

# St Dominic Parish Council

Minutes of the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** held in St Dominic Parish Hall on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 commencing at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllrs G Wilkins (Chairman), S Brady, E Behennah, J Wenmoth, D Potter, D Fry  
D Greene, J Totterdell and G Walker

**In Attendance:** Mrs L Coles (Parish Clerk).

53 members of the public, including invited guests, were present.  
Refreshments were served prior to the meeting

**APM 19/01** **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Kevan Borlase, St Dominic Tower Ringers

**APM 19/02** **The Minutes of the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting**, a copy of which is on the Parish Council Website: [www.stdominicpc.org.uk](http://www.stdominicpc.org.uk), had been approved and signed at the first Parish Council meeting following that meeting, on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018, and there were no matters arising from those Minutes.

**APM 19/03** **Welcome from the Chairman 2018-2019**

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.

**APM 19/04** **Report from the Chairman on Parish Council Activities over the past year.**  
Appendix 1 to these Minutes

**APM 19/05** **Presentations by Invited Local Groups**

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

	<b>Represented Groups</b>
<b>1</b>	St Dominic Tuesday Club
<b>2</b>	St Dominic Snooker Club
<b>3</b>	St Dominic Church
<b>4</b>	St Dominic W.I
<b>5</b>	Friends of St Dominic Church
<b>6</b>	St Dominic School
<b>7</b>	St Dominic Slimming Club
<b>8</b>	St Dominic Handbell Ringers
<b>9</b>	St Dominic Methodist Chapel
<b>10</b>	St Dominic Parish Hall Committee
<b>11</b>	St Dominic Hobbies Group
<b>12</b>	St Dominic Litterati
<b>13</b>	The National Trust
<b>14</b>	The Autumn Show
<b>15</b>	St Dominic Festivities Group
<b>16</b>	Neighbourhood Watch
<b>17</b>	St Dominick Post Office and Village Stores
	<b>Received Reports can be viewed at the foot of these Minutes</b>

**APM 19/06**

**Closure of Village Shop and Post Office**

Cllr Wilkins said that he would like to gauge what appetite there was for a Community Shop. Cllr Greene asked for a show of hands for a) wanting a shop and b) who has 2 hours per week to spare to help run it. There was a good showing on each count. Cllr Wilkins said that the Parish Council is happy to facilitate moving this forward but the role of the Council is not to run a village shop. Sheets of paper were handed round for people to put their names and contact details on if they were interested in taking this forward. To a separate meeting.

A meeting date was set for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7pm in St Dominic Parish hall. The Clerk will put a poster together to advertise the meeting.

**APM19/07**

**Public Open Forum**

Arthur Tink said that there is another gentleman in the village who will celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, in November.

**APM 19/08**

**Close**

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

**Notes taken and reports handed in are attached to these minutes.**

**(Appendix 1) Chairman's Report 2018/19**

The Chairman said that he would like to talk about some of the work that the Parish Council had undertaken in the past year.

Repairs have been carried out throughout the year around the Parish. He had himself repaired and put a signpost back up. The Bus Shelter has been decorated and cleared. It was decorated with poppies and a war heroes theme for Remembrance in November, to mark the 100 years since the end of the First World War.

A few daffodils have been planted around the 'Welcome to St Dominick' Stone at the entrance to the village.

There have been the usual ongoing maintenance issues at Lovells. The Willow Structures have been tidied up by a volunteer, who is willing to look after their ongoing maintenance. A working party recently spent a Saturday morning cleaning and tidying the play equipment, picnic tables etc. Repairs have been carried out on the play equipment where necessary. The wall towards the school has been repaired, and also glass has been replaced in the Parish Council Notice Board and the Telephone Kiosk where it had been shot out by an air rifle.

The Parish Councillors now have individual Parish Council email addresses and the Chairman gave brief details of how to contact a Member.

Funding has been sought from Tesco Bags for Life and the Parish Council has been successful in its bid, which went live today the 1<sup>st</sup> May. Voting is now happening for our project of providing Toddler Swings for the Parish and the Chairman urged everyone to vote. Voting will be live throughout May and June.

The Post Box at Post Box Corner has been reported and it is hoped that a repair will be carried out.

The Community Network Highways Funding Scheme has approved a bid from the Parish Council to make the dangerous bend by M&S Haulage safer. The bid has moved forward to the next stage and it is hoped to see some improvements carried out within the next year. Funding is also being sought for a new defibrillator for the village, which will be situated in the Telephone Kiosk. It is also hoped to get the cast iron signpost at Ashton reinstated.

There is a vacancy on the Parish Council so if anyone is interested please ask the Parish Clerk for details.

## **St Dominick Post Office and Village Stores**

As I'm sure you will have all heard that, after much consideration, we regret to announce our intention to close St Dominick Post Office and Village Stores.

Shopping habits have changed considerably over recent times as have the demographics of St Dominick. With the increased availability of supermarkets and cheap discount stores and of course online shopping which means customers can have groceries delivered straight to their door, the reliance on the local shop has very much diminished.

Over the last six years we have seen the turnover fall by 20% but costs associated with running the shop have of course not. This has resulted in a fall of net profits from £1800 (2012/13) to losses each of the last three years totalling some £6340. Clearly this is not sustainable.

The shop and post office is open seven days a week, totalling some 44 ½ hours per week, with further hours spent outside of these opening times from the preparation prior to opening at 8.00am to bookkeeping, accounting and administrative tasks after we close. Taking into account the Post Office salary and profit/(loss) from the shop side, the result is that the business is paying considerably less than the minimum wage.

So, as I have already said, this is clearly not sustainable. Post Office Ltd require three months' notice of resignation but before we submit that we feel it only right that the Parish has the opportunity to consider alternative provision, most likely by way of a community shop. We feel that a community shop run by volunteers would be best placed to serve the needs of St Dominick as it would be free from the cost of paying staff wages and other financing costs.

We would both like to express our regret that we have had to come to this decision, but having struggled for a number of years, we see there is no alternative but to cease trading.

In closing, Nina and I would like to sincerely thank those of you who have made every effort to support us over the past fourteen years.



## St Dominic The Tuesday Club Parish Report Christine Cross Chairman

The Tuesday Club continues to be successful and 2018 was well attended each month. 37 members were registered.

The club provides support and friendship to all members.

The club is non-profit making, subs each month are £3 which includes 1 x £5 raffle prize for a lucky member. Registration fee is £1 and visitors can join us for a charge of £3 for a one-off attendance.

Christmas lunch is free to members who attend 4 meetings each year. We are always pleased to have Shirley Floyd to do the catering. 34 members were able to attend Christmas lunch last year which was enjoyed by us all. Anne Pollard played Christmas carols and we all sang along - we all feel this is a really super start to the Christmas celebrations.

We were lucky enough to receive £234 from Community Matters, Waitrose this was in the form of vouchers, some of which were spent at the A.G.M. our 16th Birthday party in February the remains of the vouchers will be spent at Christmas this year. Rutch Hatch (club's treasurer) does a wonderful job keeping our accounts in order and we know we have enough money in hand to have our free Christmas lunch this year.

Eunice Hodge (club's secretary) organises varied and interesting events each month but we all feel the general meeting up with friends, a gossip with refreshments is beneficial to all members.

To give an idea of the entertainment in 2018 we were able to welcome -

1. James Hynes who brought along his guide dog
2. Peter Hearn - Silver Greyhound - A government official

3. Dr Jonathon Clark - Talking about Inner Healing
4. Jess Hibbs told a wonderful story of the history of Dartmoor ponies
5. Linda Curnow described her trip around the coast of Britain in her camper van called Beatrice
6. Various musical afternoons with Susan Evans and a duo called the Poslips very talented musicians
7. Also members afternoons with fun games and prizes.

As you can see something for everyone to enjoy

8. Next Tuesday 7th May we will be welcoming the Blood Bikes who will give us an insight into the wonderful work they do.

We meet the first Tuesday in every month at 2.30 at the Parish Hall (St Dominic) and if anyone would like to join us you will be very welcome.

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## St Dominic Snooker Club

28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 I became Chairman of the Snooker club.

The Victory Hall was built in 1923 by public donation after the land on which it sits was given to the village by the Earl of Mount Edgecombe. Its original purpose was to improve the physical and mental well-being of service personnel returning from the First World War. I believe, originally there was a boxing ring and one snooker table in the hall. The boxing ring has been replaced with a second snooker table. I am pleased to say that the Victory Hall continues to provide support to all its members two of which, have served or are in the armed Forces.

It is true that the membership has fallen in recent years, from its peak in the 70s when there were 4 teams and you had to queue for a chance to play. We still do have a very successful A team that have won the snooker league for the last 14 years. This year they did an historic treble winning all three league competitions that's never been done before, plus we won the billiards doubles competition, we have the snooker county champion and county doubles champions as members of the club. You name me one other group in the village with the same success rate. They are a very modest group and do not publicise their achievements very widely. The lack of publicity in my view is part of the problem with the Snooker Club. I lived in the village for 23 years before I knew that I could join. I have been a member for the last 3 years and would like to take this opportunity to say that the Snooker Club is looking for new members and I have application forms with me tonight if anyone is interested. Full £20, OAP £15 and Young person £15 (admin fee £5)

The hall is in need of decoration and refurbishment. A local builder has carried out a survey and we have a list of works to

be carried out which will mainly be done by willing members to keep the cost to a minimum. In order to buy the materials needed we are in the process of organising various events with the help of Paul and Harry from the pub (Both members). The first event for your diary is Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June when there will be a horse racing night. This event is to promote an astonishing feat of human endeavour. One of our members Mark Baldwin who retired from the Rifle Regiment is going to do the The Montane Spine Pennine Way Race. This involves running and walking 268 miles non-stop along the most iconic national trail in Britain; The Pennine Way, in under 7 days. Competitors will travel through The Peak District, The Cheviots, The Yorkshire Dales and Northumberland National Park – finishing at the Scottish borders. They are also expected to carry 2 litres of water and all their provisions.

That's 10 Marathons in 7 days.

So please attend the race night and support Mark in his endeavours. We have also set up a just giving page or approach one of the members to donate.

I would like to find out more about the history of the club and am keen to speak to the older members of the village and record their memories in order that they can be recorded in a book that we will publish and sell to raise funds. If anyone is interested please get in touch with me and we will arrange.

In conclusion the Victory Hall has been a very important community resource in St Dominick for nearly 100 years. It is my intention to refurbish, redecorate and rejuvenate membership of this club before the Centenary celebrations which will be held in 2023. In this way we can hopefully ensure members of this parish continue to enjoy playing snooker for another 100 years.



### **St Dominic Methodist Chapel**

Regular Sunday services. There is Tea and Toast and Bible Study on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month and all are welcome.

The Slimming Club meets weekly on a Thursday

The Village Choir meets on a Thursday evening

The Neighbourhood Watch and the Festivities Group use the Schoolroom for their meetings.

Forthcoming events:

- Parish Lunch on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019
  - Harvest Service on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019
  - Harvest Lunch on 16<sup>th</sup> September
  - Circuit Mission during Holy Week
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### **St Dominic Parish Hall Management Committee**

We were really struggling with only six Trustees on the management Committee so a plea was put in the Parish News and all the Village Organisations and at the AGM managed to elect new trustees and the Committee is now up to twelve members. We are still trying to find a Treasurer; this is not an onerous job, one meeting a month for about an hour.

There have had fund raising events:

- Pasty and Pudding Event
- Polperro Fisherman's Choir
- Big Breakfast with the W.I.
- St Piran's Celebrations

All of which were very successful

The plans for the new disabled toilet and upgrade to the other toilets have been passed by Cornwall Council. These will be put out to builders for tender and then it is hoped to obtain some grant funding.

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### **St Dominic Slimming Club**

There are 11 members but by working together we achieve wonderful things.

In 2018 monies were given to charities and good causes totalling £1500. The main recipients were: I Sight; Chestnut Appeal and St Dominic Methodist Chapel (to help with repairs)

From January 2013 – December 2018 we have worked together and raised in excess of £8000 which has been donated to Charities and good causes chosen by the members. In addition, we also give small yearly donations to local groups.

The 2018 summer trip was a Mystery Coach Trip to Otter Nursery ending with afternoon tea.

This year our main charity will be The British Heart Foundation. The members are hosting an Afternoon Tea on May 16<sup>th</sup> 2pm-4pm with all proceeds going to the BHF, tickets are £4.

Please support us.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT May 2019**

St. Dominick Neighbourhood Watch Group continues to serve our village and the surrounding district. We receive communications from the local Police through the Devon and Cornwall Neighbourhood Watch Alert e-mails. These invariably involve missing persons, seeking witnesses of road accidents in the county and reports of major crimes in the county. We also receive news of cyber, cold caller and letter and telephone scams. We pass appropriate messages on to our members, many of whom we are now able to contact by e-mail. We also communicate information through the St. Dominick Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page, run by Sharon Stallard. We usually receive news of local crimes from our members who pass the news on to co-ordinators. They are then communicated to our members. This year there have been some small opportunist crimes, where items have been taken from unlocked cars and there were two break ins at the football club changing rooms, where nothing was taken.

We currently have nineteen co-ordinators serving our area who meet formally twice a year and communicate regularly by e-mail or by telephone.

## **Annual report of St Dominic PCC for the Parish Council on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

The Church, once again, has a Service each Sunday morning at 10am. The worship is varied in style, with at least one Communion a month taken by a priest; with the others led by lay or worship leaders, details can be found in the Parish Diary. Once a month there is midweek Communion, and on the third Sunday a new informal evening Service, Lighthouse. Apart from regular Worship, many from the Parish and afar have been to Weddings, funerals and other Services marking specific events in the Churches year, such as Christingle, (standing room only). The school staged their Christmas performance in the Church, and also hold quite a few Services; it is always a joy seeing the children and their families.

There have been more casual visitors since the introduction of the Heritage trail, also Parishioners, and there is a new area to encourage private prayer. The Pastoral team visited many people in their home

At present we have finished the major building repairs to the Church, and continue to monitor the state of the fabric, and carry out regular maintenance. The external woodwork of the schoolroom will be replaced/repaired shortly.

We have purchased further land from the Glebe and will be extending the Churchyard in the near future.

We continue to hold fundraising/social events, both for our funds and for Charity, such as the Harvest auction for the Childrens Society.

Many Parish members, and other locals, continue to give their time doing a myriad of tasks to keep the Church going for everyone to use, and this is much appreciated.



### **St Dominick WI Annual report for Parish Council Meeting**

The Wi enjoyed another fun packed year with 11 regular meetings, the varied speakers including a talk Bletchley Park in West Cornwall, the art of Burlesque and Dartmoor ponies; we have had 'hands on' evenings making Christmas decorations and wooden bead painting for key rings. We always enjoy our refreshments and had a good demo from a professional chef one time and he kept passing round what he had cooked.

We also had many extra outings, such as to Sterts theatre and Princess yachts, as well as a trip to Mary Newmans Cottage and Elliotts Grocery shop in Saltash. There were 2 social evenings in local pubs for darts and skittles. Once again we joined the neighbouribg groups for the annual Carol Service.

One of the highlights of the year was the Barn Dance which raised about 700 pounds for the Primrose Breast Care Unit at Derriford hospital.

## The Friends of St Dominick Church

### Chairman's Report for the year April 2018 – April 2019.

Committee members;

Chairman Kate Wilkinson, Treasurer Brian Jones, Secretary & Diary Valerie Gill, Almoner Jenny Graham, Other members; Kevan Borlase, Owen Borlase, Christine Jones, George Roberts, Jane Grimwood, Carolyn Daw.

The Friends committee continued through 2018 with their regular fundraising activities. Events were well attended and enjoyed by parishioners and friends.

The St Dominick Diary delivered 370 copies throughout the parish by committee members and our many associated member volunteers.

Val Gill took over the production of the Diary in September 2018 from Brian Jones who had been at the helm for many years.

Jenny Graham continues to be the almoner by sending out thank you cards and to those families that have lost loved ones.

#### **Thankyou's;**

To; Jane who brings the printed Diaries from Liskeard to St Dominick each month.  
Cornwall Council now print the Diaries for us, thus making a substantial saving on printing.  
The St Dominick Parish Council for financing the Diaries.  
Owen and George for their musical afternoon at the Cream Tea.

Ron Parrett resigned from the Friends due to ill health. Ron had been a valuable member of the Friends and it was sad to see him leave the committee. A presentation was made to Ron after a church service. Chrissi continues to assist committee events when possible, this help is valued by the committee.

**Fund raising** events during the year jan-dec 2018 included;

Pancakes £277.32. Cream teas £467.42. Coffee morning £362.70.

Donations received from funerals, from the National Trust Cotehele and the St Dominick Slimming Club. St Dominick Methodist Church.

**Expenses;** donation to CHCT £180. School Leavers book £33.97. £600 to St Dominick PCC towards the School Room windows.

This concludes the report to the St Dominick Parochial Church Council.

From the Friends

Secretary Valerie Gill.



## **Federation of St Dominic and St Mellion C of E VA Schools**

St Dominic School continues to benefit from its partnership with St Mellion School as a part of a Federation and from the partnership developed with Sir Robert Geffery's School at Landrake who provide an experienced Executive Head Teacher. Partnership working provides opportunities for joint curriculum projects where pupils work together as well as combining staff for training and learning events. We also receive support from the Church of England Diocese at Truro who offer training and networking opportunities for staff and governors.

St Dominic currently has a Good Ofsted inspection and Outstanding SIAMS inspection. Governors and staff are working hard to retain and improve the quality of teaching and learning provided for all children as we work towards our next inspection.

Currently numbers are lower than last year but we have recently welcomed several new families and with the new mums and toddlers club running every Thursday between 2-3pm in term time we are optimistic that numbers will steadily increase as we begin the new academic year in September.

Improvements to the premises embarked on last year are now completed and children particularly enjoy the wonderful new structure in Class 1; a two-tiered, role-play tower and staircase which strikes an impressive and imposing presence to their recently refurbished classroom. Our younger children thoroughly enjoy learning through play in this great new structure.

The Federation took part in the Caradon Swimming Gala on Thursday 25th April and all four of our teams went through to the South East Cornwall Finals in May. As a Federation, we are the only schools in the area in which every child swims every week and it was fantastic to see such a high-quality display from our children. We are very fortunate to have such good relations with St Mellion Golf Club where we swim each week in their fantastic facilities.

The annual residential trip in April to Beam House for years 5 and 6 is very popular with both staff and children. Everyone thoroughly enjoys the high-ropes, trapeze, quad bikes, archery, sensory trail, ambush, quiz and fencing activities that they undertake during their stay. Photographs are published on the school website.

The Federation takes the pastoral care of its children very seriously, so this term our Head of Schools has introduced "Sunshine Days". Each half term there will be a Sunshine Day to focus on being kind and showing respect for one another. The children will learn about how to get along better and have zero tolerance to any form of bullying. During these days, each class will also have themed lessons around relationships and tricky friendship scenarios. Everyone will be encouraged to wear yellow on Sunshine Days.

Keep up to date with school activities through our website and social media. We post information from our newsletters with links to services and events. Search for the St Dominic CofE School pages on Facebook, please like and follow us!

**Sue Morrish**

**Chair of Governors**



## Autumn show

### Autumn show 2018

The Autumn show is always held on the second Saturday of September, last year it was the 8<sup>th</sup>. We are often asked why it's so late usually by the flower and vegetable people, the reason is that we have to fit in with other local shows and also we need to avoid school holidays because of the school entry. Actually Harrowbarrow and Cox Park both have their shows in July and the gardeners aren't pleased then either, and Callington is later than ours, so it remains where it is!

We are a small committee, Julie, Di Irons, and Jo and this year we were joined by Sarah Green who really got involved and one of the things she did was sent a text to all the school mothers to remind them to get the children doing something in the holiday. Also we put our schedule on the Parish council website to attempt to reach more people.

Last year 84 people entered and it felt like a record number of entries between them, never sure because people bring different items from the ones they've entered and we are quite lenient on this on the whole, having, in the past, been used to Mr Buckle who was still entering at the age of 100 and bringing his paintings with the price on, hoping for a sale! Last year his family donated a trophy in memory of him and his wife Olive, and this year his daughter presented all the trophies, our most points winner being Sam Rayner.

Having said we are a small committee, we are assisted by a lot of people on the day, delivering boards, trestles, stewarding etc. Thanks to Drew Potter who always does the Judges' lunch and he has now resigned, that was his last year, so that will be another problem this year.

The date of the show will be 14<sup>th</sup> September, we would like you all to enter. It's the taking part that counts. There are always some fantastic entries and a lot of "also rans", so there is absolutely no need to feel you aren't good enough. In fact, one of our first time entrants won a cup last year. If you can't enter, please come along for a cup of tea and a raffle ticket to boost our funds. Last year we did quite well, we made £72.66 profit but there are cups that need attention so we hope to see you all there.