

ST DOMINIC PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of St Dominic Parish Council held at St Dominick Village Hall on Wednesday 2nd June 2021

Present: Councillors: D Potter (Chair), D Fry (Vice Chair), J Wenmoth, S Shannon, A Cox, W Evident, R Hutchings, G Wilkins and K Heslop.

In Attendance: Parish Clerk. J Candy & Cornwall Councillor A Long and 15 members of the public present.

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1	Apologies. There were no apologies from Parish Councillors.	
2	Minutes and Matters Arising The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17 th April 2019 which were approved and signed at the Parish Council Meeting held on the 1 st May 2019 were noted. There were no matters arising.	
3	Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council The Chair opened the meeting by stating that his report would cover 2 years, due to the pandemic. He thanked all who had joined the Parish Council over that period, only 4 members of the present Council were on the Council in 2019. Autumn 2019 had seen the installation of the defibrillator in the phone box, whilst it was currently out of action that was being addressed. St Dominick School had expressed an interest in acquiring a small area of the Lovells recreation field, currently leased by the Council from the National Trust, that was still ongoing. An outline planning application for The Meadows had been started, we await the approval of the final plans. 2020 saw a planning application for Sunningdale, a new clerk, and the opening of the Community Shop, as well as new swings in Lovells. Parish Council meetings were being held over Zoom, and the Council was changing to internet banking. So far in 2021 we have started the process of registering the footpath known as Back Lane or Stockwall Lane as a Public Right of Way, and were pursuing the reinstatement of the running path around Lovells, as well as looking at the options for a Neighbourhood Development Plan in conjunction with St Mellion. We are awaiting reinstatement of the heritage cast iron finger post at Ashton, which is being funded by Cornwall Council. The list of people to thank included the talented artists who decorated the bus shelter with poppies, those who cut the grass and kept areas of the Parish neat and tidy. The litter pickers, both those who worked as a team or as individuals, and residents who	

	<p>pruned the willow domes, were congratulated for their work, as were all who had supported other residents by running errands etc over the lockdown periods.</p> <p>Finally, he thanked all those who had volunteered for the various organizations in the area, which made the parish a great community,</p>																																							
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5	<p>Public Open Forum</p> <p>Cornwall Councillor A Long gave a brief introduction and stated he would be holding regular surgeries In the Village Hall.</p> <p>There were no comments from the public after the presentations.</p>																																							

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.05pm

Signed.....Chairman

Dated.....

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Annual Parish Meeting reports for 2.6.2021

St Dominic Slimming Club

13 Members rejoined our group in January 2020 unfortunately due to COVID meetings were discontinued. Members have kept in touch during the last 15 months. We had decided to give a donation to the Methodist Chapel and we were able to donate £350.00 to help towards repairs and maintenance of the chapel. We had also decided to raise funds for a donation for Diabetes UK. We hope to continue with this plan. we intend to start meetings again shortly and plan to arrange an afternoon sale and tea party to support this good cause. All of Slimming Club members are pleased to be able to meet up and share time together very soon.
Chrissie Cross. Club treasurer.

St Dominic Ringers

Like everything else in the country bellringing has been greatly affected by the Covid 19 virus. Over the last 12 months various restrictions have been issued by the national Central Council and the Truro Diocesan Guild and the St. Dominic ringers have adhered to these instructions.

Some service ringing has taken place albeit on just 3 bells. On the 15th August, 2020 I chimed a bell to mark V. J. Day and Owen rang 100 times as a mark of respect to Capt. Sir Tom Moore on the day of his funeral.

I also tolled a bell 99 times just before 3.00p.m. on the day of the funeral of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, as did many other towers throughout the country.

Something completely different happened in February this year - the St. Dominic band rang a 120 Peal No.1 Double Call Changes on their respective computers using Zoom and Ringing Room technology. This was recorded in the national Ringing World publication. Owen and I have managed to keep in touch with our band members by having these regular computer sessions which have been great fun as it's possible to ring on any number of bells up to 12!

I know I speak for everyone when I say we are looking forward to the time when we can all be back together in the tower welcoming our visiting ringers and the villagers can hear the Church bells ring out fully again.

Kevan Borlase, Tower Captain

29th May, 2021

Tuesday Club

Activities have been curtailed by Covid but we expect to be restarting our regular meetings as soon as regulations permit. We intend informing people directly, and via St Dominick Chat and the noticeboard.

Mrs Eunice Hodge

Friends of St Dominica

Thank you for your invitation to the Parish Council AGM unfortunately I am unable to attend but have a request to ask of the council members. The

Friends of the church have for quite a while collected the monthly Parish News from Liskeard as one of our committee work for the Council and this was very convenient. Unfortunately, she is now working full time from home and since the News started again one person has collected it every month. Therefore, I was hoping some members of the parish council could kindly help with some sort of rota. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic the copies have to be picked up from a car in the council car park at 9 o'clock, instead of them being left at reception as before when any time would do. I would be very grateful if you could kindly ask for a couple of volunteers and the Friends will provide volunteers as well, thereby making it less dependent on one person. Many thanks. Hoping to hear from you. Kate Wilkinson

St Dominick Autumn Show

We intend to restart the show, if lockdown regulations are eased, on the second Saturday of September. We do not intend this to be online, as we rely on entrance money and refreshments. We will make a decision soon, and inform everyone by not only advertising the event but also by word of mouth and knocking on doors.

Handbell Ringers

During the lockdown period the collection of sheet music has been catalogued, but the bells have remained quiet. With 14 sets of bells it is anticipated that a restart would happen soon, hopefully with some new recruits.

The Methodist Chapel

Services were resuming at 6.00pm every Sunday, with the new Minister. Hymns could only be sung outside, provided the evening was blessed with good weather. The building was available for hire, and it was hoped that the coffee mornings could restart soon. All were welcome!

St Dominick Community Shop

This has been a success, 132 shareholders raised in excess of £35000, with over 50 volunteers keeping the shop operating. It not only provides a local shop and Post Office, but also a place for social contact. The AGM will be in the Church on 16th July, with an opportunity for residents to join the board, as some board members were retiring. It was hoped that a belated opening party might happen in the summer.

St Dominick Litterati

The group had commenced 2020 with a litter pick collecting 14 bin bags of rubbish, finishing at the Who'd for free coffee. Group activities had been curtailed over lockdown, with a noticeable drop in litter. Some residents had cleared their local area, including a local lad who had done his Duke of Edinburgh award by collecting litter throughout the parish. Activities had restarted on 24th April, following advice from Clean Cornwall that it was allowed.

Tamar Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) 2020/21 Summary

Dan Cooke (new Manager) joined TVAONB in an extraordinary year. The small AONB team supported by our Exec and wider partnership has shown remarkable resourcefulness and resilience during these challenging times. The same can of course be said about most organisations that have kept things moving through all the challenges of the Covid pandemic, but nonetheless, in the AONBs 25th anniversary year, the clear and strong progress made is a real demonstration of the dedication and expertise of the team, and the strength of our partnerships.

Look out for our formal 'annual report', due out later in the summer which will set out activities and achievements against our specific performance indicators. This will include highlights on specific projects and programmes of the AONB, under three main themes of our 5 Year Management Plan - Place, People & Prosperity, and Partnership.

Current key drivers and potential forces for change for all AONBs from Government include the apparently imminent formal response of Government to its Landscapes Review 2019. Of particular interest is the proposed National Landscapes Service, and recommendations in areas of nature recovery, greater access and inclusiveness, expanded volunteering, potential ranger services and more resources for AONBs – particularly for Farming in Protected Landscapes.

- Projects delivered, developed or convened in our core programme include:
- Farms Test & Trials scheme; researching the use of latest technology to help determine organic carbon levels in soils.
- Good progress on our Invasive species control programme (working with the Environment Agency and other partners) – particularly successful in planned eradication of Giant Hogweed.
- Flood bank realignment and intertidal habitat creation projects at South Hooe and at Calstock.
- The Greater Horseshoe Bat project (led by DWT) came to a close, but great progress has been made in improving habitats, knowledge and engagement to ensure the protection and enhancement of the nationally important populations of these and other bat species across the Tamar Valley.
- Actively supported or coordinated programmes of walking (with associated health and wellbeing benefits), of volunteering (largely through Tamar Community Trust, & will see a renewed focus via Tamara Landscapes Programme), and the Sustainable Development Fund – which will again make small grants available in 2021.
- Drawn To The Valley's latest exhibition titled 'Resurgam' (which aptly translates as 'we will rise again'), took place in our Tamar Valley Centre in May (with appropriate Covid protections in place) – it'll be great to see the place buzzing again. Fits nicely with the new Arts in the Landscape Strategy.
- (Most were severely curtailed by Covid19 restrictions, but we've made every effort to maintain contact and planning to ensure we can all pick up where we left off and take advantage of opportunities for renewed effort and benefit as we ease out of lockdown.)

Fantastic opportunities ahead from the recently launched £3.2m Tamara Landscapes Partnership scheme – 10 programmes in broad areas of land management, communities and volunteering, and training and apprenticeships.

Please get in touch via www.tamarvalley.org.uk for further details, ideas or if you'd like to get involved.

ST. DOMINICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT 2021

The lockdowns have meant there have been few opportunities for co-ordinators to visit their neighbours and emphasised a need for new co-ordinators who can keep their immediate neighbours informed of any thefts, threats or concerns. We have communicated by e-mail during the lockdowns and indeed many of the threats we have warned people about have been online ones. But the villagers who have missed out on our communications are those without computers. Other issues have been fake phone calls and suspicious incidents in the village. Where appropriate these have been posted on our St. Dominick Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page where I have also posted a long list of fake e-mails and phone calls. I have also posted some concerns on the St. Dominick Chat Facebook page and responded to concerns posted by others on this page when appropriate.

All the suspicions reported to me and other co-ordinators have been passed on to the Police, who have responded in every case. However, it is always best for the actual witness of a suspicious incident to report it themselves (while informing us for the benefit of the wider neighbourhood), as their account is a first-hand one and will necessarily be most accurate. Everyone knows to ring 999 if they witness a crime or an emergency, but are sometimes more reluctant to contact the Police about suspicions, not least because it can take a long time to get through on the 101 number for non-emergencies, but they can also contact the Police online at 101@dc.police.uk

Coming back to Facebook, sometimes people with connections to other local villages have reported on incidents in those villages on the St. Dominick Chat page. These reports are welcome because the wider Neighbourhood Watch Grid does not usually report thefts and suspicions and it is obviously important that we find out if they are affecting the wider locality.

During the lockdown mainly thanks to the telephone and the internet we have at least been able to co-ordinate information, supply advice to residents and pass on information to the Police.

Improvements to the snooker club

1. New door
2. Replacement floor
3. New carpet
4. Re plastered inside porch
5. Removed rotten panelling and replaced with plasterboard and plastered
6. Completely refurbished both tables
7. Under table heaters
8. It is planned to slate hang the front wall to prevent damp
9. Looking for new volunteers
10. Writing a book anyone with stories about the hall

Hall report for St. Dominick Parish Council meeting

Obviously we have been closed for most of the past 12 months.

We held a successful plant sale a couple of weeks ago and raised around £600. Our next social event is our Pasty and Pudding lunch which will be held on 16th October.

We are continuing with our plans for new toilets and I am pleased to say that Building Regs have now been submitted and we hope to hear back soon. We are going for 4 new separate toilets, one being fully compliant for disabled use (enough room for a large wheelchair) and the other three being multi use. All will have room for baby changing.

We have also developed a leak in the flat roof and we are therefore obtaining quotes for that work to be done before the onset of Winter. We have been reliably informed that we do not at this stage need to replace the whole of the flat roofing.

We were lucky, along with many other halls, to receive grants from Caradon Council. This has been great as it has meant we have not had to dip into our savings to pay the overheads for the Hall.

We have continued to keep the building Covid safe, keeping up to date with risk assessments and equipment.

Before we open fully again which we very much hope will be after the 21st June we will deep clean the kitchen (which has not been used for 18 months) and tidy up outside with removal of weeds and cobwebs.

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support and hope to see all regular users back in the hall before too long.

St Dominick W.I. Committee of Trustees Annual Report 2020/21.

Trustees; Mrs Kirsty Doney, Honary President. Ms Patricia Harrington Honary Treasurer. Mrs Valerie Gill Honary Secretary. Mrs Ann Murphy. Mrs Judy Foweraker. Mrs Mandy Nicholson, Mrs Kate Wilkinson, Ms Debbie Coombs.

The W.I. is A charitable Association, governed by the NFWI Constitution and Rules for Women's Institutes as signed in the month of March 1946.

St Dominick W.I. is part of Cornwall Federation of Women's Institutes. Affiliated to NFWI and ACWW.

The Objects of the W.I. are to advance the education of women to promote sustainable development and to advance health for the public benefit.

The year 2020/21 Programme;

January speaker; Professor Keith Greene, a retired consultant gynaecologist.

February was the Annual meeting. Social Time; Taste, Test Trials, foods from supermarkets.

March our speaker was artist Anthea Lay, who instructed us in the elements of how to draw.

We were getting organised for the April Spring Countdown at Redruth, preparations for the darts match at our local pub and planning our Vintage Tea afternoon. Before all of this could happen, the country was put into lockdown due to the world pandemic-covid-19.

April; This was the only month with no members meeting.

A WhatsApp group for members was formed making it easy to keep in touch.

May via Zoom. Our member Ann demonstrated her art of Repousse; Treasurer from Trash. An unusual craft.

June; Mandy demonstrated how to make a floral picture on canvas. Available on You-Tube

Members were busy making masks for the community.

We continued to plan events when conditions allowed us to.

A walking group was formed.

Flower arranging competitions.

A monthly Newsletter was started.

We continued to have zoom meetings for the rest of 2020. During this time, more competitions were held.

July; Our member Marion gave a hands-on zoom meeting to make a memory book.

August; A garden get together was held. By kind permission of Debbie and Paul.

September; in house quiz.

October; Zoom meeting, speaker; Graeme Mace; Cyber Crime Awareness.

November; Yvonne Toms talking about her time in the Royal Household at Buckingham Palace.

December; Chrissy, our member, demonstrated on Zoom, making a Festive Garland.

The committee made goody bags for members that were hand delivered with strict instructions, not to open until the December zoom meeting. Members enjoyed opening their bags. A Christmas party with a difference.

January 2021 speaker Liz Llewyn-Jones; My Catering Career in the Royal Navy.

Many things had to be cancelled and put on hold until we can meet as a live group again.

February 2021. Annual Meeting. Via Zoom.

A very unusual but successful year. Zoom meetings have been a wonderful experience.

Conclusion; the committee congratulated themselves for keeping members active and informed during this very difficult pandemic year.

2021 continued with more Zoom meetings for our members.

March. Via Zoom. Speaker Sarah Slater. Sarah is a guide at Hampton Court and gave a talk on the Ghosts that visit there to this day.

April. Via Zoom. Speaker; Trevor Smitheram. Trevor a lively Cornish born and bred gentleman told stories and poems in the Cornish Dialect. A very amusing and funny evening.

May. Via Zoom. This was our Resolutions evening. The NFWI Resolution for discussion was; Knowing the subtle signs of Ovarian Cancer. Followed by the opening of our Goody Bags and a game of Bonkers Bingo. Another hilarious evening. It is so good to laugh together.

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Report re Hobbies Group

We have been in existence since 8th Oct 2009 when the PHMC gave us a free slot to see if we got off the ground.

Since then we have met twice a month on a Tuesday from 1pm to 5pm except for our Dec meeting. More about that later.

We have people who quilt, knit, crochet, paint, draw, bead work used both in embroidery and jewellery, cross stitch, canvas work and embroidery. And we all make tea. I believe some people just come along at about 3.00 ish 'cause they know it's tea and biscuit time . !!!!! The charge is £5.00 for 4 weeks .

Back to the Dec. meeting. We have a full day when we book the Parish Hall from 09.00am – 5.00pm. At dinnertime (some call it lunchtime) we sit down to a roast meal with all the trimmings (usually turkey) cooked on the premises – the smell is delicious – followed by a choice of 2 puds, cheese and biscuits and tea/coffee. This is usually paid for out of the extra funds generated from our weekly subs but not quite sure how it will pan out this time.

Anyway please feel free to come and join us. At the moment we have approx.. 20 members so come along, bring a friend or two, with any craft that can be done in our Hall ,(obviously welding or any forge work etc is out) . Dates will be published in the St. Dominic diary. Look forward to meeting you.

PS. Our Christmas meal is already booked. December 14th

Report for Parish Council Meeting May 2021 from St Dominick PCC

The last two years have been interesting.

In 2019 we were fortunate to have 1 Service each Sunday in the Church, and were able to celebrate the usual Holy days, such as Christmas and Easter as well as events such as Harvest including the popular Harvest Supper with the auction raising funds for the Childrens Society. We also had 2 Craft Fairs and a summer fete. Whilst many parishioners gave generously, we did have to use some of our general reserves to cover our outgoings. Moreover our links with the school continued with the Children holding many Services and events in the Church.

Last year started well until Covid 19 arrived; however the advantage of being part of a Benefice of 7 Churches became apparent and the use of technology came to the fore. We soon had 'zoom services' every Sunday, and whilst we could not sing communally one of our congregation often sang the hymns and was accompanied by their partner on the keyboard. These Services united the Congregations and we got to know those from the other Churches; this has continued since we have been able to be back in our buildings, given those that are housebound or not willing to socialise an opportunity to worship each Sunday. The new extension to the Parish Graveyard was consecrated to provide more space for Graves and interment of ashes. The PCC also instigated a group of volunteers who were willing and unable to help those in the area who could not get out to do the shopping or get their medication etc; but this was not used much, which shows how good we are in St Dominick as it appeared that friends and neighbours all supported each other.

St Dominick PCC is fortunate to receive 2 grants during the pandemic, one from the Cultural Heritage Recovery Fund in the autumn; part of this was used to pay for some of the admin and maintenance costs for 6 months. The balance is being spent on updating the Childrens corner, renewing the PA system and installing an Audio Visual system. The other grant is from the Diocese to finish the improvements to the sound and AV system and to add a specific camera so that Services can be recorded and/or streamed. The result will be that we have joined the digital world and worship can be enhanced by showing relevant pictures and videos; furthermore Services such as Weddings and Funerals can be seen by those that are unable to attend the Church in person.

At present there is normally a Service on 1 Sunday a month and a midweek Communion on the fourth Tuesday of most months. Sadly a number of those that could lead Services have retired in the last year, but we are looking forward to welcoming new ones in the near future and expanding the number of Services held.

We are hoping to start a Baby/Toddler and carer group in the near future, and there is a need for one with many young children in the area which is exciting. It is anticipated that the school will be able to resume their regular visits to the Church.

In the near future, Covid permitting, there will be a Craft Fair on 1st-3rd July and a Choral concert by University students on the 9th July; further details will be *advertised in due course*.

Finally the PCC would like to thank the Parish Council for the grants for maintenance of the Churchyard, and all the Parishioners who have supported the Church either financially or helping out in many ways with their time.

St Dominick Festivities and Projects Group

As with most of the groups tonight, the Festivities Group has little to report upon. Covid put a stop to every plan we had including that of the free Christmas party which we hold every year to celebrate the Christmas Tree lights switch-on. We did, however, keep to the script slightly by producing a tree and lighting it, but the switch-on was done almost secretly one dark dark night, but the effect was good and we believe it cheered up the Parish despite being in such a deeply worrying time for us all. The tree was as wonderful as ever and this year it was sourced by Jeff Roberts from some sort of secret location. We thank him and Willis and Richard Gregg for making it all happen.

The Easter egg hunt up at Lovells also had to adapt. We did not hold the free coffee and cake party, but the egg hunt took place. Carolyn Wilkins, a founder member of the Group, came up with the ingenious idea of holding a treasure hunt in Lovells and thanks to the Community Shop, children who completed the treasure hunt successfully received a free Easter egg from the volunteers at the shop.

All in all it was an amazing success, so much so, that we have heard, albeit on the grapevine, that people preferred this type of hunt because it was not so frenetic, and families enjoyed time out together finding the clues quietly at their leisure. I am sure people missed the coffee and cake so perhaps next year we will go with the same sort of hunt but Covid allowing, we will be able to have a coffee and cake event too. We will see. We would be grateful for any feedback as to the preferred method for the Easter egg hunt.

We have not been able to hold a fund raising event for a year now, so I am sure there will be something in the offing in the Autumn.

This brings us to next year: The May Bank Holiday Weekend will be moved to Thursday 2 June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June will see a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - the first time any British monarch

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has reached this historic milestone. This is obviously hugely important for our nation and I feel sure that we the Festivities Group will try and put on some sort of celebration to mark this amazing achievement.

We have yet to formulate any ideas. We would be so grateful if anyone with an idea could contact any one of us in the next few months with ideas and from those ideas will grow an event.

My email is dianagreene@hotmail.com and my telephone number is 351631. Please contact me with any ideas, thoughts and also if you wish to join the Group.

To remind you, our remit is to organise events for free, to engender a community spirit within the parish

National Trust ;Cotehele

At last, the gardens have reopened, and a small part of the house.

Visitor numbers so far have reduced from 175000 to 55000, with a booking system now in place.

Staff were returning to work from Furlough, as a busy summer is anticipated.

Work had started on the Inter Tidal project, and plans to replace the weir, which washed away last winter, are progressing.

Ash die back is a huge problem, with a policy of prioritising removing trees that could have an impact on public safety. Others are being felled and used for timber, but some trunks and branches are being left in situ to provide wildlife habitat as it degrades.

Use is being made of the Green Recovery Fund, and also G7 funds, providing guided walks etc. A project to increase the amount of blossom in the gardens, and increase the range of fruit trees. Some hedges are being allowed to grow in order to improve biodiversity.

In answer to questions, it was stated that the new Estate Manager was planning to bring more of the empty houses back in to use, and that a tree nursery is being developed, in order to reduce the risk of bringing infected plants on to the estate.