

ST DOMINIC PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of St Dominic Parish Council held in St Dominic Parish Hall, St Dominic, on Wednesday 4th July 2018, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors: G Wilkins, Chairman, Cllr S Brady, Vice Chair, D Potter, D Fry, G Walker, J Totterdell, D Greene, J Davis and J Wenmoth

In Attendance: Mrs L Coles (Clerk), Cllr J Flashman (Cornwall Council)

There were 7 members of the public present.

Item 1. Apologies. Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Behennah.

Item 2. Declarations of Interest

a) Agenda items. Cllr Totterdell declared an interest in Item 6 a) Planning Application PA18/03068.

b) Gifts. None were declared.

Item 3. Consideration of Written Dispensations. None received.

Item 4. Public Participation (including Neighbourhood Watch (NW)). There was nothing to report from the NHW.

It was reported that there has been dog fouling in the Recreation Ground and it was suggested that new 'No Dogs Allowed' signs are put on the entrance gates. The Clerk was instructed to purchase the signs. **Clerk**

Item 5. Response to Public Participation. Not applicable.

Item 6. Planning.

a) To consider and **RESOLVE** Council's response to planning applications received before the agenda was finalised:

PA18/03068, land to the West of The Meadows, St Dominic, Cornwall. Outline planning permission with all matters reserved: Development of up to 14 houses (7 self-build and 7 affordable) with associated roads and parking. **Having declared an interest in this Item Cllr Totterdell left the room.** The Clerk read out a letter of objection received from a Parishioner.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to object to this planning application for the following reasons:

1. There are serious concerns regarding the access to the site. The site bounds a very busy road which services the Cotehele Estate with up to 150,000 visitors to the house every year and approximately 100,000 to the Quay and the Woods, all travelling by car. This road is also access to and from Halton Quay, Bohetherick, Metherell and Harrowbarrow for local vehicles. Vehicles from the development will be turning onto an already busy road.
There is a 'pinch-point' on a sharp bend at Stone Cross just beyond the proposed entrance to the site and there is no capacity for a pedestrian walkway at this point. The access track to the rear of the site is deemed unsuitable for pedestrians.
2. This site is within an area of AONB. The impact on the landscape has not been assessed and lacks a scheme for mitigation of any harm to the AONB. The development has been considered as a major development in the pre-application advice of 2014 by Cornwall Council Planning and the tests of the NPPF paragraph 116 have not been satisfied. Local Plan Policy 23 2(a) states that 'Proposals must conserve and enhance the landscape character and natural beauty of the AONB and provide only for an identified local

need and be appropriately located to address the AONB's sensitivity and capacity'. It is felt that this development does not meet these requirements.

3. There is no provision for on-site open amenity space contrary to Local Plan Policy 13.2.
4. There are sewerage and drainage issues in the village of St Dominic, especially in times of wet weather. The available sewerage capacity needs to be addressed.
5. Cornwall Affordable Housing SBD: the proposed development of affordable homes on this site are not integrated and are distinguishable from the open market dwellings. It is proposed to group the 7 affordable homes together, contrary to the SBD, which stipulates that no more than 6 should be sited in this way. The open market housing represents approximately 69% of the land take excluding infrastructure and this is contrary to the SBD which says that it should be no more than 50%.
6. The open market housing is not relevant to local needs. There are a lot of bungalows in St Dominic already and it is felt that houses for families would be more appropriate. The Parish Council objects to the mix of proposed affordable housing; it is felt that more shared -ownership affordable housing is required rather than rentals.

Proposed by Cllr Brady, seconded by Cllr Davis, motion carried 6 votes for and 2 abstentions.

Cllr Totterdell returned to the meeting.

- b) Planning applications received after the agenda was finalised: revised plans for **PA18/03858** Greenhill, St Dominic, had been received and it was agreed to hold an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting on Thursday 12th July to discuss the application. **Clerk**
- c) Planning decisions received from Cornwall Council: None received
- d) Other planning matters. The Chairman reported that he has had confirmation of receipt of the Parish Council's letter of complaint re the handling of the Tregonhay application but no response to the Freedom of Information request, as yet.

Item 7. To RESOLVE to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 6th June 2018

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes as a true record of that meeting. **Proposed by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Wenmoth with all in favour.**

Item 8. Matters Arising from the Minutes, that are not an agenda item, and Action Tracker.

Action Tracker:

- Cllr Walker reported that the School will discuss the matter regarding the alleged repairs needed to the Recreation Ground wall at its next meeting.

Minutes of the 6th June Parish Council meeting:

- It has been too dry to apply the 'Wet and Forget' to the furniture in the Recreation Ground. Cllr Walker said that there is a water supply available should a power washer be required.

Item 9. Policy Review

- a) FOI Policy for Handling Requests for Information. Circulated to Members. This was deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council
- b) Privacy Policy. Circulated to Members. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt this policy, **proposed by Cllr Greene, seconded by Cllr Brady with all in favour.**
- c) Publication Scheme. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Publication Scheme, **proposed by Cllr Greene, seconded by Cllr Fry with all in favour.**

Item 10. Meeting Time.

After discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to amend the start time for future Parish Council meetings to 7.00pm. **Proposed by Cllr Greene, seconded by Cllr Brady with all in favour.** It was also agreed to have a Full Parish Council meeting on the 1st August 2018, and every August in future.

Item 11. Telephone Kiosk. The Clerk gave details of the British Heart Foundation funding for a second defibrillator, to be housed in the Telephone Kiosk. Another CPR training day will be arranged. **Clerk**

Item 12. Highway Matters

- a) **Memory Tree at the Lay-By.** It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.
- b) **Monitoring the Litter Signs.** It was agreed that the signs need to either be removed for a time or re-located to different areas of the Parish. Cllr Walker will deal with this and use his discretion.
- c) **Funding for the new Cast Iron Sign Post.** Leave on agenda to be discussed at future meeting.
- d) **Community Network Area Expressions of Interest.** It was agreed that the Clerk will submit an expression of interest for work to be carried out at the blind bend by M&S Haulage, to make it safer for vehicles travelling along this road. **Clerk**

Item 13. Footpaths Cllr Fry has received a complaint that wire has been put across the footpath at the bottom of Pensingers Lane. Cllr Wilkins will investigate this. **Cllr Wilkins** Cllr Brady asked if professional strimming of the areas around the St Dominica Heritage Trail Signposts could be carried out. Cllr Wilkins will make a list of them and ask John Pote to supply a quote for this work. **Cllr Wilkins**

Item 14. Recreation Ground.

- a) Quotes and funding for the Cradle Swings at the recreation Ground. The Clerk reported the quotes received for the provision of Cradle Swings at the Recreation Ground. The Clerk will progress a funding application with Tesco Bags for Life for this project. **Clerk**
- b) Cllr Wenmoth reported that during her inspection of the Recreation Ground it was noticed that the Willow Structures have become untidy and the tops need weaving in and the benches need attention. One of the Memory Trees, the Oak, has become covered in ivy and the grass needs clearing around the two apple trees. Cllr Walker reported that he has replaced the shackle on the nest swing.

Item 15. Reports from other Groups

- a) **Parish Hall Management Committee.** The cheque for the planning application has not been received back yet. The Clerk will chase. **Clerk.** The Committee is going to ask the Parish Council for a grant and the Clerk will send a form to Cllr Wenmoth for this purpose. **Clerk**
- b) **GDPR.** Clerk reported that measures are being put in place, Privacy Statements, Policies etc. and she has started on the Data asset Register for the Parish Council. **Clerk**
- c) **Advertisers** – the Clerk will prepare a report of the Advertisers for the August meeting. **Clerk.**

Item 16. Correspondence.

- a) Local Government Boundary Review. Letter received detailing further consultation about the proposed electoral boundary changes. It was agreed that the Clerk will respond to this. **Clerk**

Item 17. General Finance. a) Payments and Receipts for June 2018

Proposed by Cllr Fry, seconded by Cllr Wilkins, with all in favour.

It was RESOLVED to pay:

- Cheque Number 001226 - Linda Coles, Clerk's salary and expenses June.
- Cheque Number 001227 - £99.00 -HMRC Direct, PAYE for Clerk for June
- Cheque Number 001228 - £11.27- Cornwall Council, printing of Newsletter
- Cheque Number 001229 - £15.50 – St Dominic Parish Hall, hire of hall for meeting
- Cheque Number 001230 - £118.49 – PC World (L Coles) purchase of software for Lap-top
- Cheque Number 001231 - £100.00 – Cornwall Air Ambulance Grant, *minute ref: 06/06/18 refers*
- Cheque Number 001232 - £208.32 – Callington Glass and Glazing, Notice Board reglazing etc.
- Cheque Number 001233 - £240.00 - J Pote, grass cutting at the Recreation Ground

- Cheque Number 001234 - £117.00 – Cornwall Council, planning application for Parish Hall
- b) Receipts:** £50.00, Advert in Newsletter, £1933.08 VAT Reclaim for 2017/18
- c)** Bank Statements and reconciliations for June 2018, as circulated by the Clerk, were approved for signing. It was **RESOLVED** to sign them as correct. **Proposed by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Walker with all in favour.**
- d)** Maintenance of the defibrillator at The Who'd have Thought It Inn. It was agreed to defer this item to the August meeting. **Clerk**
- e)** Grant application from St Dominic PCC. The application had not been received for this meeting. However, a request to send a letter of support for funding from another source had been made to the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Parish Council will send a letter of support. **Clerk**

Item 18. Any Other Business.

Cllr Totterdell asked if there was any progress on changing the signs at Vogus Lane/The Cross. The Clerk will chase Paul Allen, Highways. **Clerk**

The Clerk will contact Callington town Council regarding the weed spraying in St Dominic for this year. **Clerk**
Cllr Wenmoth reported that Summers Lane is being used.

Cllr Potter asked about progress for putting the power lines, which span the area of the Recreation Ground nearest to the houses in Vogus Lane, underground. The Clerk will contact Western Power and ask for an update. **Clerk**

Item 19. Items for the Next Agenda.

- Progress on the complaint to Cornwall Council regarding Tregonhay.
- Maintenance of the defibrillator at The Who'd have Thought It Inn
- Grant application for St Dominic PCC
- Funding for a new cast iron Signpost
- FOI Policy to be adopted

Item 20. Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of St Dominic Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 1st August 2018 commencing at 7.00pm in St Dominic Parish Hall, St Dominic.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.57pm.

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

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