ST DAY PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on **08/11/21** at 7pm in the Enterprise Centre, Vogue, St Day.

**Present:** Cllrs C Lamb, C Jones, Z Abbotts, D Stevenson, M McEvoy, Clerk - S Moore, Cornwall Cllr C Donnithorne and 11 members of the public

**Apologies:** J Beer

# 1. Chairman’s welcome and request to alter the initial order of the agenda to allow those attending for planning and CAG presentation to leave following this, if they so wish – this was AGREED.

2a.     Public Participation

PB of Influence Planning represented two planning applications - PA21/09903 – The Cottage, Little Carharrack, and

PA21/09389 – Little Menheer Farm, Higher Ninnis. He put forward his clients’ case for each application and then took

questions.

Question on PA21/09903-No water conservation or energy and carbon statement looked at – Answer – Converted

buildings are different from a new build – the application has exceeded regulation requirements (waste control, energy

production) – redesign is more stable and complies with policy 3 and 7 of the Cornwall Local plan. Previously developed

and adjacent to a settlement – once principle of the design has been developed, then it can be made more sustainable.

Question on PA21/09389-Original planning permission was for a granny annex adjoined to a dwelling (non-paying

accommodation) Two conditions about the materials for the external structure – said to be discharged? Question about

visibility from the public highway – Answer – this is for assessment purposes of the planning officer. Building much

bigger than the original application.

KJ – Question on planning as to the purpose of the development at Little Menheer Farm – Answer – Residential and for the open market (one a self-build property)

BL – Concern about the hedge keeping of the No.3 cycle path, very overgrown and reduced visibility. **ACTION** Cllr CD will investigate whether LMP or highways – resident was also informed about the ‘Report it’ function on CC website.

DB – reported that someone fell between the Chapel and Bunts Lane, due to a pothole – resident was advised to inform Cllr CD/Clerk of exact location. Also, another deep hole in the road on B3298. **ACTION** – Clerk to follow up with ‘report it’ on behalf of the resident.

**3.       Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests** relating to items on the agenda – CJ on planning application PA21/08807

4. Planning

Application PA21/09389

Proposal The redesign of the conversion of three barns, previously approved under reference PA15/011778, to two

Dwelling houses.

Location Little Menheer Farm Higher Ninnis St Day TR16 5HD

Applicant Mr D Sutton D and G Builders

It was unanimously RESOLVED not to support this application as there is information missing – the application is relying

on the previous application to support it and more needs to be done on this application in its own right, as materially

different. It’s gone from a tied dwelling to two separate dwellings and potentially three.

Application PA21/09903

Proposal Conversion of redundant stable building into 1 bed residential dwelling and construction of car port.

Location Redundant Stable Building Land North Of 'The Cottage'. Little Carharrack, Redruth

Applicant Mr B Godridge

It was RESOLVED not to object this application, but the PC would like there to be ongoing bat monitoring and any removal of the bird boxes to be done outside of the nesting season.

Application PA21/08802 It was RESOLVED to support this application

Proposal Proposed Removal of Conservatory, Replaced with Two Storey Extension & Single Storey Side Extension to create better access into the property.

Location Vogue Farm Pink Moors St Day TR16 5NL

Applicant Mr & Mrs Ware

Application PA21/09610 It was RESOLVED to support this application

Proposal Change of use of part of land adjoining Seven Stones to garden and construction of detached garage/office building

Location Seven Stones Busveal Redruth Cornwall

Applicant Mr Paul Whiston

Application PA21/09492

Proposal Proposed demolition of existing barn with current planning consent for conversion to residential use, construction of a replacement dwelling and installation of a septic tank.

Location Barn at Cathedral Farm Busveal Redruth TR16 5HH

Applicant Mr. + Miss. A and H Neville and Esau

It was RESOLVED to support this application – However, the bat survey was done over a year ago and also during the daytime. Request that this survey is re-done and if necessary, install bat boxes and owl boxes.

Application PA21/08807 It was RESOLVED to support this application

Proposal Proposed front and rear extensions to provide an office space and rear extension to provide better dining area

Location Saranor, Burnwithian, St Day TR16 5LG

Applicant Mr & Mrs Jones

2b.  Carharrack and St Day Climate Action Group ‘Tree presentation’ - RR delivered a detailed power point

presentation and report on the proposed planting plans for St Day and Carharrack’s green spaces, in conjunction with

Cornwall Council, Coastline and local land owners. NB also made a short presentation following this on how he came to

donate to this cause. Both were received with a round of applause and great AGREEMENT to support the project.

CJ raised the point on parking at the bottom of Chapel Street. Cllr CD confirmed that that where possible, matting will be used rather than concrete, if and when the area is redesigned. DB pointed out that there is a shaft and water chamber in this area – this is on the boundary of the proposed housing estate; access via Chyrose is not being supported By Cllr CD.

5. Cornwall Councillors Report

*Trenant – parking and green spaces.*

Last week Cllr CD welcomed Coastline team members to St Day for a walkaround at Trenant to look at what

improvements can be made to parking and green spaces. The rotten wooden posts on the grassed area have been

added to the maintenance plan and will be replaced. A commitment was also made to explore potential for rewilding

and planting on the grassed areas along the side of the road going down into the estate. He has asked that Coastline

email the bin provider asking for lids to be replaced and some essential maintenance works are going to be carried out

on the footpaths, which has broken brick walls etc.

Parking is a real issue at Trenant and the team have submitted plans to create an extra 5-6 parking spaces by using the

space more efficiently. In one area where this will be on grass, they are going to use the matting that allows grass to

grow rather than resurfacing.

*Wheal Jewell and Trenant playing field*

Meeting on 12th November with senior officers from Open Spaces to explore granting permission for the planting of

some trees, low-level shrubs etc. He is working closely with St Day Climate Action Group to help secure this.

*Community Network Panel budgets*

At the election, Cllr CD pledged that he would campaign for increased funding, per member, for local highways budgets.

Under the last administration, our Community Network Area had 14 councillors and received the same £50k pot to make

highways improvements as other areas, such as Camelford, which then had just 3 councillors. After months of lobbying

the Cabinet, our Community Network Area is to receive a massive uplift in funding. The budget for the Camborne, Pool,

Illogan, Redruth and Mining Villages highways budget will now increase from £50,000 to £114,660. That represents a

129% increase in the annual budget. This will have a real impact on the highway’s improvements that he, and other

councillors, can work to make in our communities.

*Dog poisoning investigation closed*

Cllr CD is grateful to the local policing team for investigating reports of alleged dog poisoning in the village. Some of

these reports were very concerning and it is right that these were forwarded and investigated by the police. There was

no clear evidence of intentional or unintentional poisoning.

CJ raised the question of the size of the busses coming through St Day which are very often empty he suggested increased

quantity of smaller and/or possibly electric vehicles. Cllr CD is working on an initiative to reduce bus fares, to encourage

more use.

Cllr CD is Vice Chair of CC Economic Growth Committee (transport, housing, planning) which always has an open forum,

but never has any attendees. It was noted that this is an opportunity for people to ask questions.

ZA asked a question, as she has her vision obscured by a road sign on B3298 – Cllr CD will take this to Cormac ACTION ZA

to send a picture and information to Cllr CD.

**6.** Confirmation of minutes from meeting held on 11.10.21 – these were **AGREED** as correct and were signed by CL

**7.** Matters arising:

a. St Day Regeneration – Town clock annual service was completed on 11th October

**b.** **Footpaths –** New contractor – There are a couple of interested parties for tenders for 2022-23 but the question was discussed on whether or not the PC should consider *not* entering into the LMP for 2021-22 – in which case would CC be responsible for all the cutting and maintenance of all the footpaths and how often would this be done? **ACTION** – Cllr CD will find out what the implications of this would be.

-MM suggested a ‘Friends of the Churchyard’ group and whether this would be an option? For further discussion.

-Path from Vogue to Tolcarne Road – this flooding has been **RESOLVED**.

**c.** **Public Transport and Bus Shelters** – Nothing reported.

**d.**  **Play Areas and Gardens**

**i. St Day Playing Field**

-**Devolution** – Cllr CD has a meeting with senior officers on the 12th and needs to update them with a business case

and the capacity of the PC, in its current state, to deliver; because of the size of the investment a definitive decision

must be made.

His guidance was that if there is any uncertainty at all; taking into account the legal fees, ongoing costs, overheads

and a significantly amended proposal, which would need to go back to the devolution board, then it would probably be

better not to go ahead. The question was asked to Cllr CD, what would happen to the field if not devolved? – Answer, it

will remain a Council asset. Cllr CD gave an assurance that he would always support it being used as is now, as a green

space. He could not guarantee future use of the land only other than that, but assured the PC that he will always lobby

for it to remain as it is and cannot see in any circumstance, why CC would change its use..

After consideration of the future maintenance costs, liabilities and change of purpose that was initially put forward to

CC, it was **RESOLVED** *not* to go ahead with the devolution of the field, but to leave it in the hands of CC in its current

form, and to work with CC and the CAG to increase the trees, wildlife and make it a vibrant community green area to

continue to be enjoyed by all.

CJ chose to abstain from voting on this matter, as he felt the history of the field and it being a gift to St Day would be

lost.

ii. **Skate Park**

* It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote for painting ramps at £895+VAT (and Parish benches @ £650+VAT)
* BC has reported a number of beer cans and bottles at the teenage village

1. **Wheal Jewel Play Area**

-Replacement of the bouncer (Using the £800 left over in the sec 106) **ACTION** Cllr CD to get and update from CC.

-There is a waste strip of brambles along the side of the footpath at the back of the play area. The Clerk was told that

there was a historic offer of this from CC to the PC; should this be offered again to the PC, it would lend itself to be an

avenue of fruit trees. **ACTION** Cllr CD to enquire at his meeting on the 12th Nov.

1. **Garden Areas** – nothing reported

**e.** **Surgery Facilities/Pharmacy** – No update other than the recent newsletter submission on the new build.

-Mills Trust have padlocked the gate following the complaint at the last meeting, and also placed a private sign on the gate – this lasted less than 2 days, before it was ripped off and found discarded and broken close by. Coastline was contacted about this; CL gave the details to ZA to follow up. It was **AGREED** that if the offenders can be identified, then the PSCO needs to be involved.

-NHS England consultation for proposed Naimans Uk pharmacy, has been supported by Carn to Coast – It was **RESOLVED** that the PC will support this pharmacy. **ACTION** - Clerk to send response to NHS England.

**f.** **Burial Ground/Churchyard** – The Clerk is in the process of liaising with the relevant people on the matter of the memorial area.

**g.** **Speed Watch –** The next update will be at the December meeting.

**h.**  **Neighbourhood Development Plan** –All the existing paper documents and electronic files were given to DS who will be leading this with ZA. DS intends to start afresh due to the changes (Brexit, Covid, Climate change) since the initial consultation. Cllr CD requested a review of the existing documentation before any significant work is started.

**i. Bins and dog fouling** – Black bags were given to CJ – Thanks noted to RR who has offered to assist in this ‘job role’ by reporting the level of fullness of the bin.

**j.** **Minor Works**

The following people have been minuted as the minor works team, for insurance purposes:

CJ, JB, MM, CB, NB, JL, GJ, CG, MR, RR, SH, CR, PG, DM, DN

Some discussion on the first job to be completed, CJ suggested the toilet block at the St Day playing field, but due to this being CC land it was **AGREED** that the PC would ask CC to sort this. Cllr CD will also raise this in his meeting on the 12th

**ACTION** – Clerk to email CC on the matter. It was proposed that Clive contacts the Minor Works members to request help with putting up the Christmas tree in Market Square.

**k. Current Year Projects/Events, 2021/22**

-Litter pick on Sat 13th – Request that there is a good show of Councillors present; those that are not away all agreed to attend.

-Decorating the Christmas tree in Market square, also 13th Nov.

**- Remembrance Day:** Service at 9.30am; there will only be a small procession of the crucifer and a few members of the congregation to the war memorial. Same Covid protocol as last year – Bugler has been confirmed by the band, DS to lay wreath, and CL to read the names of the fallen. DM is not setting up the sound system – should not be a problem, as public asked not to attend. Wreath ordered through PO. Cllr CD will be attending the Redruth Ceremony and will lay his wreath later in the week. CJ questioned the request to no invite the community to the service, but was assured that the Government guidelines, along with the number of Covid cases in Cornwall has led to this decision.

**-Carols in Market Square:** Friday 17th Dec - Band have confirmed that they will be playing. 200 mince pies ordered from Prima Bakery – Clerk will collect them that week and will also deliver to the nursing homes after the event.

**-Christmas Lights 2022:** CL to lead - For January/February meeting

l. Climate Emergency Plan

i. Climate and Ecology Bill – Advertised in the newsletter and venue all booked for 6th January – once numbers established, Clerk will order pasties.

ii. Delivery and care of Darley Oak from ‘Landmark Tree Initiative’ will be with ZA. ACTION – Clerk to confirm delivery details to CC.

**m. Devolution of St Day Playing Field - C**overed in item di

n. Future Burial Ground

- donation of land from AK – It was noted by CJ that a Councillor was not involved in the meeting to look at the field. Clerk apologised for this, but it was an informal walk to view the field. Two conditions were requested, one being that the PC organise a post and rail fence, along 2 sides, within 6 months - there was some discussion on whether a Cornish hedge would be more appropriate. It was **RESOLVED** to accept AK’s terms but request we separate it with a Cornish hedge.

**o. Other/Recent**

-Playground Inspections – a quote was presented from one contractor for consideration, which covered monthly inspections. MM suggested that the PC creates a chart and organises a Minor Works members rota to visually check the play areas once a month and then we arrange an official, paid annual H&S inspection. ACTION – Clerk to follow up, also look for a second quote.

-Councillor vacancy advertised in newsletter, website and notice boards – no applicants to date. It was suggested that the PC starts to really showcase the community their involvement and work in the Parish, and make a more ‘This is what we do’ ethos, which may encourage residents to be inspired to join.

8. Correspondence / communications received

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| a. Defibrillator for the Sunnydays nursery/school – this is in hand with the Clerk, update at December meeting. It was **RESOLVED** that the PC would purchase the case as well as the defibrillator, with Cllr CD’s Community Chest fund donating £250 for the installation. | |
| b. Barracks Lane, Land behind Fairfield – this was passed to Cllr CD – nothing further reported. c. Path from Telegraph Street to Market Square is becoming slippery due to the grass/weeds between the paving cobbles.  This is actually classified as a ‘private street’ and CC will not take any responsibility for it – It was RESOLVED to give the responsibility back to the residents, but with the assistance of the minor works team. ACTION – Clerk to inform resident of the ownership of the said road. d. Feast Insurance – in hand with Clerk and Zurich for costs of covering St Day Feast insurance. MM suggested that we look for a ‘bundle’ to add 3 events a year to cover any other community days. ACTION – Clerk to investigate this idea.  e. Uncut grass/trees behind Vogue Terrace - Resident sent her thanks for this being RESOLVED  f. Transport consultation response – This has been covered within CPIR group.  g. **Salvation Army Debt advice –** It is noted thatMM is unwilling to promote this event and would rather St Day PC does not support the Salvation Army. This is due to their attitude towards the LGBGT+ community.  h. Geothermal presentation invitation – It was AGREED that the 2 attendees will be ZA and CJ. ZA will inform JC.  i. Raw Sewage issue – No actions as GE has changed his mind.  j. Christmas reading – It was RESOLVED that CJ will represent the PC at the service in the church.  k. It was AGREED that the PC will support St Day’s Plastic Free initiative |  |

9. Accounts/Banking - All following accounts were AGREED for payment

SM Salary 810.46 (812.29 – 1.83)

*Broadband/Tel allowances 13.33*

*HP printing DD 9.99*

*Meeting refreshments 3.80 No smoking signs 4.60*

*2022 Diary 4.20*

*Get well flowers/card 12.50*

*Meeting expenses (feast) 22.20*

*Black bags (dog bin/litter pick) 23.48*

*Fuel 10.00*

**914.56**

BC Street Cleaning 208.00

Scribe Accounts set up and subscription 522.00

Cumbria Clock Co. Annual clock service 186.00

RW Grass cutting/footpaths 4619.44

Netwise Annual fee 360.00

NK Newsletter 652.13

It was **RESOLVED** that the PC will not pay for further warranty on PC laptop

**10. Traffic and roads**

Road Closure Intensions - A3047 Between Scorrier Roundabout and White Cross, Scorrier 10th to 13th January

2022 (20:00 and 06:00 hours, weekdays only) and **Temporary Prohibition of Traffic -** A3047 Road Bridge Across A30 At

Scorrier, 22nd to 26th Nov (19:00 to 06:00 hours)

-CAG signs. CJ raised the fact that the extremely high and set back position from B3298 in the field, is a distraction to

drivers passing through the new safe crossing. ACTION – ZA to bring this to the attention of CAG

11. Meeting Reports – Traveller and Gypsy Strategic Partnership 27.10.21

12. Upcoming Meetings – CPIR 10.11.21 (MM to attend), MVRG 18.11.21 (Clerk to attend)

13. Planning enforcement – some further discussion on Little Menheer Farm – Councillors were asked to send any comments/pictures/information to Clerk to take this forward.

14. Date of the next meeting – Monday 13th December, 7pm - This will be preceded by a finance budget meeting at 6pm

Meeting closed at 9.28pm