner's time* to allow them to speak on any subject not just items on the Agenda. The Clerk will check with DALC and report back.

The Safety signs for the local Primary school had not yet arrived. The Clerk was instructed to contact Mr J Dodswell and enquire as to their arrival.

This meeting was recorded to assist in writing accurate minutes.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 20.51pm.

Signed: Cllr J Hill Chairman

Date:

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