# ST DAY PARISH COUNCIL

# Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14.11.22 at 7pm, Enterprise Centre, Vogue, St Day.

Present: Cllrs James Beer, Demelza Stevenson, Carl Lamb, Clive Jones, Matthew McEvoy, Darrell Christie, S Moore (Clerk)

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

1. **Chairman’s welcome** - apologies sent fromCllr Zoe Abbotts
2. **Public Participation**

The public who chose to speak, were all present to comment about the proposed footpath plans for Pink Moors, and the project to make the meadow and beyond, more accessible to those who cannot manage the styles (by the placement of accessible gate/s). They were thanked for their letter which was put together and sent to the PC on this matter. The PC were asked whether they had asked the community for a response on the proposed plan, and some questions were directed at DC (who uses a powered wheelchair) on his perspective on the access to the footpaths. His response was that everyone has a right to go where they would like to go, and it is up to the individual to decide the risks and the suitability of where they venture. The ancient history of the styles was raised, and the fact that the path being discussed is very wet and boggy for a number of months in the year.

It was stated that there is a process to every planning and project, and the starting point (as quoted in the October minutes) was to speak to the land owners - as without their consent the idea could not even be considered. It was discussed - with the exact wording of the Oct minutes on display - how the wording had been perceived, and how the wording actually was meant to be read. Whilst it was perceived that work to remove styles was about to physically start, the actual meaning was intended to declare that the first stages were resolved to be started ie. Consultations/planning/ meetings etc. The projected funds available were decided during the budget in December 2021 - for the 2022/23 financial year to make an improved access path/s. The Clerk apologised for the fact that the wording of the minutes had misled and upset many of the Pink Moors residents and those who attended were thanked for attending and for their input. RR reminded everyone about the tree planting/wassailing dates and it was **AGREED** to have the Landmark Tree planted on the 26th Nov in the new Burnwithian Woodland.

1. JB declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest relating to item 4 on the agenda - planning application PA22/08975

1. The minutes from meeting held on 10.10.22 were **AGREED** as correct and signed by the Chairman.
2. **Planning**

**Application** PA22/08975 (Cllr Beer left the room for this discussion)

**Proposed side and rear single storey flat roof extension to create additional living space at Chyloe, Pink Moors**

It was noted that no reference was made to the emerging Climate Emergency Plan policies G2 Biodiversity net gain

and SEC1 Sustainable Energy and construction. It was **RESOLVED** however**,** not to object to this planning application on

the grounds that the PC would expect that extensions and developments take into account not only the Cornwall Plan,

but also the emerging Climate Emergency Plan.

**Application** PA22/06020

**Proposed development of 2 No dwellings at land adjacent to Hope Cottage, Tolcarne, St Day**

It was **RESOLVED** not to support this planning application. This is not the right place for development of

residential units. It is contrary to Policy 7 of The Cornwall Plan 2016 - Housing in the countryside The development of

new homes in the open countryside will only be permitted where there are special circumstances. The proposed

development does not meet the requirements of Policy 21 of The Cornwall Plan 2016 in regards to Best use of Land and

existing buildings. No reference has been made to the emerging Climate Emergency Plan, of note policies G2 and SEC1.

****Application**** PA22/09202

**Proposed construction of a detached 1 bedroom dwelling house** [amended design following grant of PA22/01712] with

domestic carport. **Donkey Track Cottage Little Carharrack.** It was **RESOLVED** not to object to this planning application.

**Application** PA22/07824

Proposed replacement of existing garage and retrospective planning approval for garden room at Fir Trees Cottage,

Scorrier. It was **RESOLVED** that the PC would support this planning/retrospective planning application.

**Application** PA22/09206 **(CC - *Decided not to make a TPO*)**

Works to a conifer over 4m high (to be cut down to the base) at2 Scorrier Street

**Application** PA22/09851 (*Information only - not for PC to comment*)

Works to trees in a Conservation Area to include Ash T1 - fell because of poor condition and suffering ‘Ash Die Back’

**PA22/01845/Preapp -** Septic tank at Orchard Cottage, Pink Moors - **Not for PC to comment**

**PA22/04033 -** Land Adjacent To Fairfield Telegraph Hill, St Day - **REFUSED by CC**

It was raised about the fact that so many developments are removing trees once the work gets started. It was **AGREED**

to add a reference on this to future consultee comments, to try and reduce the frequency of this happening.

1. **Cornwall Councillors Report** was circulated prior to the meeting - no comments were noted on this, other than the email address for the Clerk being unidentified. It was raised that a couple of the reports in the newsletter were not factually correct or accurate, and therefore misleading the residents. The Clerk explained that this is why a disclaimer was added to the newsletter. **ACTION** - Clerk to contact Cllr CD about the email address.

Public meeting was discussed and the short notice to the community. So time and date were confirmed to those present.

1. Matters arising

**a. Current Year Projects/Events**

- **Halloween event** (31.10.22) - Successful event - letter of thanks sent to the organisers.

- **Litter pick** (12.11.22) - not well attended; JB suggested that it is organised for the 3rd Saturday in the newsletter months, to give more notice **AGREED**. MM suggested that the Community Centre A board is placed outside on the day to attract more people in to help **AGREED**. LR suggested to involve more children in the village/volunteering sections.

**- Remembrance Day** (13.11.22) **-** Very well attended. A discussion needed to improve future events will be asking the band to play appropriate music to cover early arrivals/fill any gaps; go back to having a microphone; a definite start time. Thanks are minuted to the Football Club for their attendance and also to the Silver Band. The knitters were also congratulated on the beautiful array of poppies, cascading down the clock tower. A request was made for a Merchant Navy figure to be added for next year. It was noted that the group would like donations of wool and also needs volunteers. **ACTION** - Clerk to send a thank you letter. DC would personally like to contribute wool to the group.

**- Christmas lights** - Tree is in Market Square already; a cherry picker is booked for 16.11.22 to make a start on the lights. Also a working group is arranged for 19th Nov to continue putting up the lights - both dates are weather permitting.

- **Switching on Christmas Lights** (03.12.22) LR has offered to take the lead on this event, along the same lines as the Halloween one; the aim is bring back unity and togetherness in the village and to raise moral and bring some sparkle back into Christmas. This will follow the craft fair in the church in the afternoon. Help and volunteers were requested. It was **AGREED** that the PC bollards and high visibility jackets will be lent for this event.

- **9 Carols and Lessons** (12.12.22) JB has been invited to read the first lesson at this service; some discussion on whether to change the meeting date/day. It was **RESOLVED** to keep the PC meeting on the 12th and the Vice Chair to lead.

**- Carols in Market Square** (16.12.22)Band has confirmed this date. Their procession will usually arrive at the clock tower at around 8.30pm. There was some debate on the length of time that the band plays in Market Square. It was **RESOLVED** to request that the band play for longer and potentially not use the time walking around. Possibly be at the tree for 7pm or 7.30pm. The PC could offer a donation to cover the loss of change collected on the procession.

- **Welcome Club Trial** (24.11.22 and 08.12.22) Thursdays 2pm - 4pm at the Community Centre. Not a PC initiative, but the PC will support this. There is also an idea from the CAG to do a similar thing - starting in the new year. LR suggested creating a paper invite for those who don’t have internet access.

**b. Town Regeneration**

- **Community Interest Company -** DS explained to those present how a CIC can access pockets of funding that the PC cannot necessarily reach, and the purpose in St Day would be to get funding to deal with the poor condition of the Old Carpenters Workshop and other things/places that may need regeneration or restoration. There are no agreed projects to date; it’s just the groundwork being put into place. Forms were signed at the end of the meeting **ACTION** - DS to submit.

- **Clock tower** - Date to be set for training on the light settings - no immediate rush. MM liaising with the electrical company. CJ raised the fact that it is being called the clock tower, as opposed to the town clock. It is noted that when referring to the actual clock (eg. Time issues/service) then it is the town clock; when referring to the building (eg. Hanging the poppy cascade) then it is the clock tower as it is the building itself. Railings and benches looking like new. Problem with the front gate which has dropped - needs raising. It was **AGREED** to be looked at by minor works.

- **Weed killing** - Fore Street and around Clock Tower looking great - Some advice was invited from an attendee to the meeting; following this, it was **AGREED** that for the rest of the village, a licensed contractor will be instructed to get on top of the weeds (despite the potential unsightly dead, brown weeds) then look at hand weeding. **ACTION** - Clerk to obtain a quote prior to the December finance meeting.

- Public toilets - An annual fee of £520(£550 includes rent for the litter picks) is paid to the Community Centre to open and maintain them. DS proposed that a written agreement is produced and a meeting should be held with the caretaker in order to discuss the condition of the facilities; and if necessary offer to fund some improvements. **ACTION** - DS to draw up a draft contract.

**c. Footpaths**

-Following on from the public participation - some discussion was held around the styles, including the scheduled list from Heritage England/Cornish Heritage. Hand rails were discussed and the state of what currently exists. It was **AGREED** that when the weather is a little better in the new year the public will be invited to join some of the Councillors to walk the footpaths and look at where and what can be agreeably improved. The idea was put forward to form a Community Working Group to look at ‘which styles and where’ for the placement of hand rails/accessible gates and also to contact Kresen Kernow with regards to the type of hand rails that they would advise to be most suitable. **ACTION** - Clerk to contact Kresen Kernow for advice.

- DS informed the meeting that a safe walking route from St Day to Redruth Town, will be part of the NDP which she is currently working on.

d. Play areas and gardens

- Skate park - A closed sign has been placed at the skate park until a contractor has repaired the ramps and parts of the teenage village. **ACTION** - Clerk to obtain quotes from contractors.

-Leaning piece of equipment in **Wheal Jewel** play area reported to supplier leaning/wobbly - they are not taking any responsibility for the soft ground - not accepting it as an installation fault. It was **AGREED** to reposition the item in early 2023.

- **New Picnic Bench** **-** on green just off Carew Road - this has been authorised by Coastline. We need to agree an exact location, before laying concrete plinth and installing the bench. **ACTION** - MM to get a third quote for the plinth and also for concrete to re-set the leaning piece of exercise equipment.

-**St Day Playing field -** ’Please close the gate’ sign will be fitted this week.

**e. Burial Ground and Churchyard -** Field measured and the information sent to the solicitor re. new burial ground.

-Some discussion was held over parking for the burial ground/s. Some pockets of land in St Day may be potential areas, but the problem is whether they can be purchased/loaned for this purpose. Parking was the main issue raised in the NDP questionnaire, so does need to be looked at and will be included in the NDP.

**f. Neighbourhood Development Plan**

- A NDP ‘event day’ was initially considered for Saturday 19th November, but will not go ahead as this is also the date for the lights to go up in St Day. However, the trees will be available on this day from ‘Forest for Cornwall’ for collection from Redruth. There were 50 people who commented via Facebook, wanting a tree. DS will collect the trees and advertise on Facebook where people can collect them from in St Day on this date.

**g. Climate Update**

- Climate Action Plan - DS has updated the existing climate action with more of a working version. She has recently submitted it to the CAG. It was updated to be more in line with the merging NDP, and has actions for both the PC and the parishioners. It was **AGREED** to wait for the CAG feedback, as they created the existing action plan, and move forward accordingly.

**CAG dates to note:-**

- 26th Nov, Fruit Tree Planting to create an Orchard in St Day

- 19th Nov, Peat Free Refill Station

- 27th Nov, Made in St Day Xmas Fayre

- 10th Dec, Carharrack Monthly Market

- 6th January ‘23, 12th Night Wassail Event poster to be circulated soon

- 9th January ‘23, SDC CAG Monthly Meeting @Mills Hall, Carharrack

h. Bins and dog fouling -Nothing reported

**i. Minor Works -**  sign fitting as already noted in Item 7. Dropped gate will be looked at on clock tower (town clock) wall.

**j. Speed Watch** - Reported in October and also in the newsletter - next full report will be the December meeting

- Only 5 now in the team, but it is still operating 4 days a week

- Today, 191 cars passed from Scorrier to Falmouth and no speeders, so it is working well.

**k.** **Surgery Facilities/Pharmacy**

No updates have been received from C2C or Mills Trust. The Councillors have lost faith in the likelihood ofthe new build/new surgery materialising in St Day; certainly any time soon. For this reason, the PC do support a pharmacy in the centre of the village, due to the huge benefits it will bring. A pharmacy will bring with it a qualified pharmacist, private consultation room, access to routine health checks, checks for medication purposes, administration of Flu and Covid vaccinations, consultations for minor ailments, monitoring of chronic medical conditions, access for emergency prescriptions, dispensing of regular/new/repeat prescriptions, reliable opening times and access to ‘over the counter’ medications.

Other points are:

- The new surgery was not progressing and their approved planning had lapsed

- The recent planning application from a pharmacy to convert living space back to business use, was agreed at the October meeting (with conditions such as sympathetic renovation of the shop front/good disability access)

- The pharmacy requesting the planning permission, are not the cause of the failure of the new surgery plans

- NHS England made the decisions (despite appeals) which have led to this point in the saga

- The PC are in agreement to purely look at what will be the best result for the community at this moment in time; and they believe that a pharmacy, imminently, is the best outcome in the current situation.

**l. Car park potential in St Day** – Covered in item 7e.

**m. Any matters arising, between printing of agenda and meeting date -** It was raised that there is a need to have more involvement from the Community Police team in the Parish, for general support and for suspected rising drugs problems.

**ACTION** - Clerk to contact

8. Correspondence / communications received - All correspondence has been covered in previous items in the meeting

9. Accounts/Banking

***NOVEMBER***

MVRG Subs (annual members fee) 100.00 (pd)

Netwise Annual Fee 396.00 (pd)

HMRC Employers PAYE/NI 138.80 (pd)

NK Newsletter 706.60 (pd)

SM Salary (less Tax 53.00 & NIC 23.64) 1,168.33(1244.97 – 76.64)

*Broadband/Tel allowances 13.33*

*HP printing DD 9.99*

*CJ Key cut 8.00*

*Meeting refreshments 8.10*

*Signs (Skatepark, Defib,Gate) 67.00*

*Postage for Defib door 8.95*

*Laminating Pouches 11.95*

***1295.65***

CL Meeting mileage claim 4.95

RBL Poppy wreath 18.50

Netwise Domain Renewal 24.00

BC Street Cleaning 256.00

Odd Job Benches/railings 761.60

**Grant requests -** There have been minimal grant applications to date this year, so there is money in the budget available for organisations/projects that feel they have a requirement - any requests need to be submitted to the Parish Clerk with a rationale before the end of February 2023.

Finance meeting date was set for 5th December at 6pm, to set the budget for Precept - 2023/24

**10. Traffic and roads**

**Path/road Closures:** - Bridleway 16, St Day  7th November to 2nd December (24 hours)

Road From Junction North Of Woodview To Crofthandy & Road From Junction At Fourwinds To Junction North Of Woodview, Poldice, St Day - 9th January 2023 to 11th January 2023 (09:30 to 15:30 hours)

B3298 between Scorrier and the junction of the A393, StDay - 21st November 2022 to 25th November 2022 (19:00 to 06:00 hours)

11. Meeting Attended – CPIR (25.10.22), Litter pick (12.11.22)

1. **Upcoming Meetings** – Lithium Group (15.11.22 - SM,CJ), Positive planning (17.11.22 - JB, SM, DC), Clerks meeting (16.11.22 -SM), Safeguarding (22.11.22 - SM, DC), MVRG (01.12.22 - SM,CJ)
2. **Planning enforcement (in camera)**
3. Date of the next meeting - Monday 12th December

**Meeting closed at 21.36pm**