

## ST DOMINIC PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of St Dominic Parish Council held at St Dominick Village Hall on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Present: Councillors: D Fry (Chair), S Brady, J Wenmoth, S Shannon, D Potter, G Brown and K Heslop.

In Attendance: J Candy (Parish Clerk), Cornwall Cllr Long and 15 members of the public present.

Item No		Action By
1	<b>Apologies.</b> There were apologies from Parish Councillors Greene, Wilkins and Cox. Mr K Borlase, Tower Captain, and A Bellas, Litterati, also gave apologies.	
2	<b>Minutes and Matters Arising</b> The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18 <sup>th</sup> 2022 which were agreed for accuracy at the Parish Council Meeting held on the 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 were <b>Proposed by Cllr Fry, seconded Cllr Shannon, All in Favour.</b> There were no matters arising.	
3	<b>Report from the former Chairman of the Parish Council in 2022-2023</b> Cllr D Fry made the following report; Good evening and thank you for attending our meeting this evening. Early June saw the play equipment removed from the small play area next to the school (slide and climbing frame) by Cllrs Dave Fry, Alan Cox, Drew Potter and our Clerk Jim Candy. Assisted in no small way by Brian Johns and his digger/concrete breaker. The direction sign was also removed from Hunters Oak and later in the year replaced by Cllr Drew Potter and his crew having been refurbished by Cllr Graham Wilkins. Installation of the new kissing gate was completed at the top of the steps near the Church on the footpath to Smeaton by Cllrs Wilkins, Fry and Cox. Medallions to commemorate the Queens Jubilee were presented at the School, to all children under the age of 11 by Cllr Fry, Cllr Cox presented the remaining medallions over the next week or so and on the Coronation Celebration day at Lovells, where the Hog roast and cream teas were funded by the P.C. There has been extensive work going on at Lovells park play area, including the replacement of the aforementioned slide which needed to be modified to remove head entrapments by Alistair Guys of Stoke Climsland carried out this work and re installed the slide in its new site up at the play area. The basket swing was also removed and was replaced by Guys. The new one having been constructed using locally sourced oak which was milled by the Guy family using their own sawmill. The assault course also had quite a lot of refurbishment work done with the replacing of much of the rotted wood which was carried out by Tamar Trades. Two defibrillator training sessions were arranged in the Parish Hall and paid for by the P.C. Coronation mugs were ordered by the P.C. to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. These were as before presented at	

the school to all children living in the village under the age of 11 by Cllrs Fry and Cox. Cllr Fry is still tracing the last of the eligible children living in the village and giving them their mugs. The celebrations for coronation were very successful with the P.C. again funding Hog roast and cream teas. Many thanks must go to the organisers of the two Royal events at Lovells which were both brilliant and well organised The registration of Stockwell lane as a public footpath is still in the system at Cornwall CC. The two building sites one at Sunningdale and the other at land West of the Meadows are both ticking along with the new plans for the Meadows site recently rejected by the P.C. and awaiting a decision from Cornwall C.C. The Sunningdale site is still proceeding with detailed planning to come for individual self-build sites. We have taken up the offer from Cornwall C.C to put in place a 20 mph zone throughout the village where there is a 30mph at the moment, this has been through a public consultation period and could well be implemented within the next year. Parish Councillors continue to do our WEEKLY safety checks at Lovells park play area as well as weekly checks of the de-fibs and bus shelter. This will be extended later in the year to keep an eye on the six grit bins dotted around the village. Talking of bus shelter I must thank our two talented artists Gill and Sam for all their hard work decorating the shelter for all major events and of course for Remembrance Day. I must also thank all the councillors on the P.C. and our clerk for all their support over the last year.

**Cllr Fry, Chair, gave an outline of future work**

We intend to carry on the refurbishments at the play park at Lovells field. Hopefully we will see Stockwell Lane becoming an official footpath. Also we hope to have the twenty mph speed zone established.

Both the Neighbourhood Development Plan and Emergency Plan need volunteers to come forward to progress.

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**Reports from Village Groups and Organizations**

	<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>	Tamar AONB
<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 Community Shop	
	<b>Received Reports can be viewed at the foot of these Minutes</b>		
<b>5</b>	<b>Public Open Forum</b> There were no comments from the public after the presentations.		

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Signed.....Chairman

Dated.....

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## **Annual Parish Meeting reports for 17.5.2023**

### **Cornwall Councillor**

Councillor Long gave a brief overview of the past year at Cornwall Council, welcoming the abandonment of the proposal for a Mayor for Cornwall, and problems caused by underfunding.

He then gave a brief overview of the Neighbourhood Development Plan process, and benefits if one were created for the Parish.

### **St Dominic Parish Hall**

The Hall had had a successful year, the new toilets had been installed, redecoration throughout with new fire doors, etc.

The Plant Sale had been very successful, raising over £1000 in 2 hours, the Hall had hosted part of the Jubilee and Coronation services, with many events planned for the future including the Callington Gospel Choir at Christmas.

Mrs C Saunders

### **Parochial Church Council**

The Church continued to hold regular services, as it had since 1259, with new format for some services being trialled, but congregations remained small.

It was a case of use it or lose it, or the building would close.

Mrs C Lee

### **Tamar AONB**

There is a national rebranding and restructuring of AONB ongoing, with strong emphasis on Farming and Protected Landscape Schemes, which had seen strong uptake in the AONB.

The emphasis at the moment is on species recovery, and improving engagement with stake holders such as farmers, local Councils and community groups.

Steve Dracup, Tamar AONB

### **National Trust**

The Trust had had a good Spring, helped by the emphasis on “blossoms”

The project to rebuild Morden Weir was being progressed, with slightly amended plans. The wetland recreation at Haye farm was progressing well.

There are plans for a River Paddle Clean on 11<sup>th</sup> June.

There were currently 3 properties on the estate which were being refurbished, one of which required extensive work. Investment was being made on the farms on the estate, with a Silviculture project at Haye Farm.

George Holmes, Lead Ranger

The need for more people to volunteer, and explanation of roles and duties, to help the Trust to fulfil its commitments was reported.

Jorja Le Gallienne, Volunteering and Community Officer

### **Tuesday Club**

The Club still meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm.

A full list of speakers and visits has been compiled.

Mrs E Hodge

### **St Dominick Autumn Show**

This year the annual show will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> September here in the Parish Hall as usual.

Last years event was well supported, particularly by the school children. There are over 30 Trophies and prizes to be won, all entries welcome.

To cut down on some costs we now have a Facebook page and an email address [stdomautumnshow@gmail.com](mailto:stdomautumnshow@gmail.com)

You are sure to see me around the village so feel free to catch me and ask questions if you haven't entered before.

Lorna Potter

### **The Snooker Club**

The Snooker Club enjoys its Centenary this year, with an Open Day planned for 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

The teams had had a lot of successes over the past year.

D Potter

### **St Dominick Community Shop**

The shop now has 58 volunteers, with 2 paid part time managers, and is open 7 days a week.

Its status is being converted to a Community Benefit Society.

With 5 chillers and air conditioning, a project to use solar power to save energy costs is being investigated.

Mrs S Morrish

### **St Dominick Litterati**

Mr A Bellas had sent apologies, he was thanked by the Chair for all his work keeping the Parish litter free.

## **ST. DOMINICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT 2022**

While it was again a quiet year for crime in St. Dominick, there were some minor incidents in March, when some rubbish bins, a rubbish bag and some scaffolding boards were taken from properties in the village. In April there were reports over two days of a white transit tipper with three occupants behaving suspiciously, although no crimes were reported. We have continued to receive messages from the Neighbourhood Alert Team about missing persons in Cornwall and requests for witnesses to road accidents, although none of these have been in the village or in close proximity. Nevertheless, we have passed these on to our local members if they concern people within about twenty miles of St. Dominick.

Thanks to a grant of £200 from Cornwall Council, we have now bought new Neighbourhood Watch street signs, which are a significant deterrent to crime. Thanks to Mr Fry, who suggested at this meeting last year, that I approach our Councillor Andrew Long for a Community Project Grant from Cornwall Council and to Councillor Long, who secured the grant for us.

We are anxious to recruit new co-ordinators to give a fuller coverage to the village. A co-ordinator's job is not at all onerous. All it requires is maintaining contact with your near neighbours and providing them with information about any crime concerns in the area. We will be launching a recruitment drive over the next two months. In addition to informing our own small groups of neighbours by direct contact and e-mail, we also run a Facebook Neighbourhood Watch page and post on the St. Dominick Chat page too.

All the suspicions reported to me and other co-ordinators are passed on to the Police. 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](mailto:101@dc.police.uk)

### **Methodist Church**

Services continue to take place, usually at 2.15pm. Any volunteers for cleaning or flower arranging would be welcome. Numbers attending are still low.

### **The WI**

The local WI is very strong with a growing membership in excess of 30 and hopeful numbers will continue to increase. At our most recent meeting in May following a constructive talk it was agreed to support this year's National WI Resolution for cleaner rivers.

Mrs S Brady

### **Hobbies Club**

Meetings continue, exploring all skills and crafts, with increasing demand for the Christmas Party.

Ms J Wenmoth

### **Festivities Group**

This group had organised the Easter Egg hunt and Coronation Celebration and Big Lunch. Its next big event will be the Christmas Tree, with carols and mince pies.

Mrs S Brady

### **St Dominick Primary School**

There had been a recent OFSTED inspection, which appears to have gone well.

Pupil numbers attending are increasing, and there is talk of a building extension for an extra classroom.

Mrs S Deacon

### **Emergency Plan**

This would only be used in cases of a widescale emergency, and would support the emergency services, who may need to prioritise other areas, using local facilities and expertise. A leaflet would be circulated with the newsletter in due course.

Mrs G Brown.

### **St Dominica Tower Bells**

Mr K Borlase had sent apologies, with the report below:

Ringling for services has been maintained whenever possible and with the help of other ringers from the Benefice we have rung for weddings, funerals and other occasions.

Our special 2022 events began in February with celebratory ringing for the Platinum anniversary of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. This was also Owen's 500<sup>th</sup> quarter peal. Later, in June, two call change peals marked the national jubilee event and the St. Dominick village celebrations.

Only a few months later in September we were ringing to mark the passing of the late Queen and then the Proclamation of King Charles III. Nine days later the bells were rung fully muffled with the Tenor open at backstroke on the day of the State Funeral and a single bell was tolled 96 times.

In all 5 Quarter Peals and 8 Call Change Peals were rung during 2022, the last one being for a wedding in the Church on New Years Eve.

I am pleased to report that our new learners are making steady progress and all seem keen to continue. Sessions have taken place in intensive blocks involving myself, Owen, and Sue McClaughry, with the learners now coming along to the regular Wednesday night practice evenings with the rest of the band.

The last Taylors inspection found no problems with the installation.