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Trevone and Windmill Residents' Association

Minutes of a Committee Meeting of TaWRA held at the Well Parc Hotel on Wednesday 28th October 2009 at 7.30 pm

Those present: Richard Griffiths (Chairman), Jane Myles (Secretary), Carole Webb, Marie Roddis, Stan Burgess, Cath Olivey, Kate Straker, Tim Stafford, Paul Follett, Lee Mills

1. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from Michael Bird,

2. Minutes of the last Meeting at the Well Parc Hotel on September 9th 2009 were read and were agreed as a true record of proceedings.

3. Matters arising

Beach burial ground

Andy Nicholls has met with the resident concerned (previous minutes) and is now being briefed on the history of various important sites.

JM to contact Andy Nicholls for debriefing.

Padstow Christmas Festival

Action Cath: Ask Jo about possibility of taking a table and organising unless she is also running another table.

Police Liaison

Stan Burgess reported that the meeting would now be a coffee morning rather than an evening event. He is still awaiting confirmation and details.

4. Correspondence

None

5. Christmas in the Village and Carol Singing

We must emphasize in the newsletter that this is not for money and just as a gesture of good will. We could adopt the idea of putting a candle in the window to signify that people want a visit and welcome singers in the same way as has been done for the Halloween visits.

Provisional date Sunday 20th December but JM to check with Fr Chris that it doesn't clash with anything else the church may have timetabled for Trevone.

6. Transport

Richard Griffiths reported that a representative – Mr Peter Darrock - from the Highways Services Dept of Cornwall Council had called on Tony Doherty last week to discuss the installation of additional road signage in an effort to curb the long-running problem of speeding and consequent hazards to pedestrians on Trevone Road, particularly on the section from Windmill down to the Village Hall.

Richard was invited to join this meeting and did so. Tony, Peter and Richard inspected various locations on this section of road and Peter Darrock marked agreed locations for a variety of signs.

He was helpful and sympathetic to the problems that had been encountered and undertook that the work would be commenced promptly. Painting of the two 'Slow' signs has now been done, with locations just before Southway looking downhill, and just after the Village Hall looking uphill. He will arrange to put in a number of additional roadside signs on posts on this section of road including two appropriate hazard signs at each end, and some small 30mph limit repeater discs. He was sympathetic to the idea that even 30 mph might be too high on Trevone Road given its narrowness and lack of pavement.

The hole at the bottom of the road leading to the beach was repaired again on 27th Oct. but only filled with sand. The main constraint in all of these matters is money.

He was not able to answer the question about the upkeep and responsibility for the road across the beach.

NB Regarding speeds on Trevone Road: We should remind residents that they should set an example to commercial traffic, etc

7. IT/Newsletter

JM has produced a list of potential advertisers for the newsletter graded by area and containing all phone numbers. It is important to offer ads first to Trevone people and only then, when they have not taken up the offer, allow people in the surrounding areas to advertise. There needs to be a spec sheet telling people what they need. Cath Olivey agreed to organise this and become advertising manager for the newsletter, liaising with Tim Stafford. Cath to email Tim re. sizes for ads. The next newsletter should go out in late Nov/early Dec. Cath should try to get all ads by 20th/24th Nov.

It should include include amongst other things:

1. Cristingle/youth club events
2. Well Parc Christmas
3. Church services
4. Carol singing
5. Transport progress (from Richard)
6. Paul's progress with coastal path improvements
7. Padstow Christmas Fair (if early enough)

8. Simple Pleasures

Jane will aim to get all copy to Tim by 23rd Nov.

8. Treasurer's report

A couple more donations have been received which have helped with the insurance. We now have a balance of £60.71p.

9. Fundraising

If we are going to do a joint charity event in the summer, (hopefully at the Well Parc), we must ask Jo Olivey what needs to be done and we also need to choose a charity. The most popular suggestion was Shelterbox as it is a Cornish charity.

10. Any other business

Jet skis

Tim reported that there have been two incidents on Trevone Beach where vehicles have taken jet skis out into the sea. He has spoken to the Council; the person concerned was a pro-surfer. As TaWRA we should make the Council and beach rangers aware of what is happening and take licence plate info etc if we see it occurring. This is the beginning of tow-surfing. Trevone is becoming a tow-surfing centre. Paul Follet will raise this with Cornwall Council Beach Rangers. Jet skis are not allowed within 300 metres of the low-tide line. The issue of vehicles on the beach is the associated problem and everyone agreed we should follow this up with the council.

Footpaths

Concern was expressed about the condition of some of the local footpaths. The old footpath to Padstow is difficult as the fields have been ploughed right to the edges.

The Committee will do a fact-finding walk in the near future and the subject will be put on the agenda for discussion at a subsequent meeting with a view to acquiring resources for improvements. For example, it would be good to establish a 4-foot grit path on some sections to provide a manageable route for people with buggies or those in powered wheelchairs.

Action: MR - Marie to initiate the walk and email the Committee with possible dates. As many of the Committee as possible should do the walk.

Beach safety.

Paul has approached Charlie David at Cornwall Council. He has contacted Hamish Gordon who works for the National Trust. There has now been a huge improvement to the pathways at the top of the steps up to the first stile. PTC have it in their budget to arrange for a handrail on the steps to the beach near the Green. There is also a possibility that there will be a hand rail on the steps up from the beach to the Round Hole. Paul had

mentioned that the stile is dangerous and challenging for an elderly person but there is not much hope of getting it changed at present. Unfortunately the new bench has been burned by a barbecue.

Action PF: Paul will provide a short piece about these improvements for the newsletter and JM will add to the website. Paul will also investigate the condition of the large outlet pipe on Rocky Beach.

11. Date and time of next meeting

Monday 7th December 2009 at the Well Parc Hotel

The Meeting closed at 9.11 pm.

RICHARD GRIFFITHS
Chairman

JANE MYLES
Secretary