# ST DAY PARISH COUNCIL

# Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11.07.22 at 7pm, Enterprise Centre, Vogue, St Day.

Present: Cllrs James Beer, Zoe Abbotts, Clive Jones, Matthew McEvoy, Darrell Christie. Cllr Connor Donnithorne, Vanessa Luckwell (Community Link Officer - Cornwall Council), Sarah Moore (Clerk)

There were **two** members of the public present.

1. **Chairman’s welcome**. Apologies from Cllrs Carl Lamb and Demelza Stevenson, also PCSO John Thorne.
2. **Public Participation** - The applicant of the prior approval of planning applicaition PA22/05404 gave an outline on what his intentions are to build a machinary storage barn. Steel frame and timber clad , 16 feet with an intended life span of 30years plus. No impact on Gwennap Pit, which is one field away.
3. There was one declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interest relating to item 5.1 on the agenda - MM friend

and neighbour of the applicant.

**4.** The minutes from meeting held on 13.06.22 were **AGREED** as correct and signed by the Chairman. The ratified minutes from the closed meeting with Carn to Coast were also signed as correct.

**5.**  Planning:

*5.1 To receive and comment on planning applications*

**PA22/05404** Prior approval notification to determine if planning permission is required for: new building for storage of

machinery, equipment and fodder at  Three Firs Farm Busveal. MM left the room - It was **RESOLVED** that the PC would

have no foreseeable objection to this should a full application be submitted.

**PA22/05745** Proposed removal of front garden wall and installation of drop kerb to provide off-road parking space at 7

Vogue Hill. Cllr CD gave some background information on this, however, more vital information is needed (drainage,

structural viability etc from the planning officer). A letter was read out from an opposer to the application and the points

considered. After a discussion on the benefits, these did not outweigh the risks; although it was agreed that the concept

of a driveway would potentially make the applicant’s life easier, a big concern was whether the remaining wall on either

side would be structurally sound when its all dug out. The safety of pulling out (most likely in reverse) between parked

Cars on either side, setting a president and it taking up two spaces to create one. it was **RESOLVED** not to support this

Application but suggested an alternative, which would be to support the applicant in applying for a disabled parking bay

on the road outside their property. **ACTION** - Clerk to submit comments.

.*5.2 To receive and comment on planning applications received too late to be included on Interim Agenda*

**PA22/04962** The replacement of an existing residential caravan with a single self-build dwelling house at Gerdawold Farm, Higher Ninnis. No immediate objections were raised, other then a request that conservation is considered - rain water, sympathetic to any wildlife (bats, swallows, hedgehogs). It was raised that once the house is built, the static needs to go, so it was **RESOLVED** to support the application, as a replacement dwelling not an additional dwelling.

Planning training from Cornwall Council - Reminder to attend remotely on 27.07.22 - 3-5pm

1. **Cornwall Councillors Report**

Cllr CD recently met with the planning officer to discuss the proposed development of housing in this area. He feels that they are starting to listen to his concerns that this is not a suitable site for delivery of more homes, given the structural issues with the existing road network and exposed mine shafts. Site visit booked at the beginning of September.

Community Network Panel Review - Cabinet wants to redesign the boundaries, but there will probably be some changes. The number of Community network panels will go from 19 down to 10 - Current outline plan is to join with Crowan, Sithney and Wendron.

The Royal Cornwall Museum, which continues to provide a valuable and much needed cultural service to the people of Cornwall. Unfortunately, its recent bid for the Cultural Investment Programme was unsuccessful. Cllr CD’s Cabinet colleagues are working to meet with the RCM to discuss what needs to be done to help protect this important local institution. Cllr CD will endeavour to support this wholeheartedly.

CJ raised an issue of a Carharrack footpath and also the hedgerow which is overgrown and affecting children walking to school (between Wheal Jewel park and the school - Cllr CD agreed to drive that way to check the Carharrack path, and would report to CC.

Clerk requested a newsletter report from Cllr CD - **Cllr CD left the meeting at 7.50pm**

1. Matters arising

**a. Current Year Projects/Events**

**- Queens Jubilee Mugs** – Out of 250 mugs there are around 95 left. It was proposed that the year 6 pupils who are leaving this year, are gifted one each. Also each child leaving the nursery, and starting the school in Autumn, are also gifted one each. DC proposed that the youth members of the Boxing Club are all given one. These ideas were all **AGREED**. **ACTION** Clerk to contact both to arrange. Depending on the numbers, it was also proposed to consider giving a mug to each resident in Mills Street, or possibly to the staff at Trefula, but it was **RESOLVED** to wait and see how many are sold during the summer, advert to into the August Newsletter.

**- Feast Feedback** - It was unanimous that Feast was a great success and a lovely day was enjoyed by all. It was proposed that the Parish Council offer more support to the organising of Feast (if the Feast committee would accept). It is noted what an exceptional job DN did both leading up to, and on Feast Day. **ACTION** - Clerk to write a thank you to DN and to request membership to the committee for at least one Councillor, but in the capacity of a resident not as a Councillor.

- **Christmas lights** - Acknowledgement of last years lights and how well they looked. It was proposed that we need to be looking now at this for December **ACTION** - Clerk to contact MH to check whether the lights committee need any support.

**- Planing the landmark tree** - This will be discussed at the September meeting, as oak planting is usually done in December - although MM offered the idea, whereby every year, we invite children who leave St Day an Carharrack School in that school year, photographed beside it.

**b. Town Regeneration**

- Old Workshop CIC (will be discussed at the September meeting)

- Weed killing - The general weedy state of St Day is terrible. It was **RESOLVED** that a contractor will be employed to treat the weeds with a herbicide, (that is as eco-friendly as possible) **ACTION** ZA to liaise with gardener for more advise. MM suggested that the PC take a lead by making its own assets look pristine. It was **AGREED** to start with the Clock Tower and war memorial.

c. Footpaths

-It was **AGREED** to keep the current contractor, despite the fact that he has withdrawn from the grass cutting. **ACTION** - Clerk to source a replacement contractor to cut the burial ground and the churchyard.

-Meeting with CC representative on 20.07.22 (Clerk and CJ) to review paths; in particular Bunts Lane - a request has been sent to CC to clear the culverts, via report it.

d. Play areas and gardens

- Annual H&S report has come in mainly moderate actions, but most jobs can be done by Minor Works. **ACTION** - JB to look at the signage on the gates to Wheal Jewel to assess what needs to be done.

-Leaning piece of equipment in Wheal Jewel play area - assumed to be caused by vandals. It was re-set by supplier, but presumed pushed over whilst the cement was still wet.

- **Skate park -** At the last meeting, the PC granted an extension to the raised bank, as it now sits, as it is the most economical method for the surplus soil/bank excavated recently to allow for approved extension to building. It was **AGREED** that the PC will maintain it, in the future.

--**St Day Playing field -** It has been confirmed that the rugby club have been given notice for 17th December 2022. VL gave some assurance that the field would remain a green space. It was proposed that The PC contact CC to seek some guarantee that whatever the outcome, in terms of bids for its use by other organisations, the field will remain a green space for use by the community, in particular for its historic history and ongoing historic events, namely Feast day. It was confirmed by CJ that the rugby club owns the car park adjoined to the field. The toilet block is definitely being taken down by CC.

-Millenium garden - There has been a complaint about the height of trees and overgrown shrubbery here - Clerk is meeting with the Tree warden (NB) on 13.07.22 following an afternoon of clearing and weeding that day. **Rose for Geoff -** slate marker in hand with DN

-**Benches** - general condition poor. Contractor has been requested to do these ASAP and to make the 2 in front of the clock tower his priority, following a complaint from the donator, on their condition.

**e. Burial Ground and Churchyard -** Cutting has proved too much for contractor who wishes to withdraw from this agreement. Discussed in item 7c . A relative has informed a Councillor that a gravestone is leaning due to a grave beside it being opened up. **ACTION** - MM to identify the grave and Clerk to inform stone mason re. repair.

-Tree down across the path on the left of the church has been cleared well by CC, fortunately, no damage to any graves.

**f. Neighbourhood development plan**

**-**Some new surveys were given out at Feast - only one returned via PO so far. It will added to the newsletter. They can also be taken to the coffee mornings - DS to update at September meeting.

**g. Climate Update**

-Nothing reported other than that the plastic free incentive (ZA), is work in progress.

h. Bins and dog fouling - Nothing reported

1. **Minor Works -**  CJ does not wish to co-ordinate the group - It was **RESOLVED** that MM would take on this role.

**ACTION** - Clerk to send the list of names to MM to contact and update and also a list of any works that are pending.

**j. Speed Watch** - Running four times a week and seeing improvements on the number of those speeding. traffic has dropped by 100 - considered to be due to the cos of fuel and more people working from home. It is minuted a very big thank you to JB and his team of volunteers for all heir hard and essential work. Bollard at the bottom of Telegraph Hill reported and due to be replaced.

**k.** **Surgery Facilities/Pharmacy** -A meeting was held with Carn to Coast, where the request for all patients to be sent an explanation letter and the suggestion to use the PO for a prescription pick up (offered by DN), were suggested. The closure of the existing surgery and the problems of the new build are not linked - but are two issues. It was proposed that Carn to Coast are requested to open at least a minimal surgery (GP/nurse) in St Day. It was also debated about using the minibus to take patients once or twice a week. **ACTION** - Clerk to liaise with Carn to Coast. Two Redruth pharmacies have agreed to offer a free delivery service to St Day. Letter of appeal, to suppport Naimans pharmacy over the Banns successful application, was pre-circulated prior to the meeting for approval **ACTION** - Clerk to submit to NHS Resolutions before 17th July.

**l. Car park potential in St Day** – Deferred to next meeting (September) as DS not present to report

**m. Mayor of Cornwall -** MM proposed to the committee, that the PC sends a letter to CC regarding the upcoming Mayoral situation. Question over whether having a Mayor of Cornwall is for the people, or a political advantage? Many people are not aware that this is even a proposal for the County, as it is not ‘being told’, and the people of Cornwall are seemingly not having a voice in this. The cost of a referendum for the people to have a voice is in the region of 1 million pounds; but the cost of an election for a mayor will be around 2.5 time more than this - and every 5 years, and ongoing. Cornwall is being offered a number of options - “If you have a Mayor, you will have this”, but in actual fact some of these things, Cornwall actually already has eg Levelling-up Fund. VL said that Cllr CD is planning to get this onto the agenda of CPIR Network Planning agenda in the near future. **ACTION** - Clerk to circulate an email, but first to request more information on the topic.

**n.** **Newsletter -** It would appear that the newsletter is not being read as widely as we would like. JB proposed that it needs some changes to enhance the read for the community - more like a magazine. It was **AGREED** that it needs more interesting topics, more club or community group reports, a ‘readers page’, puzzle or quiz page. **ACTION** - meeting with NK to discuss this for the November issue.

**o. Any matters arising, between printing of agenda and meeting date**

- Code of conduct and standing orders update

-Complaint that a new fence has not been erected at back of Vogue Terrace/Chapel Street - in hand with Cllr CD

-Passmore Edwards building in St Day is in the site of the new Church? PS has agreed to share putting on an event to celebrate the Bicentenary Festival in 2023 **ACTION** - Clerk to reply to email

-Search and Rescue open day - DC proposed we donate to this charity, having attended their information day on behalf of the PC. It was **AGREED** to donate £300 (half the cost of radio).

-Northfield Close and non visible signs - DC has reported his concerns to CC (Highways) on additional signage.

-SUEZ drop in session - it **RESOLVED** that JB would attend in the afternoon (13th) DC has a home visit that day - both will feedback to the PC. ZA asked them to stress that there will be a daily litter pick.

-Complaint from resident re. Benches in front of the clock tower - in hand, contractor has been asked to prioritise this job

-Tree overhanging Traveller’s graves - Clerk to check this on next ‘walkabout’

-An anonymous letter was delivered to the Clerk’s house by hand. It was a Councillor complaint; but without providing any instances or evidence of alleged racism. The complaint was investigated and the allegation of racism deemed unfounded. It has served however, as a reminder to the whole committee that whatever mediums of communication they use as a private individual, there still needs to be an awareness of the Code of Conduct expected form a Councillor. It was **RESOLVED** that all Councillors would read and sign an updated 2022 Standing Order, and in the Autumn, the Clerk will deliver Code of Conduct training to the Councillors as a refresher. The complainer cannot be responded to, as no name or address were supplied. It was also **RESOLVED** that the Clerk’s home address will be removed from the website and replaced with an alternative delivery address. **ACTION** - Clerk to investigate options.

-Request to ‘top up’ a grave which has slightly sunk - The Clerk has asked grave digger to do this when he next digs a grave there. -Parking outside cottages on Vicarage Hill - JB, CJ and Clerk have all spoken to the resident, but unfortunately this is not a PC matter, recommendations have been given to the house owner.

-Recruitment to Cornwall Council Standards Committee - no Councillors will be applying.

9. Accounts/Banking

HMRC NI 7.95(pd)

MW Grass cutting/weed clearance church courtyard 350.00 (pd)

SM Salary (less Tax 39.80 & NIC 26.10) 1,179.07(1244.97 – 65.90)

*Broadband/Tel allowances 13.33*

*HP printing DD 9.99*

*Magnetic pins for notice boards 19.98*

***1,222.37***

MW Grass cutting/weed clearance church courtyard 474.79

DS NDP questionnaire printing 95.00

BC Street Cleaning (June) 208.00

BC Street Cleaning (July) 208.00

Feast Half of General Store Bill 36.77

**10. Traffic and roads**

Road closure intentions:

Location:         Pink Moors, St Day -  18th - 22nd July 2022 (24 hours) Kier - on behalf of South West Water

Location:        Poldice, St Day & Road From District Boundary To Crofthandy, Crofthandy, St Day  22nd July 2022 (07:30 to 17:00 hours)

Location:         Telegraph Street, St Day -  17th August 2022 (09:30 to 16:00 hours)

Location:         Road From Junction North Of Woodview To Crofthandy, Crofthandy, St Day & Road From Junction at Fourwinds To Junction North Of Woodview, Poldice, St Day - 29th August 2022 (09:30 to 15:30 hours)

- 47 bus service - No recent complaints on the service, assuming it is back in full operation.

11. Meeting Reports – Murdoch Day (JB) Clerks meeting (SM) CAG (circulated) CPIR (Cancelled)

1. **Upc**oming Meetings – Litterpick (13.08.22), Hallenbeagle Community Engagement Event (13.07.22), MVRG (04.08.22 -SM, CJ), North Kerrier Reference Group (19.07.22)

**ACTION** - ZA will investigate ‘2 minute litter pick’ scheme

1. Planning enforcement (in camera)
2. Date of the next meeting - Monday 12th September (Clerk annual leave - Mon 26th - Fri 30th September.)

The meeting closed at 9.58