

Draft Minutes subject to confirmation

Mary Tavy Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in the Reading Rooms

Tuesday 25th May 2010

Present: Cllr T. Pearce (Chairman) (WDBC), Cllr M. Anning, Cllr C Downham, Cllr R. Elton, Cllr A. Prosser, Cllr M Roe & Cllr S. Street (7). Ms N. Gardiner (Clerk)

110-2010 Apologies for absence: Cllr G Hill & Cllr M Robins

111-2010 Declarations of Interest:

None. Members were reminded that they should declare any personal or prejudicial interest in any item to be considered.

112-2010 Correspondence:

Cllr Pearce had received the following:

- Letter from Mr R Baldry regarding the problem of traffic speeding on the road through the village. He apologised for his forceful behaviour at the Annual Parish Meeting when this matter was being discussed, during the talk by Inspector Hammond. Cllr Pearce will circulate the letter to other Cllrs.
- Letter from Mrs M Baldry on behalf of MTVMRGT, of which she is now Chairman, requesting that he visit the Playing Fields in order to be shown the way in which a grant from the Parish Council would be used to make further improvements. There was some uncertainty as to whether Mrs Baldry was aware that a grant for £650 was awarded to the Trust in November 2009 & approved for payment at the Council AGM on 19th May 2010. Cllr Pearce will arrange to visit the Playing Fields & meet with Mrs Baldry; he invited other Cllrs to accompany him. It was agreed that Cllr Pearce will advise Mrs Baldry that the Parish Council wishes in future to have sight of minutes & budget information for the Trust when considering requests for funding; it would also expect applications for funding to be made in advance of works the Trust wishes to carry out, not in retrospect. The Trust should also look elsewhere for grants & not rely entirely on the Parish Council.

113-2010 Financial report:

Sign off accounts for 2009/10

The final accounts, prepared by former Clerk, Mrs Christine Williams, & the Clerk, Ms Nicola Gardiner, were circulated. Cllr Pearce highlighted the following points:

- The budget figures show a healthy financial position for the Parish.
- There is no payment shown for the annual cost towards the Partnership Scheme (for use of the Dog Warden), as no invoice has been received. The Clerk will contact WDBC to query this.
- There is no payment shown for the Website, as the invoice was received after the end of the last financial year.
- The bank interest income is much reduced from last year.

Cllr Pearce explained that, due to the unsettled period of clerking in recent months, the claim for refund of VAT (normally done by Mary Tavy Parish Council annually in January) was not carried out in January 2010. After some discussion, it was agreed that the next VAT claim will be done in January 2011, thereafter annual claims will recommence.

The accounts for 2009/10 were approved and signed off and will now be presented to the Internal Auditor before submission to the Audit Commission – proposed Cllr Street; seconded Cllr Roe; carried unanimously.

**114-2010 Standing Orders:
Updated copies to be issued to Cllrs Anning & Prosser**

These were handed out, to complete the updating of all members' Standing Orders.

There being no further business the meeting was formally closed by the Chairman at 8.55 pm.

**Nicola Gardiner
Clerk to the Parish Council**

Date: 1st June 2010

Signed as a true and accurate record

(Cllr T Pearce – Chairman)

Date