

St Dominic Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of St Dominic Parish Council held on 1st November 2023 at St Dominick Parish Hall commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Fry, Chair, A Cox, Vice Chair, D Greene, G Brown, D Potter, G Wilkins and K Heslop.

In Attendance: Cornwall Cllr Long, J Candy, Clerk, and 3 Members of the Public.

Item		Action by
1	Apologies Councillors S Brady and S Shannon had sent apologies.	
2	Public Participation and Council Response a) Representatives of Voneus Broadband suppliers explained that they will be working in the area to provide fibre to all the premises in the area within 4-6 months, and to apologise in advance for any disruption. They advised that residents should not sign up to fixed term contracts with other suppliers to keep their options open. b) A member of the public asked if there had been an update on PA23/00881 The Meadows. C Cllr Long stated that he will update the Council in his report.	
3	Report from Cornwall Councillor C Cllr Long stated that he was not minded to support the application at this time as he had concerns re highway access and policy issues. Cornwall Council was under budget pressures due to funding cuts from central government, only essential services will be maintained. The Tuesday Club had received some Community Chest money. The existing busses are under used, and therefore at risk. He explained the value of a Neighbourhood Plan.	
4	Declarations of Interest and Dispensations a) Interest in Agenda Items Cllr Wilkins declared an interest in 12c, as a director of the Community Shop. He will speak for information. All Cllrs present are Shareholders in the Community Shop, but, as they would not obtain any pecuniary advantage from any decision, the interest was not prejudicial. b) Gifts to declare None c) Written Dispensations requested None	
5	Approval of Minutes The minutes of the meeting of 4 th October 2023 were Proposed Cllr Wilkins, Seconded Cllr Heslop, 6 in Favour, 1 Abstentions , with the following corrections: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8b) Should read Dung Quay• 15a) The Parish Hall AGM is 29th November.• 15a) The rent for the Community Shop is being reviewed.	
6	Matters arising from Minutes None	
7	Planning a) Planning Applications Considered PA23/08263 Radland Barn; After debate, Cllr Wilkins Proposed Approval, Cllr Brown Seconded, All in Favour	

	<p>b) Planning Applications received after the publication of the Agenda PA23/07930 1 The Meadows: After a short debate, Cllr Fry Proposed Approval, Seconded Cllr Brown, All in Favour</p> <p>c) Planning Decisions None</p> <p>d) Planning Correspondence None</p>	
8	<p>Footpaths</p> <p>a) The Clerk displayed a letter, previously circulated, re Stockwell Lane, from a resident, who was concerned about overhanging vegetation blocking the path. The Clerk displayed a draft letter in response, that explained why the Council had asked for Stockwell Lane to be added to the Definitive Map. The draft letter was agreed. The Clerk then displayed a draft letter to all landowners adjoining Stockwell Lane, which was agreed by the Council. Cllr Fry Proposed, Seconded Cllr Brown, that the letters be sent, All In Favour.</p> <p>b) The Clerk had received a request to trim vegetation on styles prior to a walk by Caradon Ramblers. This had been done, but Cllr Wilkins offered to inspect the gate latch reported by the group.</p>	<p>Clerk Cllr Wilkins</p>
9	<p>Highway Matters</p> <p>a) The grit bin on Rous Road had been ordered, there will be a charge. All the bins will be refilled soon.</p>	
10	<p>Safety Inspections</p> <p>a) Inspections from previous month The checklists were noted.</p> <p>b) Appoint inspectors for following month Cllrs Wilkins and Potter volunteered for December.</p>	<p>Cllr Potter & Wilkins</p>
11	<p>Play Equipment, Recreation Ground,</p> <p>a) The Clerk had obtained advice from Cornwall FA re goal posts, and discussed options with St Dominic Football Club. Cllrs Fry and Cox will liaise with the Secretary of the Football Club and Clerk to make recommendations to the next meeting.</p> <p>b) The report from A Guy Associates was noted.</p> <p>c) It was decided not to site another bin in Lovells, as there is already one near the school. Litter pickers will be kept at the Community Shop if Cllrs want to pick litter when they carry out inspections.</p> <p>d) Maintenance of the hedge between Lovells and the Parish Hall to be deferred to the next meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr Fry & Cox & Clerk</p> <p>All Cllrs</p> <p>Clerk</p>
12	<p>Bus Shelter and other Assets</p> <p>a) The Clerk will arrange for instruction signage in the Ex GPO box for the defib when new signage for Lovells is commissioned.</p> <p>b) The Who'd defib bulb had been replaced, the Clerk had a spare.</p> <p>c) Cllr Wilkins spoke for information, stating that the solar installation was designed to minimise impact on neighbouring properties. Cllr Greene Proposed, Seconded Cllr Heslop, that permission is granted to St Dominic Community Shop, to install Solar Panels on the roof at an angle less than 20 degrees, subject to any planning permission being granted. 5 in Favour, 1 abstained, Cllr Wilkins did not vote.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
13	<p>Neighbourhood Development Plan</p> <p>No progress. An online Cornwall Council meeting on Thursday 23rd November would be useful for Cllrs to attend.</p>	<p>All Cllrs</p>
14	<p>Emergency Plan</p> <p>Work is ongoing.</p>	<p>Cllr Brown</p>

15	<p>Reports</p> <p>a) Parish Hall The AGM will be held on 29th November. The Gospel Choir will perform on 3rd December. The Pasty and Pud event on Saturday 21st October was a success.</p> <p>b) Community Shop Part time shop manager interviews are taking place. There is a new committee.</p> <p>c) Community Network Area There had been no meetings.</p> <p>d) Advent Bags The Chair will provide the contents for the Advent Bags.</p>	
16	<p>Projects</p> <p>a) A solution to parking problems to provide more parking near the Parish Hall, Lovells and St Dominick School should be sought. Clerk to contact C Cllr Long and Highways to look at options.</p> <p>b) A timeline for replacement of the play equipment at Lovells should be established, to help with budgeting.</p> <p>c) A timeline for replacement of benches should be established, to help with budgeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
17	<p>HR Committee The Clerk explained that the Council should have an HR committee to follow the correct process for investigating complaints, appointing Clerks and setting pay scales etc. Cllr Wilkins Proposed, Cllr Fry Seconded, that an HR Committee be set up, consisting of Cllrs Fry, Cox, Brown and Wilkins, 5 In Favour, 2 Against.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
18	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) To agree Payments for the preceding month Cllr Fry Proposed, Seconded Cllr Heslop, that the Payments for October are made, All In Favour</p> <p>b) To note Bank Records, Reconciliation and Cashflow Proposed acceptance Cllr Heslop Seconded Cllr Cox, All in Favour</p> <p>c) Precept The Clerk was awaiting the Council Tax Base from Cornwall Council. The draft will be recirculated, with an informal Zoom meeting held to discuss options before the next meeting, when the Precept will be set.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
18	<p>Urgent items not on the Agenda The WI asked permission to plant a tree in Lovells, Cllr Greene Proposed to grant permission, Cllr Fry seconded, All in Favour.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
19	<p>Items for next Agenda Funding for the Christmas Tree</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
20	<p>Details of next meeting The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be on 6th December in St Dominick Parish Hall at 7.00pm</p>	

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.24pm

Signed.....Chairman Dated.....

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