ST DAY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 13th July, 2015, at 7.00pm in the Mills Street Community Room, St Day.

**Present:** Cllrs R Dyer, D Jones, J Moores, G Nankivell (from item 3), J Newcombe and S Penny.

Cllr M Kaczmarek (CC)

Clerk S Edwards

Three members of the public

1. **Apologies.**

There were no apologies

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

None

**3.     Public Participation Session**

The matter of the permission to open a dispensing pharmacy in St Day was raised and one member of the public said that he felt the decision had been made prior to the oral hearing on 11 June and he also felt that an appeal would be rejected. He said that he hoped the Parish Council would encourage residents to boycott the shop. The Chairman said that quite a lot of space has been given up to the subject in the August newsletter and that the due process of law will have to be followed before the Parish Council can act further.

The matter of the recent repainting of the double yellow lines in St Day was also raised and it was pointed out that they haven’t been finished in Chapel St., Vogue Hill and Telegraph St. Cllr Kaczmarek explained that the priority was to repaint those areas which affect the running of the buses and that the rest will follow in due course along with the traffic enforcement.

4. Police report

The Clerk reported the following ten crimes for May 2015 which he had obtained from the D&C website:

Anti social behaviour (5), criminal damage & arson (2), violence & sexual offence (1), vehicle crime (1) and public order(1).

5. Cornwall Councillor’s report

Cllr Kaczmarek gave the following report:

* Pharmacy. There were very few supporters at the oral hearing and he had therefore been very surprised at the panel’s decision and he feels that there is now a need for the Homecroft Surgery and the Day Lewis Group to sit down together and try to find a solution to this problem.
* St Day Feast. He thought the event had been a great success with increased numbers of people attending. This had been due in some part to the increasing popularity of St Day & Carharrack Community School and therefore the attendance of more parents.
* Double yellow lines. These are now mostly complete. There have been some complaints from residents but these have been dealt with.
* Anti social behaviour. There have been recent problems in the Cal Hill area with night time tyre burning. This has resulted in some of the tarmac on the road being burned off. He has informed Ben Dickinson of Cormac about this.
* The Case for Cornwall. Cornwall Council will vote on this on 14 July and the government is threatening to remove the Planning Committee if more houses aren’t built in Cornwall.
* Fly tipping. 4 tons of concrete blocks and asbestos has been removed from a private lane at Crofthandy. The removal cost £4,000 and the landowner has had to pay.

6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 08th June, 2015

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

7. Register of members’ interests

These were updated and signed by Cllr S Penny.

8. Matters arising

a. Town regeneration

Town Clock. The Clerk reported that further funding has been received from the Heritage Lottery Fund (£16,000), Cornwall Council (£5,000) and SITA Environmental Trust (£3,800). This now only leaves a further £4,000 from HLF and £5,000 from CC to come along with approximately £5,000 from Cory Environmental Trust for repairs to the clock movement. He said that the project is now back in funds and, unless there are serious problems, will have enough funding to complete the job. He also said that plans for the community event on 23 and 24 October are continuing.

Community Litter Pick. The next event has been scheduled for Saturday 08 August, meeting at 10am at the Community Centre.

Notice board. Cllr Penny and the Clerk agreed to see if new clear panels can be put in as it is difficult to read the notices at the moment.

1. Footpaths

Footpath 8. Cllr Newcombe said that CC has carried out some work here and has created a trench under the bridge for water to drain away. He felt that they had not dug in the right place to find the drain.

RESOLVED to monitor the situation through the next winter.

1. Public transport & bus shelters

Cllr Nankivell said that the road closure by SWWA at the junction of Fore St/Church St/Scorrier St is currently causing problems with the bus service. The work should start tomorrow and the buses will go down Telegraph St., along the B3298 and back up Vicarage Hill and out along Church St.

1. Play areas

Wheal Jewell. Mic Talbot (Tree Warden) has restaked some of the trees and also reported that some of the larger trees had been damaged. This had been reported to Gill Halsey at St Day & Carharrack Community School and she had agreed to speak to the children about it.

Cllr Dyer suggested that the Wheal Jewell area could be brightened up with the addition of better facilities.

RESOLVED to review this matter when the budget for 2016/17 is agreed.

Tolgullow playing field. A large section from the top of a tree near the changing rooms came down last week and the Clerk reported that Cormac attended as soon as they were notified and are now dealing with the problem. Cllr Penny said that it had broken off at a ‘V’ section in the trunk and that the surveyor had said that it is difficult to assess the danger in these cases. He had, however, felt it to be a low risk.

Vogue Playing field. The Clerk reported a quotation of £1,058.50 from P R Laffin to repair the teenage village.

RESOLVED to ask Tony Craze to quote for the job.

1. Surgery facilities & housing

Following the NHS panel’s decision to allow the pharmacy to go ahead in St Day, Cllr Newcombe said that the local surgeries intend to appeal and that they are optimistic that they can reverse the decision. The Homecroft Surgery has not heard from the Day Lewis Group but they are trying to contact them.

RESOLVED to make enquiries to try to find out the position from the designer, Kier and Coastline Housing.

1. Empty properties

Cllr Kaczmarek said that he has put forward a motion to CC asking for the empty properties which it owns to be investigated.

1. Burial ground and churchyard

Burial ground. It appears that CC may have lost the deeds to the land at the bottom of Chapel St but they are continuing to search.

Churchyard. The Clerk read out the letter which had written to the Gwennap Branch of the Royal British Legion about the care of the war graves. Father Simon Bone had then received a complaint from them but, after speaking to the Clerk, he is happy that the Parish Council’s position is fair and will speak to the RBL officers.

The Clerk also reported that Mark Lawry has agreed to repair the housing to the water tap and provide a wire basket for water bottles.

1. Defibrillators

The Clerk reported that the fund has now risen to £1,650 with the addition of £200 from St Day Line Dancers, £300 from the WJ Mills Grant Fund and £200 from the Enterprise Centre Indoor Bowls Club. He had spoken to the Lions’ Club and Keith Wellington has agreed to attend the September PC meeting to advise P Cllrs on their choice of machine.

**RESOLVED** to apply to St Austell Brewery and SITA Environmental Trust for further funding in the hope that a second machine can be bought.

1. Parking

Cllr Newcombe said that he has spoken to Coastline Housing but they said that they have looked into the problem of parking in St Day and are unable to offer any solutions. They would not be happy to use the land at Carew Road as a car park.

1. Casual Vacancy

RESOLVED to discuss this matter in camera at the end of the meeting.

1. Highway inspection & maintenance

Cllr Moores said that the drain at the end of Chyrose Road has not been attended to and Cllr Penny said that the manhole at the entrance to Wheal Gorland Road is also flooded.

RESOLVED to refer both of these matters to Cormac.

1. Weedspraying

The Clerk said that he has received one tender from Voguebeloth Landscapes and is waiting for another from Iron Orchid Landscapes.

RESOLVED to postpone a decision until the September meeting.

m. Garden areas

The Clerk said that he recently met Mic Talbot to discuss the Town Clock and Buckingham Terrace gardens. They had agreed that the Town Clock garden should be cleaned, tidied up and pruned with planting taking place, if possible, next spring. The front bed of Buckingham Terrace needs to be prepared for replanting in spring 2016 and he will submit a plan for this.

9. Correspondence received

a. from Mrs S Opie re seat in burial ground

A request has been received from Mrs Opie to purchase and erect a bench in the burial ground in memory of her husband

RESOLVED to agree to a bench of the Broxap Eastgate type being sited at the end of the pathway.

b. from CC re Local Validation List

RESOLVED not to comment

c. from Roger Clarke re fund raising for Children’s Hospice South West

A request had been received for ten volunteers to marshall a section of the Devoran to Portreath route at Scorrier on Sunday 17 April, 2016, to help with a fund raising walk.

RESOLVED to advertise in the November newsletter.

d. from CC re road closure, Fore St

RESOLVED to note

e. from Cruse Bereavement Care re AGM

RESOLVED not to attend

f. from CC re planning applications

CC has decided that it will no longer send out paper copies of planning applications to Parish Councils wef 01 September and has suggested that Parish Councils should equip themselves with digital projectors to view them online at meetings. Many Town and Parish Councils had already objected to this move.

RESOLVED to notify CC of the Parish Council’s support for the objections.

g. from Grant Thornton UK re audit 2014/15

The Clerk reported that the accounts for the above year have been signed off by the auditor and that no comments have been brought forward for the Parish Council’s consideration. The auditor has pointed out that the Town Clock and War Memorial Building, as it was passed on by CC at no cost, should have a nominal value of £1 in the Parish Council’s list of assets.

RESOLVED to note.

10. Planning

The Clerk reported six decisions from CC:

PA15/03707 Mason V Little Menheer Farm Conversion of 2 rural buildings to form dwelling refused

PA15/03835 Lucey D Land to rear of Tel St 9 dwellings & Accesses & infrastructure approved

PA15/04141 Porter R Kesseni, West End Reducing crowns of ash and beech trees TPO not to be made

PA14/11521 Wilson K The Cottage, Bunts Lane Retention of log cabin approved

PA15/03094 Gilbert A Trefula Nursing Home Extension & internal alterations (amended) approved

PA15/03095 Gilbert A Trefula Nursing Home LBC for above approved

and four applications considered prior to the meeting:

PA15/03094 Gilbert A Trefula Nursing Home Extension & internal alterations (amended) supported

PA15/03095 Gilbert A Trefula Nursing Home LBC for above supported

PA15/04479 Talbot M Fern Cottage, Fore St Demolition of lean to & replacement with timber & block supported

PA15/04816 Galletly GTolgullow House LBC to convert from 3 flats to dwelling supported

and one application for consideration:

PA15/05267 Kes Commercials Scorrier New workshop/office

**RESOLVED** to support the above application

Other planning matters:

Brickworks Hill, E Stone. Hayley Jewells (Planning Enforcement) visited the site on 19 June and has reported that there is no real evidence of earth being tipped over the fence towards the skatepark but she has suggested the provision of better fencing and will be passing this on to CC Estates to supervise. She checked the new building which has appeared and was told that this is for agricultural use only. She has requested that a planning application is submitted. She also said that the owner claims that he can open a car spares shop on the site formerly used for the storage of historic vehicles as this was included in the area which was the subject of the recent unsuccessful appeal. She has advised that she will need some time to check on this.

**11.** **Accounts.**

The Clerk reported five accounts for payment:

Brian Chapman street cleaning, Jun/July 2015 255.00 (001094)

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Iron Orchid Landscapes pruning & weed spraying, Wheal Jewell 90.00 (001096)

Voguebeloth Landscape Services burial ground grass cutting 434.98

churchyard open section grass cutting 600.99

churchyard closed grass cutting 323.57

skatepark grass cutting 121.16

Telegraph Hill verge grass cutting 17.81

1,798.21 (001097)

J Newcombe plants for mine wagon & Church St bed 45.00 (001098)

**RESOLVED** to pay the above accounts

12. Traffic and roads

Tolgullow, Post box. The stolen door has been replaced and the new door will hopefully receive a coat of paint shortly.

Tresaddern Hill, footway. Cllr Newcombe said that the hedge and verge are both overgrown.

Scorrier Crossroads. Cllr Nankivell reported that the bush on the right, looking towards Whitehall, needs trimming to help visibility.

B3298 at Tolgullow. Cllr Newcombe said that the footway from Wye Cottage towards the Lodge is overgrown.

**RESOLVED** to inform Ben Dickinson, Cormac, of the above problems.

13. Meeting reports

Police Liaison Meeting. Cllr Newcombe said that there were no problems to report.

Mining Villages Regeneration Group. Cllr Penny said that the new scheme for viewing planning applications and the ‘Lengthsman’ scheme had been discussed and the Group had decided to write letters of objection to CC on both. A report on the enquiry on the Cornwall Local Plan had also been given.

14. Annual review of burial ground charges.

The Clerk advised that the fees had not been increased since 2012

RESOLVED to increase the fees by 5%, rounded up to the nearest pound, with effect from 01 August 2015.

15. St Day in Bloom

Cllr Dyer said that she and Cllr Jones had recently judged the entries and had made the following decision:

1st prize F Whitham Lynmouth, Telegraph St 30.00 (001099)

2nd prize W Williams 1 Buckingham Terrace 20.00 (001100)

3rd prize T Bushell 2 West End 10.00 (101101)

RESOLVED to pay the above prizes

16. Date of the next meeting

Monday 14th September, 2015 at 7pm in the Community Room, Mills Street.

8 j. Following a discussion and secret vote Craig Williams was chosen to fill the casual vacancy and invited to join the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 09.30 pm.