



The Annual Parish Meeting of St Dennis Parish Council Wednesday 20th April 2022

Those present: - Cllr Clarke (Chairman), Cllr Kelsey, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Lodomez, Cllr Burnett, Cllr Sinnott, Cllr Dowd, Lynn Clarke- Clerk, Sharon Davey - Administrator, PCSO Ali Relf, Michael Harrison OPCC, representative Old Cornwall Society St Dennis Branch, Cornwall Cllr Dick Cole, and 18 members of the public representing various groups from the community.

1. Introduction and Welcome

Cllr J Clarke (Chairman) welcomed and thanked all in attendance informing those present that this is a public meeting.

2. Apologies

Cllr Edmunds (Vice Chair), Cllr Mrs T Edmunds, Cllr Harwood and Cllr Jones.

3.

a) A Talk from the Representative from the Police and Crime Commissioner: presentation about the role of the POCC.

Mr Harrison explained his role as manager of the Cllr Advocate Scheme.

The Cllr Advocate Scheme aims to provide communication between local councillors, the police, and the crime commissioner.

At the beginning of the 2010's there were 3,500 officers, however a lot of officers retired and were not replaced, so numbers dwindled to 2,900 in 2017. However, numbers are steadily increasing, and it is anticipated by early 2023 there will be 3,600 police officers, which will provide more visibility.

The demand for policing has changed. The current focus is:

- Mental health. 50% of all calls related to this issue.
- E-crime/scams
- 999/101 both currently covered by police staff as under resourced.

The Police Commissioner has highlighted the four main crime issues are:

- 1) anti-social behaviour
- 2) drugs
- 3) motor crimes/bad driving

4) serious/violent crime.

It was noted that is hard to balance demands with public requirements.

Cllr Dick Cole is a member of the Advocate Scheme and can advise on what the role involves. Parish and Town Councils may nominate two representatives to this Scheme, the idea being that they have a direct link with the OPCC and can feedback on issues that are affecting their individual areas.

Cllr Mrs J Clarke thanked OPCC Harrison then went on to report that a resident had telephoned the 101 system, waited 40 minutes before giving up, then decided to go online to report the crime.

Mr Harrison recommended using the Devon and Cornwall Police website to report crime. The website also indicates the waiting time for 101 calls.

A resident advised that they had emailed four weeks ago, received a reference response but no other communication - this even followed a discussion with a police officer.

Mr Harrison agreed to query response time with Chief Officer.

In 2016 a Police Forum was started which included two Parish Councillors from St Dennis. However, no communication circulated for 2-3 years.

Mr Harrison reported that the staff that set up these Forums may have been moved to different posts. The Cllr Advocate Project is a better option.

Officer Harrison highlighted different options that the public have for reporting crimes, emphasising that all incidents should be reported as they form part of the national statistics and can then be used to formulate target responses by the police.

b) A presentation about the History of St Dennis.

Jennifer Fouracre gave a presentation on the history of St Dennis beginning with the four settlements that in 1852 preceded St Dennis - Hendra, Trelavour, White Pit, Enniscaven.

She described the buildings and roads that were built back in the 1800's, some of which remain today. Robartes Road was built in 1926; Wellington Road, Hendra Road and Trelavour Road were built in the 1930s. Other items mentioned were:

- St Dennis has a fort which illustrates a religious building has been on this spot for hundreds of years.
- Carsella Farm and Domellick Manor are mentioned in the Domesday Book.
- Dame Schools was run in homes many years ago, and one penny was charged to attend.
- Four wells supplied water to the village.
- In the 1900's St Dennis had about 60 shops.
- Between 1920-1969 St Dennis had a resident police officer.
- Since 1948 St Dennis has had a local fire brigade.
- 1920-1930 recreation included churches/chapels, trips to Newquay, bands, mothers' union, WRVS, choirs, gun club, tennis club and a cinema in a tin shack!
- Between 1931-1964 St Dennis had a Plaza cinema.
- In 1922 an institute was built, which is now the Working Men's Club.

- St Dennis Carnival established in the 1930's and still running today.
- Girl Guides ran between 1931-1950.
- Football Club began in the early 1900s.
- Panto/drama started in the 1930s.
- 1950s and 1960s St Dennis held village dances.
- In the 1800s a doctor from St Austell would cover the parish. In 1921 Dr Manson started a practice in the area. A surgery was held in the back of the Co-op before it moved to its current location.

c) A report on the crime trends within the area over the last 12 months.

PSCO Ali Relf introduced herself and then went on to explain changes to policing in the area. A new Inspector Ian Joleff, a new Officer, and 9 Police Officers to work with the 3 Tri-Service Officers have all been appointed. There will be three new areas:

- West, which covers the clay area including St Dennis;
- Town Centre and hinterland;
- East including Fowey, Par, St Blazey, Lostwithiel.

PCSO Alison Relf gave a comparison which covered both the Parish and St Stephen over a period of four months in 2021 and 2022. As detailed below.

Crimes Recorded - 01/01/2022 to 11/04/2022 - St Stephen & St Dennis

Offence	Recorded Crime 01/01/2022 to 11/04/2022	Recorded Crime 01/01/2021 to 11/04/2021	Recorded Crime % Difference
Violence with Injury	14	15	-6.7%
Violence without Injury	22	27	-18.5%
Stalking and Harassment	15	24	-37.5%
Rape	3	3	0.0%
Other Sexual Offences	6	0	-
Burglary Dwelling	3	0	-
Burglary Non-Dwelling	1	2	-50.0%
Vehicle Offences	0	5	-100.0%
Shoplifting	0	1	-100.0%
All Other Theft Offences	10	6	66.7%
Arson	0	1	-100.0%
Criminal Damage	20	11	81.8%
Public Order Offences	8	1	700.0%
Possession of Weapons	1	0	-
Trafficking of Drugs	2	1	100.0%
Possession of Drugs	2	1	100.0%
Other Offences	3	8	-62.5%
Total	110	106	3.8%

Incidents Recorded - 01/01/2022 to 11/04/2022 - St Stephen & St Dennis

Incident Closing Category	Incidents - 01/01/2022 to 11/04/2022	Incidents - 01/01/2021 to 11/04/2021	Incidents % Difference
Anti Social Behaviour	27	41	-34.1%
Crime Not Recorded	3	4	-25.0%
Crime Recorded	54	60	-10.0%
Public Safety	130	165	-21.2%
Transport	63	41	53.7%
Total	277	311	-10.9%

In 2022 there was a small increase in crime recorded of 3.8 %, (4 crimes). Whilst no crime is acceptable, these figures do not present any trends that are not replicated across the County. There has been a 34.1 % reduction in ASB incidents being reported.

Crimes Recorded - 01/04/2021 to 11/04/2022 - St Stephen & St Dennis

Offence	Recorded Crime 01/04/2021 to 11/04/2022	Recorded Crime 01/04/2020 to 11/04/2021	Recorded Crime % Difference
Violence with Injury	79	62	27.4%
Violence without Injury	96	76	26.3%
Stalking and Harassment	83	92	-9.8%
Rape	12	10	20.0%
Other Sexual Offences	20	10	100.0%
Burglary Dwelling	8	5	60.0%
Burglary Non-Dwelling	7	12	-41.7%
Vehicle Offences	11	25	-56.0%
Theft from the Person	2	1	100.0%
Shoplifting	5	9	-44.4%
All Other Theft Offences	30	16	87.5%
Arson	1	4	-75.0%
Criminal Damage	81	58	39.7%
Public Order Offences	34	20	70.0%
Possession of Weapons	3	4	-25.0%
Trafficking of Drugs	2	6	-66.7%
Possession of Drugs	11	6	83.3%
Other Offences	12	17	-29.4%
Total	497	433	14.8%

Incidents Recorded - 01/04/2021 to 11/04/2022 - St Stephen & St Dennis

Incident Closing Category	Incidents - 01/04/2021 to 11/04/2022	Incidents - 01/04/2020 to 11/04/2021	Incidents % Difference
Anti Social Behaviour	109	197	-44.7%
Crime Not Recorded	7	12	-41.7%
Crime Recorded	213	207	2.9%
Public Safety	543	581	-6.5%
Transport	179	165	8.5%
Total	1051	1162	-9.6%

For the rolling 12 months, there is an increase of 14.8% in crime recorded (64 crimes). The trends are replicated across the County and the increases were anticipated in line with COVID restrictions being relaxed. There was a reduction of 44.7% in ASB incidents being reported.

4. To approve Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 20th April 2021

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 20th April 2021 were approved following two amendments – **Proposed** by Cllr Kelsey, **Seconded** Cllr Taylor, All in favour.

5. Short Report from Cornwall Councillor Mr Dick Cole

Cllr Cole presented a written report (add link).

One resident queried how many NDP forms have been received, as some people did not return their form.

Cllr Cole reported that over 100 responses have been inputted, with another approx. 100 to be entered. However future consultation is planned.

A resident reported that they had moved from Essex to St Dennis. Social housing requires a relationship to St Dennis to exchange.

Cllr Cole responded that a lot of recent developments had not applied the local rule, so local families have suffered and not been successful in getting onto the housing ladder.

Parishioner suggested establishing a youth club in village but needed advice ie venue, funding.

Cllr Cole agreed to meet with the parishioner to discuss further.

6. To Invite the public to raise any matters of interest or concerns

a) One resident reported on the footpath going up past the Church which has fallen stones and is not accessible for walkers.

The Administrator reported that the Parish Council office has reported this footpath to Cornwall Council twice but has not received a response. Cllr Cole offered to follow this up.

Resident suggested a kissing gate to alleviate the closed footpath. Another parishioner reported that the sign is missing on Enniscaven side of the

footpath. **The Administrator** responded advising this was reported to Cornwall Council.

It was agreed that action is required soon or the footpath will be lost.

b) Tuesday Friends raised the following concerns:

- Traffic on all roads: speeding requires calming measures.
- Trelavour Road signs not visible.
- Parked cars across all parish, partly as not enough parking. This is of particular concern for emergency services. Suggested a one-way system or no parking being enforced.
- Enniscaven traffic – would suggest one-way system.

One parishioner suggested the Incinerator Fund could fund the lowering of kerbs so residents could provide parking in their front gardens.

It was noted that the Community Trust cannot fund such a project. However, Cornwall Council could be approached to undertake a pilot of St Dennis to include parking and traffic issues. The Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) did include traffic questions, from which the Parish Council can extract information to use as evidence to pass onto the Cornwall Council. The NDP has illustrated dog fouling and traffic as major concerns of residents.

7. Chairman's Annual Report

It is good to see several organisations of the Parish represented here this evening. After over 2 years of restrictions due to the Covid 19 pandemic we need to, safely, get back to something bordering on normality.

I feel very privileged to work with a full quota of 11 Councillors who work together extremely well. We all have our own views which can lead to some “interesting” debates at times, but we all shake hands and carry on afterwards. We are very fortunate to have some Councillors with young children, so we also benefit from the views of the younger residents

When I became a Parish Councillor, over 24 years ago, I was not only a newcomer but was also the baby of the Council – not sure what happened there!

Approaches have been made to the younger members of the Parish to attempt to produce a Junior Council – unfortunately at this time it has been unsuccessful, but we will continue to try.

Work has already started in the Cemetery – unfortunately several trees have had to be removed as they were beyond saving. However, we have plans to replant some suitable trees, flower tubs, bases and more benches to brighten up our lovely cemetery.

Whatever the Council do there will be some who approve and some who don't. This is the same in every walk of life. If you think we aren't performing to your requirements, please let us know and we will try to work with you.

We must give a vote of thanks to Lynn, our clerk and Sharon, our administrator. They both work behind the scenes ensuring the Council are kept up to date with the latest legislation and dealing with a huge amount of paperwork that comes into the office daily.

The Neighbourhood Plan leaflets have been delivered to all residents in the Parish. Councillors now have the unenviable task of entering the data onto the electronic system to ensure the correct reports can be drawn down.

Four Councillors have been working with six residents, from different organisations to organise events to enable St Dennis to join in the celebrations of the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the second. They are: -

2nd June – Candlelight parade to the Church for the lighting of the Beacon

3rd June – Street/Tea Party at the Working Men's Club car park

4th June – Village Fete/Sports Day in the St Dennis Playing field.

Several organisations have been extremely generous in funding to allow the youngsters to have LED tea lights for the candlelight parade, the purchase of the Beacon, Street/Tea Party to be free of charge to those attending and Coins to be presented to the Children of St Dennis Academy.

Commemorative mugs have been purchased and raffle prizes donated.

We are now advertising for anyone who would like to attend the Street/Tea Party or would like to pre-book mugs to let the committee know.

The funds from the sales of mugs and raffle tickets will be donated to local charities. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us, and everyone will have a good time.

This evening you will be hearing reports from our Parish Council committees along with the financial reports. It is quite a long agenda so without further delay we will make a start.

9. Short Reports from the Committees (Planning, Cemetery, Playing Field and Education Grants)

Community Grants 2021 - 2022

Applications received: 4 applications received £378.80 awarded under section 137 and £120 under other powers.

Awarded for the year: £498.80

Cemetery 2021-2022

Interments Garden of rest: 12

Interments Grave space: 12

Plots Purchased: 14

Income: £14209.60

Expenditure excluding wages: £11147.72

Additional costs: Fencing Installation £2275.20.

Total cost for Cemetery Excluding wages £13422.92

Amenities including footpaths

Income: £1706.70

Expenditure: £6258.67

Public Toilets

Expenditure: £4397.96

Playing Field

General expenditure: £13886.51

Additional costs £6355.20 for fencing from lower entrance to skate park and fencing along the back of the children's play area.

Total Playing field expenditure £20241.71

Education Grants

Applications received: 10

Applications approved: 09

Refused or withdrawn: 1

Payments carried forward from 20/21 7

Total awarded: £3856.06

Total awarded to date: £85489.12

Balance as of 31st March: £61023.75

Planning

Applications received: 21

Agreed: 18 4 of these were supported with conditions.

Objected to 3

Financial

Total Income including all above figures: £155164

Total Expenditure: £119012

Bank Balances as at 31st March 2022

Current: £187510.45

Saver: £121117.84

Playing Field £14601.80

Petty Cash £0.12

ST DENNIS PARISH COUNCIL

RESERVES

	Opening	2021/22			Closing
-	Balances	Additions	Releases	Re-alloc.	Balances
-	at 01.04.21				at 31.03.22
<u>EARMARKED RESERVES</u>					
Play equipment & Fencing	11,475	5,000	(4,855)	2,000	13,620
Office Equipment	2,265	2,000			4,265
Open Spaces- Provision of Seats	1,000	2,000		1,000	4,000
Cemetery- Headstone Safety Inspection	6,002	500		(1,000)	5,502
Cemetery Headstones Remedial Work	3,570	500		1,000	5,070
Cemetery Enhancement	3,495	3,500		2,000	8,995
Trelavour Sq Tarmac	2,100	1,000	(1,257)		1,843
St Dennis Toilets	10,774	2,000			12,774
Weed Control	1,000				1,000
Neighbourhood Plan	5,966	2,490	(184)		8,272
Council Tax Benefit grant	41,485	4,673		(6,000)	40,158

Notice Board	2,400				2,400
Village Enhancements	10,890				10,890
Emergency Plan	1,500				1,500
Open Spaces - Maintenance	4,626			1,000	5,626
Election Exp	10,500		(255)		10,245
Tree work	6,850		(1,500)		5,350
Cemetery Land Fund	64,050	4,500			68,550
CCTV	17,851		(10,662)		7,189
Education Bursaries	46,308	18,109	(4,703)		59,714
Emergency funds	1,500	500			2,000
Training		2,000			2,000
Dunstan Close/ Hendra Praze		7,500			7,500
Bus Shelters		3,000			3,000
TOTAL	255,607	59,272	(23,416)	0	291,463

	Opening	2021-2022			Closing
	Balances	Receipt	Payments	EMRs	Balances
	at 01.04.21				at 31.03.22
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<u>GENERAL FUND</u>					
Opening Balance	78,556				92,495
Receipts	173,356	155,164			155,164
Payments	(96,731)		(119,012)		(119,012)
Additions to EMRs	(81,305)			(59,272)	(59,272)
Releases from EMRs	18,619			23,416	23,416
TOTAL	92,495	155,164	(119,012)	(35,856)	92,791

TOTAL FUNDS	348,102		384,254
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Meeting closed at 8.45pm