

MINUTES of the (21st) DEVIOCK ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
held at **THE COASTAL ZONE, DOWDERRY** on **THURSDAY,**
20th APRIL 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Parish Cllrs. Mr. D. T. Parry, Hessenford Ward (Chair)
Ms. H. M. Brockbank, Dowderry Ward
Mr. J. P. Candy, Seaton Ward (*also Cornwall Councillor*)
Mr. D. R. Humphreys, Seaton Ward
Mrs. B. M. Lloyd, Dowderry Ward
Mr. S. J. Parry, Seaton Ward
Mrs. A. Robinson, Hessenford Ward
Ms. M. E. Temlett, Dowderry Ward
Mrs. A. Thorpe, Hessenford Ward
13 Members of the Public
Mr. Timothy Pullin (Parish Clerk)

The Chair welcomed all present, declared the Annual Parish Meeting in session.

1. APOLOGIES: Mr. S. Liddicoat, Mrs. P. Paxton, Cllr. Mrs. A. Ratsey,
Mr. D. G. Watters & Mrs. B. Worth

2. MINUTES: Proposed by Cllr. Mrs. A. Thorpe, seconded by Cllr. D. R. Humphreys, the Minutes of the (20th) Annual Parish Meeting of 21st APRIL 2016 were approved. There were no matters arising.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT: by Timothy Pullin,
(Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer).

The Annual Return for the year ending 31st March 2016 was approved and signed off by the External Auditor and was open for inspection by electors in accordance with current regulations.

The financial position of Deviock Parish Council had remained in a sound condition throughout 2015 & 2016.

Bank interest rates had remained low and therefore the Council had not been able to obtain good returns on its investments during these years.

No major sales or acquisitions were made during this period.

Grants made to local organisations and charities in 2015/16 totalled: £3,701.00

Councillor's expenses / allowances paid in 2015/16 totalling £1,229.49 (gross), relating to 2014/15 period, were paid in June 2015. These payments were subject to P.A.Y.E. tax deductions and the amount includes a £95.00 outsourced administration service charge.

The total cost of the clerk's salary, pension contributions and expenses in 2015/16 was: £18,605.33

Total expenditure in 2015/16: £62,315.76

Total income in 2015/16 (including Precept payments): £56,389.77

Total bank balances as at 31st March 2016: £145,720.00

Total bank balances as at 31st March 2017: £144,022.00

The Parish Council Precept 2017/18 had been held at a 0% increase allowing a total required funding figure of £39,110.00 (£33.57 per elector). (2016/17 £39,110 = £33.57 per elector).

The Parish Council would be receiving a grant from Cornwall Council for the sum of £1,188.72 (Localised Council Tax Support Scheme).

3. FINANCIAL REPORT (continued):

The 2017-2018 Precept document, showing how the figures were derived, was copied on the reverse of the sheet.

The independent internal auditor would be conducting his audit for the year ending 31st March 2017 in the next few weeks.

The Audit Commission required a completed annual return by 24th May 2017 and that that the Parish Council formally approves them no later than 30th June 2017. Public notices advising parishioners of their right to examine the return and associated paperwork would be displayed.

There being no questions raised from the floor Mr Pullin concluded his report.

4. STATEMENT OF COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE 2016/17:

Between May 2016 and April 2017 inclusive, 9 meetings have been held.

The Parish Council did not meet in August or December 2016.

The councillors currently in office are listed in alphabetical order below, except for the Parish Chair and Vice-Chair who are first and second respectively:

<u>PARISH COUNCIL:</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>PC Mtgs Attended (out of 9)</u>	
D. T. Parry	Chair	Hessenford	9
Ms. M.E. Temlett,	Vice-Chair	Downderry	7
Ms. H. M. Brockbank		Downderry	6
J. P. Candy		Seaton	9
D. T. Foote *		Downderry	4
D. R. Humphreys		Seaton	9
Mrs. B. M. Lloyd		Downderry	8
S. J. Parry		Seaton	4
Mrs A. Ratsey		Downderry	5
Mrs. A. Robinson		Hessenford	9
Mrs A. Thorpe		Hessenford	5

* Resigned 23rd November 2016

Councillors also attended Planning Committee meetings that occurred 6 times during the year.

The Meeting noted this report.

5. REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL:

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Last year the areas that seemed to take up much soul searching, were the Devolution Programme, Neighbourhood Plan and the Rocknose project.

Back in March last year, I placed an article in Nut Tree explaining the escalating costs and uncertainty of bringing a separate and distinct structured walkway, from the Sea wall to Brenton Road. Circumnavigating the highway on the hill leading down to Seaton Road: - since then councillors have been engaged; in investigating the production of a "Refuge – Walkway" adjacent to the road.

This is now, slowly, coming to life. Our thanks go to those councillors who have worked to make this revised project achievable:

It is true to say, that Co-operation of our representative for Trelawny Ward of Cornwall Council and the necessity of road closure at that point – have helped to bring the practical construction to a starting point.

The aim is to produce a "Refuge" walk-way for as far down the road as possible, (hopefully to a vantage point at "Rocknose". It will not be a hard-surface path and in one or two areas it will be necessary to create an elevated section to bridge gaps in

5. REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL (continued):

terrain. The objective purpose is to provide separation of people and traffic; thereby reducing the risk of accidents and improving safety.

The event of the current Road Closures and repairs (Although Convenient) have brought in diversions and detours and as such, have increased the pressure on our country lanes and rural communities. The increased traffic in these areas have exacerbated the "Pot-Hole" and "Unstable-Edges" that prevail; Highways at Cornwall Council are constantly being reminded of required repairs!!

The area of edge erosion on Seaton Valley Road has undergone lengthy exploration and the reduced traffic width under Traffic – Light control, will continue into the Autumn period, before repairs begin.

The proposed Devolution Programme seems to take on a different structure, every time we look at it. This time last year, I reported that the Memorial Gardens, Public Conveniences, and other open spaces. Were under discussion! As you know; The Toilets at Seaton Park are the only part of these discussions that have been devolved! We then asked for "Fund Raising" projects to be included within the package:- to help fund public open spaces.

I can now tell you that "Downderry Beach" and "Broads Yard Car Park" are now included within the package; which is now under negotiation as a complete package. We continue progress with Deviock Neighbourhood Plan and report that following our last Public Meeting, many items worthy of note and inclusion have been made to the draft plan – A letter to Landowners in the area have been sent out; This has helped our planners to identify areas suitable for:- Sustainable Housing, Light Industrial Units, etc. The Sub-committee managing this important project are in the process of instructing our Agents to make the final presentation to Cornwall Council and subsequently the referendum for acceptance will be put before you.

Other councillors have been working on another "Road Traffic Order" - trying to bring our Parish into line with good working practice, taking into account changes that have taken place since the last "TRO" in 2012.

Some of the changes that have taken place have also affected our infrastructure: on such issues as through routes, etc. Much work has been done by councillors, with user liaison groups, in maintaining services of Public Transport, including Bus Time Tables, Routes and Frequency.

We are pleased to see the culmination of the "Multi-Use-Games-Area" in Seaton Park come to a conclusion: I was pleased to be at its opening ceremony; Many thanks are expressed to the Deviock Improvement Group, who spear-headed this development; as well as the various departments of Cornwall Council who facilitated the development in conjunction with other important work on the site; at the same time my thanks go out to other members of the parish who were able to assist at difficult times.

In the meantime our background support systems; had to come under review, with Cornwall Council no longer producing large scale detail plans to support planning applications:— So I-T. Developments had to be installed; The results are before you this evening, I thank the Parish Clerk for seeing this "often frustrating" project through.

During the Past Year vacancies have arisen in council due to relocations; we have filled some and there are still some to fill: Of those vacancies that have been filled, I am pleased to say; the Councillors have integrated into the team: Not only representing their section of the community – But also taking on projects that will benefit the community as a whole. We are expecting new members that will fill posts at the next period of election on May 4th. And we will welcome them onto our team.

Finally I express my thanks to all Councillors for the input they have made throughout the past year.

6. GUEST SPEAKER: Mrs. Jo Winklett: Public Relations Volunteer, Cornwall Air Ambulance Service:

Mrs. Winklett introduced herself, thanked the parish for the invitation to speak and for the recent donation to the charity by the Parish Council.

Mrs. Winklett informed the meeting that this was the 30th birthday year of the Cornish Air Ambulance Service. The motto of the service was "saving time, saving lives". When dealing with medical emergencies time was of the essence. The Cornish Service was set up because of the poor local road network. Originally Bond Aviation provided the helicopter transport. An air ambulance could reach Derriford hospital from Downderry in only six minutes. Derriford hospital now had a new helipad.

The Charity was based in Newquay with a small staff. There were two pilots and six paramedics. Doctors were on board four days per week.

Approximately 700 call-out trips were made each year.

Each flight cost the charity £3,000.00 and it cost £4 million per year to keep the service running. Because of recent large donations a new night vision system would be installed on the helicopters allowing operation at low light levels. The new helicopters also had full medical equipment on board in the cabin including a scanner for medical assessments and a chest compressions machine.

Fund raising and education were very important for the charity, which was now going into schools to spread awareness of the service. Regular open days were also held.

The Chair thanked Mrs. Winklett for her presentation.

A member of the public then presented Mrs. Winklett with a donation for the charity of £750.00

7. REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

7.1. Community Bus: Representative: Mr. Steve Liddicoat

Mr. Liddicoat had sent a report which was read out by the Chair. The main thrust of this report was that usage of the service had been falling while running costs were increasing. Local residents needed to use the bus or it would become inviable.

7.2. Quay Lane Surgery – Patient Participation Organisation: Representative: Mrs. Beth Worth

The Clerk read the following report that had been received:-

The Patient Participation Group is formed of a small group of volunteers who are all patients at the two local surgeries – St Germans and here at Downderry. They include a wide range of people of different ages, with different skills, abilities and experience who all aim to support our surgeries in Downderry and St Germans.

a) Fund raising for specific items of medical equipment for example

- Blood pressure monitor
- Minor surgery light for treatment room
- ECG machine for Quay lane surgery
- Sega weighing scales
- Otoscope
- New defibrillator
- Our new project is to raise funds to refurbish/buy new waiting room chairs for both surgeries

b) To increase the level of communication between the patients and the surgeries. – Through the development and publishing of biannual newsletters providing seasonal focus on medical matters and useful information linked to the surgery.

c) To raise awareness of the challenges that face the surgeries working with the NHS and to support their work in any way we can.

We are also in the process of creating of noticeboard in the QLS to provide information about the PPG - who we are and what we do.

In the next few years we would also like to reduce the number of DNA's through circulation of information of numbers of patients who do not attend the appointments and who do not let the surgery know – waste of time/money... by reducing these we could save money and time of the practise staff.

7.3. R.N.L.I.: Representative: Mr. James Millidge (Manager Whitsand Bay)
Mr. Millidge announced that there would be a lifeguard service at Seaton Beach from 8th July to 1st September 2017. This would be a trial period. The rationale for provision of this service was based on the fact that the beach was accessible and there would be cover by the Looe lifeboat. The improved water quality at the beach had also played a part in the decision making process. The aim was to reduce risk of drowning, raise public awareness and encourage the public to use lifeguarded beaches. The R.N.L.I. was currently recruiting lifeguards and Cornwall Council had carried out a formal risk assessment of the beach. There would be two lifeguards and a supervisor operating at the beach. If the trial period proved successful then further provision would be made.

7.4. Hessenford W.I.: Representative: Mrs. Angela Thorpe
Mrs. Thorpe explained that the W.I. was primarily a campaigning organisation. Originally the W.I. had been set up in Canada with the aim of broadening the lives of women in rural communities. Recently the local W.I. had been dealing with the issues of loneliness and plastic waste in the seas. The organisation arranged a speaker for the meeting each month at Widegates Village Hall. There was also a craft group.

7.5. Downderry W.I.: Representative: Ms. Sue Dobinson
Ms. Dobinson stated that she had been asked to speak as the Chair, Mrs. Pat Paxton was away. Ms. Dobinson reiterated that the W.I. was primarily a campaigning organisation but that many members also liked making and selling cakes which appeared to be much appreciated. The Downderry W.I. had now been running for 95 years. The annual membership subscription was currently £39.00. Recent issues that had been raised were food waste and ocean pollution. A survey of local hedgerows to log flora and fauna species had been conducted. Regular local walks were organised. Some meetings, when speakers attended, were open to non-members.

7.6. Downderry Coastal Zone: Representative: Miss. Heather Blacker
Miss Blacker informed the meeting that it was now seven years since the formal Methodist Church had closed. The Zone was still under the control of the Methodist Church with the trustees being the Saltash Methodist Circuit. The Zone had a good relationship with the local Anglican Church. Continued funding was provided from hiring of the premises to local groups. More volunteers were required for the day to day management of the Zone. It was hoped that a new kitchen would be installed in the near future.

7.7. Downderry Memory Café: Representative: Miss. Heather Blacker
The Downderry Memory Café is linked to the Cornwall Memory Café Network Forum. The Café is open on the second and fourth Thursday of the month 2-4 pm. Average number attending is 12, some being guests and carers. The aim of the café is to keep members integrated in the community and to be of help to the carers. The café is always looking for new local volunteers to bring new skills as it is important to have diverse activities on offer to increase stimulation and attention levels of the members.

**7.8. St. Germans and District Twinning Association
Representative: Ms. Janine Badcock**
The Association is twinned with Plougerneau in Brittany. At present there are 85 members. Members pay an annual subscription of £20 plus the cost of ferry transport to Plougerneau. Bi-annual extended weekend trips to Plougerneau are organised and the association hosts return visits by the Bretons to Cornwall. Visitors are accommodated by local members but the cost of hosting the visit to the association is approximately £6,000. Events are organised by the committee members in order to raise funds for the visit expenses. An Italian evening is planned for the autumn. The Association is aiming to attract for more families and is keen to get younger people involved. The children really enjoy the experience which is also of educational benefit.

7.9. Nut Tree Newsletter: Editor: Mrs. Bidy Lloyd

This local monthly newsletter is funded jointly by St. Germans and Deviock Parish Councils. It is not a commercial venture and does not include paid for advertising. Local groups can advertise forthcoming events and articles are included on matters of interest to the area. The Cornwall Councillors and Parish Councils also submit information for publication.

**7.10. Dowderry & Seaton Residents Association:
Representative: Mrs. Bidy Lloyd**

The organisation is looking for new members and a new Chair as Mr. David Watters has stood down after many years of service. The organisation has enabled the local post office to continue by initiating a local residents contribution funding scheme. The association monitors and comments on local development plans. The association has also hosted election hustings meetings.

7.11. Deviock Community Music: Representative: Mrs. Bidy Lloyd

The band continues to develop and improve and has played at a number of charity events including raising £2,000 for St. Lukes Hospice. A successful evening event was held when the band entertained at a Twinning Association dinner.

7.12. Neighbourhood Watch: Co-ordinator: Mr. Jack London

The local Neighbourhood Watch is for Dowderry. It's important to get the email addresses of local residents so that urgent alerts from Devon & Cornwall Police can be distributed quickly. Signs around the village advertising the Neighbourhood Watch area help to deter crime.

**7.13. Friends of Dowderry Memorial Gardens:
Representative: Mr. Jack London**

The volunteers meet once a month on a Saturday morning to help with maintenance of the gardens. The CORMAC Garden trailer is used to supply tools and allow for garden waste collection. The aim is to provide a well-tended garden that is an asset to the village. More and younger volunteers would be welcomed.

7.14. Liskeard Speed Watch: Representative: Mr. Jack London

Mr. London was not involved in the Deviock Speed Watch but his experience as a member of the Liskeard team allowed him to share information pertinent to both. The aim of Speed Watch was to educate the public to observe speed limits. Those drivers recorded as exceeding the limit were sent a letter and leaflet to inform them in the first instance. Persistent offenders would receive a warning by a police officer. The scheme was beginning to be appreciated by local residents.

7.15. Music Around Deviock: Representative: Mr. Jim Candy

This organisation evolved out of the Jazz in the Park events as a way of encouraging local community music. The annual mid-summer madness event is to be held at Trerieve Farm on June 17th 2017 with a range of local bands involved. The event is self-supporting but does require volunteers to come forward to help manage the evening.

7.16. Dowderry & Seaton Village Hall: Chair: Mrs. Marian Candy

A continuing programme of improvements to the hall is under way. New cupboards have been built to store the Drama Group costumes and props. New air vents to provide better ventilation have been installed. A new door to the snooker room has been fitted. A replacement electric meter slot machine has been installed. New porch windows are necessary and repairs to the east wall and kitchen wall are required. The insurance company is suggesting that CCTV be installed. Historical paperwork relating to the hall has been sorted out. The Hall has received a generous donation of a new electronic keyboard from Mr. Mike Hartland.

8. MATTERS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS.

In response to a question about how the Deviock Parish Council, Tanver Yate allotments project was progressing, Cllr. Mrs. Bidy Lloyd stated that it was hoped that the site should be established in 12 months time. Outline drawings for the plans of the site were to be circulated and discussions needed to take place with interested parties before the project could be progressed. Planning permission would be required for the necessary parking area and access to Deviock Hill.

Cllr. Lloyd gave a brief update on the Deviock Neighbourhood Plan, stating that a public consultation would be taking place later in the year.

The Chair reported on the R.N. L.I. St. Germans Branch stating that the branch had been asked to look after the local collecting boxes. New ways of fund raising were required.

There being no other matters raised by parishioners the meeting was then closed by the Chair at 9.07 pm.

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