**Minutes** **of the Annual Parish Meeting** held on Monday 10 April, 2017, at 7.00. pm in the Mills Street Community Room,

St Day.

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

 Cllr. M Kaczmarek CC, (from item 3)

 Clerk S. Edwards

 4 members of the public

1. **Apologies and Chairman’s remarks.**

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

1. **Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 11 April, 2016.**

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

1. **Report by the Chairman on the activities of the Parish Council during the year 2016/17.**

 The Chairman provided a report which is attached to these Minutes:

1. **Report by Cornwall Councillor on activities during the year 2016/17.**

 Cllr Kaczmarek gave the following report:

 Telegraph Street, mining feature. It had been a priority to get this repair work done. He appreciated that it had caused some inconvenience but there had been very few complaints.

 Vicarage Hill. The priority now will be to deal with the depression in the road.

 Telegraph Hill, new housing development. He is pleased to see the new development taking shape and said that 59 families turned up for the Open Day.

 Fairfield. He was saddened by the recent fire and is waiting for the fire officer's report. He hopes that the families affected will soon be rehoused closer to St Day.

 Pharmacy. He was very pleased that the campaign to prevent the pharmacy opening and thus save the doctors' surgery had been successful. He felt this had been a victory for 'people power'.

 Speedwatch. He has enjoyed being a part of the Speedwatch and has found it rewarding.

**5. Report by the Clerk on the details of the audit for the financial year 2015/16.**

The Clerk reported that the accounts had been inspected and signed off by the District Audit.

**6. Statement of accounts for the financial year 2016/17.**

The Clerk read out an analysis of accounts showing a balance of £50,973.06.

 **RESOLVED** to accept the statement of accounts.

**7. Public discussion.**

A member of the public asked about the figure in the statement of accounts which related to public conveniences and the Clerk explained that a sum of £520 is paid annually to the Community Centre Trustees so that the Community Centre toilet can be opened daily to the public.

 The meeting closed at 07.21 pm.

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Chairman’s Report

This is the 4th and final year for this council.

The events of greatest significance this year are:-

The work on the Town Clock is now completed except the bell is not striking correctly and the hammer is being replaced

The collapse of the road at North Corner has now been rectified and the road resurfaced, but another hole was found during the resurfacing work which will be rectified.

Construction started on the 28 new affordable houses in Telegraph Hill which are expected to be completed in June.

Day Lewis have now written to say they will not be opening in St. Day but the doctors are not willing to buy a property.

Our new web site is now on line and is fully compatible with the latest government requirements

The council supported in principle and gave financial support to a 20 is plenty campaign.

A speedwatch group has been established.

A resident kindly donated 2 seats to be placed in Fore St.

People on Community Service have cleared weeds on pavements

Volunteers have carried out 4 Litter Picks

2 Town Trail Interpretative boards have been replaced

There continue to be accidents at Scorrier crossroads..

The Parish Council continues to finance various activities in the parish, Street Cleaning, public use of the Toilets in the Community Centre, grass cutting in the Churchyard and Burial Ground, trimming of footpaths, weed spraying, the gardens at Buckingham Terrace and Town Clock as well as the flower bed by the Old Church, Vogue Terrace,  etc. and maintains the Skateboard and Teenage Village. It finances the St. Day in Bloom contest, and also makes contributions to various groups, which benefit the parish. The council has been represented on the Mining Villages Regeneration Group, the Community Area Network, the Historic Churchyards Group, the Police Liaison group and members have attended various conferences. The websites for the Trails and the Historic Churchyards organised through the Mining Villages Group attract thousands of visits and it is hoped that some of these people will visit the area.

We must thank all concerned with the production and distribution of the Newsletter, now published by the Parish Council. It is regrettable that local groups do not make more use of it to publicise their activities.

Parked vehicles continue to cause traffic problems but hopefully this will improve with Telegraph St open to through traffic.

Following the article in the Newsletter and notices put up by a member of the public there appears to be a reduction in the amount of dog mess.

Brian Chapman continues to do an excellent job street cleaning to maintain the standard set by his father. We also thank the volunteers who help to litter pick the surrounding areas.

The council considered 29 planning applications, 5 more than last year, of which 25 were supported, and also considered 4 pre-apps. During the period there were only 18 approvals by Cornwall Council, all were for infill or minor developments. We continue to bring suspected breaches of planning to the attention of Cornwall Council.

Councillors Steve Penny, Jimmy Moores, Bobby Dyer and Donna Jones have decided not to stand for re-election, I would like to thank them for their service, and work over the last year and also Geoff Nankivell and Craig Williams who have stood again.

I must also thank our clerk and our Cornwall Councillor for their support throughout the year.