

ST DOMINIC PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of St Dominic Parish Council held in the Parish Hall, St Dominic on Wednesday 2nd December 2015, commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors D Potter, Chairman, J Totterdell, Vice Chair, B Behennah, G Wilkins, J Wenmoth, J Davis and R Kisby.

In Attendance: Mrs L Coles (Clerk) and Andy Harwood, Urban and Rural Planning Associates Ltd.

There were 7 members of the public present.

Item 1. Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs G Walker, D Greene and K Chapman.

Item 2. Declarations of Interest

a) Agenda items. None were declared. **b) Gifts.** None were declared.

Item 3. Consideration of Written Dispensations. None received.

Item 4. Residential Development at St Dominic. Andy Harwood, Urban and Rural Planning Associates Ltd, gave a presentation on the proposed development at land north of The Meadows, St Dominic. He said that the proposal, to develop a small amount of housing in the village, is in its early stages and he welcomed the opportunity of speaking to the Parish Council about the possibilities. It will be a sustainable addition to the village and the developers will be working with an Affordable Housing Association. The affordable properties are likely to be on a basis of shared equity. The number of affordable properties cannot be defined at present because the developer needs to ensure economic viability. The pre-application enquiry for this development is still at the discussion stage with Cornwall Council; one of the focuses being landscape impact. Discussion ensued around the size and design of the proposed dwellings. Andy Harwood said that, according to the Cornwall Council housing list, there is a need for 28 affordable homes in the Parish of St Dominic. The access to the development, onto an already very busy and narrow road, was discussed. This development is inside the AONB but is outside the red development line according to the Caradon Local Plan (2007).

Item 5. Public Participation.

Barry Carr referred to the above item and said that this development will back onto his property, which would sit right in the middle, and would be a visual blight. Andy Harwood said that Mr Carr's amenity would be a planning consideration but feels that, because the majority of the dwellings will be bungalows, this will have a lower impact on the surrounding properties and the AONB. Another member of the public said that her main objection would be the access on to an exceptionally busy road and she also feels that two bedroom properties, which form the majority of the proposed dwellings, are not family orientated and therefore would not help to sustain the village school, as suggested. There were no other matters raised for discussion by the public.

Chris Tomlinson, Neighbourhood Watch read out the crime statistics from the Saltash Police Report; a total of 68 crimes across the area, none of which were committed in St Dominic Parish. This report will be displayed on the Parish Council Notice Board.

Item 6. Response to Public Participation

There was no response required.

Item 7. Planning. To consider and **RESOLVE** Council's response to planning applications received:

- a) **PA15/10577**, The Truro Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd, Land north of Pentire, St Dominic, Saltash. Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of land as garden/amenity land. Cllrs examined this proposal. It was agreed that there has never been any evidence of this land being used as a garden. After discussion it was **RESOLVED** to submit the following comment: there is no recollection, within the Parish, of this land being used as a cultivated garden but the Parish Council accepts that it has been used as an amenity for the disposal of garden refuse. **Proposed by Cllr Wilkins, seconded by Cllr Davis with all in favour.**
- b) No planning applications had been received after the agenda was published.
- c) The Clerk reported the following planning responses from Cornwall Council:
PA15/08457 Mr Brian Rickard, Land at Lanoyce Nurseries, road from Westcott Lodge to West Brendon, St Dominic, Cornwall PL12 6TU. Installation and operation of a ground-mount solar PV array with associated substation and access track. **APPROVED**
PA15/03288, Richard Batten, B&C Concrete Ltd, Burcombe Farm. Siting of a concrete batching plant on an existing hard standing, together with the construction of material storage bays and associated works (retrospective). **APPROVED**
PA 15/08182 Mr and Mrs Keneth and Evelyn Behennah, Land west of Brindles, St Dominic, Cornwall. Erection of a bungalow and garage. **APPROVED**
- d) There were no other planning matters to discuss.

Item 8. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th November 2015.

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

Item 9. Matters Arising.

The rota for inspecting the bus shelter and play equipment was discussed. Cllr Potter and Cllr Wilkins will carry out the inspections in December and Cllr Totterdell and Cllr Wenmoth will cover January 2016.

The Clerk will discuss the merits of leaving the 'road narrows' signs, at the corner by M&S Haulage, with CORMAC. **Clerk**

Item 10. Highway Matters.

It was reported that a massive pothole has appeared at the allotment gate near the Parish Hall entrance. There are new potholes on the road from Viverdon Down Roundabout and on the road from Tremoan to Pillhead. There is a very deep pothole outside West Bohetherick Farmhouse, Bohetherick, towards Shady Ford. The Clerk will report these to CORMAC. **Clerk**

Item 11. Footpaths

Cllr Wilkins has made a start on the footpaths and will report back to the Parish Council when his report is complete.

Item 12. Recreation Ground.

Cllr Kisby reported that the backboard on the Toddler Multiplay apparatus is not fixed properly and could give way if a child leaned heavily on it. The Clerk will contact Outdoor Play and ask for this to be repaired and also the zip wire and roundabout, two items that were quoted for repair in August. **Clerk**

Item 13. Reports and possible actions.

- a) **Parish Hall Management Committee.** The Pasty and Pud event raised £400 approximately. On Sunday 6th December the Liskerrett Male Voice Choir will be appearing at the Parish Hall, tickets £5.
- b) **St Dominic Community Festivity and Projects Group.** On Saturday the 28th November Cllr Potter attended the Annual Christmas Lights switch on. The children carried lanterns in the Lantern Procession and the event was well attended although the weather was appalling.
- c) **Grants.** The Clerk has registered an interest in grant funding with Tesco Groundworks. Cllr Wilkins said that this funding could be used to renovate the footpaths. The clerk gave the application form and guidance notes to Cllr Wilkins to fill out; this will be returned to the Clerk for submission.
St Dominic PCC had submitted a grant application form for £300 towards the upkeep of the churchyard. It was **RESOLVED** to award this grant. **Proposed by Cllr Totterdell, seconded by Cllr Behennah and all were in favour.** The Clerk will inform the PCC and the cheque will be raised for approval at the meeting in January. **Clerk**
- d) **Community Network Meeting.** Cllr Potter reported on the recent meeting that was held on Thursday 26th November, 6.30pm, at St Dominic Methodist Church Hall. There was a presentation on the Libraries and One Stop Shops, following the recent consultation. There will be a Boundary review in 2017 and the present number of Cornwall Councillors is likely to be reduced. Amongst other topics discussed was the air quality at Gunnislake and the management of Kit Hill.

Item 14. Correspondence

- a) Letter from Clare Lee, Radland Ford, re South West Water and the foot bridge in Peppers Wood. The Clerk has contacted SWW on Mrs Lee's behalf and was informed that they must be notified every time the problem occurs so that they can attend and build a history. The Clerk has passed this information on to Mrs Lee. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact SWW to ensure that Highways is fulfilling its obligation regarding storm water. **Clerk** Cllr Wilkins will put some wire netting on the foot bridge in Peppers Wood to make it less slippery. **Cllr Wilkins** The Clerk will write and inform Mrs Lee. **Clerk**
- b) Letter from Jean Gregg regarding the letter from Robin Kisby that was read out at the recent East Sub-Area Planning Committee meeting, 9th November. This was discussed by the Parish Council. Cllr Potter said that he had contacted the case officer regarding whether the letter had been submitted late. The letter was received within the timeframe but missed the deadline for inclusion in the members' packs and this was why it had been read out separately, as added comment for the Committee's members to take into consideration. The letter

clearly stated that Robin Kisby was expressing his opinion as an individual and not as a Parish Councillor. It was agreed that Cllr Kisby is not in breach of the Councillors Code of Conduct and has acted entirely appropriately and as a member of the public not as a Parish Councillor. The Clerk will reply to Mrs Gregg. **Clerk**

Item 15 General Finance. a) Payments and Receipts for November

Proposed by Cllr Totterdell, seconded by Cllr Behennah, with all in favour.

RESOLVED to pay:

- Cheque number 001019 - Linda Coles, Clerk's salary and expenses for November
- Cheque number 001020 - £46.20 The Post Office, HMRC PAYE for Clerk for Nov
- Cheque number 001141 - £90.00 Callington Town Council Weed Spraying
- Cheque number 001142 - £30.00 St Dominic Parish Hall. Hall hire
- Cheque number 001143 - £240.00 J Pote, grass cutting recreation ground
- Cheque number 001144 - £46.00 L Coles, RBL crosses etc for Remembrance Sunday

b) Receipts: None to report

c) Bank Reconciliations were approved and signed for November.

d) A draft budget and Precept proposal was circulated to the Members. This was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to increase the Precept by 5% for 2016/2017 (Appendix 1). **Proposed by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Kisby and all were in favour.**

e) CORMAC Weed Spraying Agreement 2016/2017. It was **RESOLVED** to sign this Agreement. **Proposed by Cllr Totterdell, seconded by Cllr Behennah and all were in favour.** The Clerk is to contact CORMAC and ask for the extra highlighted roads to be included and report back to Council with the amended cost. **Clerk**

Item 16. Any Other Business.

Cllr Potter said that the Remembrance Day Service had gone very well and had had good support.

Cllr Wilkins asked if there had been any progress about the banking arrangements. The Clerk is still pursuing this.

Item 17. Items for the next Agenda.

The next meeting will be to discuss the Neighbourhood Development Plan only. **Clerk**

Item 18. Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of St Dominic Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 6th January 2016 at 7.30pm in St Dominic Parish Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.58pm.

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

Chairman, St Dominic Parish Council

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