

ST DOMINIC PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of St Dominic Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, St Dominic on Wednesday 4th March 2015, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors D Potter, Chairman, J Davis, Vice Chairman, B Behennah, D Greene, J Wenmoth and J Totterdell

In Attendance: Mrs L Coles (Clerk) and Mrs L Potter.

There were 49 members of the public present.

Item 1. Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor K Chapman.

Item 2. Declarations of Interest a) Agenda items. Councillor Wenmoth declared an interest in Item 7 Planning Application PA15/00484 and an interest in Item 10 Burcombe, Councillor Potter declared an interest in Item 10 Burcombe and Councillor Totterdell declared an interest in Item 11 Beehouse Woods. **b) Gifts.** None were declared.

Item 3. Consideration of Written Dispensations. None received.

Item 4. Public Participation.

There were no general matters for consideration.

Item 10. Burcombe –planning matters. The Chairman brought this agenda item forward. It was reported that no planning application has been received by the Parish Council but it is believed that one is with Cornwall Council. If a planning application is received and needs to be responded to, before the next Parish Council meeting, a special meeting will be held.

Item 7. Planning: The Chairman moved this item up the agenda due to the large number of members of the public who wished to participate.

- a) Planning Application **PA15/00484** Mr Brian Rickard, Lanoyce Nurseries, St Dominic, Saltash, Cornwall. Installation of 1 no small scale 50kW Endurance E-3120 wind turbine on a 23.6m monopole mast. The Chairman invited comments from the floor. Mr Graham Wilkins represented the residents who live near the site and made the following points: Tamar Valley AONB, as a Statutory Consultee, has strongly objected to the application; no consultation process has been followed; the applicant has not supplied information on financial involvement; it is clear that the impact on the Church, a Listed Building, has changed now that the view has been opened up by the felling of a diseased tree; this has also impacted on the noise levels for the Church; there is a need to weigh the harmful impact on the community against the benefits; the wind turbine will only power in the region of twenty properties. Daniel Wilkinson pointed out that there are no differences to the application that was withdrawn but the important thing to bear in mind is that the benefits are not what they purport to be; it is of no benefit to the wider community only to a small minority. Jack Spiers said that there are too many individual wind turbines scattered across the Cornish countryside. Mr Brady said that the MOD had objected to the previous application,

on the grounds of it being dangerous, but has since withdrawn its objection. Hilary Bennett said that a wind turbine becomes less efficient after 10-12 years. Gary Lovejoy said that according to myweather.com the average wind speed in St Dominic is 12 miles and on this basis the wind turbine would only be running at 20% capacity. The comments on the planning portal, in support of the application, are mainly from people living outside the area. Jordan Cooper said that he had lived in London for 12 years and had moved to Cornwall because of its outstanding natural beauty and he doesn't see the need for turbines spoiling the countryside. Councillor Davis said that there are issues with wildlife, noise and, most importantly the adverse visual impact on the Tamar valley AONB, which would be against National Policy. The emerging Cornwall Local Plan, just submitted in February, states that the Tamar Valley is particularly sensitive to wind turbines. It was **RESOLVED to object** to this planning application for the same reasons as the original application was objected to. **Proposed by Councillor Davis, seconded by Councillor Totterdell, 3 votes for, 1 vote against and 1 abstention.**

Planning Application **PA15/01152**. Mr Mark Murphy, Radland, St Dominic, Saltash, Cornwall. Listed Building Consent for the addition of solar panels to south facing roof of barn conversion under PA13/08624 dated 19th December 2013. It was **RESOLVED to support** this application. **Councillor Davis proposed, Councillor Totterdell seconded, 3 voted for, 1 voted against and there was 1 abstention.**

- b) There were no planning applications received after the agenda was finalised.
- c) There were no planning decisions to report from Cornwall Council.
- d) No other planning matters for consideration.

Item 5. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th February 2015. Subject to the following changes...*page 1, item 9, the word 'Haulage' is removed...and the last sentence 'Cllr Greene asked for a motion...is removed, Cllr Totterdell proposed, Cllr Wenmoth seconded and all were in favour that the Chairman should sign the minutes as a true record of that meeting.*

Item 6. Matters Arising. The matter of the molehills on the football field. The Clerk gave the information to Councillor Totterdell to hand on to the Football Club.

Item 8. Highway Matters.
There was nothing to report.

Item 9. Car Parking at the allotments. Councillor Chapman was not present at the meeting to give a report.

Item 10. Burcombe. Already covered after Item 4.

Item 11. Beehouse Woods at Radland Mill. The Clerk was instructed to get an update from Sarah-Jane Page, Cornwall Council, on the enforcement action that was started in July 2014 regarding the Yurt in Beehouse Woods. **Clerk**

Item 12. Notice Board. It was reported that the galvanised legs should be back on Friday of this week. A working party will then be needed to concrete the posts in. There was

discussion about where to situate the Notice Board. Councillor Davis said that he will locate a suitable site. **Councillor Davis**

Item 13. Telephone Box. Cllr Potter asked the members to think of ideas for the use of the telephone box.

Item 14. Landfill Funding and Ideas for Future Projects. At the last meeting Councillor Chapman had asked for ideas for using this potential funding. Councillor Greene said that a lot of people had mentioned putting up a fence instead of the hedge at the Parish hall to make the building more visible.

Item 15. Recreation Ground.

- a) **Trees and wooded area at the back of the Recreation Ground.** The Clerk reported that Joe Lawrence, National Trust, had carried out the work.
- b) **Fence around the football pitch.** It was reported that the rope is not being taken down between football matches. The Clerk was instructed to write to Ken Harvey, Secretary of the Football Club. **Clerk**

Item 16. Reports.

- a) **Parish Hall Management Committee.** Councillor Totterdell reported that the Contractor who varnished the floor has said that the batch of varnish that he used was faulty and that he will redo the floor free of charge. The dispute between the Insurers and the Contractor who did the kitchen floor is still ongoing. The next fundraiser is St Pirans which will be held tomorrow night, the 5th March.
- b) **St Dominic Community Festivity and Projects Group.** Councillor Greene reported that the group is having a fundraising drive. On Easter Saturday there will be coffee and cakes in the hall and a free Easter egg hunt up at Lovells. In June, the main fundraising event will be the Garden safari which will use eight households in the village. There is also to be a Curry and Quiz evening at the local pub.
- c) **Grants and Donations.** No requests had been received.
- d) **Community Network Meeting.** It was agreed that the Clerk will attend the Community Network meetings.

Item 17. Correspondence

- a) Email from David Rushby re developments at Burcombe. Councillor Potter read this out. **Noted.**
- b) Email from Gary Lovejoy re the wind turbine in St Dominic. **Noted**

Councillor Davis said that he had had sight of emails accusing him of inciting a complainant regarding the Burcombe issue. Councillor Davis asked that it was recorded in the Minutes that the rumours are false. A heated discussion ensued between Councillors Davis and Greene, at which point the Chairman reminded the Members of the Code of Conduct.

Item 17 General Finance. a) Payments and Receipts for February Proposed by Councillor Davis, Seconded by Councillor Totterdell, with all in favour. RESOLVED to pay:

- Cheque number 000969 - £1, BT Payphones, Purchase of Telephone Kiosk

- Cheque number 000970 - £10, St Dominic Methodist Church
- Cheque number 000971 – £36.28, BT Global Services
- Cheque number 000972 – Linda Coles, Clerk’s salary and expenses for Jan/Feb.
- Cheque number 000973 - £42.40, HMRC PAYE for L. Coles

Receipts: No Receipts

Item 18. Any Other Business.

Cllr Potter reported that he had spoken to members of the National Trust and there is to be a meeting at Tom Gorman’s Farmhouse in Fursdon.

Item 19. Items for the next Agenda.

Councillor Greene has put forward a motion, for consideration, regarding planning applications.

Item 20. Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of St Dominic Parish Council will be held on Wednesday the 1st April at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Signed.....Dated.....
Chairman, St Dominic Parish Council

