ST DAY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **08.01.24** at 7pm, Enterprise Centre, Vogue, St Day.

Present: Cllrs James Beer, Zoe Abbotts, Demelza Stevenson, Darrell Christie, Clive Jones and Cornwall Cllr Connor Donnithorne; Clerk - Sarah Moore.

**Apologies**: Cllr Jo Lello-Dunn

There were 13 members of the public present

1. **Chair’s welcome** and introductions - The Chairman spoke about the negative onslaught on social media against the Parish Council/Councillors and how, despite them not all being born and bred in St Day, they all have St Day at heart and that is why they give their time and effort to the Parish. He thanked all those who had come along for attending and invited them to speak in an extended public participation time. He also sought agreement to rearrange the agenda items in order to hear the Cornwall Councillors report, before Cllr CD had to leave.
2. Cornwall Councillor’s Report:

**Heartlands** - Despite its popularity, recent economic conditions have meant that utility costs have considerably

increased. National Lottery have decided not to provide Heartlands with any further funding and given the extreme

financial pressures of Cornwall Council there is no obvious funding stream. I will continue to work with colleagues to see

if there is a way forward to enable this important local facility to remain open.

**Street lighting** - 55,000 lights are going to LED and with the ‘switch off’ initiative, by 2025 there will be a 15% reduction

in the Council’s carbon emissions. The Cornwall Council Cabinet Member for transport is working on a careful selection

process, including liaison with local police, in choosing the most appropriate street lights to switch off.

**Budget meetings** - There is unprecedented strain on all budgets and a long term reduction in funding. An initiative to

double council tax on these properties will be beneficial when active.

**20mph Scheme** - By April 2024 (delayed from Nov ‘23), Carharrack and St Day will have almost full coverage of roads

through each village, with a 20mph speed limit. ACTION - Cllr CD to provide a map for the PC website/notice

board/Facebook showing the roads to have the speed restrictions.

1. **Public Participation:**

Representatives from St Day Feast Committee requested some assurance from Cllr CD on having the use of the St Day Playing Field for St Day Feast. It was explained that last year, all access to the building/electric/water was denied last minute, and field access was also made difficult, making set up for the event very hard. A generator and water bowser had to be organised as an emergency back up. CJ suggested the Enterprise Centre as a location and DS suggested the Star Inn’s field - it was noted though, that the tradition of placing flowers on the Mills Statue was just a part of the Feast history, and that the playing field was gifted to the people of St Day, so Feast should always (ideally) be held there. **ACTION** - Cllr CD to find any emails and liaise with Cornwall Council/Feast Committee on this.

The question was raised on whether the street lights should be on at junctions. Cllr CD clarified that he knew there were

specific highways examples where lights had to be left on, and considered this to be done on a classification basis in

conversation with Highways and the police.

It was pointed out that the street light at the top of Mills Street is off during the evening, but on all night. **ACTION** - Clerk to inform Cornwall Council

Re street lights - It was noted that whatever the Parish Council proposes or requests, ultimately the decision lies with

Cornwall Council as they run the street lighting. Whilst the Parish Council asked for the lights to be dimmed, the result

was a switch off. It was, however, proposed and **RESOLVED** to run with the switch off for six months, as a ‘trial

period/period of reflection’ to see whether any increase in crime materialises or other concerns are raised. Following

this period, a decision will be made on whether the Cabinet Member for Transport (Cllr Williams-Pears) is contacted, to

discuss a way forward, be it with, without or dimming the street lights between midnight and 5am. It is noted that those

who complained on Social Media did not attend the meeting to speak in person about their complaints.

A resident explained about a platform of community conversation, other than Facebook, where voices can be heard (Deliberate Democracy). They intend to set this up and will feed back the results to Cornwall Council.

It was **RESOLVED** not to ask for a show of hands in favour of, or against, the light switch off as it was not a full representation of the St Day Parish as a whole and would have no relevance, in the same way that the Facebook vote (posted by an anonymous member) has no merit.

A resident requested that attention to the hole in Telegraph Street is revisited. **ACTION** - Cllr CD and Clerk to investigate

It was questioned why the police reports are no longer included in the minutes and explained that whilst it gave a brief overview on crime in the area, it was always out of date (on the police website) and gave no indication of whether the crimes were solved or not; hence agreement to remove. PCSO J. Thorne has attended the occasional PC meeting as an alternative update on crime, and a council member attends the area Police Liaison meetings on a regular basis.

**Cllr CD left the meeting at 7.55pm**

**4.** There were no declarations ofpersonal and prejudicial interest relating to items on the agenda

5. It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th December 2023were correct

1. Planning - To receive and comment on recent planning applications:

**Application** PA23/08998

**Proposal** Removal of two ancillary caravans and replace with one ancillary caravan.

**Location** Prasygow Stables Higher Ninnis St Day

It was **AGREED** that there were no objections to this planning application but request to ensure appropriate disposal of the old ancillary caravan.

**7a. Current Year Projects/Events**

- **Carols around the Christmas Tree** - Friday 15th December was a well attended and joyous event. £12 was collected in donations towards the refreshments. (Banked on 18.12.23)

**- Xmas lights -** Started to be taken down on Saturday 6th to be completed with a cherry picker on Wednesday 10th Jan. Thanks are minuted to all of the volunteers involved and to the Christmas Lights Committee for all their hard work.

- **Litter Pick** - Will be on Saturday 10th Feb starting at 9.30am

**b. Town Regeneration**

- **Parish CIC -** Nothing reported

- **Toilet refurbishment -** The first contractor inspected the facility on 18th Dec (awaiting quote). A second contractor is scheduled and a third to be sought.

**- Town Clock** - With all the rain and strong winds, water has found its way in, by coming under the door. It was proposed that the Minor Works team look at this.

**c. Footpaths/Weed Control**

-The culverts in Bunts Lane were cleared by the contractor who took a tonne bag of debris away; again though, due to the extreme weather there is already more silt/leaves that have washed into the gullies. Minor Works to look at this.

-New burial ground field hedge - to be cut imminently.

**d.Play areas and gardens**

- **St Day Playing field -** Discussed in Item 3

- **Skate park -** Survey is live on the PC Facebook and will also be in the February newsletter there have been 25 responses logged to date. The tender will go live when survey results are in so we are looking at the beginning of March for the Tender process to start.

**-Millenium Garden** -Kind individuals from the Climate Action team have offered to do a tidy up; they have also removed the branches of Ivy that had entangled in the hawthorn and fallen across the path, above head height on the footpath behind Tilly Cottage leading to Wheal Gorland.

**e. Burial Grounds and Churchyard**

**-New Burial Ground** - Following on from the meeting held with the sexton and funeral director, a further site meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 16th Jan.

-**Burial Ground Charges** -the increased fees are live on the PC website.

**f. Neighbourhood Development Plan** - DS reported on the advice given Cornwall Council - The St Day Parish Green Spaces are being listed (for protection) and settlement areas to be made smaller. Thanks were given to DS for all the hours she has put into the NDP to date and commendation given on her work.

**g. Climate Update**

DS reported on two Street lighting case study examples:

**Norfolk County Council** went 12.00-05.00 darkness and has no increase in crime or anti social behaviour. The main concern was from those who lived in towns, rural people seemed happier to have dark skies.

**Essex County Council** switched off in 2014 from 01.00 – 05.00 and due to popularity, are extending it from 12.00- 06.00 (kept on at traffic interchanges).

**Additional Evidence** - The AA has done research and there is no impact on car crime or car accidents in areas of reduced street lighting. It looked at 14 years of data from 62 council across England and Wales.

A study by London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and UCL  over 2010 – 2013 showed no evidence of a correlation between reduced lighting and increased crime.

-‘Climate Notice Board’ - **ACTION** Clerk to set up and DS to send over some material to add.

-Sustainability day - to co-inside with the May newsletter to advertise (May/June) **ACTION** - DS to contact the school for a suitable date - potentially a Friday early afternoon

h. Bins and dog fouling - **ACTION** - Clerk to order environmentally friendly black bags for the ‘Killifreth bin team’.

1. **Minor Works -** It was **AGREED** to arrange a meeting in February/March for the Minor Works Team, to schedule the jobs noted for attention. **ACTION** - Clerk to arrange and advertise in the newsletter.

**j. Speed Watch** - JB reported that there has been a Christmas break from speed watch and also cancellations due to the extreme wet and windy weather. It will be restarting on Monday 15th January (weather permitting).

**k. Any matters arising since the release of the agenda**

-Two Councillor application received but will also be advertised in the February newsletter

**-**First Aid Training will be held on the 29th January **ACTION** - Clerk to confirm start/end times to those attending

8. Correspondence / communications received

- **Penninsular Transport Consultation** -Circulated 08.01.24

- **Wall behind Church Street (Carew)** - email sent to CC/Cllr CD - ongoing

## -**Thank you received from DN** for 40years in the post office gifts

**-RW/CC/CW -** All out of hospital and improving

**-Email from CL (Balcoath)** who supports the street light switch off

**-Email from MM** who requested dimming over the switch off

**-Email from DL** re Register of Interests on the PC website - this has now been rectified

1. **Accounts/Banking**

December - Paid

Tidy Grounds Burial Ground/church grass cutting 1,755.00(pd)

SLCC CiLCA Qualification 450.00(pd)

SM Laptop (Reimbursement) 595.32(pd)

**January** - The following accounts were AGREED for payment

SDY&S Office Rent 65.00(DD)

SM Salary (-Tax 118.40 & NIC 47.92) 1,360.92(1,527.24 – 166.32)

 *Broadband/offiice 35.00*

 *HP printing DD 9.99*

 *Xmas/Get well cards 5.49*

 *Meeting refreshments (Dec) and frame 10.59*

 *Flowers for PO - 40 yrs 15.00*

 *Mulled wine/vegan/kids - Carols event 20.50*

 *Parchment paper for PO poem 14.99*

*Meeting refreshments (Jan) 5.15*

# *McAffee - Anti Virus 39.99*

 ***1,517.62***

 BC Street Cleaning 208.00

The precept **annual** household increase for St Day was reported to be as follows:

Band A £1.15; Band B £1.34; Band C £1.53; Band D £1.72; Band E £2.11; Band F £2.48; Band G £2.86; Band H £3.44

**10. Traffic and roads - Road Closure Orders/Intentions:**

Road From B3298 To District Boundary, Little Beside & Road From District Boundary To Junction At Little Beside Bungalow - 23rd January 2024 (08:30 to 16:30 hours)

Pink Moors Road & Pink Moors, St Day on 30th January 2024 (09:30 to 15:30 hours)

A pot hole was reported on the B3298 at the Playing Field crossroads ACTION - ZA to report to Cornwall Council

Bollard at the bottom of Fore Street damaged and missing ACTION - Clerk to report

11. Report on any external meetings attended - Old Church CIC (12.12.23) was not attended as no confirmation sent

1. Upcoming Meetings - MVRG 25.01.24; Gypsy and Traveller Partnership Forum 30.01.24 (2-3.30pm); Police Liaison 01.02.24 (3-4pm); Hallenbeagle Liaison meeting 07.02.24; GEL Community Liaison 28.02.24

**13.**  **Planning enforcement** (in Camera)

1. Date of the next meeting - Monday 12th February at 7pm