ST DAY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 12th March, 2018, at 7.00pm in the Mills Street Community Room, St Day.

**Present:** Cllrs C Bell, R Gill, D Moerel, G Nankivell, J Newcombe and C Williams(from item 3)

Cllr M Kaczmarek, CC (items 5 - 9)

Clerk S Edwards

15 members of the public

**1. Apologies.**

**RESOLVED**  to accept the apology of Cllr C Jones.

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

Cllr Newcombe declared an interest in item 10

**3.   Public Participation Session**

Several members of the public had attended to express their concerns about the coppicing taking place in Unity Woods. They were worried that the wood is being butchered and queried the potential environmental impact and the impact on tourism as it is essentially an amenity area. An email from the Cornwall Wildlife Trust was read out which indicated that there will be no more trees felled for a minimum of three years or until the new growth has reached 2m. Also there must be no disturbance of nests and the felled trees cannot be removed. A new Facebook page - Save the Woodland - has been set up.

Dan Mitchell, planning agent, spoke in relation to planning application PA18/01267 and gave the reasons for and the background to the application.

Dr Hazel Gibson from Plymouth University spoke about her work with the United Downs Geothermal Project and said that she is interested in the public reaction to the project and geothermal power in general. She will be working on this for the next two years and invited people to get in touch with her and get involved. She stressed that her work is funded by the European Regional Development Fund, not the Geothermal Energy company.

4. Police report

The Clerk provided the following crime details for January, 2018, taken from the Police website:

Scoria Close ASB details not provided

Scoria Close violent/sexual offence unable to prosecute

Telegraph Hill violent/sexual offence under investigation

Church Hill theft under investigation

Church Hill violent/sexual offence under investigation

Carew Rd ASB details not provided

Brickworks Hill violent/sexual offence under investigation

Fore St criminal damage/arson under investigation

Fore St violent/sexual offence unable to prosecute

West End drug offence under investigation

West End violent/sexual offence (2) under investigation

5. Cornwall Councillor’s report

Cllr Kaczmarek gave the following report:

Tolgullow, road resurfacing. He has noted that the road signs are now in place although the work has yet to start.

Unity Woods. He is very concerned about the work being carried out and has had contact from St Day, Chacewater and Gwennap Parish Councils. He has been in touch with the World Heritage Site officers but has had no response and only the Cornwall Wildlife Trust has been positive in its reply. He is also concerned about the amount of waste material being tipped in the same area.

CC budget, 2018/19. This has been fixed with an increase of just under 5%.

6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th February, 2018

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

7. Matters arising

a. Town regeneration

Town Clock. The revised version of the final invoice has been received for payment.

Old movement. The Clerk will contact Nigel Matthews before the April meeting for a progress report.

S106 funds. The Clerk read out a reply from Jon Mitchell (CC) in which he tried to justify the lack of consultation over the increased expenditure on the Wheal Jewell footpath and his reasons for wanting to spend 106 funding from the Mineral Way development on improving the playing surface on the rugby pitch. The Clerk, Chair and Cllr Kaczmarek have now all replied to his email but have not received replies.

**RESOLVED** to write again and also to ask for a copy of the report following the tree inspection on the Tolgullow playing field.

Parish Office. Cllr Nankivell said that the Community Centre Trustees will meet on 13 March to make a decision about the Parish Office.

1. Footpaths

Footpath 9, hedge repairs. No reply from CC

Footpath 10/2. Chyrose Rd to Pink Moors, drainage. No reply from CC

RESOLVED to chase both of the above.

Local Maintenance Partnership. RESOLVED to sign up to the agreement for 2018/19.

Review of footpaths for inclusion on the definitive map. No footpaths were suggested.

c. Public transport & bus shelters

Cllr Nankivell said that there had been no problems with the bus service during the last month other than during the recent snowfall.

d. Play areas & gardens

Wheal Jewell. Nothing to report.

Tolgullow. Nothing to report.

Vogue. Nothing to report.

Trenant play area. Nothing to report.

e. Surgery facilities

The Clerk said that progress is being made in the talks aimed at building a new surgery.

f. Empty properties

The Clerk has written to the owner of the Chapel in Scorrier St to ask him to tidy up the frontage but has not received a reply.

g. Burial ground and churchyard

Adrian Drake has indicated that CC will not do work to improve the condition of the footpaths in the churchyard and that it will be down to the PCC to do that. Cllr Nankivell pointed out that the PC has funds of £1,509.35 in hand for churchyard improvements.

h. St Day Old Church

The handover celebrations have been fixed for Monday 30 April starting at 2pm.

i. Speedwatch

Cllr Newcombe said that three sessions have been held at Vogue in the last month and reports passed on to the coordinator with no acknowledgement. The Mining Villages Regeneration Group will be writing to the police to complain about the lack of response andsupport for Speedwatch.

j. Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cllr Bell reported that, following meetings in February, working groups have now been established and will shortly start work. ACOM will also be doing a housing needs assessment.

k. Minor works committee

As Nick Bryant has agreed to help to coordinate this group Cllr Bell agreed to arrange a meeting to plan future works.

l. Donations

The Clerk provided details of the recent residents' survey which showed that the four top projects were St Day Old Church, vehicle activated signs, Town Clock illumination and a defibrillator.

RESOLVED that Cllr Bell will contact Mike Hawkey to see how the funds can best be spent on the Old Church and Cllr Bell will also find costings for the vehicle activated signs. The Town Clock illumination will be discussed at the April meeting when P Cllrs have had a further chance to look at the proposals and the Clerk will research costings for the defibrillator.

m. Boundaries revision

Cllr Bell said that all of the Parish Council's responses seem to have been ignored on this matter

n. Appointment of new Parish Clerk.

The Clerk reported that one expression of interest has been received following the notice which Cllr Bell put on Facebook.

RESOLVED that Cllr Bell will put together an advertisement for the local press and that the Clerk will provide him with an up to date job description.

8. Correspondence received

**a. from various re Unity Woods**

**With the agreement of Parish Councillors this item was taken after item 6as a number of the public present wanted to hear the discussion.**

Cllr Bell said that Tim Price, a tree surgeon who lives at Scorrier, had been employed by the PC to give a report on the coppicing work taking place. His report had stated that the standard of coppicing is acceptable and the men were rushing to clear the site before the nesting season begins. The work is being carried out under licence.

**RESOLVED** to write to Tregothnan Estate to inform them of the Parish Council's concern over the lack of information provided prior to this work commencing and to point out that a lot of the public concern and ensuing outcry could have been avoided if they had made contact before the work started. It was also agreed to ask them to be more sympathetic to the area by leaving some trees standing and to inform local parish councils when/if further work is undertaken.

Cllr Nankivell asked if it is possible to challenge the licence and whether a protection order can be put on the woodland but neither of these options was thought to be possible.

Cllr Newcombe said that the Mining Villages Regeneration Group has protested to Tregothnan Estate and that Chacewater PC has had a meeting with them.

**RESOLVED** to offer support to Chacewater PC for future meetings with the Tregothnan Estate.

**b. from various re gritting of roads**

The Clerk said that many residents had complained about the lack of salting/gritting after the recent snowfall and he had informed them that, if sufficient volunteers came forward, the Parish Council would consider again supplying grit for certain parts of St Day. A resident is putting together a list of volunteers and he hoped to have this for the April meeting.

**RESOLVED** to ask CC which roads in St Day were gritted following the recent snowfall.

**c. from CC re reporting problems**

The Clerk informed the meeting that anyone can now report problems to CC by using the Report it! page on the CC website, including potholes fly tipping etc. By doing this they will then get a message from CC detailing how the problem has been dealt with.

**d. from the Day-light group re volunteers for the Lantern Parade**

Cllrs Bell, Gill and Jones had indicated that they will be prepared to help.

**e. from Francis Carne Associates re dog fouling stickers**

**RESOLVED** to buy 100 stickers at £30.00

9. Planning

The Clerk reported no applications considered prior to the meeting:

and three applications for consideration at the meeting:

PA18/01267 Keam P Land at Burnwithian Erection of dwelling

PA18/01028 Gay S 10 Vogue Terr Kitchen & bedroom extension & creation of car parking

**RESOLVED** to support the above applications

PA18/02070 Dickens 18 Wheal Gorland Rd 1st floor ext, new roof, redesigned front porch, 1st floor veranda **RESOLVED** to oppose this application as it constitutes an over development of the plot and is out of keeping with other properties on this bungalow development and is contrary to the Cornwall Design Guide.

and two decisions from CC:

PA17/03438 Marsh P Higher Tolcarne Farm Cert of Lawfulness granted

PA18/00387 Peters Wheal Hope, Busveal Single storey extension approved

and no preapp notifications:

Other planning matters:

Enforcement. CC Enforcement has been asked to check on the works being carried out at Orchard Cottage, Pink Moors & at Vogue Farm.

10. Accounts

The Clerk reported one account paid prior to the meeting:

N Knight Feb newsletter printing 401.00 (001332)

and seven accounts for payment:

B Chapman litter picking, Feb - Mar 2018 195.00 (001333)

S Edwards salary, Jan - Mar 2018 1236.00

office allowances 75.00

postage, telephone & sundries 60.16

HP instant ink refund 23.97

McAfee annual subscription 49.99

high-viz armbands 25.87

1,470.99 (001334)

HM Revenue & Customs only 309.00 (001335)

Rothwell Historical Restoration final TC invoice (retention monies) 694.04 (001336)

Voguebeloth Landscape Sevices grass cutting, burial ground (6) 309.02

grass cutting churchyard open(2) 388.42

grass cutting churchyard closed (2) 413.23

grass cutting, skatepark 104.74

1215.41 (001337)

Creative Solutions external notice boards (2) 344.32 (001338)

W J Mills (Cottages) Trust rental for meeting room 210.00 (001339)

RESOLVED to pay all of the above accounts.

11. Traffic and roads

The Clerk gave the following report:

The Manor Workshop, Telegraph St. It appears that no repair work has been done to this property.

Repairs to mine shaft by the electricity sub station, Telegraph St. No progress but the Clerk will chase this up for the April meeting.

Road safety. Reflective armbands have now been bought, some were taken to Trefula Nursing Home and others put in the PO.

Tolgullow playing field. The fallen tree has been cleared. An independent survey suggests that none of the remaining trees are in imminent danger and CC will check next month.

12. Meeting reports

Notes had been circulated for the following meeting:

NDP Housing meeting 26.02..

**RESOLVED** to take these as read.

Meeting with Adrian Drake, Divisional Surveyor 20.02. Cllr Bell said that he and the Clerk had met Adrian Drake and had visited several sites with highway concerns.

13. To set a date for the April Finance Committee Meeting.

RESOLVED that this will take place on Friday 06th April at 10 am at Kinsmans Barns.

14. Date of the next meeting

Monday 09 April, 2018, immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting in the Mills Street Community Room

The meeting closed at 09.27pm.