



St Dominick
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Neighbourhood Development Plan

Speak up! Do you want Cornwall Council telling us how our parish will be developed, or would you prefer some say in what will happen? A Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) would help residents influence future development decisions. Our aim is to develop an NDP by the end of 2023. To achieve this, we need to understand how residents would prefer to see the parish develop in the areas of housing, amenities, transport, environment, business, employment, heritage etc. There will be a public meeting to kick-start everything early in 2022. And we will regularly ask your views along the way. A referendum will be held in the parish to approve the adoption of the final plan. Our first mission is to determine by the end of February whether there is sufficient support in the parish to drive this idea forward. There will be a lot of work involved and we will need help with some of that. It will be vital that everyone engages in this process in some way.

St Dominick Community Shop

The Shop has been enjoying some Autumn fun with our half-term Spooktacular week and bonfire night recipes. Congratulations to the talented winners of our pumpkin carving competition - Pat Bowley, Kealey Hughes & Dani McCracken. Our daffodil yellow tote bags are back in stock but with a little bit of a difference. We have now added our new strapline – a few words that say what the Shop is all about. Looking ahead over the next couple of months, we have a few things planned:

Evening of 27th November – the Festivities Group has kindly agreed for the Shop to celebrate its 1st Anniversary on the same evening as their plans. We will be taking the opportunity to formally open the Shop which has been much delayed from earlier in the year due to COVID restrictions. We will also be turning on our Christmas tree lights and saying a few words of thanks to all those that got the Shop up and running and to our dedicated team of Volunteers that work in the Shop, day in and day out. We will be kicking off at about 6.45pm. We hope you can join us for about half an hour. The Shop will be staying open later that evening.

Throughout December – in November, we launched our carefully selected Christmas product range, including a number of Cornish products, that will be available throughout December in the run up to Christmas. These include cards & gift wrap, Kernow chocolates, Cornish Cream liqueurs, sparkling wine, a range of stocking fillers and much more, there will be product info on Facebook and leaflets in the shop. You will be able to place your Christmas order with us for Trehill Farm and Cornish Farmhouse Bacon meats. We will also have a Santa post box in the Shop where the younger members of our community can post their Christmas letter to Santa by 10th December and receive a reply from Father Christmas himself!

8th December - the Recycling for Charity trailer will be in the car park between 9.45-10.00am. Please do support this important project.

Christmas & New Year opening hours – our Shop hours will be different on the following days:

- Christmas Day – closed
- Boxing Day – closed. For customers who order a newspaper, these will be available for collection. More information to follow.
- New Year's Day – 9.00-11.30

Opening hours on all other days over the Festive period will remain the same.

2022! – at the start of January until the middle of the month, we will be joining the great retail tradition of having a sale. We will be marking down some of our products and offering other goods at special promotion prices. Later in January, there will be some winter warmer promotions to help you fend off the chill. And finally, as we approach the milestone first year of trading, we want to thank you for your continued custom. We really appreciate your feedback so keep it coming.

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Observations at the Parish Council meeting - 2021

So, there we were in the very well-ventilated Parish Hall, 'we' being a flexible number. There were plenty of tables and chairs, the clerk - Jim, and five parish councillors. They were two short, now one more has resigned and two were unwell but fortunately Andrew Long arrived and took up a seat as did our usual member of public and two more who wanted to speak.

Firstly, Diana Greene on behalf of the Festivities committee gave an impassioned plea for the councillors to take the lead on the Queen's 70-year celebrations next year. She told them they were the leaders of their community, the ones everyone looks up to. I feel she must have written this before she left home but we all have to go to Royal.uk to look up picnic on the field etc., so please do this because otherwise it's a heavy burden for five men.

Councillor Long reported that there was no feedback yet from the meeting the councillors had with Cornwall council rep regarding the speed limits. The 20 mph only applied to reducing from 30mph so Tipwell is not included in this although he is looking into the problem there. He had had no members of the public at his monthly surgeries in the hall, two councillors had come in to chat. He is living in hope. Kevin Owen spoke regarding the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Councillors Potter and Fry had attended the joint discussion with St Mellion Parish council, which Kevin also attended. It is Kevin's intention to get a meeting together to see if anyone is interested or willing to help. The council allocated him £200 to hire premises, print a few leaflets etc. There is funding available if the plan gets off the ground.

Now, I have taken this directly from the draft minutes as it is above my head:

"The Clerk displayed a spreadsheet, previously circulated, on the projection screen, with actual figures to 30th September 2021, and estimates for the year ending 31st March 2022. Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 2022-2023 had been included, demonstrating the need for a 2% increase in the Precept. Cllrs discussed the figures, and adjusted the income and expenditure figures, reflecting the need for renewal of the play equipment in Lovells. After debate Cllr Wilkins proposed a rise of 2%, seconded by Cllr Fry. On being put to the vote 4 in favour, with 1 abstention. Cllr Wilkins stated that he would provide the Clerk with an updated copy of the spreadsheet, with the correct allocation of reserves, as agreed by the Cllrs present". I would say that they were trying to set a precept with only five councillors present instead of ten. There had been an underspend because of Covid really, so there was money left over – not millions so it was possible to have a standstill budget and take any required money from the reserves. This was thought to be a bit negative due to the inflation envisaged in the country as whole, so the 2% was proposed which would give an extra £400.00. Someone said that £400 was neither here nor there, what can you do with £400 but they thought the play area needed a tractor. And I think that was that, except it took about an hour and it would be nice to go back to Zoom meetings which are unpopular because they say the General Public can't attend if they haven't got internet access. There are only two anyway, others only come for their own item then leave.

The two councillors on playground duty were missing, one has resigned and one gave apologies, will be chased up. The last report said some posts aren't going to last till next summer.

The noticeboard grant application failed, probably most grants are likely to fail, so might have to buy it themselves. Oh dear. Parish Hall to be asked if they will go halves.

But – two bits of good news. The Water Board have waived the £5549.64 they had billed the council for and the meter is to be disconnected. Also, the defibrillator is to be returned to the wall of the pub on Friday 12th November with Councillors Fry and Heslop in attendance. At last!

All I can say is "What a lovely three hours that was"!

Advent Window Trail

Please read the back of the **Diary** for the map of this year's advent window trail, how to vote and other details. We will be collecting money for Cornwall Air Ambulance.

One more window will be illuminated every evening for 25 days from **1 December** and will be illuminated every night until **6 January**.

On the **24th December** the window at the *Who'd* will be illuminated and everyone is invited to attend from 4pm to enjoy some festive drinks and nibbles. St Dominick Primary School choir will sing carols and we will be joined by "someone special" at 4.30pm. Limited parking available.

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Thanks from the W.I.

St. Dominick W.I. would like to thank everyone who supported their fundraising events this year. It was so good to be able to meet people again and to be able to DO something. With the combined efforts from our Vintage Tea, held in the village hall, and our Treasure 'n' Trash sale at the Methodist Chapel we were able to donate a nice amount of money. £250 was donated to the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust and £250 was given to The Primrose Breast Cancer Centre at Derriford Hospital. The W.I. has received lovely letters of thanks from these organisations. The remaining £300 made is being retained for W.I. funds. We have been enjoying our recent meetings in the Parish Church, where there is lots of space for us to be able to socially distance. The big screens and new sound system in there have proven to be most useful too. We were recently awarded a certificate from The Cornwall Federation to celebrate St Dominick W.I. 75 years. Long may it continue...

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St Dominic Slimming Club

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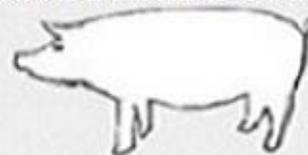
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