



## The Annual Parish Meeting of St Dennis Parish Council Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Those present: - Cllr Clarke (Chairman), Cllr Kelsey, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Edmunds, Cllr Griffin, Cllr Hawkins, Lynn Clarke- Clerk, Tracey Hutton – Senior Office Administrator, PCSO Ali Relf, Tri Services Officer Lewis Roswell, two representatives from Cornish Lithium, Cornwall Cllr Dick Cole, and 7 members of the public representing various groups from the community.

### 1. Introduction and Welcome

Cllr J Clarke (Chairman) welcomed and thanked those present for attending.

### 2. Apologies

Cllr Burnett (Vice Chair) and Cllr Harwood.

### 3.

#### a) A Presentation from Mr Trevena about his book “A Century of Remembrance”.

The book is an updated version of the original “Who Cares”. The book investigates the people behind the names on the War Memorial in St Dennis.

The Original book was written without the aid of computers or access to the resources that are available today. It also involved trips to various Cemeteries and Memorials abroad.

In 1923 the plaque commemorating those lost during the 1<sup>st</sup> World War was installed on the war memorial at what is now known as the Working Mans Club in the village.

In the first book Mr Trevena investigated as much as was possible at the time, the last resting places of those named and the circumstances in which they were lost, as well as an insight into the lives they led before they joined the forces.

2023 being a century since the installation of the plaque, Mr Trevena decided to revise the book in honour of those named using the resources now available.

Mr Trevena presented an insight into the lives and deaths of a select few of those named on the memorial plaque and his endeavours to capture images of the war graves and memorials across the world.

Cllr Clarke thanked Mr Trevena for his thought-provoking presentation.

## **b) Update from Cornish Lithium.**

Mr Vine and Mr Baker from Cornish Lithium presented new information on the progress of the project. Currently, evidence for an environmental report being collected. Once the results of this have been reviewed and, providing it is feasible to do so, vegetation clearance will begin in the Trelavour Pit area. A new topographical survey of the area is currently being undertaken.

The initial scoping works have been carried out and more detailed scoping works are currently underway to establish the economic viability of the project. This will involve more drilling to obtain information on the resources. A demonstration facility is being constructed at the old Trelavour Driers to test the processes for extraction of Lithium. The next stage will be a full feasibility study which is due to start in the next year. It will be several years before the results are known and full production will be considered. During this time Cornish Lithium aim to keep the Community updated on progress and planned works.

Cllr Clarke enquired about the stability concerns that have been highlighted with the tips known as Flatty and Pointy. Mr Vine informed that there is evidence of material moving at the base of one of the tips. An additional detailed appraisal has been undertaken on the local landmarks and a formal report into their conditions is due in the next few weeks. It is thought that the adverse rainfall that the area has experience in the last 18 months may have had a detrimental impact on the tips.

Those present were informed of the plans to re-route the current permissive path to the boundary of the site due to drilling work that is currently being undertaken near the existing path.

A member of the public enquired about the disposal of the waste produced during the mining process. They were informed that whilst suitable sites for disposal have been located the company are hopeful that the waste products will be used in other industries.

Cllr Clarke thanked Mr Vine and Mr Baker for the update.

## **C) Update on crime levels, policing from PCSO Relf and an update on services provided by Lewis Rosewell Tri Service Officer.**

PCSO Relf provided a report covering changes in station manager levels of cover for the area and the number of crimes that have been reported over the past year. The rate of crime has fallen by 9% on the 2021-2022 period. A Copy of the report can be found [here](#).

Lewis Roswell explained to those present about the role of the Tri-Service Officer working with the police, fire and ambulance services alongside 11 other Tr-service Officers in the county. Officer Rosewell gave a report on how he has assisted within the community over the past 12 months in the various roles that he undertakes such as:

**Undertaking Domestic Risk Reduction visits;** Accessing a person's home to review all the risks and vulnerabilities from Fire, Police, Health, Safety and wellbeing perspective and reducing that risk by taken certain measures.

- **Home Fire Safety Checks (HFSC)** issued by the Fire Service (Scheduled visit).
- **Living, Safe and well visits (LS&W)**, Unscheduled visits created by dealing with a police log, post ambulance or fire incident or referral from other agencies.
- **Safeguarding;** From these visits TSSO can create safeguarding cases and work with other services/agencies to assist in problem solving and reducing risk/vulnerability.

This includes the completion of the Police visit form.

### **19 hours Fire Appliance Availability;**

When a Tri-Service Safety officer is on duty they provide 42 hrs of availability and support the crewing of the appliance (s) at their local station. A Fire appliance requires a minimum of 4

personnel (ideally 5) with the right skill sets (Incident Commander, driver and 2 x breathing apparatus wearers) to ensure the availability of the fire appliance.

St Dennis has 1 x fire appliance and have a current establishment of 12 personnel. TSSO Rosewell is an integral part of SM Neil Parson's team who maintain good appliance availability .

**Police Logs and incidents attended;** Non-emergency 101 police logs, such as neighbourhood disputes, ASB etc

**Attending ambulance incidents (SWASFT);** *Category 1 & 2 life risk emergencies. After every critical incident the TSSO receives defusing from the fire service defusing team and the incident recorded. They also receive support from SWASFT and Police Trim team members where necessary.*

**ASB Diversionary work;** *TSSO continue to problem solve ASB issues and look to carry out prevention work and redirect individuals in to clubs and other interest to reduce ASB through diversionary work.*

*The Tri-Service team work with Cornwall Council's ASB caseworkers and look to diversionary work to reduce ASB, with the issuing of level 1, 2 warnings as an option.*

**Part of the role undertaken is safeguarding.**

Safeguarding cases are being established by the Tri-service through the following pathways,

- Domestic Risk reduction visits (HFSC or LS&W referrals for CFRS)
- Police logs and enquires
- Post Ambulance and Fire service operational calls
- Local intelligence + Community engagement

The team record safeguarding cases on both Cornwall Councils and the Police NICHE system. Having access to these systems provide the Tri-Service team with a unique problem solving capability. The tri-service team will coordinate other service and agencies to assist with the Safeguarding case to reduce risk and vulnerability.

**229 hours have been spent on Community engagement and Prevention.**

The Tri Service team carry out a variety of community engagement & Prevention activities,

- Joint Target work with other agencies
- Safeguarding cases and attending safeguarding adults meeting, adult risk management meetings.
- School safety visits
- Town council meetings
- Some TSSO are starting to engage with the social prescriber at the local doctors surgeries to problem solve community health issues.

Cllr Clarke thanked PSCO Ref and Officer Rosewell for the information they provided and their assistance to the community in the last year.

#### **4. To approve Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 were approved. All in favour.

#### **5. Short Report from Cornwall Councillor Mr Dick Cole**

Cllr Cole presented a written report a copy can be found using this [link](#).

Cllr Cole briefly outlined the content of the report which included:

- Funding obtained for a feasibility report into the opening up of a multi-use trail on the old railway line between St Dennis and the Goss More Trail. The results of this report will be available in due course.
- An update on the provision of affordable housing.
- Road safety matters
- Working with the Parish Council to clear a footpath.
- His position as director at ClayTAWC
- A Strategy for the China Clay area.
- Cllr Cole's work at Cornwall Council
- The production of a newsletter
- How Cllr Cole has been assisting local people in the parish.

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

a) One resident enquired about the possibility of having a bin installed at the end of Church Road.

It was agreed that the office will submit a request to Cornwall Council for an additional waste bin.

b) A member of the public highlighted concerns with road safety informing that there were no give way signs on the junction of Trelavour Road and Gothers Road. Concerns with speeding traffic were raised and a suggestion was put forward about having the 30mph signage moved to above Penwyn Garage where the village sign is, rather than further down the road.

Cornwall Cllr Dick Cole (CC Cole) advised that these matters could be investigated.

CC Cole went on to inform about the roll out of '20's Plenty' scheme, advising of Cornwall Council's plans to reduce the speed limits in rural and urban areas to 20 mph. There will be some exceptions on some main roads, that will remain at 30mph.

Cllr Griffin informed the members of public present of a project that the Parish Council are undertaking to install mobile flashing speed signage for the Parish.

Cllr Taylor enquired if Cornwall Council would consider the switching off of streetlights during the night, informing of incidents of birds singing all night due to the light pollution.

CC Cole informed that this is something that they may consider. It has been trialled in another area, but residents were not all in favour of such a scheme. Anomalies of ownership of some streetlights have also been highlighted, as not all street lighting is under the ownership of Cornwall Council.

## **7. Chairman's Annual Report**

It is good to see several organisations of the Parish represented here this evening. This meeting is always a good opportunity for you to speak your views, discuss any issues you may have and – maybe – even let us know that we are doing right or wrong.

I feel very privileged to work with a hard-working group of Councillors who work together extremely well. Unfortunately, we have lost some of our Councillors this year due to family, work, and health issues, which means that existing Councillors have had to work a bit harder to fill up the gaps these resignations have left. If you feel you would like to join the Parish Council, please let us know and we will explain the process. Whether you become a Councillor or not there is always an opportunity to come along to Full Council meetings which are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7pm here at Claytawc, and put forward any queries or concerns you have.

We must give a vote of thanks to Lynn our clerk and Tracey our new Administrator. They both work behind the scenes to ensure 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 is underway with all of the results of the first set of questionnaires now entered onto the system. The next phase will follow very soon.

The Parish Emergency Plan is being produced to solve issues in advance of any major disaster, such as the village being cut off from roads and electricity etc. The committee would appreciate input from residents to ensure that the plan is fit for purpose.

Three Councillors have been working with a group of residents, from different organisations to organise events to enable St Dennis to join in the celebrations of the Coronation of King Charles III on the 6<sup>th</sup> May. The following events will take place with the kind permission of the Working Men's Club who will be screening The Coronation at the club during the morning. To date we have arranged a cream tea from 3pm, with a few fairground rides for the primary age children. St Dennis Band will be joining us from 4pm – 5pm. In the evening we have a hog roast and silent disco from 8pm and the lighting of the beacon at 9pm. We are very fortunate to have received support from the CERL for the provision of crowd barriers around the beacon plus the St Dennis Fire Brigade will be joining us to light the beacon and to ensure that everyone is kept safe. CERL have also agreed to collect any black bin rubbish following the cream tea. Tables and chairs, which previously belonged to the St Dennis Steam Rally, are being loaned for. A limited number of Coronation mugs have been purchased and will be available on a first come first serve basis. Coins have been purchased and will be presented to the children of St Dennis Academy prior to the Coronation. If anyone has some spare time to assist with the setting up on the Saturday morning or tidying up in the afternoon it would be greatly appreciated.

Any donations received from the Coronation celebrations will be donated to the St Denys Bells Appeal.

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

### **Community Grants 2022 - 2023**

Applications received: 8 applications received £1143.53 and a purchase of mugs for the Coronation Event £876.33 making a total of £2019.87 awarded under section 137 and £600 under other powers.

Awarded for the year: £2619.87

### Cemetery 2022-2023

Interments Garden of rest:	13	
Interments Grave space:	11	
Plots Purchased:	13	
EROB Transfers	18	
Income:		£18157.65
Expenditure excluding wages:		£12036.17
Additional costs: Gate, gully covers and benches		£3460.00.
Total cost for Cemetery Excluding wages		£15496.17

Cllr Edmunds went on to inform those present of the wall repair works that are currently being undertaken and the current investigations into the extension of the burial ground.

### Amenities including footpaths

Income:	£1822.81
Expenditure:	£6971.13

### Public Toilets

Expenditure:	£5011.60
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### Playing Field

General expenditure:	£9946.00
Additional costs £1440.99 for goal posts, additional bin and metal for gates.	
CCTV installation £6636.16 from ear marked reserves.	
Total Playing field expenditure	£18203.15

### Education Grants

Applications received:	20
Applications approved:	15
Refused or withdrawn:	5
Payments carried forward from 21/22	1
Total awarded:	£9225.25
Total awarded to date:	£85489.12
Balance as of 31 <sup>st</sup> March:	£70525.70

### Planning

Applications received:	21	
Agreed:	18	4 of these were supported with conditions.
Objected to:		

### Financial

Total Income including all above figures:	£170,801.00
Total Expenditure:	£141,104.32

Bank Balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Current:	£224675.53
Saver:	£121300.95
Playing Field	£4075.68
Petty Cash	£29.71

**ST DENNIS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**RESERVES**

	Opening	2022/23			Closing
	Balances	Additions	Releases	Re-alloc.	Balances
-	at 01.04.22				at 31.3.23
<b><u>EARMARKED RESERVES</u></b>					
Play equipment & Fencing	13,620	300			13,920
Office Equipment	4,265		-500		3,765
Open Spaces- Provision of Seats	4,000	3,000	-2,500		4,500
Cemetery- Headstone Safety Inspection	5,502				5,502
Cemetery Headstones Remedial Work	5,070				5,070
Cemetery Enhancement	7,738				7,738
Trelavour Sq Tarmac	3,100				3,100
St Dennis Toilets	12,774	3,000			15,774
Weed Control	1,000				1,000
Neighbourhood Plan	8,272		-2,994		5,278
Community Benefit Fund	40,158	2,294			42,452
Notice Board	2,400				2,400
Village Enhancements	10,890				10,890
Emergency Plan	1,500				1,500
Cemetery Wall Repairs	5,626	6,000		6,350	17,976
Election Exp	10,245			-2,000	8,245
Tree work	5,350			-4,350	1,000
Cemetery Land	68,550	5,000			73,550
CCTV	7,189		-6,011		1,178
Education Bursaries	59,714	20,123	-11,061		68,776
Emergency Funds	2,000				2,000
Training	2,000		-400		1,600
Dunstan Close Land	7,500	4,000			11,500
Bus Shelters	3,000	1,500	-3,000		1,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>291,463</b>	<b>45,217</b>	<b>-26,466</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>310,214</b>

	Opening	22-23			Closing
	Balances	Receipt	Payments	EMRs	Balances
-	at 01.04.22				at 31.3.23
<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>					
Opening Balance	92,495				92,791
Receipts	155,164	170,801			170,801
Payments	-119,012		-141,104		-141,104
Additions to EMRs	-59,272			-45,217	-45,217
Releases from EMRs	23,416			26,466	26,466
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>92,791</b>	<b>170,801</b>	<b>-141,104</b>	<b>-18,751</b>	<b>103,737</b>

<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>384,254</b>				<b>413,951</b>
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**Meeting closed at 8.40pm**

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