

## ST DOMINIC PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of St Dominic Parish Council held at St Dominick Parish Hall on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023, commencing 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors: D Fry, A Cox, G Brown, D Greene, K Heslop, S Shannon, D Potter, S Brady, J Wenmoth and G Wilkins.

In Attendance: Cornwall Councillor A Long and Parish Clerk J Candy

There were 5 members of the public present.

Item		Action By
1	<p><b>Apologies.</b> None</p>	
2	<p><b>Public Participation and Council Response</b> A member of the public spoke to object to PA23/00881. He stated that his comments were already on the Planning Portal, and reflected similar concerns to the previous applications. He was concerned about the lack of detail, including for drainage pipes and finished heights, for the larger dwellings. The proposal removed hedges, but no EIA was included. The visibility splay for Highway Access was poor, and no pedestrian access had been provided. The proposal encouraged car usage, with 2 car parking spaces, in an area with poor public transport. It would have a negative impact on the AONB. Another member of the public added to the concerns already stated. He was concerned about overlooking from Plot 13 into 9 The Meadows. A third member of the public was concerned about loss of habitat, in particular a rare fern that grows in the hedge, with an inadequate ecology report. She stated that there are alternative sites in the Parish which are not in the AONB.</p>	
3	<p><b>Report from Cornwall Councillor</b> Cornwall Cllr Long explained that the plans for a Mayor for Cornwall had been abandoned, as had some of the plans for extending car parking charges. The campaign to make the Tamar Crossings toll free was gaining momentum. He could arrange visits to the Tamar Bridge. There were funds available from Westminster for Levelling Up projects. The Ecological Emergency Summit was on 19<sup>th</sup> May. He explained that the 20mph zones were funded by Central Government as an initiative to save lives in urban areas. Finally, he stated that the bollard at Peppers Court had been removed and would not be replaced.</p>	
4	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> a) <b>Agenda Items.</b> None declared. b) <b>Gifts.</b> None declared.</p>	
5	<p><b>Consideration of written requests for dispensation.</b> None received.</p>	
6	<p><b>Approval of Minutes</b> a) <b>Ordinary Parish Council Meeting at 7.00pm on 1<sup>st</sup> March</b> The minutes were Proposed by Cllr Wenmoth, Seconded Cllr Cox, All in Favour.</p>	
7	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b> a) Cllr Long reported that Cormac Highways were monitoring mud and damage to the hedges on the narrow lanes at Gooseford tip. b) Cllr Potter stated that he had been unable to rectify the Cornwall Council Interactive map in relation to the grit bins. Cllr Wilkins offered to assist.</p>	<p><b>Cllr Wilkins &amp; Clerk</b></p>

**Planning****1. Planning Applications for Consideration****a) PA23/00881 Land adjacent Stone Cross**

C Cllr Long explained that a Hybrid Application contains some detailed and some outline matters. He stated that the previous permission had lapsed, but was a material consideration. He advised that, if the site required the provision of 35% affordable housing, 4 were to be on site and 0.9 provided as an off-site financial contribution. He stated that PREAPP advice is not binding.

**C Cllr Long then left the meeting.**

Cllr Potter commented that the Council might not want this site developed?

Cllr Wilkins stated this was not an infill site, nor should it be treated as "rounding off." It should not be treated as "Urban" so must be treated as a rural exception site.

**Cllr Wilkins proposed rejection of the application, seconded Cllr Brady**, with the following reasons for refusal;

- As the site is neither infill or rounding off, it is not appropriate for development.
- Lack of detail within the application, in particular no slab heights or relationship elevations with proposed development within and adjoining the site.
- No drainage plans.
- Insufficient affordable housing and no detail of tenure, ie shared equity or social housing.
- Removal of Cornish hedge, some containing important rare ferns.
- Impact on the AONB, especially of the 2 storey structures.
- Overlooking, especially from Plots 13 and 14.
- Impact on the street scene, with plans showing 2 storey buildings, on plots 1 and 14, adjacent to the busy scenic road from the centre of the village towards Cotehele.
- The mix of materials is bland, although vernacular, it fails to reflect the variety of materials in a small village, more in keeping with a large urban development.
- There is no safe pedestrian access to the centre of the village, including the Parish Hall, Community Shop and Primary School.
- The planned visibility splays are inadequate.
- The provision of linear parking on each plot will lead to parking on the road, to avoid frequent movements from the drives for the inside car to be used.
- The inclusion of self-build housing will allow the site to be developed over many years, with inevitable environmental impacts.
- Lack of detail of street lighting
- The loss of Grade 3-3A agricultural land.

On being put to the vote, **All in Favour of supporting the motion to reject the application.**

	<p><b>2. Planning Application received after the Agenda had been published</b> None</p> <p><b>3. Planning Decisions</b> None</p> <p><b>4. Planning Correspondence</b> None.</p>	
9	<p><b>Footpaths.</b></p> <p>a) Cllr Potter stated that he had been patrolling the Northern Loop of the Heritage Trail with Cllr Wilkins. He requested that another Cllr took over his duties. Cllr Brady volunteered</p> <p>b) Cllr Fry will supply photos of the stile closest to the Church on the footpath to Smeaton which is difficult to use.</p>	<p><b>Cllr Brady</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Fry</b></p>
10	<p><b>Highway Matters</b></p> <p>a) The bollard at Peppers Court had been removed.</p> <p>b) Cllr Fry will report the new potholes in the village.</p> <p>c) The grit bin inspections will be added to the Inspection list from September to March.</p>	<p><b>Cllr Fry</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
11	<p><b>Recreation Ground, Bus Shelter and Telephone Kiosk</b></p> <p>a) Cllrs Shannon and Heslop reported on the March safety inspections, stating that there were no new defects.</p> <p>b) Cllrs Brady and Brown will carry out the May inspections.</p> <p>c) The Torrige De Luxe bench will be collected by Cllr Fry when ready.</p> <p>d) Thanks were expressed for the new artwork created on the Bus Shelter by local Artists to celebrate the Coronation</p>	<p><b>Cllrs Brady &amp; Brown</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Fry</b></p>
12	<p><b>Neighbourhood Development Plan</b></p> <p>The Chair reported that Kevin Owen had agreed to continue charring the NDP group. The Clerk stated that C Cllr Long had agreed to speak on the topic at the Annual Parish Meeting.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
13	<p><b>Reports from Community Groups</b></p> <p><b>a) Parish Hall</b> The staged redecoration of the Hall had been carried out, and new Fire Doors fitted. A drain cover in the car park had failed, the sump rebuilt and a stronger cover installed. Hire charges had been increased. The Terms of Use of the Hall stated that all Mains Electrical Equipment used by hirers should be PAT tested. The Clerk stated the Council lap top and projector etc were not tested. It was agreed that a local electrician be invited to attend the Hall at 6.30pm before the next meeting to test any laptops etc that Clerk and Cllrs may use at the meeting.</p> <p><b>b) Community Shop</b> Trade had been as expected.</p> <p><b>c) Community Network Area</b> Cllr Fry stated that the main topic was the new structure for CNP/ CNAs. The other item of interest was the availability of levelling up funds.</p>	<p><b>Clerk &amp; Cllr Fry</b></p>
14	<p><b>Emergency Plan</b></p> <p>Cllr Brown asked for a budget of up to £100 to print leaflets. This was Proposed by Cllr Shannon, Seconded Cllr Brady, All in Favour</p>	<p><b>Cllr Brown</b></p>

15	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>a) Cllr Cox Proposed, Seconded Cllr Heslop, that collection of the Newsletter was added to the duties of those carrying out the monthly inspections. All in Favour.</p> <p>b) The Clerk explained that Western Web, who provide email facilities for the Council, had suggested a different system to the current one, with more functionality. He was asked to investigate details.</p>	Clerk
16	<p><b>Training</b></p> <p>a) The Defibrillator Training Session provided by Lynher Training on March 11<sup>th</sup> had been well subscribed, with residents expressing their appreciation of the course.</p> <p>b) The offer of free Defibrillator training from Cornwall Training and Consultancy was discussed. Cllr Fry proposed that the Council pay for the use of the Hall for these sessions, Seconded Cllr Wenmoth, All in Favour.</p>	Clerk
17	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>a) Cllr Potter Proposed that the payments for March invoices be made, Seconded Cllr Fry, 9 in Favour, 1 Abstention.</p> <p>b) The Bank Records, Cash Flow, and Bank Reconciliation were noted, Proposed Cllr Wilkins, Seconded Cllr Fry, All in Favour.</p> <p>c) Cllr Fry Proposed that we re-adopt the use of the Cornwall Councils Legal Services, Seconded Cllr Brady, All in Favour</p> <p>The Clerk explained that an informal appraisal had taken place, at which he stated that he would not be requesting a spinal point increase as he had not been able to give his council duties sufficient attention due to the mental ill health of a family member. Councillors stated they were content with his performance in general.</p>	Clerk  Clerk
18	<p><b>Coronation</b></p> <p>a) Cllr Greene confirmed details of the celebrations, with a Competition for best Crowns and Coronets of Recycled Materials, etc.</p> <p>b) The Clerk stated that 92 mugs were required for children at the school, with over 20 more registered for those under 11 but not at St Dominick School. A sample of the Silverline Coronation Mug had been circulated. The Clerk explained that there would be economies by buying 144. Cllr Greene proposed the purchase of 144 @£2.75 plus £30 Carriage, seconded Cllr Heslop, All in Favour.</p>	Clerk
19	<p><b>Urgent items not on agenda</b></p> <p>None</p>	
20	<p><b>Items for next agenda</b></p> <p>The Clerk was asked to send invites to the APM on 17<sup>th</sup> May.</p>	Clerk
21	<p><b>Date and time of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The Annual General Meeting will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 at 7.00pm in St Dominic Parish Hall The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023, immediately after the AGM.</p>	

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.41pm

Signed.....Chairman

Dated.....

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