ST DAY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 09th February, 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 4 – 9b

Clerk S Edwards

Two members of the public

1. **Apologies.**

**RESOLVED** to accept the apology of Cllr J Moores.

**2. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests relating to items on the agenda and the details thereof**

None

**3.     Public Participation Session**

A question was raised concerning the additional costs which have been incurred on the Town Clock project, mainly due to all of the windows having to be replaced and additional strengthening works having to be carried out to the base of the cupola. All of this work had had to be carried out to resolve problems which could not have been seen at the original survey. The Clerk explained that a contingency had been built into the costings and it now appeared that this would be exceeded by around £3k. If necessary the Parish Council has reserves which can be used for this.

4. Police report

Ron Mole said that he had attended a recent meeting with the police and local councils on behalf of the Parish Council. Inspector Mark Eccles had presented a very gloomy picture of the level of service which he felt the police will be able to provide in the future . This has been brought about by the lack of clerical support for officers with the result that they now have to spend too much time on paperwork. Redruth Town Council is urging CC to provide more funding to the police and it was agreed to take this matter to the next MVRG meeting.

He also asked if an effort could be made to increase the number of people in St Day who are members of the Neighbourhood Watch Group and it was agreed to place an article in the May newsletter to this effect. He agreed to submit an article for inclusion and also agreed to attend the next police liaison meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Clerk reported the following crimes for December 2014 which he had obtained from the D&C website:

Anti social behaviour (2), violence & sex related related offence (1), vehicle crime (1) and burglary (1).

5. Cornwall Councillor’s report

Cllr Kaczmarek gave the following report:

* Road Accidents. There were two accidents on Thursday 05th February, almost simultaneously. The first was at Tolgullow and the second, where the driver sadly died, at United Downs. He had been concerned that the road conditions could have been to blame but had found out that this was not the case with either incident.
* School Hill. He has reported to Cormac that the wooden barrier at the bottom of the hill has been damaged.
* St Day Inn. He is pleased to see that this has now reopened after the fire in 2014 and will attend the official reopening on 14th February.
* Fly tipping. This continues to be a problem following the introduction of charges for some items at the HWRC at United Downs and the subject of charging will be reviewed by CC in March.

6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th January, 2015

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 that a considerable amount of work has had to be carried out to strengthen the upper floor which forms the base for the cupola, including the provision of new steels which could cost around £3k. The contractor is still confident that the essential work will be completed by the end of February, before the scaffolding comes down, but some of the work which doesn’t need scaffolding may be put off until the internal repointing is done in 2016.

**RESOLVED** that P Cllrs will try to attend the next meeting with the surveyors on Monday 16th February at 2.30 pm to discuss the additional strengthening work..

**RESOLVED** to arrange to inspect the original clock movement with a view to bringing it back to be kept in the Town Clock building if possible.

**RESOLVED** to ask the contractor to put an ‘eye’ on the north face of the building so that Christmas decorations can be hung there without damaging the repair work.

The Clerk also reported that the SITA funding has now been completed and he is just awaiting delivery of the funding agreement. He has also received a cheque for £347.00 from MVRG, as agreed, to cover the legal expenses incurred in the transfer of ownership of the building.

The Clerk said that he has met Lesley Trotter and Clare Summerson of the Day-light Group and the following community events have been agreed:

* During Feast Week Lesley Trotter will give a talk on the history of the Town Clock following the conclusion of her research work which has been funded by this project
* On 23rd and 24th October the Day-light Group will present a digital art display at the Town Clock.

Community Litter Pick. The next event has been scheduled for Saturday 14th February, meeting at 10am at the Community Centre.

1. Footpaths

Footpath 8. CC has offered to do some mud clearance work here and to uncover the drain and the Clerk has told Mark Lawry to hold off any further work until they have done this.

Footpath 11. CC says there are lots of natural springs in the area so not much can be done. They have agreed to scrape back as much mud as they can.

Local Maintenance Partnership Agreement. The Clerk reported that CC has again offered the sum of £471.00 towards the cost of maintaining the parish footpath network in 2015/16. This figure has remained the same for 6 years even though contractor costs have risen in that time.

RESOLVED to agree.

1. Public transport & bus shelters

Bus shelter at Scorrier. CC will not buy a new shelter if the existing one is too far gone to move and to buy and install a new shelter at Scorrier will cost £6,950 To move and resite a shelter from next stop (if possible) will cost £4,150. In each case a grant of £3k would be given by CC.

RESOLVED not to take this matter further as the costs for both options exceed the Parish Council’s current resources.

1. Play areas

Wheal Jewell. Nothing to report

Tolgullow playing field. St Day Rugby Club has agreed to make the dangerous cables safe and Cllr Newcombe said that this has been done.

Vogue Playing field. Nothing to report.

1. Surgery facilities & housing

The agent has now informed the Clerk that terms have been agreed with the landowners and she has been instructed to arrange a design meeting with the surgery. She will keep the Parish Council informed.

1. Empty properties

Manor House, West End. Cllr Nankivell said that glass has come out of some of the windows and he feels the building is therefore unsafe.

RESOLVED to contact CC Building Control

The Manor Workshop, Telegraph St. The Clerk said that, following reports from Cllrs Moores and Penny, he had contacted CC Building Control to inform them that glass was falling out of the windows of the Manor Workshop in Telegraph St. Building Control visited the site and then contacted the owner who came out and boarded up the windows.

1. Burial ground and churchyard

The Clerk said that no replies have been received following the newsletter appeal for land on which to site a new burial ground.

**RESOLVED** to ask CC if the land at the end of Chyrose Road would be available for this purpose.

Cllr Nankivell reported that some of the paths in the closed section of the churchyard are very slippery.

**RESOLVED** to ask CC to deal with this.

1. St Day Old Church

Cllr Newcombe said that he had attended a meeting with members of the Old Church Appeal Committee and representatives from the Church to discuss the future funding of the building. A plan to provide a covered area inside the Old Church and raise money by holding civil weddings had been vetoed by the Church and it has become clear that the Church authorities want to dispose of the building. The Appeal Committee is hoping that a buildings group will take it on but the future is very uncertain.

1. Defibrillators

The Clerk reported that the cost of a defibrillator and capsule is likely to be around £1.5k but that some funding may be available from the Lions Club and Cllr Kaczmarek said that he may be able to fund some of the cost from his Community Chest allowance.

**RESOLVED** to make further enquiries.

8. Correspondence received

a. from CC - Draft Energy Supplementary Planning Document Consultation

Proposals were circulated for discussion at the next PC meeting.

b. from Jessica Tooze and Wendy Williams re parking in St Day

The Clerk read out emails from the above, both of which contained suggestions on how to improve the parking situation in St Day.

The following suggestions were made:

* Introduce residents only parking areas
* Use the land at the end of Chyrose road as a car park

Both ideas were discussed but the first idea was not felt to be workable as the problem exists mainly in the evenings when residents return from work. As such it is the number of cars owned by residents which causes the problem, not parking by visitors. Restricting parking in the centre of St Day during the daytime would also have an adverse effect on local businesses.

Similarly the second idea was thought to be unworkable as it was thought unlikely that people in Fore St, Church St and Scorrier St, where the main problems exist, would be prepared to park on this site. At the moment the site at Wheal Jewell which is much closer is not fully used in the evenings. It was also though that the water run off towards Trenant and Pink Moors from a large tamaced area on this site would have serious consequences.

c. from M Dobson, SITA UK re works at former United Downs landfill site

The Clerk reported that administrative problems have held up the recommencement of the landscaping work.

d. from CC re Police and Crime Plan 2015/16

RESOLVED not to make any comments.

e. from Inspector Mark Eccles re next Police and Cllrs meeting

RESOLVED that Ron Mole will attend the next meeting on Mon 09 March 10.30 – 12.30 in Carn Brea PC Offices on behalf of the Parish Council.

f. from Community Energy Plus re Community Energy Switch

The Clerk gave details of how to register for this new scheme which aims to bring about cheaper energy costs by forming a consortium with bargaining power. Registration has to be made by 01 March.

g. from CC re Disabled Parking consultation

RESOLVED not to comment.

h. from Matt Bond, Communications Specialist CC re devolution meeting

The Clerk said that he would be meeting Mr Bond on Thursday 19th February.

RESOLVED to suggest that devolution is only practical when funding comes with it.

1. from Western Power re underground cabling, Fore St

The Clerk said that it is planned to put all of the electricity cables in Fore St underground and that this should be carried out by the end of April 2015. It would mean that there will be no parking in Fore St for a period of 3 weeks while the work is being done. He hopes to have more details by the next meeting.

j. from Kirsty Gay, Vogue Terrace re provision of grit bin

During the recent frosty weather a bus slid into a parked car on Vogue Hill and the Parish Council was being asked to provide a salt/grit bin for residents to use in these conditions. The Clerk reported that a small bin with salt would cost around £140.00 and each refill would cost a further £115.00

RESOLVED not to agree to this request as there are many similar places in the parish and this could lead to further requests which the Parish Council does not have the funds to meet. It was also felt that such weather conditions are a rare occurrence.

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 back garden. CC Enforcement has visited and has asked for a planning application to be submitted. None has yet been received.

Higher Tolcarne Farm. CC Enforcement has reported that Mr Ashleigh (junior) now owns the building and was unaware that there are planning conditions which have to be complied with. He has been given extra time to sort this.

New build next to the White House, Vicarage Hill. CC Enforcement has visited and has asked for a new planning application to be submitted.

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

The Clerk reported one account paid prior to the meeting:

RHR Historical Restoration Invoice to 18 Jan for Town Clock works 11,523.12 (1065)

and one account for payment:

Brian Chapman street cleaning, Jan/Feb 195.00 (1066)

**RESOLVED** to pay the above account

11. Traffic and roads

Potholes. Cllr Newcombe reported that there is a small but deep pothole on Telegraph Hill and Cllr Dyer asked about the work to repair the damaged surface of Tolcarne Rd near the bottom of School Hill.

**RESOLVED** to inform CC of the pothole on Telegraph Hill and to make sure that the repairs on Tolcarne Road are scheduled for when the weather improves

12. Meeting reports

None.

13. Parish Plan

RESOLVED that Cllrs Dyer and Hatcher will go through the plan and highlight those objectives which have been achieved and those which have not but are still achievable.

14. Date of the next meeting

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

The meeting closed at 09.12 pm.