

TINTAGEL PARISH COUNCIL



'Tintagel's Great Seal'

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Minutes of the meeting of Tintagel Parish Council **Wednesday 3rd April 2019**

Present: Cllr Flower (Chairman); Cllr Goward; Cllr Brooks; Cllr Mason; Cllr Dyer and Cllr Harper

Apologies: Cllr Rotherham and Cllr Tremain

Members of the Public: 13 and Cllr. Barry Jordan (CC)

Declarations of Interest: None

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman read out the notice relating to the recording/ filming of the meeting.

Invitation to members of the public to speak prior to the meeting – two persons addressed the Parish Council.

Mrs. Lynn Ellis, a retailer in the village addressed the meeting on the issue of the impact of the closure of Tintagel Castle, on local businesses.

It was stated that English Heritage had not given any consideration to businesses within the village when electing to close the castle during the tourist season. Local businesses have lost business as a result of the closure and there have been a number of tour company visits which have been cancelled. No assistance is to be made available for businesses, through the provision of compensation for loss of trade during the period of the castle's closure.

Mrs Ellis added that English Heritage had advised of the expected increase in visitor numbers to the Castle, once work is completed. She pointed out that the increased footfall will place additional pressure on local amenities, such as public lavatories. Mrs Ellis suggested that a proportion of the large grant recently made to English Heritage/ interest generated by the sum, should be made available to the Parish Council, to assist with the maintenance and running costs of the lavatories (which are currently being financed by Parishioners – through the precept charge) and to enable the Parish Council to produce videos of the area for tourists.

Georgia Butters from English Heritage responded to the points raised and advised the meeting that, when considering the work to be carried out, a number of options were considered. It was determined that the shortest possible interruption to businesses would require the work to be undertaken over the winter period. However, the work had taken longer than was anticipated. Georgia confirmed that the bridge would be opened in June 2019.

Georgia stated that she appreciated the situation of the traders but that the publishing of the 'Interpretation Boards' had resulted in a 25% increase in footfall in the village. She added that English Heritage had been in contact with several tour operators who had cancelled tours to the village. The majority of the operators advised her that they would be re-booking tours at a later date.

Cllr Flower referred to the recorded visitor numbers – issued by English Heritage. He asked that these be provided to the Clerk for dissemination to Members.

Mrs Zoe Coshall addressed the meeting in relation to the formation of a new Christmas Lighting Committee for the village.

Mrs Coshall advised the Members that she was hoping to obtain some advice from the Parish Council so that the Christmas Lighting would be eventful and successful in 2019. She stated that there were a number of qualified electricians who had offered to help and a number of others who would help to move the lights from the Social Hall. It was agreed that this would be arranged. Mrs Coshall will present her formal request for funding at the next Parish Council meeting but provided the Clerk with the accounts for 2018/19. These will be disseminated to Members.

Mrs Coshall added that she hopes to set up a village Children's Choir in the near future.

AGENDA

Minutes

Minute 001-2019/20

The Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting, held on the 6th March 2019 were considered by Members, on a page by page basis. No issues were raised in relation to the same and no amendments were requested.

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Brooks, **seconded** by Cllr. Mason and **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. Unanimous. **Carried**.

English Heritage

Georgia Butters provided an update for the bridge work at the castle. Members were advised that the work is still progressing, and a June opening of the bridge/ castle is still on track.

Weather windows permitting, sections of the bridge will be brought to site after the Easter break.

Georgia advised the meeting that, at present, there is much national media interest in the bridge project and that this may well result in investment, increased spending, publicity and media interest in the village.

Cllr Flower requested that, when speaking with the media, English Heritage emphasizes the beauty of the scenery in the area.

It is agreed that English Heritage will provide a member of their staff to attend at the visitor centre to provide information to visitors.

Cllr Barry Jordan

Cllr Jordan advised Members that Boscastle Road is now open, despite information to the contrary being displayed on the County Council website. This opening has been achieved three weeks before the scheduled date.

Cllr Jordan invited Mrs Zoe Coshall to request a donation towards the Christmas Lighting, from his Community Chest sum, once it has been provided to him.

Members of the Council were advised that the Planning Application for Castle Minor has been refused.

Cllr Jordan is to forward the link to the area Planners to the Clerk.

Dog Fouling

Mr Bob Banks, the volunteer Dog Warden for Boscastle, addressed the Parish Council. He had been invited to discuss the dog fouling problem in Tintagel. The Dog Warden emphasized that it is a Criminal Offence not to pick up after your dog.

Members were advised that the presence of the Dog Warden had made a positive difference to the level of dog fouling in Boscastle. Once the Cornwall Council training programme has been completed, Dog Wardens have the power to issue Fixed Penalty Notices and Community Protection Notices to persons who do not clear up after their dogs.

Cllr Flower stated that a notice should be placed on notice boards and on the PC website, to see if anybody would be interested in carrying out the task in Tintagel.

Cllr Flower thanked Mr Banks for his presentation.

Planning Applications

Minute 002-2019/20

PA19/01591 Trebarwith Road Rustic Quarry

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

Minute 003-2019/20

PA19/02447 – Womens Institute Hall, Tintagel (received after publication of the agenda)

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

Accounts Payable

Minute 004-2019/20

Members considered the schedule of payments to be made.

Cllr Goward queried the payment to Fix-a-Lock, for £100.00, plus VAT. The Clerk advised the meeting that two previous volunteers at the TVC had refused to provide the safe combination to another volunteer, when requested to do so. Access to the same could not be secured and volunteers at the TVC had been inconvenienced by the inability to access the business float/ change. It was therefore **agreed** that the services of a safe locksmith be secured to enable the safe to be opened. This had incurred the cost.

Cllr Dyer disputed the failure to provide information. The refusal was confirmed by a volunteer (member of the public) and the Clerk. Cllr Dyer read out an email from one of the ex-volunteers, the content of which was disputed by the Clerk. The Clerk stated that there had been a long-standing campaign by those persons (and others) to undermine the Clerk, the Chairman agreed with that statement.

Members discussed the refusal on the part of the two ex-volunteers, to provide the safe combination when requested to do so. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would write to the two persons and invoice each for 50% of the total cost of the locksmith.

It was proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Mason and **RESOLVED** that the accounts be agreed. Five in favour, one abstention. **Carried**

Updates

The building work at the public lavatories in Trevena Square has commenced and once this has been completed, the new entry system can be installed.

Cllr Dyer stated that builders had placed rubbish on two graves in St Materianna's Churchyard and that the family members had been distraught at the situation. The Clerk agreed to correspond with the Parochial Council about this situation.

Correspondence

The Clerk advised Members that Tintagel Town Band had confirmed their attendance at Trevena Square on 30th June 2019; 4th August 2019 and; 25th August 2018.

The Clerk advised Members that a request for allocated funding had been received from Tintagel Parochial Church Council and that the agreed sum had been added to the Payment Schedule.

The Clerk advised Members that a request for funding had been received from the Tintagel Christmas Lighting Committee and that this would be raised at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

The public meeting closed at 8 pm.

Minute 005-2019/20

At 8 p.m, it was **proposed** by Cllr Goward, **seconded** by Cllr Brooks and **RESOLVED** that the Meeting should enter Part II Deliberations. Unanimous. **Carried**

The Meeting Closed at 21:00 hrs

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