ST DAY PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

 Cllr M Kaczmarek (CC – to item 8g)

 Clerk S Edwards

 Two members of the public (to item 3)

1. **Apologies.**

**RESOLVED** to accept the apologies of Cllrs. D Jones and J Moores

 **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 representing a local landowner attended to discuss a possible development of 8 affordable homes on land at Tolcarne Road. They stressed that the scheme is at a preliminary stage and asked for the Parish Council’s comments and advice. They said that they were happy to work with the Parish Council to meet the needs of local people and the following observations were made:

* Visibility onto Tolcarne Road could be a problem
* There is a need for one-bedroomed properties
* The area has a history of flooding problems
* In recent discussions the Parish Council has favoured the eastern side of the village for future development as it offers easier links to Truro and Falmouth
* A notice inviting interested parties to register should be inserted in the November newsletter

 4. Police report

 The Clerk said that in August 2015 there were 6 reported crimes – 5 ASB (Vicarage Hill, Scorrier St (2), Telegraph St & Chapel St) and 1 violent & sexual offence (Mills St).

 5. Cornwall Councillor’s report

 Cllr Kaczmarek gave the following report:

* Parking, St Day & Carharrack Community School. Parking permits are not being used and the situation has again deteriorated with many parents driving onto School Hill to drop off/pick up children. This has resulted in confrontations with the police. A recent meeting was held at which it was decided to send letters home advising parents of the traffic rules and he has also spoken to staff at the children’s centre to ask for greater cooperation over parking.
* Redruth Police Station. He has been informed that the station is to close and that staff will work from the Camborne Police Station. He feels that this will cause an increase in response times to the Redruth area and is concerned that this is being done with no prior consultation. He has written to all local Cornwall Cllrs and Parish Councils to ask for support in requesting a meeting with the police on this matter.
* Fly tipping. There has been an increase in the last 12 months in the St Day area of 40% and one 600 foot deep mineshaft near St Day is almost full with tyres. Cornwall has the highest hazardous fly tipping rate in the Southwest but there has been only one successful prosecution.
* Harvest Festivals. He recently attended the festivals at the Star Inn, Vogue and at the Cornish Arms, Frogpool where a total of over £1,500.00 was raised for charity.

 6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th September, 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

 Cllr Williams was not present.

 8. Matters arising

 a. Town regeneration

Town Clock. The Clerk reported that he and Cllr Newcombe had recently met the surveyor and contractor on site and that the remaining minor jobs from phase 1 have now been completed. Although the walls should soon be dry enough to repoint inside, the contractor is unable to return to the site until January 2016 but he does expect the work to be completed very quickly once he returns. On this advice the Clerk has contacted the Cumbria Clock Company with a view to them starting work in early March 2016 to complete the refitting of the clock mechanism and hands. This would mean that the works will be completed some time before the funding deadline of May 2016 and in time for the final community celebration event in that month.

He also reported that plans for the autumn community event, Around the Clock, on 23rd and 24th October are well underway and asked all Parish Councillors to give as much help as they can in the run up to the event and on the nights. He also asked them to help with the animation judging at 7.00pm at the Star Inn on 22nd October.

The plan to install a time capsule in the building has hit problems and an alternative scheme to build a tile wall and to invite people to write on a tile has been developed. The Clerk has checked the practicality of this with the surveyor and contractor and they could not see any problems.

**RESOLVED** to agree to this plan.

The Clerk has also contacted Nigel who is keeping the original clock movement. He has agreed to restore it to a state where it can be put on show and he will be contacting him again in February 2016 to check on progress.

Community Litter Pick. The Clerk reminded those present that the next event will be on Saturday 07 November, meeting at 10am in

the Community Centre.

1. Footpaths

 Footpath 9. The Clerk said that he has recently received a telephone call from CC to confirm that this lane is tarmaced on its full length. When he confirmed this the officer suggested that it should therefore not be funded under the Local Maintenance Plan as it does not need surface work. He suggested to the officer that, if funding for this path is withdrawn, the Parish Council may well pull out of the plan as it already has to contribute far more than the CC grant.

 Footpath 10. Cllr Penny said that he has inspected the top section of this path for flooding and feels that the water can either be drained off onto a section of adjacent land (with the landowner’s consent) or that the mud can be dug out and around 30cm of scalping put down to make drainage easier.

 RESOLVED to refer this to CC and make these recommendations.

 Footpath maintenance. Richard Ward of Voguebeloth Landscaping Services has contacted the Clerk to say that he is not happy with the current condition of some footpaths and will be doing some further work at no extra charge.

1. Public transport & bus shelters

Cllr Nankivell said there had been chaos during the recent road resurfacing and that this had been due to bad planning by CC and First.

RESOLVED to refer these problems to CC Transport

1. Play areas

Wheal Jewell. Nothing to report.

Tolgullow playing field. Nothing to report.

Vogue Playing field. Nothing to report.

1. Surgery facilities & housing

 The Clerk informed the meeting that the planning agent has said that a planning application will be submitted shortly for affordable housing and a doctors surgery at Telegraph Hill. Some initial surveying has taken place.

 He has tried to contact the Homecroft surgery to find out the latest position but has had no reply to two emails.

 RESOLVED to contact Dr Whiteley for information.

1. Empty properties

Polgrey, West End. CC Empty Homes has informed the Clerk that they are happy that this property will be occupied in due course and it was noted that a ‘for sale’ sign has now gone up.

1. Burial ground and churchyard

Burial ground. There has been no further information from CC to the request made in February 2015 to use part of this land for a burial ground.

Richard Ward, contractor, has informed the Clerk that he has cut both sections of the churchyard whenever he has been there this year.

1. Defibrillators

The defibrillator and both cabinets have now been delivered and only the two signs are still outstanding. Michael Cox has offered to install both of the machines free of charge, other than for materials. The Clerk has placed an article in the November newsletter about the defibrillators and has asked for people to volunteer for training.

RESOLVED that, once the signs have been delivered, the Clerk should arrange for them to be put up and then contact the Lions Clubs, St Day AFC and the West Briton to arrange a formal handover.

1. Highway inspection & maintenance

Drain, Chyrose Rd. This has been reported to CC and they have agreed to inspect.

1. Weedspraying

The Clerk said that the Community Services Team is prepared to carry out the clearance of weeds in St Day following the first spray in spring 2016 at a cost of £250.00. The Parish Council would have to purchase rubbish sacks and be prepared to dispose of the rubbish.

RESOLVED to agree to this.

 9. Correspondence received

a. from Peninsula Rail Task Force re On Track, interim report

 RESOLVED to make no comment

b. from Scott & Co re sponsorship for The Cornwall Historic Churches Trust – letter of thanks

 RESOLVED to note

c. from CC re paperless planning

 The Clerk informed the meeting that the agreed sum of £700.00 has now been received from CC for the purchase of equipment.

 RESOLVED to purchase a projector and a laptop or pad following advice received at the training event on 29 October.

 RESOLVED also to inform CC that St Day Parish Council will move to paperless planning from 01 April 2016.

d. from Cormac Environment re Mineral Tramways Partnership Steering Group meeting

 RESOLVED that Cllr Newcombe will attend.

e. from Mrs F Keaney re double yellow lines in Church St

 The Clerk said that he had received an email from Mrs Keaney complaining that the new double yellow lines, put down following the resurfacing, were approximately 1.5m longer than previously. He has referred this complaint to CC but has not yet received a reply.

f. from Scott Sharples, CC, re Love Where You Live competition

 The suggestion has been made that the promotional video made by CC on the Town Clock and War Memorial project should be used to enter this competition which has prizes of up to £700.00. Scott Sharples has promised copies of the dvd in order to submit the entry.

 RESOLVED to agree to enter.

g. from CRCC re playing fields training event

 RESOLVED that the Clerk and Cllr Dyer will, if possible, attend the event at St Dennis Football Club on 25 November from 15.00 to 19.00

h. from M Kaczmarek re closure of Redruth Police Station

 This item had been explained by Cllr Kaczmarek under item 5 above.

 RESOLVED to write in support of his request for a meeting.

10. Planning

The Clerk reported no applications considered prior to the meeting:

 no decisions from CC:

and one application for consideration:

PA15/09091 Stone E Brickworks Hill, land at retention & completion of agric building with assoc works

**RESOLVED** to object to the above application as this is a light industrial site, not suited for agricultural use and the building is therefore not needed.

 Other planning matters:

 Brickworks Hill, E Stone. Mr Stone has engaged in large scale earthworks which, he claims, are needed because he encountered subsidence problems whilst excavating for the drains for the Ponderosa extension. CC Enforcement has inspected and said they will keep an eye on it. An update on the situation has been requested from Hayley Jewells (CC Enforcement) but nothing has been received.

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

The Clerk reported6 accounts for payment:

Brian Chapman street cleaning, Sept/Oct 195.00 (001117)

S Edwards Liteglaze (for noticeboard) 40.00

 photocopying, Around the Clock events 25.04

 laminating pouches 9.99

 75.03 (001118)

 Cornwall Council planning workshops – Cllr Penny 10.00 (001119)

 D Hall bus shelter cleaning 16.00 (001120)

 Voguebeloth Landscape Services footpath maintenance, 2015 859.52 (001121)

 Cornwall Council temporary event application, Around the Clock 21.00 (001122)

 **RESOLVED** to pay the above accounts

12. Traffic and roads

Resurfacing. It was generally thought that the recent resurfacing which has taken place in Church St and on the B3298 has been done very well.

**RESOLVED** to write to Cormac to this effect and to ask if there are plans for similar jobs to be done in Vicarage Hill and Telegraph St.

13. Meeting reports

 None.

14. St Day Newsletter

 The Clerk reported that the printer has said that he can now only keep to the figure of £270.00 per issue if the cover only is printed in colour. BT/CC offer a slightly better price but, in view of the difficulties involved in dealing with them and the doubts over the future of their agreement, the Clerk said that he was not keen to deal with them again.

 RESOLVED to agree to stay with the existing printer and to ask the editor to update the Facebook Newsletter page.

 RESOLVED also that Cllr Dyer will try to encourage organisations which don’t use the newsletter to contribute articles.

15. Date of the next meeting

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

 The meeting closed at 09.20 pm.