ST DAY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 12th January, 2015, at 7.00pm in the Mills Street Community Room, St Day.

**Present:** Cllrs R Dyer, S Hatcher, D Jones, G Nankivell, J Newcombe and S Penny.

Cllr M Kaczmarek (CC) (items 1 – 5)

Clerk S Edwards

1. **Apologies.**

None

**2. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interests relating to items on the agenda and the details thereof**

None

**3.     Public Participation Session**

No public present

4. Police report

The Clerk reported the following crimes for November which he had obtained from the D&C website:

Anti social behaviour (8), theft (1) and vehicle crime (1).

5. Cornwall Councillor’s report

Cllr Kaczmarek gave the following report:

* Free school transport. He advised the meeting that he is dealing with a case of a pupil at Redruth School who lives at Higher Trevethan, 2.8 miles from Redruth School, and is being told by CC that he is able to walk to school as he lives less than 3 miles away. Cllr Kaczmarek is contesting this decision as the route to school involves using bridleways and narrow lanes during the dark in winter. He feels it is possible that some pupils in St Day might also be treated in the same way.

6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th December, 2014

RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

7. Matters arising

a. Town regeneration

Town Clock. The Clerk reported the following:

Building valuation fee. This was already reduced from £1,000 so Scott & Co were unable to reduce it further. The invoice has been paid.

Additional costs. Following site meetings with the surveyor and contractor there are numerous changes to be considered to the costings. The Clerk explained that all of the windows need to be repaired costing an extra £6,500.00 and that 24 stones need to be replaced at an additional cost of £960.00. New steelwork is also needed for the cupola and this will cost around £250.00 above the £500.00 allowance.

**RESOLVED** to agree to these extra costings and that the funds should be taken from the project contingency fund.

The Clerk also advised that steel bracing may be needed to strengthen the cupola but he was still waiting for figures on this.

SITA funding – the original letter had not been received as no one was working in the SITA office in the run up to Christmas. The cheque had therefore been cancelled and another issued. The Clerk has now received confirmation that it has been received. He also met Richard Thomas, SITA Director, on site with Shaun Rothwell on 31 Dec., and he was happy for the SITA funded part of the work to start on 05 Jan.

Insurance – Public Liability insurance has been arranged with Zurich Municipal.

Arts Council funding. The Day-light Group has secured £9m in funding for the Town Clock project.

Litter Pick. The next litter pick will take place on Saturday 14th February at 10 am, meeting in the Community Centre.

1. Footpaths

Footpath 8. The Clerk reported that Mark Lawry has completed the work with materials provided free of charge by Douce & Sons. He had had to clear a large amount of mud from under the bridge and also in the trench formed after the last repair work. He was of the opinion that the only way to keep the footpath open in bad weather would be to dig out the mud in the trench annually.

RESOLVED to ask Viv Bidgood (Cormac) to inspect and advise.

Footpath 11. Cllr Hatcher said that the ground around the third stile in on this path is very wet and muddy.

RESOLVED to check with Viv Bidgood to see whose responsibility this is.

1. Public transport & bus shelters

Cllr Nankivell said that no problems had been reported with the bus service.

Proposed bus shelter, Scorrier. The Clerk said that he and Cllr Kaczmarek had met Adam O’Neill (Cormac) on site and he had confirmed that one of the shelters near to the Scorrier filling station could be moved to the new site by the Fox and Hounds. Although both shelters appear to be in good condition however, he could not guarantee that, once taken down, they would be in a suitable condition to be reerected. If that were the case the Parish Council would have to find funds for a replacement. The Clerk explained that, if this were the case, then approximately another £3,000.00 would be needed for the project.

RESOLVED to ask CC if they will replace the shelter if it is found not to be suitable once taken down.

1. Play areas

Wheal Jewell. Nothing to report.

Tolgullow playing field. The Clerk reported that Viv Bidgood thinks that the Rugby Club is responsible for the floodlights but he has been unable to make contact with anyone. He will therefore arrange for an electrician to make the cables safe by 17 January.

Vogue Playing field. Nothing to report.

1. Surgery facilities & housing

The Clerk reported that the development on Telegraph Hill is now too expensive for Devon and Cornwall Housing and Kier is trying to find another housing association. He has contacted the agent about this and she has, once again, promised to find out the current position and get back to him as soon as possible.

f. Empty properties

No problems were reported.

1. **Burial ground and churchyard**

The Clerk said that he has written an article for the February newsletter asking if anyone knows of or owns a piece of ground suitable for a new burial ground.

1. **St Day Old Church**

The Clerk read out an email from the Archdeacon of Cornwall which said that a meeting had taken place recently and that, as there is no danger from the external walls, a decision had been taken to remove the temporary fencing once the wooden door and frame have been repaired and the public can therefore be prevented from accessing the building. He also gave an assurance that everyone concerned wishes to ensure that the building can eventually be reopened for public use.

A letter was also read out from the St Day Old Church Appeal Committee which stated that the Diocese of Truro wishes to dispose of the building and will, if a charitable trust cannot be formed to take it over, place it for sale on the open market. The Appeal Committee is intent on doing what it can to try to save the building and asked the Parish Council to write a letter of support outlining the ways in which local people have used and appreciated the Old Church.

**RESOLVED** to agree to this request.

8. Correspondence received

a. from CC re Car Parking consultation

Further proposals were not received by the deadline of 6th January so P Cllrs were unable to comment.

b. from Charlotte Chadwick re defibrillators

RESOLVED to find out more details on the cost of a defibrillator and to ask the owners of the General Store if they would be willing to keep it in their shop.

c. from Peter Hockin, CC, re Council Tax Referendum principles, 2015/16

The Clerk reported that the threshold increase for a referendum is 2% but it does not apply to Parish and Town Councils.

d. from Peninsula Health – Peninsula News

For circulation.

e from Cornwall for Change re meeting

RESOLVED not to attend the next meeting.

9. Planning

The Clerk reported no decisions from CC.

No applications considered prior to the meeting and noapplications for consideration:

Other planning matters:

The Cottage, Bunts Lane. Erection of large chalet type building in the back garden. CC agreed to report by end of Dec but ha snow said that, due to pressure of work, there will be a 3 week delay.

New build next to the White House, Vicarage Hill. CC will report in February ‘15

Brickworks Hill. CC Enforcement has said that the new gateway is permitted development and they can take no action.

**10.** **Accounts.**

The Clerk reported 3 accounts paid prior to the meeting:

Scott & Co preparation of insurance valuation (see 7a above) 600.00 (1054)

SITA UK 3rd party contribution towards grant (see 7a above) 1600.00 (1058)

RHR Hist Restoration invoice to 31 Dec for Town Clock works 14196.80 (1059)

and 4 accounts for payment:

Brian Chapman street cleaning, Dec/Jan 240.00 (1060)

Zurich Municipal public liability insurance, Town Clock building 53.00 (1061)

S Braddon carol singing refreshments 23.31 (1062)

L Trotter War Memorial research70.00 (1063)

**RESOLVED** to pay the above accounts.

11. Traffic and roads

Parking. An article is to appear in February newsletter.

Tolcarne Rd. The Clerk has reported to Cormac the failing of some of the recent repairs but wet weather has prevented any further work.

Bunts Lane. The pothole at the top of the lane has been repaired.

12. Meeting reports

MVRG. Cllrs Penny and Newcombe said that Sarah Mason (CALC) had attended the recent meeting and had explained some of the Code of Conduct problems experienced by some councils in Cornwall.

The Historic Churchyards and Trails websites hits are increasing and advertisers are still being sought for the site.

Vanessa Luckwell has been made redundant from her post as Regeneration Officer.

The Community Network Managers have had their posts downgraded.

13. Burial ground – review of burial conditions

The Clerk reported on the problems of allowing people living outside the parish of St Day to be buried in the burial ground. Currently only people with strong ties with St Day are given permission.

RESOLVED not to change the conditions but to report back to a full Council meeting when a decision of this nature has been made with the reasons why.

RESOLVED also that the Chair shall consult as many P Cllrs as possible before making a decision.

14. Date of the next meeting

Monday 09th February, 2015 at 7pm in the Community Room, Mills Street.

The meeting closed at 09.02pm.