

# St Dominic Parish Council

## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of St Dominic Parish Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at St Dominick Parish Hall commencing at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllrs Fry, Chair, A Cox, Vice Chair, D Greene, G Brown, D Potter, J Wenmoth, S Brady, G Wilkins and K Heslop.

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

Item		Action by
1	<b>Apologies</b> Cornwall Councillor A Long and Cllr S Shannon had sent apologies.	
2	<b>Public Participation and Council Response</b> None	
3	<b>Report from Cornwall Councillor</b> C Cllr Long had circulated his Newsletter in which he stated; I have been advised today that the Planning Application PA23/00881 for the hybrid development at Stones Cross in St Dominic has been invalidated due to the incorrect advertising of the ownership issue regarding the lane adjacent, and also an issue on the certificate itself. The officer has advised that this application will be reviewed and re-presented in the New Year and once validated will be reconsulted with the parish, neighbours and consultees	
4	<b>Declarations of Interest and Dispensations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Interest in Agenda Items</b> Cllrs Greene and Brady declared an interest in 18c) as members of the Festivities Group. They will speak for information.</li> <li>b) <b>Gifts to declare</b> None</li> <li>c) <b>Written Dispensations requested</b> None</li> </ul>	
5	<b>Approval of Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting of 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2023 were <b>Proposed Cllr Cox, Seconded Cllr Heslop, 7 in Favour, 2 Abstentions.</b>	
6	<b>Matters arising from Minutes</b> None	
7	<b>Planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Planning Applications Considered</b> <b>PA23/08686; Agricultural barns at N Bohetherick; After debate, Cllr Wilkins Proposed Approval, Cllr Brady Seconded, All in Favour</b></li> <li>b) <b>Planning Applications received after the publication of the Agenda</b> <b>PA23/09707 The Mill, Cotehele; Listed Building consent for internal works for fire doors, etc. After a short debate, Cllr Wilkins Proposed Approval, Seconded Cllr Brady, All in Favour</b></li> <li>c) <b>Planning Decisions</b> None</li> <li>d) <b>Planning Correspondence</b> It was noted that the application for <b>PA23/00881</b> The Meadows was withdrawn</li> </ul>	
8	<b>Footpaths</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The Clerk was asked to report the defective surface of the path between Dilletts and Foxhill, opposite the church car park, as 2 residents had tripped.</li> <li>b) Cllr Wilkins offered to inspect the gate latch reported by the group of Ramblers.</li> </ul>	<b>Clerk</b> <b>Cllr</b> <b>Wilkins</b>

9	<p><b>Highway Matters</b></p> <p>a) The issue of provision of more parking near Lovells, St Dominick School and Parish Hall was discussed. The Clerk stated that the National Trust were unwilling to release land for parking. The Clerk was asked to contact the Glebe re the land at School Cross.</p>	Clerk
10	<p><b>Safety Inspections</b></p> <p>a) Inspections from previous month The checklists were noted.</p> <p>b) Appoint inspectors for following month</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Cllrs Brady and Wenmoth volunteered for January</li> <li>2) Cllrs Fry and Cox volunteered for February</li> </ol>	Cllr Brady & Wenmoth Cllrs Fry & Cox
11	<p><b>Play Equipment, Recreation Ground,</b></p> <p>a) Cllrs Fry and Cox will liaise with the Secretary of the Football Club and Clerk on purchase of Football Posts. <b>Cllr Wilkins Proposed, Seconded Cllr Brady</b> a budget up to £1200 be allocated for purchase, <b>All in Favour</b></p> <p>b) Cllr Greene stated that she was requesting a debate on reducing the hedge between Lovells and the Parish Hall in order to create a Village Green affect, linking the Hall and Lovells. A decision was deferred.</p> <p>c) The Clerk explained that the National Trust were intending to sow wildflower seeds in bare patches of rough grass at Lovells.</p> <p>d) It was noted that there were rats in the storage area at the School. Pest control and tidying up had been arranged by the MAT.</p>	Cllr Fry & Cox & Clerk
12	<p><b>Bus Shelter and other Assets</b></p> <p>a) The Clerk will arrange for instruction signage in the Ex GPO box for the defib when new signage, including banning kites, for Lovells is commissioned.</p>	Clerk
13	<p><b>Neighbourhood Development Plan</b></p> <p>Kevin Owen requested Housing Need numbers.</p>	Clerk
14	<p><b>Emergency Plan</b></p> <p>A draft was in circulation, all comments to be sent to Cllr Brown.</p>	Cllr Brown
15	<p><b>Reports</b></p> <p><b>a) Parish Hall</b> The AGM was held on 29<sup>th</sup> November, the same officers were re-elected. The Gospel Choir performance was popular The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hall opening is on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024.</p> <p><b>b) Community Shop</b> A part time (15hrs/wk) salaried shop manager is being sought.</p> <p><b>c) Community Network Area</b> There had been no meetings.</p>	
16	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>a) Cllr Brown offered to liaise with the Tamar AONB re invasive species survey.</p> <p>b) A letter re the hedges at Stockwell Lane had been circulated. The Clerk was asked to write to thank the resident for offering to cut most of the hedges, and ask the National Trust and owners of The Meadows site to cut theirs.</p>	Cllr Brown Clerk
17	<p><b>Training</b></p> <p>A list of training opportunities for 2024 had been circulated</p>	
18	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>a) <b>To agree Payments for the preceding month</b> <b>Cllr Fry Proposed, Seconded Cllr Brown</b>, that the Payments for November are made, <b>All In Favour</b></p> <p>b) <b>To note Bank Records, Reconciliation and Cashflow</b></p>	

	<p><b>Proposed acceptance Cllr Wilkins Seconded Cllr Potter, All in Favour</b></p> <p><b>c) Christmas Tree</b>  The Clerk apologised that he had put 2025 on the agenda, instead of 2024. He stated that the current years tree had been funded.  Cllr Brady and Greene spoke for information. They stated that a decent size tree was expensive, and the lights were gradually needing replacement. The funding for the tree and lights should be secured, and not rely on donors. The raising of funds for presents would continue by the group.  Cllr Brady and Greene left the room. After debate it was <b>Proposed by Cllr Heslop, Seconded Cllr Fry, that the Festivities group be invited to submit a grant request in September every year for the purpose of funding the tree and lights. All in Favour.</b>  Cllr Brady and Greene returned.</p> <p><b>d) Precept</b>  The Clerk stated that the informal Zoom meeting had taken place.  <b>Cllr Wilkins Proposed</b> that the precept for 2024-25 be set at £24500, an increase of 4.70% which was in line with inflation. Cllr Cox stated this would equate to an extra £3.52 per annum for a Band D property. <b>Cllr Potter seconded, All in Favour</b></p> <p><b>e) Cllr Heslop Proposed, Seconded Cllr Wenmoth, that payment of December invoices be made in January, in consultation with the bank signatories, All In Favour</b></p> <p>f) Cllr Fry stated he intended supporting the publication of a book on the history of Victory Hall from his Chairs Discretionary Fund</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Fry</b></p>
<b>18</b>	<b>Urgent items not on the Agenda</b> None	
<b>19</b>	<b>Items for next Agenda</b> None	
<b>20</b>	<b>Details of next meeting</b> The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be on 7 <sup>th</sup> February in St Dominick Parish Hall at 7.00pm	

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.29pm

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

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