

## ST DOMINIC PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting of St Dominic Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, St Dominic on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2015, commencing at 7.30pm.

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

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

There were 2 members of the public present.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed those present and made the sad announcement that Mike Striplin, Chairman of St Dominic Football Club, had passed away this morning. The Chairman wished it to be minuted that St Dominic Parish Council conveys its sincere condolences to Jenny and the family.

**Item 1. Apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor G Walker and Councillor J Davis.

**Item 2. Declarations of Interest a) Agenda items.** Item 6. Planning. Councillor Chapman declared that he knows Mr and Mrs Shapland. **b) Gifts.** None were declared.

**Item 3. Consideration of Written Dispensations.** None received.

**Item 4. Public Participation.** The Chairman moved Item 15 forward to be heard under this Item and asked Chris Tomlinson to speak. Mr Tomlinson had circulated a photocopied press cutting regarding funding for police in the region, copied from the Cornish Times, to the Members prior to the start of the meeting. Members of the Public can support the Fair Funding Campaign by signing an online petition at [www.devonandcornwallpolice-pcc.org.uk](http://www.devonandcornwallpolice-pcc.org.uk) Some discussion followed. Councillor Chapman proposed that the Parish Council should support this campaign, Councillor Totterdell seconded and all were in favour. The Clerk will make contact. **Clerk**

**Item 5. Parish Council's Response to Public Participation.**

This was covered in the above item.

**Item 6. Planning.** To consider and **RESOLVE** Council's response to the following planning applications:

- a) **PA15/05834** Mr and Mrs N Shapland, Towell Villa, St Dominic, Saltash, Cornwall. Single storey rear extension to provide enlarged kitchen/diner, office, utility room, WC and shower, and boiler room, and a side extension to form a Conservatory.

After discussion it was agreed that the development was not visible from the road and will be in keeping with the existing building. It was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

**Councillor Wenmoth proposed, Councillor Behennah seconded and all were in favour.**

- b) The Clerk reported that there were no planning applications received after the agenda had been published.
- c) The Clerk reported that Cornwall Council had responded to the following planning applications:

**PA15/03675** Mr Nicholson, Land at Lower Ashton Road from Westcott Lodge to West Brendon, St Dominic, Cornwall. Construction of a 22mx42m outdoor riding arena. **Approved**

**PA15/04447** Mr and Mrs M Rollins, Willina Cottage, St Dominic, Cornwall, PL12 6TD. Proposed new dwelling within the curtilage of Willina Cottage (Listed Building) **Refused**

**PA15/04448** Mr and Mrs M Rollins, Willins Cottage, St Dominic, Cornwall PL12 6TD. Listed building consent for **PA15/04447. Refused**

d) There were no other matters for consideration.

**Item 7. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015.**

**Subject to the following amendment...Item 18, Page 463, delete 'Head of Schools' and insert 'new Head Teacher of St Dominick Primary School'...Councillor Wenmoth proposed, Councillor Totterdell seconded and all were in favour** that the Chairman should sign the minutes as a true record of that meeting.

**Item 8. Matters Arising.**

The Clerk will chase the reply from SWW regarding the smell and traffic at the Sewerage Works in Bohetherick and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting. **Clerk**

**Item 9. New Website.**

It was reported that Barry Isaac, Westernweb has taken photos around the Parish for the new website. The Clerk will make a start on the Policies required for the website, in line with the new Transparency Code. **Clerk**

**Item 10. Highway Matters.** The Clerk has reported the potholes from the bottom of the hill at Lower Methereil to Berry Farm and the road subsidence, and also the potholes on the road that runs through the woods, parallel with Radland Mill.

**Item 11. Car Parking at the Allotments.** Councillor Chapman will hand the original plan to the Clerk at the next meeting. **Councillor Chapman**

**Item 12. Landfill Funding and Ideas for Future Projects.**

Councillor Chapman said that there are a lot of people playing different sports, for which there are no facilities. He suggested that the Parish Council goes to consultation to identify what people want. It was agreed that this would be part of a Neighbourhood Development Plan. Councillor Wilkins said that he would like to see footpaths given a higher priority and the Telephone Kiosk put to good use. It was agreed that Footpaths will be a separate agenda item for the next meeting.

**Item 13. Recreation Ground.**

Councillor Wilkins reported that he has replaced a number of shackles, particularly on the Assault Course, and he would like a maintenance programme put in place for changing these on a regular basis. Cathy Craddock, Outdoor Play, met with Councillors Chapman, Wilkins and the Clerk and is going to provide the Parish Council with a complete breakdown on the state of the present play equipment, to include preventative maintenance, and replacement of the posts that have suffered strimmer damage beyond repair. Cathy is going to provide some ideas for a true toddler play area. The group also met with Angela Palin, the outgoing Head teacher of the Primary School. Angela said that the school is happy with the

position of the slide and the tower that is next to it. The Clerk has authorised replacement panels for those damaged on the tractor. The broken panel on the tower near the school has been replaced. Councillor Wilkins reported that a small piece of trim at the bottom, on the road side, of this piece of equipment also needs replacing. The Zip Wire has never worked well and Cathy is going to give a report on how this can be rectified. The Clerk will contact the Insurance Company and ask to what extent the Parish Council, itself, can carry out repairs to the play equipment. The Clerk will add the Shelter to the play equipment checklist. **Clerk**

#### **Item 14. Safety Equipment at Halton Quay**

The Clerk has made some enquiries about who is responsible for the safety equipment at Halton Quay. The quay itself is in poor condition and the arrow on the map saying.. 'you are here'.. is pointing in the wrong place. The Clerk will continue with her enquiries and will contact Pentillie Estate. **Clerk**

**Item 15. Neighbourhood Watch.** This was covered under Item 4.

#### **Item 16. Reports.**

- a) **Parish Hall Management Committee.** Councillor Totterdell said that the back room has been extended to make a larger space and is still to be redecorated. There is a query over the insurance because there is £800 outstanding to be paid for the repairs to the floor. There will be a Pasty and Pudding Lunch on October 6<sup>th</sup>, cost £6 per person.
- b) **St Dominic Community Festivity and Projects Group.** Councillor Greene said there was nothing to report.
- c) **Grants and Donations.** The Clerk has received a request from the Parish Hall Committee asking for a grant of £500 towards its running costs. It was **RESOLVED** to pay a grant of **£500** to the Parish Hall Committee, this being the allocated amount in the Parish Council's budget. **Proposed by Councillor Greene, seconded by Councillor Wilkins, with all in favour.** The Clerk will write and inform the Committee of this decision. **Clerk** The Clerk will also circulate a model Grants Policy for consideration and adoption by the Parish Council. **Clerk**
- d) **Community Network Meeting.** The Clerk attended the recent meeting and reported that the Police Commissioner was a guest speaker and had spoken about the Fair Funding Campaign, crime statistics for the area and the proposed improvement to the response time for the 101 Number. Paperless Planning was also covered in depth and there is to be some funding for Parish Councils to purchase the necessary equipment to enable its delivery, by January 2016. **Clerk**

#### **Item 17. Correspondence**

- a) Invitation to the Tamar Valley AONB Open Day.
- b) Email from St Mellion Parish Council inviting a representative to a meeting to discuss a cycle path from Callington to Saltash. Councillor Chapman said that he would like to attend and the Clerk will inform St Mellion PC Clerk. **Clerk**

#### **Item 18 General Finance. a) Payments and Receipts for July**

**Proposed by Councillor Totterdell, seconded by Councillor Behennah, with all in favour.**

**RESOLVED to pay:**

- Cheque number 000996 – £133.20 Westernweb deposit for new website

- Cheque number 000997 - £600.00 J Pote Grass Cutting, Invoices 37 and 61
- Cheque number 000998 – £43.77 BT Global Services- Newsletter printing
- Cheque number 000999 – £100.00 Friends of St Dominick Church Grant
- Cheque number 001000 - Linda Coles, Clerk’s salary and expenses for July
- Cheque number 001001 - £53.40 The Post Office, HMRC PAYE for Clerk for July

**b) Receipts:** No Receipts

**c) Weed spraying** Councillor Totterdell has received complaints about the weeds on the kerbsides in the village. The Contractor for Callington Town Council has given a quote of £75 plus VAT to spray the kerbs. It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Totterdell will contact the Town Council Clerk and arrange for the work to be carried out. **Proposed by Councillor Chapman, seconded by Councillor Wilkins, with all in favour. Councillor Totterdell**

**d) Secure Trust.** Councillor Wilkins gave details of a 120 day notice deposit account, offering 1.9%, minimum deposit of £1000 and Lloyds Bank, the Parish Council’s current bankers would be the nominated bank for servicing this account. Councillor Wilkins proposed that the Parish Council considers opening an account with Secure Trust. There being no seconder this motion failed. Members discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk will look into banking at Unity Trust plc and others, with a view to securing a better interest rate than the present one, from Lloyds Bank, but with instant access. Clerk

**e) Investment account with Funding Circle.** Councillor Wilkins put forward the idea of the Parish Council lending money through this mechanism. After discussion it was agreed that this is not something that the Parish Council would want to do.

**Item 19. Any Other Business.**

The Clerk will collect the Parish Newsletters from Luxstowe House, Liskeard, on the 20<sup>th</sup> August and deliver them to the Post Office. Councillor Chapman said that the new Vicar should be invited to attend a Parish Council meeting. Clerk Councillor Potter said that it would be an idea to invite all those groups that attended the Annual Parish Meeting to attend Remembrance Sunday and ask if they would also like to lay a wreath. Councillor Greene said that it would be nice if they could all place a cross on the bank at the lay-by. Councillor Totterdell said that she has sourced some large bags of daffodil bulbs and asked for volunteers to help with the planting.

**Item 20. Items for the next Agenda.**

Identified as the Items arose in the meeting.

**Item 20. Date of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting of St Dominic Parish Council will be held on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at **7.00pm.**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

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

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