



The Annual Parish Meeting of St Dennis Parish Council Tuesday 2nd May 2017

Those present: - Chairman Cllr Mrs J Clarke, Cllr Panks, Cllr Edmunds, Cllr Snell, Cllr Mrs K Taylor, Cllr Cotton, Cornwall Cllr Mr Greenslade, PCSO Relph, Mr S Bates, Mrs S Kelsey and three members of the public

Apologies received from: - None

1. The Chairman Mrs Clarke welcomed all present, and invited the clerk to read the minutes from the previous meeting for the benefit of those who were not in attendance.
2. Apologies received from: - None
3. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 26th May 2016 – Approved Proposed by Cllr Snell Seconded Cllr Mrs K Taylor all in favour.
4. PCSO Ali Relph informed councillors of the crime statistics relating to the parish over 2016 - 2017 in comparison to the previous year 2015-2016, and gave a short report on policing in this area over the past year. As detailed below.

St Dennis Parish Council Assembly Police Report April 2016 – April 2017

	2015/2016	2016/2017
Assault / Domestic	7	18
Sexual Offences	0	4
Arson	0	2
Dog Offences	3	4
Theft	25	10

Burglary and Attempt	7	6
Criminal Damage	22	19
Drug Offences	3	0
Malicious Communication	1	5
Public Order	0	4
Harassment	3	0
Fraud	2	3
Driving Offences	1	5
Robbery	0	1
Possessing a knife in public	1	1
Exposure	0	1
Act of outraging public indecency	0	1
Vehicle interference	2	0
Breach of Molestation Order	1	0
Unnecessary suffering to a protected animal	1	0
Total =	79	84

There has been an increase of **5** reported crimes in **2016/2017** which is a **6.32 %** increase in the **St Dennis Parish** as a whole over the last twelve months.

Between **2015/2016** in the St Dennis Parish there has been **387** logs called in to the police compared with **2016/2017**, where there have been **301**, which is a decrease over the last twelve months, a fall of **22.22%**. There has been a slight increase of ASB logs called in to the police during **2016/2017** with a total of **57** compared with **53** on the previous year which is an increase of **7.5%** over all.

The last year has seen some changes with **PCSO Brian Harris** retiring back in early February 2017, after 10 years servicing the community and with myself taking over a larger area which also now includes **Trewoon, St Mewan and St Stephen Parish**.

We also have a new officer joining the team in St Austell, **PCSO 30740 Yasmin Dingle** who covers **Mevagissey Parish, Polgooth and Sticker**.

There are now **6** Police Community Support Officers that cover the St. Austell area as a whole compared with **10** officers last year.

There will be future changes to the neighbourhood policing structure over the next **4** years with a reduction in numbers of PCSO's across Devon and Cornwall. When there is further information I will update the Parish Council with any developments.

I give my thanks to the parish council for your continued support and look forward to working in partnership over the next 12 months. I would also like to say thank you to Clay Tawc for continuing to give me a base in the village to work from.

Thank you,

PCSO 30004 Alison Relf.

The Chairman Mrs J Clarke Thanked PCSO Relph for the support that she provides for the Parish Council and our community, then invited the public to raise any matters of interest or concern.

Mr Bates enquired as to why there has been a reduction of PCSO numbers, PCSO Relph informed him that this is due to people leaving the force and the fact that at this present time the police are not recruiting new PCSO's in favour of providing more police officers on the beat. Discussions followed regarding the present numbers and the uncertainty of the future within the police force at this present time.

PCSO Relph went on to read the monthly report as detailed below:

St Dennis Parish Council Report			
DATE OF MEETING		02nd May	2017

Type of Crime				Number
Burglary			=	1
Attempt Burglary			=	1
Criminal Damage to Vehicle			=	1
RTC Failure to provide a specimen			=	
Theft for residential property			=	
Theft of motor vehicle			=	
Arson			=	
Drunk and Disorderly			=	
Section 4A Public Order (Threatening abusive word)			=	
Possession of Drugs			=	
Common Assault			=	1
Assault Grievous Bodily Harm with intent			=	1
Assault Actual Bodily Harm			=	
Assault Actual Bodily Harm (domestic)			=	1
Dog Out of Control Causing Injury			=	1
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Malicious Communications (domestic)			=	1
Total for Period			=	
Suspects/Offenders Arrested/ Charged/ Bailed, JR.			=	4

Police Report 02nd May 2017

This report covers the period of the 05/04/17 – 02/05/17

Over the last month there have been **8** crimes in the parish.

- CR/029230/17 Burglary 18/04/17 00:00 – 05:45 hours at Carne Hill. Nothing has been taken but entry gained through an insecure window. Undetected

- CR/029162/17 Attempt Burglary 19/04/17 09:30 – 10:30 hours, Hall Road, key snapped in the back door with wrong key and marks found around the door frame. Undetected
- CR/029296/17 A dog out of control causing injury, Hall Road. The dog has been destroyed.
- CR/025637/17 GBH Assault with intent. Currently under investigation. An iron bar used to cause injury. (Suspect)
- CR/028670/17 ABH Assault. Domestic incident. (suspect)
- CR/028875/17 Common Assault, Hall Road. Under investigation.
- CR/029158/17 Criminal Damage to Vehicle. 19/04/17 12:00 – 15:00 hours, Green Peugeot parked on driveway on Robartes Road, rear windscreen smashed, no entry gained. Undetected.
- CR/028875/17 Malicious Communication via phone call and message. Domestic incident. Under investigation.

There has been **24** calls to the police over the last month in the parish.

Some of the calls reported are as follows **3 ASB, 1 abandoned call, 4 RTC, 1 Dangerous Driving, 3 Domestic, 4 Highway Disruptions.**

Warning

Please be aware of a rogue trader going door to door in the area as we have had 3 reports recently in the St Austell area of a male going door to door stating that he will clean gutters and windows, takes payment and no work completed. Please report incidents to the police and trading standards. Please also be aware of scam letters and emails informing you that you have won a cash prize or goods where you have to pay an upfront fee, delete the emails and throw the letters in the bin and do not reply.

I have no further updates on PCSO numbers but will keep you informed on any further information.

Thank you,

PCSO 30004 Ally Relf

5. Short Report from Cornwall Councillor Mr Fred Greenslade: -
Mr Greenslade informed all present that over the past year he has attended 161 meetings held all over Cornwall in his role as Cornwall Councillor. The Cornwall Local Plan has now been adopted and is having a 90% success rate on planning appeals, which is up 30% more than the previous appeal system that was in place. The Councillor talked about Neighbourhood plans that are being set up in several areas, that are currently in various stages of development, and the need for a plan for St Dennis, he has been approached by people regarding development sites in this area, and has advised that they contact the Parish Council and possibly become involved with the Neighbourhood Plan.
Cllr Greenslade informed all of the news that Verna Headley the Clerk to St. Stephen-in-Brannel Parish Council and Des Curnow, Cornwall Councillor have both retired and will be missed.
The Cllr ended his report by congratulating the Parish Council on the way the open spaces were being kept saying that they were looking lovely and a credit to the village.

6. Chairman's Annual Report –

Chairman's report to the Annual Assembly

It is my pleasure to welcome you all here to the Annual Assembly of St Dennis Parish Council.

This is the last meeting of the outgoing Parish Council – the next meeting will be held on the 16th of May at 7pm when new councillors will be officially joining us and we will then vote in the new Chair, Vice Chair and Committee members for the year.

This last year has seen the departure of some extremely valuable Councillors due to Health and Personal issues. The result has been that the 6 remaining Councillors have been working extremely hard. As Chairman I have felt very guilty requesting that all 6 attend all committee meetings in order that we are quorate and able to carry out the business of the Parish Council. I wish to take this opportunity to sincerely apologise to councillors for over working them and to thank them for their support.

As we are in an Election Year we have been unable to co-opt any new Councillors. However we have two new Councillors who completed their election papers to come onto the Parish Council, they will be in post 4 working days after the Election date of the 4th May, we also have three prospective Councillors awaiting their interviews with a view to being co-opted onto the Council. If the interviews are successful this will bring our numbers up to 10 which is a far better state of affairs. The maximum seats for St Dennis Parish Council is 11.

Our two clerks – Lyn Clarke as our Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer and Pauline Pragnall our Deputy Clerk – joined us on the 7th February 2016. Over the last year they have attended many training courses with Cornwall Association of Local Councils and associated conferences. They work together extremely well and we, the Parish Council, appreciate all they do for us and the residents of the Parish. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with them and hope they are both with us for some time.

With the two new clerks comes the assurance to our residents that there will be, at least, one clerk in the office here at the Claytawc centre from Monday – Friday 09.30 – 12.30. In the event of both of the clerks attending the same training course I have taken on the responsibility to cover the office in their absence – thereby ensuring the continuity of cover.

I will now move on to the financial reports for the year:-

Grants Issued 2016 – 2017

Grant Applications	5
Total awarded	£1707.94

The grants awarded have varied from very small amounts to some larger ones and have covered from the Over 70's Christmas dinner to a contribution towards the residents Fireworks Display at the Working Men's Club.

Cemetery 2016-2017

Interments Garden of Rest	14
Interments Grave Spaces	10
Plots purchased	9
Income	£8450.20
Expenditure Excluding Wages	£9753.72

We went for tender in September 2017 for the grass cutting and maintenance of the Cemetery. The tender was allocated to a contractor on a 6 monthly renewable contract. Unfortunately, the condition of his work was unacceptable to the Parish Council and the residents of the Parish and has now been handed on to another contractor. So please bear with us for a while and you will notice a marked difference very shortly.

Amenities including Footpaths, Verges, Open Spaces & Bus Stops 2016-

2017

Income	£1173.00
Expenditure	£7405.86

Public Toilets

Expenditure	£5347.09
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Obviously no income from the Toilets. We had an incident of unacceptable antisocial behaviour which resulted in a fire in the gent's toilet. This resulted in a visit from the local Fire Brigade and many weeks of the gent's toilet being out of service. Fortunately this has now been restored to full working order. The toilets remain opened during the day but are locked up every evening.

Playing Field

Expenditure	£19289.20
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Our casual labourers spend a considerable amount of their time picking up litter from the Playing Field. I am not sure how we can avoid this. Rubbish bins are in place but some people think it is acceptable to throw their litter where they finish eating the contents.

We are at present awaiting the erection of the second phase of fencing to the boundary of the playing field. This will then complete the security for both those using the playing field and, possibly more importantly, the residents whose properties border the area.

The Playing Field Trust have put in a bid to the Community Trust to purchase new equipment for the young children's area and the teenage area. Hopefully we will receive acceptance of this bid within the next few days and will be able to complete the installation of the new equipment before the school summer holidays.

Education Grants 2016-2017

Applications received	31
Accepted	30
Refused	1
Total awarded	£9571.66
Amount in Education Fund 31/03	£25146.05

We receive £15,000 per year from Cornwall Council and SUEZ. The Grant panel meet bi monthly (or monthly if required) to consider all applications. Adverts have been placed in all of the notice boards in the area of benefit to inform residents where to apply for this grant. We are now awaiting applications from youngsters going on to further education for the 2017/2018 scholastic year.

Planning Applications 2016-2017

Applications Received	34
Agreed	32
Objected	2

I will now pass you over to our RFO to explain the Finances of the Parish Council

Financial Balances 2017-2018

Total Income Including above	£134174.66
Total Expenditure	£100163.77

Bank Balances:

Current	£56714.47
Saver	£75408.20
Total	£132122.67

ST DENNIS PARISH COUNCIL
RESERVES

	Opening	2016/17			Closing
	Balances	Additions	Releases	Re-alloc.	Balances
-	at 01.04.16				at
-					31.03.17
<u>EARMARKED RESERVES</u>					
Play equipment & Fencing	10,808	10,000	(7,120)		13,688
Office Equipment	765				765
Open Spaces- Provision of Seats	1,446	1,080	(900)		1,626
Cemetery- Headstone Safety Inspe	1,000				1,000
Cemetery Headstones Remedial Work	3,000				3,000
Burial Records Computerisation	400		(400)		0
Trelavour Sq Tarmac	1,200			2,400	3,600
St Dennis Toilets	3,000				3,000
Weed Control	1,000				1,000
Neighbourhood Plan	6,000				6,000
Council Tax Benefit grant	17,496	8,547			26,043
Notice Board	800		(800)		0
Village Enhancements	8,046			376	8,422
Emergency Plan		1,500			1,500
Education Bursaries	18,668	15,000	(6,685)		27,698
Environmental Monitoring	8,987		(6,211)	(2,776)	0
TOTAL	82,616	36,127	(22,116)	0	97,342

After the clerk had explained the finance levels, Cllr Mrs Julia Clarke then invited any questions to be forwarded regarding the finances, now questions were raised.

The meeting was closed at 19.20.