ST DAY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 10th July, 2017, at 7.00pm in the Mills Street Community Room, St Day.

**Present:** Cllrs C Bell, R Gill, C Jones, D Moerel, G Nankivell, J Newcombe and C Williams

Cllr M Kaczmarek (CC, items 1-8)

Clerk S Edwards

14 members of the public

Peter Ledingham, Geothermal Energy Ltd

**1. Apologies.**

None

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

None

**3.   Public Participation Session**

This was held after item 7 in order to give the public present the opportunity to ask Peter Ledingham questions on the geothermal energy project.

4. Police report

The Clerk reported that the police website has not yet been updated with the May crime figures and gave the following figures for April:

12 crimes reported in April:

Radnor Rd., Scorrier other theft no suspect identified

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Fairfield other theft under investigation

Church Hill ASB no details provided

Pink Moors violent/sexual offence under investigation

Trenant criminal damage/arson under investigation

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West End ASB no details provided

Market Sq criminal damage/arson no suspect identified

Scorrier St ASB no details provided

Church St criminal damage/arson no suspect identified

Bosawna Gardens ASB no details provided

The Clerk said that it is now 15 months since the police last attended a Parish Council meeting and that he had specifically requested attendance at this month's meeting to answer questions on a particularly disturbing recent incident. PC Pearce had replied that he would be on holiday and PCSO Ferris had failed to reply although PC Pearce had said that he would be on duty at the time of the meeting.

**RESOLVED** to write to Inspector Mark Eccles to complain about the lack of attendance at meetings, the fact that the police website is rarely up to date and the failure to reply to correspondence.

5. Cornwall Councillor’s report

Cllr Kaczmarek gave the following report:

* Bosawna Close. A small hole had appeared in the pavement and has been dealt with. It was discovered not to be mining related.
* Wheal Jewell Travellers' Site. He has a site meeting on 13th July and then a meeting with the Chief Executive of CC. He will continue to push for the site to be managed properly by CC or, if this is not done, for the site to be closed.
* Trenant, rubbish bins. Too much rubbish is being left here and Coastline Housing should be dealing with it. He has reported Coastline to the CC Waste Enforcement Officer.
* Telegraph Hill, new development. The formal opening will be on 31st July and P Cllrs will be able to view the houses on 28th July.
* Policing. He received reports of a serious incident on 26th June and there were also complaints about how the police dealt with the matter. He has emailed Inspector Mark Eccles and is waiting for a reply.
* United Downs. A new bridleway has been reinstated which has not been in use for 30 years.
* United Downs HWRC. This was due for closure in 2012 and may now close when the new facility is built at Pool.
* St Day Feast. He felt the whole week had been a great success.

6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the meetings held on Monday 12th June, 2017

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

7. Peter Ledingham, Operations Director, Geothermal Engineering Ltd

Mr Ledingham spoke about the Geothermal Project on United Downs and made the following points:

* planning has been in place for 11 years but previous attempts to raise funding have failed. Over £10m of EU funding has now been secured along with other funds from CC and private investors. He hopes it will develop into a countywide industry.
* drilling will be to a maximum depth of 4.5k where they hope to tap into an already identified natural fracture system. The drilling will start in early 2018 for 6-8 months for 24 hours per day with a large rig and will include casing the wells. Lighting will be downwards to minimise light pollution and the rig will be very quiet (45 decibels maximum at night and 65 during the day) as there are planning constraints on the amount of noise. Two wells, not three, will be drilled.
* they also want to do work in schools and on public engagement (with the help of Plymouth University).
* it is a three year project until mid 2020 and a one megawatt power plant will be developed by 2020. There is the potential for using the residual heat locally.
* there will be light traffic to the site in phase 1 and additional traffic should only be noticed when the rig is being delivered to and removed from the site - this will be planned very carefully.
* public meetings will be held throughout the three years and the community liaison group will shortly be reformed.
* geoseismic monitors will be installed and the readings made publicly available
* the group has some influence over employment and will try to use local labour/companies where possible.
* community benefits are unclear at this stage but he is happy to talk about sponsoring local events.
* finally Mr Ledingham stressed that this is not a fracking project.

8. Matters arising

a. Town regeneration

Town Clock. The Clerk said that the hammer has now been refitted and that he has had very positive comments about it. P Cllrs agreed that both the volume and tone of the bell are much improved.

King Edward Mine/old movement. The Clerk has spoken to Eric Rabjohns who said they are not ready yet for delivery but do want the movement.

1. Footpaths

Footpath 9 (Bunt's Lane). Cllr Newcombe said that tree roots from an adjacent garden are now badly breaking up the surface of the path at the Tolgullow end and other P Cllrs reported the same problem.

RESOLVED to ask Countryside Access to inspect.

1. Public transport & bus shelters

Cllr Nankivell said that there have been no problems in the last month.

1. Play areas & gardens

Wheal Jewell. Nothing to report

Tolgullow. The Clerk reported that Stuart Wallace, CC, has suggested that the swings should be tested and believes that they were installed by Wicksteed Leisure Ltd. The Clerk has contacted Wicksteed who have said that they charge £45.00 for an inspection.

RESOLVED to ask Wicksteed Leisure to test the swings for rust and corrosion.

Vogue. P R Laffin Fabrications Ltd have provided a new quotation of £1,750.00 to repair the teenage village and would require a deposit of £525.00

RESOLVED to instruct them to carry out the job.

Trenant play area. Nothing to report.

e. Surgery facilities

The Clerk said that there is progress on this matter but that it cannot be reported at the moment.

f. Empty properties

Nothing to report.

g. Burial ground and churchyard

The Clerk said that a resident has offered to donate a plot of land for a new burial ground but the full details cannot be released at the moment.

h. St Day Old Church

A copy of the minutes of the recent meeting had been circulated and they were noted.

i. Speedwatch

Cllr Newcombe said that two sessions have been held at Vogue recently and that two further sessions on the B3298 are planned. Three new volunteers have been recruited.

j. Neighbourhood Development Plan

Following the meeting on the 13th June 23 volunteers have now come forward to help with the plan and an article has been written for the August newsletter.

RESOLVED to notify CC that we wish to go ahead with the Neighbourhood Development Plan and to arrange two meetings in August when Charlotte Caldwell is available.

k. Defibrillators

Cllr Newcombe said that he had recently attended an award ceremony in Penzance.

Cllr Bell said that servicing the defibrillators is very simple and that he would be prepared to carry this out.

RESOLVED to agree to this and to obtain keys for him.

l. Cornwall site allocations development plan

Cllr Bell offered to amend, where necessary, the report from James Biscoe and circulate it to other P Cllrs for agreement.

RESOLVED to agree to this.

9. Correspondence received

a. from The Local Government Boundary Commission re Electoral Review of Cornwall Council

RESOLVED to suggest that a Council of 99, rather than 87, would be more practical for the following reasons:

* Cornwall's population is increasing
* fewer Councillors would mean that each one had to sit on more committees making it impossible for a Cornwall Cllr to be in employment
* this would mean that being a Cornwall Cllr would either become a full time job or would only be open to those not in employment or retired

RESOLVED also to point out that a reorganisation will not be satisfactory if a rural parish, such as St Day, has to be included in a larger urban ward with part of Redruth.

b. from St Day & Carharrack Community School Governing Body re new governors

RESOLVED to ask Keith Goldsworthy, Chair of Governors, to contact Cllr Bell to explain to him the responsibilities and time commitment involved in being a school governor.

c. from Coastline Housing re invitation to view Telegraph Hill housing development & attend opening ceremony

Reported in item 5 above.

10. Planning

The Clerk reported no applications considered prior to the meeting:

and two applications for consideration at the meeting:

PA17/05849 Kes Commercials land SSE of Radnor Rd., Scorrier new workshop & offices

**RESOLVED** to support

PA17/06018 Clark B Little Carharrack conv of rural building to form dwelling

**RESOLVED** to support but to ask that all outside sheds which are not part of the conversion should be removed and that the north and east elevations should be granite faced to improve the appearance of the building within its rural setting.

and two decisions from CC:

PA17/02549 Paterson J The Old Dairy, Pink Moors conversion of outbuilding to domestic use approved

PA17/04225 Vargas A 5 Rabys Row, Scorrier construction of new bedroom & bathroom approved

Other planning matters: None

11. Accounts

The Clerk reported no accounts paid prior to the meeting:

andseven accounts for payment:

B Chapman street cleaning, Jun/July 210.00 (001272)

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D Hall cleaning of bus shelters 16.00 (001274)

K Cains St Day in Bloom, 1st prize 30.00 (001275)

M Matthews St Day in Bloom, 2nd prize 20.00 (001276)

S Connisbee St Day in Bloom, 3rd prize 10.00 (001277)

Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity defibrillator training 180.00 (001278)

P R Laffin Fabrications Ltd repairs to teenage village (deposit) 525.00 (001279)

**RESOLVED** to pay all of the above accounts.

12. Traffic and roads

The Clerk gave the following report:

B3298 at Tolgullow, stability of bank. Cormac have asked for checks on the stability of the bank to be done asap. New cones have been put round the fallen stones. Cllr Nankivell said that the sign by the cones has been hit and damaged.

**RESOLVED** to report to Cormac.

Market Sq., cobbles. These were repaired by Cormac before St Day Feast. The general feeling was that the work had been done very badly.

**RESOLVED** to refer this to Cormac and County Highways.

Church Hill, road surface. Cormac have confirmed that 3 potholes and one rut are to be repaired shortly. Cllr Newcombe said that some of this work has now been done.

Telegraph Hill, street light. No S149 was permanently on and has been reported to Cormac.

Springfield Way. Overflowing rubbish containers have been reported to CC.

Fairfields. A complaint was received about the state of the lane and adjacent fence and the Clerk and Cllr Newcombe met an employee from Ocean Housing on site. He agreed that the fence would be repaired but said that the path itself was the responsibility of CC. The problems with parking, repairs to the fire damaged houses, external decoration and untidy gardens were also raised and a follow up email had been received saying that the houses would not be fit for habitation until December 2017 at the earliest. The Clerk had referred this to Cllr Kaczmarek who was now pursuing this and the other matters with Ocean Housing.

It was also reported that sections of the footpath and hedge at Tolgullow are in need of trimming.

**RESOLVED** to ask Cormac to trim.

13. Meeting reports

MVRG. Cllrs Bell, Gill and Newcombe had attended the recent meeting and reported that Portreath PC has now resigned from the group and that Ashley Wood has stood down as Chair. The role of Chair will now rotate. The Trails website has been updated but is not easy to use and Chacewater PC is pushing again the idea of employing a Lengthsman across the parishes.

RESOLVED that St Day is not interested in this scheme.

There was also a suggestion that further planning training would be useful for P Cllrs.

RESOLVED not to agree as it was felt better to be able to give a 'man in the street' opinion on planning applications.

SUEZ liaison meeting. Cllr Gill had attended and details of new bridleway and planting schemes had been discussed.

14. Review of burial ground charges

RESOLVED to postpone this matter until the September meeting.

15. St Day in Bloom

The Clerk reported that he and the three judges had inspected the entries on Monday 3 July and had reached the following decision:

1st prize - K Cains, Wild Air, Pink Moors

2nd prize - M Matthews, 1, The Crossroads, Vicarage Hill

3rd prize - S Connisbee, The Barn, Fore Street

16. Date of the next meeting

Monday 11 August, 2017,at 7pm in the Mills Street Community Room.

The meeting closed at 09.55pm.