

ST DOMINIC PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of St Dominic Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, St Dominic on Wednesday 1st July 2015, commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors D Potter, Chairman, J Totterdell, Vice Chairman, B Behennah, D Greene, J Wenmoth, J Davis, K Chapman and R Kisby.

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

There were 42 members of the public present.

Item 1. Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor G Walker and Councillor G Wilkins.

Item 2. Declarations of Interest a) Agenda items. Councillor Wenmoth declared a pecuniary interest in Item 4(a) Planning, application PA15/00484. **b) Gifts.** None were declared.

Item 3. Consideration of Written Dispensations. Councillor Wenmoth applied for a dispensation regarding PA15/00484. This was considered and it was agreed that she would be able to take part in the debate but would not be able to vote and would leave the room at that juncture.

Item 6. Public Participation. The Chairman moved this item forward and asked the public if there were any matters to bring forward, other than the planning application for the wind turbine, PA15/00484. There were no issues. A current police report had not yet been received.

Item 4. Planning. To consider and **RESOLVE** Council's response to the following planning applications:

PA15/00484 Mr Brian Rickard, Lanoyce Nurseries, St Dominic, Saltash, Cornwall PL12 6TU. Installation of 1 no small scale 50kW Endurance E-3120 wind turbine on a 23.6m monopole mast (24.6metre hub height, 34.2 metre tip height).

The Chairman pointed out that this planning application is identical to the previous applications received in July 2014 and March 2015. The Chairman then invited representatives to speak on behalf of the members of the public present. Sharon Brady said that the previous application had been suspended to allow the applicant to complete the validation process. Revalidation has now taken place and that is why the application is before the Parish Council again, as a Consultee. There is a 90% ratio of objectors to the application. Sharon said that Nick Barber of Gosling House, the nearest neighbour to the proposed wind turbine wished to include the strongest objection to its development. His is the closest dwelling and he still has not been consulted by the applicant's agents. Jack Spiers said that the number of parishioners attending the three Parish Council meetings at which the wind turbine has been discussed shows the strength of feeling within the community against its installation. Daniel reasoned that the application should have been more robust in the first instance so that it would not have had to be revalidated. He said that the strength of opposition has not waned in the year that the process has taken. Councillor

Chapman said that it would be dangerous to set a precedent and allow a wind turbine to be installed in the area in the absence of a Parish Plan; a plan which would highlight peoples' preference for the sites of such installations, should they have one. Councillor Davis said that it is an inappropriate development for the reasons that have been stated before. Councillor Totterdell said that it would be a blot on the landscape. Councillor Greene read from a paper produced by the Rt Hon Amber Rudd of the Department of Energy and Climate Change and the Rt Hon Greg Clarke from the Department for Communities and Local Government regarding Onshore Windfarms, in which was stated that there are now enough onshore wind projects; the following are two quotes from the paper: *'We were elected with a mandate to halt the spread of subsidised onshore windfarms – by ending new subsidies for onshore wind and changing the law so that local people have the final say on onshore windfarm applications'* and *'Wind turbines should only get the go-ahead if they have been clearly allocated by a local people in a Local or Neighbourhood Plan. Communities will be free to decide whether they want wind turbines in their local area and, if so, where they will go.'* Councillor Kisby said that the collective misery, whether real or perceived, quite clearly outweighs any benefit for the applicant.

Councillor Wenmoth left the room and the Members discussed. It was **RESOLVED** to object to planning application PA15/00484 on the same grounds as before but with the addition of the points as stated in the emerging policy from the Department for Communities and Local Government. **Councillor Chapman proposed the resolution, Councillor Davis seconded and the vote was 5 Members for.**

Councillor Wenmoth returned.

PA15/03675. Mr Nicholson, land at Lower Ashton Road from Westcott Lodge to West Brendon, St Dominic, Cornwall. To construct a 22m x 42m outdoor riding area.

The development will not affect any neighbouring properties because of its location (there are none close enough). It was **RESOLVED** to support planning application PA15/03675.

Councillor Chapman proposed, Councillor Wenmoth seconded and all were in favour.

Item 7. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd June 2015.

Councillor Behennah proposed, Councillor Totterdell seconded and all were in favour that the Chairman should sign the minutes as a true record of that meeting.

To approve the Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on the 12th June 2015.

Councillor Wenmoth proposed, Cllr Behennah seconded and all were in favour that the Chairman should sign the minutes as a true record of that meeting.

Item 8. Matters Arising.

From the Minutes of the 3rd June 2015:

Page 457, Item 10. The Clerk will chase the reply from SWW regarding the smell and traffic at the Sewerage Works in Bohetherick. **Clerk**

Item 9. Highway Matters.

It was reported that a white line has been painted on the road at M and S Transport but the chevron sign has still not been installed. The Clerk will chase this up again. **Clerk**

At Trehill Road, opposite Dovecote, the water is laying on the road. The Clerk will report this to CORMAC. **Clerk**

Item 10. Beehouse Woods at Radland Mill. It was reported that the Yurt has gone and there is no sign of the Land Rover driving in the woods, although it was noted that other vehicles are doing so. This item is to be removed from future agendas.

Item 5. New Website. This item was taken now that the Westernweb representatives had arrived. Barry Isaac gave a short presentation on what Westernweb can offer to meet the new Transparency Code for the publication of documents. It will cost £400 +VAT to set up the website; this includes training and a manual. It will be £67 per annum for hosting and support and £11 for the domain name. The site will be fully populated and ready to go once set up. A calendar of events would cost a further £200 +VAT but the website will have community pages that are interactive and so this may not be a requirement of the Parish Council. The interactive pages cannot go 'live' until they are approved and authorised by the Administrator (Clerk). There will be a photo gallery and Barry will take photographs of the Parish to include points of interest. Westernweb will attend a Parish Council meeting and take photos of the Councillors for the website. If the Parish Council gives its approval the site can be live in August. **Councillor Davis proposed** that delegated authority is given to the Clerk to authorise the go-ahead once the Members have looked at some of the websites that the company has already set up and sent emailed approval to her. The approval must be by a majority of the Members and Monday 6th July was set as the deadline. It was **RESOLVED** to accept Councillor Davis' proposal, **Councillor Chapman seconded and all were in favour. Clerk**

Item 11. Car Parking at the allotments. The Clerk will chase up the reply from the National Trust. **Clerk.**

Item 12. Telephone Box. Councillor Potter will organise a working party to clean the telephone box initially. Sally Loveday is willing to help as is the Clerk. **Councillor Potter**

Item 13. Landfill Funding and Ideas for Future Projects. Nothing to report. Councillor Greene said that she would like to see the hedge taken down so that the Parish Hall and the Parish Green becomes one. Approval will be needed from the National Trust and the Parish Hall. Councillor Totterdell will report to the Parish Hall Committee. **Councillor Totterdell**

Item 14. Recreation Ground.

It was reported that a five year old child has fallen from a piece of play equipment, during school time, and broken his arm. The Clerk has sent a copy of the recent ROSPA report to the school. The Clerk will investigate the original receipt for this piece of play equipment. Councillor Chapman said that more signage is required in the Recreation Ground with age limits etc to be publicised. The Clerk will contact play equipment service engineers regarding an overhaul of the play equipment and any necessary repairs. **Clerk**

Item 15. Reports.

- a) **Parish Hall Management Committee.** Councillor Wenmoth said that the kitchen floor has been taken up and new flooring put down again; a leak was found. The committee is looking into possible grant funding to update the toilets, especially the disabled one.

- b) **St Dominic Community Festivity and Projects Group.** Councillor Greene reported that the Garden Safari had been a tremendous success and raised £1500, which will be enough to produce the Christmas lights with refreshments and the Easter Extravaganza. £205 was made from the raffle for the Nepalese Fund and a huge thanks goes to all of the local businesses for their generous prize donations.
- c) **Grants and Donations.** The Clerk has received a request from the Friends of St Dominic Church for a grant of £50 towards the cost of printing and distributing the St Dominick Village Diary 2015/2016. It was **RESOLVED** to pay a grant of **£100** to the Friends of St Dominic Church, this being the allocated amount in the Parish Council's budget. **Proposed by Councillor Chapman, seconded by Councillor Wenmoth.** The Clerk will write and inform the Friends of this decision. **Clerk**
- d) **Community Network Meeting.** The Clerk will find out when the next meeting is and make sure that someone can attend if she is unable. **Clerk**

Item 16. Correspondence

- a) Devon and Cornwall Police Survey. It was agreed that the Clerk will complete and submit this. **Clerk**

Item 17 General Finance. a) Payments and Receipts for June

Proposed by Councillor Greene, seconded by Councillor Wenmoth, with all in favour.

RESOLVED to pay:

- Cheque number 000991 – £175.00 South and West Internal Audit. Charge for Internal Audit of Accounts for 2014/2015
- Cheque number 000992 - £15.00 St Dominic Parish Hall, Invoice 42
- Cheque number 000993 – Linda Coles, Clerk's salary and expenses for June
- Cheque number 000994 - £46.00 The Post Office, HMRC PAYE for Clerk for June
- Cheque number 000995 - £300.00 St Dominic Church, grant for roof fund.

Receipts: No Receipts

Item 18. Any Other Business.

Councillor Chapman asked if there had been any feedback from the new bus service. A member of the public said that it is poorly used and she is afraid that the service may be lost again.

Councillor Totterdell thanked the Chairman for refurbishing Nesta's seat, which is looking very good.

Councillor Behennah said that parking back towards the Parish Hall is a problem; it could be allotment users and this is something to add when discussing the car park matter with the National Trust.

Councillor Potter said that the Parish Newsletter contained more news this month. It was suggested that the Clerk writes to the Head of Schools and invites them to a Parish Council meeting.

Item 19. Items for the next Agenda.

Safety equipment at Halton Quay

Neighbourhood Plan (September meeting)

To discuss a deposit account that betters the rate of interest given by Lloyds Bank

To discuss setting up an investment account with Funding Circle

Item 20. Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of St Dominic Parish Council will be held on Wednesday the 12th August 2015 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

Signed.....Dated.....

Chairman, St Dominic Parish Council

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