

St Dominic Parish Council

Minutes of the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** held in St Dominic Parish Hall on Wednesday 4th April 2018 commencing at 8.00pm

Present: Cllrs G Wilkins (Chairman), J Totterdell, E Behennah, J Wenmoth, J Davis, D Potter and S Brady

In Attendance: Mrs L Coles (Parish Clerk).

8 members of the public, including invited guests, were present.

APM 18/01 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Ken Harvey, St Dominic Football Club, Cllr Greene, Cllr Fry and Cllr Walker.

APM 18/02

The Minutes of the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting, a copy of which is on the Parish Council Website: www.stdominicpc.org.uk, had been approved and signed at the first Parish Council meeting following that meeting, on the 7th June 2018, and there were no matters arising from those Minutes.

APM 18/03

Welcome from the Chairman 2017-2018

Cllr Graham Wilkins welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the invited representatives of local groups would be asked to give a brief report on the previous twelve months' activities. He invited everyone to stay for a cup of coffee or tea and a biscuit after the meeting.

APM 18/04

Report from the Chairman on Parish Council Activities over the past year.

Appendix 1 to these Minutes

APM 18/05

Presentations by Invited Local Groups

Brief accounts of the activities and achievements throughout the year were received from representatives from the following organisations:

1. Kevan Borlase, Church Tower Captain's Report.
2. Robin Woods, St Dominic Hand Bell Ringers.
3. Chrissy Cross, The Tuesday Club
4. Chrissy Cross, The Slimming Club
5. Arthur Tink, St Dominic Methodist Church
6. Brian Jones, Friends of St Dominick Church
7. Joe Lawrence, The National Trust
8. Jo Totterdell, St Dominic WI
9. Julie Wenmoth, St Dominic Line Dancers
10. Julie Wenmoth, St Dominic Hobbies Club
11. Sharon Brady, St Dominic Festivities and Projects Group
12. Chris Tomlinson, Neighbourhood Watch

APM 18/06

Public Open Forum Nothing was raised

APM 18/07

Close

The Chairman once again thanked everyone for attending and for contributing to the meeting and invited those present to enjoy some light refreshments. The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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| Attending | Representing Group |
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| Kevan Borlase | St Dominic Church Tower Captain |
| Brian Jones | Friends of St Dominick Church |
| Joe Lawrence | National Trust, Cotehele |
| Jo Totterdell | St Dominic WI |
| Chrissy Cross | St Dominic Tuesday Club |
| Robin Woods | St Dominick Hand bell Ringers |
| Arthur Tink | St Dominic Methodist Chapel |
| Chrissy Cross | St Dominic Slimming Club |
| Chris Tomlinson | Neighbourhood Watch |
| Sharon Brady | Festivities and Projects Group |
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Notes taken and reports handed in are attached to these minutes.

(Appendix 1) Chairman's Report 2017/18

Well here we are again, scarcely seems credible that, yet another year has passed. So, what has been happening from a Parish perspective?

We have had the usual trickle of planning applications, but nothing too contentious. There has been interest in developing the triangle of land just east of The Meadows, the original interested party decided not to progress their interest, but we now have another organisation that may be interested. We do not yet know whether this will proceed as a formal planning application.

We have had the usual ongoing maintenance issues at Lovells, although nothing too significant. The aerial ropeway pulley was replaced, the timbers have been treated with preservative and some replaced. There was concern that the play shelter was a bit rickety and both Graham walker and I have now installed some custom-made brackets that should mean that the timber uprights withstand hurricane force winds.

The flower bed in front of the post office is also our responsibility and Jo Totterdell, Diana Greene and Carolyn Wilkins have spent several evenings during last summer weeding and planting. I am sure that they would always welcome more assistance once the weather improves.

The Heritage Trail Project was completed and the launch day was well supported by Parishioners, many attending the civic service in the morning and then in the afternoon by those who walked part of the trail and enjoyed the cream tea subsequently. We were blessed with good weather- thanks to Reverend Chris who had been thinking of us in his prayers in the preceding week! And thanks again to Tesco without whom the project would not have been possible.

The other major change that will have been noticeable in the village is our welcome sign. This was kindly sponsored by Burcombe Haulage, and the general impression that we have received is that you are all pleased

with it. Often the only feedback that your Councillors receive is when you are unhappy about something. And so it proved with the welcome stone- we got – “Did you know that vandals have knocked it down?”, “What is wrong with the youth of today” etc. etc. Sadly, the truth was that after receiving approval from Cornwall highways to site the stone where we put it originally, concerns were expressed about visibility at the junction and Cornwall Council insisted that it was moved immediately. Hence the “youth of today”, i.e. me ably assisted by Jeremy Daw and his tractor, had to push it over. Thankfully Highways agreed that we could put it further back towards M&S Haulage and more thanks to Richard Batten and his team for doing this just before Easter.

One of the other things that we do behind the scenes is to advise Cornwall Highways of potholes in the road that are brought to our attention. It seems as if reports of new potholes are coming through daily. I don't think this is a particular issue which is specific to our village, it is the same across the country. Our Clerk is currently haranguing Cornwall Council weekly about the state of the road between Heathfield and Jubilee Cottages on the way down to Halton Quay, and has also drawn their attention to the main road into the village Between Mount Pleasant and the roundabout which is showing signs of wear. And there are others that have been reported. Please let a Councillor know of any such issues you become aware of so that we can report them.

This year also saw the Elections and as for the past few elections, there were fewer Councillors standing than places available and so they were elected unopposed. We then filled the spare places by co-option and as a result have two new faces, Sharon Brady and Dave Fry.

As you may also be aware, we do now have a defibrillator at the Pub. Councillor John Davis was particularly concerned that Cardio Pulmonary resuscitation was, if not more, important as being able to use the defib. Accordingly, we had a group from British Heart Foundation to give those Parishioners who were interested some training in how to use the Defib and provide CPR. The event was well attended and because it is easy to forget the lessons received when not in daily practice, we do hope to put on another session in the future.

Speaking of the future, what does your Council intend to do this coming year? There are no major projects on the horizon at present, but we would like to see the Bus Shelter repainted and the shrubs around it severely pruned, the telephone box by the Post Office repainted, another session of CPR training and there will be ongoing maintenance at Lovells and at the Post Office lay-by flower bed. We are always interested to hear what you, the Parishioners, would like to see happening and if you have any ideas, including what we can do with the telephone box, please do come and talk with one of us. Our meetings are always on the first Wednesday in each month (August and January excepted) and we would always welcome more public participation as talking amongst ourselves is sometimes rather lonely!

Finally, I would like to thank our Clerk for keeping us in order and also my fellow Councillors for giving up their valuable time and perhaps you could show a taken of your gratitude in the usual way.

Graham Wilkins
Chairman St Dominic Parish Council