ST DAY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 14th March, 2016, at 7.00pm in the Mills Street Community Room, St Day.

**Present:** Cllrs R Dyer (from item 5), D Jones, J Moores, G Nankivell, J Newcombe, S Penny and C Williams.

 Cllr M Kaczmarek (CC) items 1-7

 Clerk S Edwards

 13 members of the public

1. **Apologies.**

**RESOLVED** to accept the apology of PC Mark Pearce.

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

None

 **3.     Public Participation Session**

A member of the public reported that a scrapyard appears to have started up at Little Beside, just outside the parish. Cllr Kaczmarek said that he has reported this to CC Planning and has also made Gwennap PC aware of it.

 Hollie Parsons, a planning agent with Laurence Associates, spoke about a possible residential development at Pink Moors and asked for feedback from the Parish Council and the public present. There was general opposition to the proposal from all present with problems of infrastructure being mentioned and lack of suitability of the land as it is flooded for several months each year. The current housing need figures were quoted and doubt was expressed whether there is a need for additional housing when the current development at Telegraph Hill is taken into consideration. Cllr Kaczmarek said that he would not support an application as St Day has had several housing developments in recent years and also considers this site to be unsuitable.

 4. Police report

 The Clerk reported the following crimes in January 2016 using information taken from the Police website:

 Tolcarne Rd., criminal damage & arson - under investigation.

 Church Hil,l other crime - under investigation - & violent & sexual offence - unable to prosecute.

 Carew Rd., robbery - under investigation.

 West End, violent & sexual offence - under investigation.

 Trenant, ASB - not provided.

 Trewelm Lane, violent & sexual offence - no suspect identified

 5. Cornwall Councillor’s report

 Cllr Kaczmarek gave the following report:

* Telegraph St mineworkings. He was notified of the problem on 09 March and informed CC. Initially the road was closed off but pedestrian access was allowed. Once it was discovered that the adjacent house wall was in danger of collapse all access had had to be closed off and he fully supported this move. He feels it will be some months before this is resolved but CC is trying to work with the house owner to find a solution. The hole is probably a stope which will be very difficult to deal with but he will try to get the repair process speeded up and has also asked CC if there can be access to funds to help with the costs. He said that the end wall of the house hasn't been propped up as there is no firm ground to use for support. It was also possible that a nearby water leak had caused some of the problem. He has asked Traffic Enforcement to pay special attention to the junctions around Telegraph St until this problem is resolved.
* NHS/pharmacy appeal hearing. He, along with members of the Parish Council and the general public, was allowed into the hearing and permitted to speak. The appeal decision is expected shortly.
* Quiz night at the Cornish Arms, Frogpool. The recent quiz night which he ran had raised £140.00 for the Cornish Air Ambulance

 6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 08th February, 2016

 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 the War Memorial roof has now been repaired and that the Cumbria Clock Company has refitted the hands and movement and that the clock is now working. There are a few adjustments still needed and these will take place shortly. A decision had been taken to have two areas of the ground floor battened off to form level surfaces for tiles to be placed on them. The rest of the ground floor is to be repointed and the staircase repaired.

**RESOLVED** that only people who live or work in St Day should be asked to sign and place a tile on the wall.

**RESOLVED** also to make enquiries about purchasing a plaque for the wall to give details of those involved in the repair work.

Community Litter Pick. **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Newcombe and Penny will arrange a date for the next litter pick and inform the next meeting.

Town Trail. The Clerk said that he has been unable to find a company which will repair the sign at the churchyard and that the company which made them will only provide very costly new ones.

**RESOLVED** to investigate the possibility of a cheaper alternative design for the board.

**b. Footpaths**

 Footpath 8. Cllr Penny said that the area under the bridge is very muddy and that it has been suggested to him that a raised concrete path could be put down on one side. It was felt that there is no long term solution and that this path will always be difficult to use at certain times of the year.

 Footpath 10. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will remind Ben Dickinson, Cormac, that the promised work on this path has not yet happened.

 Local Maintenance Partnership. The Clerk reported that the grant figure for 2016/17 has been increased by 10% to £518.00.

 **RESOLVED** to sign the agreement forms.

c. Public transport & bus shelters

Cllr Nankivell said there had been no problems recently with the bus service.

1. Play areas

Wheal Jewell. 106 funds - plans and costings for improving the drainage of the grassed area have not yet been received from CC. Iron Orchid Landscapes has sprayed the trees.

Tolgullow playing field. The dangerous branches have been reported to Ben Dickinson and Cllr Moores said that someone has now made a den out of the sticks left there and is living in them.

RESOLVED to report this to Ben Dickinson.

Vogue Playing field. Nothing to report.

Buckingham Terrace Garden. As the first meeting had to be cancelled, a second meeting has been arranged for 15 March at 6.30pm.

1. Surgery facilities & housing

 The Clerk said that it now appears that there will not be a new surgery in St Day as, even if the appeal against the pharmacy is successful, the partners of the Carn to Coast group are worried that another application could be made and this would leave them with a mortgage on a new building which they could not afford. The only option may be to get someone else to build it and for the surgery to rent it from them.

f. Empty properties

None reported.

g. Burial ground and churchyard

The Clerk said that there has been no news from CC on the request to use the land at the bottom of Chapel St as a new burial ground.

RESOLVED to make further enquiries.

h. Defibrillators

 The Clerk is waiting for the representative from the Lions Club to get back to him with advice.

i. St Day Old Church

The Clerk attended two meetings recently and there is considerable support from within and outside St Day for establishing a group to take on ownership of this building. It has been agreed to try to form a Community Interest Company as the diocese of Truro has indicated that it will be prepared to pass over ownership to such a group. A group of directors has been appointed and they now have to find a charitable trust which will be prepared to act as an asset leak to take on the group's assets if it should fail. A request was made to the Mills Trust but, as this would mean taking on the ownership of the old church, the Mills Trust had, with considerable regret, been unable to agree to this. Other groups were also being consulted.

 8. Correspondence received

a. from CC re Cornwall AONB Management Plan 2016 - 2021 Public Consultation Draft

 RESOLVED to write to say that such lengthy technical documents are beyond the scope of most Parish Councils unless they have someone with expert knowledge. It would be more practical to provide a simplified version for each Parish Council.

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c. from St Day & Carharrack Community School - invitation to the Grand Library Opening

 RESOLVED that Cllrs Jones, Newcombe, Penny and Williams will attend.

d. from The Tower Mint Ltd re commemorative medals

 RESOLVED not to purchase

e. from Cllr Mike Chappell, Redruth TC, re closure of the Cardrew Health Centre

 RESOLVED not to support the call for a public enquiry

f. from Lesley Trotter re parking area flooding at Buckingham Terrace

 RESOLVED not to take any action as this only happens in periods of very heavy rain and does drain away

g. from Zoe Abbotts re traffic speeds through Tolgullow

 The Clerk read out an email from Ms Abbotts in which she complained about the speed of traffic through the 30mph area at Tolgullow and also about the lack of communication from CC/Cormac. He also read out his reply which pointed out that speed checks have shown that the average speed in this area is not excessive but that the PC is aware that the situation needs to be monitored.

 RESOLVED to ask CC/Cormac to reply to Ms Abbott.

h. from Peter Allum re horse manure on roads

The Clerk read out an email from Mr Allum in which he complained about horse manure left on roads. CC Environmental Health had replied to him to say that this is within the law.

RESOLVED to note

i. from CC re Environment Service

 RESOLVED to suggest that Market Square should be added to the St Day list

j. from Wendy Williams re junction Telegraph St/Fore St

The Clerk read out an email from Ms Williams in which she expressed concerns about traffic at the junction of Telegraph St/Fore St now that there is no exit at the bottom of Telegraph St towards Telegraph Hill. She said that vehicles now need to turn left from Telegraph St into Fore St and that this is a difficult turn made more difficult by cars parked on double yellow lines outside the PO. The Clerk has already spoken to PCSO Ferris who has agreed to speak to drivers who park outside the PO.

 RESOLVED also to ask Ben Dickinson if the 'Road Closed' sign at the top of Telegraph St can be removed to allow cars more room to swing round into Fore St.

 9. Planning

The Clerk reported 3 applications considered prior to the meeting:

PA15/11885 Carling Lambourne Farm, Tolcarne construction of an infill dwelling

PA16/01093 Kitchen J 6 Adams Row, land adj to erection of a terrace of 4 dwellings

PA16/01569 Davies B Trefula Vean, Pink Moors replacement of single storey rear extension, conservatory & garage

All of the above applications were supported by the planning committee.

and two decisions from CC:

PA15/10346 Isaacs S Hunrosa, Tresaddern Hill, land adj to erection of 2 flats approved

PA15/11778 Mason V Little Menheer Farm, Higher Ninnis conversion of rural buildings to dwelling approved

and no applications for consideration:

 Other planning matters:

Field at Tolcarne. A report is expected by mid March.

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

The Clerk reported one account paid prior to the meeting:

 RHR Historical Restoration works to Town Clock & War Memorial 6411.36 (001159)

and4 accounts for payment:

 Brian Chapman street cleaning, Feb/Mar 240.00 (001160)

 S Edwards salary, Jan - Mar, 2016 1080.00

 additional payment, Town Clock project 400.00

 office allowances 75.00

 postage, telephone & sundries 54.39

 1609.39 (001161)

 PO (HMRC) tax on Clerk's salary & additional payment 370.00 (001162)

 Iron Orchid Landscapes works to town clock garden & Wheal Jewell 312.00 (001163)

 **RESOLVED** to pay the above accounts

11. Traffic and roads

The Clerk gave the following report:

 Pink Moors, flooding near the Lodge. The previous owner says the land is now sold and has no details of who it was sold to. CC will now put up a notice on the land to allow Cormac to do the works to improve the flow and will also look at the downstream culvert. They are waiting for costings.

 Street lights. All problems have been reported and dealt with.

 No waiting cones. 150 have been ordered and delivery will follow in March

 Setts and cobbles. Ben Dickinson, Cormac, has been asked to arrange for the setts in Market Sq and the cobbles outside the Community Centre to be repaired. He has replied that the cobbles outside the Community Centre do not belong to CC and is trying to ascertain ownership.

 Vogue. He has reported to Ben Dickinson that some bollards by the stream opposite the Star Inn are missing but these have now been replaced by a member of the public.

 Potholes. Several have been reported in Telegraph St, the B3298, Pink Moors and Tolcarne Rd.

12. Meeting reports

 None

13. Anonymous donation

 A sum of £10,000 has been donated to the Parish Council by a former resident of St Day who wishes to remain anonymous. The donor has agreed that the funds should be spent on capital projects but is happy to let P Cllrs decide which projects.

RESOLVED to invest the funds in the United Trust Bank while P Cllrs consider how best to use them.

14. To set a date for the April Finance Committee meeting

 Monday 11th April at 4pm at Kinsmans Barns, Mt Pleasant.

15. Date of the next meeting

 11 April in the Mills St Community Room to follow on from the Annual Parish Meeting which will start at 7pm

 The meeting closed at 09.48 pm.