ST DAY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 14th September, 2015, at 7.00pm in the Mills Street Community Room, St Day.

**Present:** Cllrs R Dyer (from item 9), D Jones, J Moores, G Nankivell, J Newcombe, S Penny and C Williams.

 Clerk S Edwards

 Two members of the public (to item 3)

 PC Mark Pearce and PCSO Paul Ferris (to item 4)

 Keith Wellington, Truro Lions Club (item 8h only)

1. **Apologies.**

**RESOLVED** to accept the apology of Cllr M Kaczmarek.

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

None

 **3.    Public Participation Session**

Two members of the public spoke about a potential housing development in a field off Vicarage Hill. Comments were made by members of the Parish Council and these were welcomed.

 4. Police report

 PC Mark Pearce said that he and PCSO Paul Ferris will be attending Parish Council meetings in March and September each year and that they are happy to attend on other occasions if there is a need. He reported on long term matters which they had been dealing with and said that the general crime level in St Day is very low but that, if this changes and particular trends are noticed, they will inform the Clerk immediately.

 5. Cornwall Councillor’s report

 Cllr Kaczmarek had presented his apologies.

 6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th July, 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 and Acceptance of Office

 The Acceptance of Office was completed by Cllr Williams and the Register of Interests was taken away for completion.

 8. Matters arising

 a. Town regeneration

Town Clock. The Clerk reported that he and Joe Davidson (Surveyor) had carried out an inspection on 11 Sept and had found that the walls were drying out well. He therefore intended to contact the contractor to try to get him back on site at the beginning of November to start the final internal pointing and renewal of the flooring. He would also get a price for renewing the flat roof on the War Memorial. The Clerk said that he had contacted funders and the Cumbria Clock Co to advise them of the latest developments.

Community Litter Pick. **RESOLVED** that the next event will be on Saturday 07 November.

1. Footpaths

 Nothing to report.

1. Public transport & bus shelters

Cllr Nankivell said that the bus service had been chaotic today but it was presumed that this is due to the roadworks taking place at Threemilestone.

1. Play areas

Wheal Jewell. The Clerk said that Mic Talbot had strimmed around some of the trees and bushes and he agreed to consult him to see if some of them need thinning out.

Tolgullow playing field. Cllr Williams agreed to deal with the small branches which had been left following the work to one of the trees recently.

Vogue Playing field. The Clerk said that he had received tenders from PR Laffin (£1,058.50) and Tony Craze (£3,081.00) for the repair work to the Teenage Village.

RESOLVED that, as the work was not deemed to be urgent, it should be left and reviewed next year.

1. Surgery facilities & housing

 The Clerk informed the meeting that the various surgeries are intending to submit an appeal to the NHS decision to allow the pharmacy in St Day but that he had no idea when the appeal will be heard. He had also been told that Kier and Sanctuary Housing intend to submit a planning application for affordable housing and a surgery on the Telegraph Hill site.

1. Empty properties

**RESOLVED** to refer Polgrey, West End, to CC Empty Homes as the property is now vacant.

1. Burial ground and churchyard

Burial ground. The Clerk reported that he had met Steve Stewart (Commonwealth War Graves Commission), Simon Burge and Mr Burge senior and Fr Simon Bone and that Steve Stewart had explained very carefully to Simon Burge that he should not be doing the work to the war graves and that he must stop. Mr Burge had agreed to this.

1. Defibrillators

Keith Wellington gave a demonstration on the use of a defibrillator and answered P Cllrs’ questions on the machine. He also presented the Parish Council with a cheque for £500.00, made up of donations of £250.00 each from both Camborne/Redruth and Truro Lions Clubs. The Clerk said that the fund now stands at £1,900 and also said that St Day AFC has bought a defibrillator with a grant from the British Heart Foundation and has asked if the Parish Council will provide the external cabinet to keep it in at the Enterprise Centre.

**RESOLVED** to purchase one machine and cabinet with sign to be sited outside the St Day Inn and one cabinet and sign for the Enterprise Centre. Cllr Jones agreed to check with the St Day Inn landlords that they are happy with the scheme.

1. Highway inspection & maintenance

Overflowing manhole, Telegraph St/Wheal Gorland. Cllr Penny confirmed that this problem had been attended to.

Drain, Chyrose Rd. Cllr Moores said that the job has been partially done and agreed to send the Clerk a photograph showing where more work is needed.

1. Weedspraying

Tenders for 2016/7 were received from Voguebeloth Landscape Services (£366.08) and Iron Orchid Landscapes (£560.00)

**RESOLVED** to accept the tender from Voguebeloth Landscape Services

 9. Correspondence received

a. from Peninsula Community Health – newsletter for distribution

 RESOLVED to circulate

b. from MVRG – request for financial support for website

 RESOLVED to contribute £100.00, as requested

c. from First Group re change of contact details

 The Clerk informed the meeting that the new contact at First Group is Sarah Peberday – 07914 801834 or sarah.peberday@firstgroup.com – she is based in Norwich and covers the South West, Wales, the South East and the Midlands

d. from Scott & Co, request for sponsorship

 A letter was read out requesting support for a fund raising cycle ride around Cornwall in aid of the Cornwall Historic Churches Trust

 RESOLVED to contribute £20.00

e. from CC re Street Trading Review

 RESOLVED not to comment

f. from The Milestone Society re milestones in St Day

 RESOLVED to inform the Milestone Society that the Parish Council will carry out routine work to the two milestones in St Day

g. from CC re criminal record checks

 RESOLVED to note but no action to be taken

h. from CC re local council planning conferences

 The Clerk read out details of a planning conference at Heartlands, Pool on 18 Sept from 4-8pm.

 RESOLVED that Cllr Penny will attend and Cllr Williams will also attend if possible.

10. Planning

The Clerk reported two applications considered prior to the meeting:

 PA15/06505 Isaacs S Hunrosa, Tresaddern Hill (land adj to) erection of building (2 flats) not supported Considered too large for the site, imposing on the rural setting and on a dangerous crossroads. CC Planners wished to approve the applications so it was ‘agreed to disagree’. This application was subsequently withdrawn

PA15/07265 Stokes P Paul Tina Cottage, Vogue two storey extension supported

and three decisions from CC:

PA15/04479 Talbot M Fern Cottage, Fore St new ’lean to’ approved

PA15/05267 Kessell L Kes Commercials, Scorrier new workshop/office approved

PA15/07265 Stokes P Paul Tina Cottage, Vogue two storey extension approved

and one application for consideration:

PA15/07913 Jones T Little Acre, Tolcarne Rd side extension

**RESOLVED** to support the above application

 Other planning matters:

Brickworks Hill, E Stone. An email had been received from CC Planning Enforcement which made the following points:

* Planning permission is not required for the small amount of earthworks which have taken place. No further action will be taken.
* Car spares & accessories shop. The legality of this is disputed and CC has requested further details about the business before making a final decision.
* Erection of a new building. This needs planning permission and the owner has agreed but nothing has yet been received. CC is chasing this up.

Higher Tolcarne Farm. There is an ongoing legal dispute amongst the family and therefore no further works are being carried out until the situation has been resolved. In view of this CC intends to close its case however the situation will be monitored. Mr Ashley is aware that these conditions are outstanding and has agreed to keep CC updated.

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

The Clerk reported5 accounts paid prior to the meeting:

 BT Cornwall newsletter printing, May 2015 272.48 (001102)

 D Hall bus shelter cleaning, July 2015 16.00 (001103)

 Grant Thornton UK LLP annual audit, 2014/15 360.00 (001104)

 Cornwall Council road closure application, ‘Around the Clock’ event 70.00 (001105)

 R Parks newsletter printing, Aug 2015 270.00 (001106)

and nine accounts for payment:

Brian Chapman street cleaning,Aug/Sept 240.00 (001107)

Zurich Management Services Ltd Local Council seminar 22 July 36.00 (001108)

Dennis Bray weed spraying 220.00 (001109)

S Edwards salary, Jul-Sept, 1080.00

 office allowances, Jul-Sept, 2015 75.00

 postage, telephone & stationery 85.99

 1240.99 (001110)

PO Ltd (HMRC) income tax on Clerk’s salary 270.00 (001111)

Iron Orchid Landscapes Buckingham Terr & Town Clock, weeding, spraying & mulching 342.00 (001112)

The Mining Villages Regeneration Group website running costs (contribution) 100.00 (001113)

The Cornish Historic Churches Trust donation to fundraising 20.00 (001114)

Heartsine defibrillator & equipment 1872.00 (001115)

 **RESOLVED** to pay the above accounts

12. Traffic and roads

Tolgullow, Post box. The Clerk reported that this should be painted by mid October.

Pound Crossroads, flooding. The story about the landowner passing away and leaving the land to CC cannot be corroborated as the land is unregistered, unfortunately nobody in CC’s properties team can verify the story.

Ben Dickinson (Cormac) has asked CC’s land drainage team to advise on what he should do in the long term as it would be a sizeable job to clear it all away.  He has suggested in the short term that they will try and clear some of the silt using a JCB to ease the immediate problem.

13. Meeting reports

 Mining Villages Regeneration Group. Cllrs Newcombe and Penny said that they had attended a recent meeting where the matter of holding regular Planning Meetings had been raised to give the public chance to comment on planning applications. There had also been a discussion on paperless planning and it was suggested that CC’s figures don’t add up. Finally a talk had been given about a new Red Cross scheme but the posters which had been provided did not give enough details about the scheme.

 RESOLVED to ask for more detailed posters for inclusion in the next newsletter.

14. Electricity substation, Telegraph St

 Western Power has reported that, after a routine inspection, a small hole was found underneath one corner. All switch gear etc was immediately removed. The shaft has been capped but there is some slippage around the edge. Western Power has done a mining survey and is satisfied that the problem can be dealt with but is unable to survey nearby properties. They are now trying to find the owners of the mine and will start work asap – probably in new year.

 **RESOLVED** to contact Western Power to check that the electricity supply to St Day during the winter months will not be affected.

15. Litter bins

Cllr Moores said that he had been asked about a litter bin near to the former fish and chip shop in Scorrier St as someone frequently leaves the remains of fresh fish in it. This is obviously causing nasty smells.

RESOLVED to write to the occupants of the houses between the end of Barracks Lane and the Old Chapel in Scorrier St to see if anyone knows who is doing this.

16. Date of the next meeting

 Monday 12th October, 2015 at 7pm in the Community Room, Mills Street.

 The meeting closed at 09.40 pm.