

St Dennis Parish Council  
Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held in the Clay  
Tawc Centre on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllr Snell Vice Chair (standing in as chair of this meeting), Cllr Panks, Cllr Mrs K Taylor, Cllr Edmunds, Cllr Cotton.

**In Attendance:** Lynn Clarke Parish Clerk, Pauline Pragnell Deputy Clerk, Cllr Greenslade (Cornwall Councillor) PCSO Relf and two members of the public.

**173/16 Apologies**

Cllr Mrs J Clarke

**174/16 Declarations of Interest**

None Declared

**175/16 Public Participation to include the Police Report**

- a) PCSO Relf read the police report.

**Police Report 07/03/2017**

**This report covers the period of the 07/02/2017 – 07/03/2017**

Over the last month there have been **5** crimes in the parish.

- 16/02/17 Section 4A (using threatening, abusive, insulting words) on Goss Moor. Undetected.
- 16/02/17 Criminal damage to a pane of glass on a residential property on Fore Street, St Dennis. Undetected.
- 17/01/17 – 18/02/2017 Theft of heating oil to the value of £250. Approximately 500 Litres for a residential property on Fore Street, St Dennis.
- 24/02/17 – 25/02/17 Criminal damage to two vehicles parked on Hendra Road, St Dennis. Both vehicles scratched along the offside. Undetected.
- 26/02/17 ABH Assault Carne hill, St Dennis. Suspect known and dealt with by way of Community Resolution.

There have been **25** calls to the police over the last month in the parish.

**2** road traffic collisions in the parish

**8** ASB logs called in relating to the parish

Please be aware that there has been a report of a theft of heating oil this last month in the parish and there was also a report at the end of last year. Across the east of Cornwall there has been three thefts reported recently so please keep an eye on the oil levels you have at home and report to the police if you have fuel stolen.

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

Thank you,

PCSO 30004 Ally Relf

<b>St Dennis Parish Council Report</b>			
		<b>07th March 2017</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>			

Type of Crime				Number
Criminal Damage to Non-Dwelling			=	
Criminal Damage to Dwelling			=	1
Criminal Damage to Vehicle			=	1
RTC Failure to provide a specimen			=	
Theft for residential property			=	1
Theft of motor vehicle			=	
Arson			=	
Drunk and Disorderly			=	
Section 4A Public Order (Threatening abusive word)			=	1
Possession of Drugs			=	
Common Assault			=	
Assault of a Constable in the execution of his/her duty			=	
Assault Actual Bodily Harm			=	1
Assault Actual Bodily Harm (domestic)			=	
Dog not under control			=	
Domestic			=	
Communications Act 2003 (domestic)			=	
Send false message by public electronic communication			=	
<b>Total for Period</b>			=	<b>5</b>
Suspects/Offenders Arrested/ Charged/ Bailed, JR.			=	<b>2</b>

After the report, had been read PCSO Relf informed the table of recent events regarding rogue traders cold calling to do various works which are currently being investigated in this area these events have only recently occurred so are not included in the above report but PCSO Relf felt that the Parish Council needed to be made aware of this.

Cllr Snell asked if it would be helpful for the clerks to place a notice on the board highlighting this issue, PCSO Relf agreed that this could be beneficial. **ACTION – Clerks to draft poster for the notice board informing of rogue traders operating in the area.**

b) Councillor Greenslade reported:

Following issues raised regarding lorries queuing on the road between Stamps Hill and Highgate, a meeting took place between the relevant organisations and it was agreed that with an amendment to conditions the barrier at the bottom of the hill could be opened earlier to allow lorries to queue on the first part of the hall road and alleviate this issue.

Cllr Greenslade reported that he had attended a planning meeting at Liskeard regarding the possible cut backs to the strategic planning team and the potential for the number to be dropped from 21 to 15, and centrally the numbers of members could be dropped from 15 to 11.

The last part of the councillor's report Cllr Greenslade explained that he had been approached by the Old Cornwall Society regarding the refurbishment of the finger post signs in the area, this subject has been raised in the past and will be an agenda item for next month's meeting.

c) The members of the public that were present took the opportunity to express concerns that have recently been raised by several residents regarding the condition of footpath 18 and the owner of a piece of land currently using this footpath for vehicular access. Deputy Clerk Pauline Pragnell briefed the Cllrs on events so far. Cllr Snell read the recent email from the country side officer stating that he had been in contact with the land owner who has agreed to repair the damage within 28 days. After seeing the pictures of the area, the Parish council agreed they would contact environmental health and report the rubbish that has been dumped, and contact the planning department for further information regarding the entrances to this footpath, as they have been changed since recent development in the area. **Action – Pauline Pragnell Deputy Clerk to report.**

**176/16 To adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017.**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 as a true and accurate record. **Proposed by Cllr Panks and seconded by Cllr Edmunds, all in favour.**

**177/16 To note the minutes of the following meetings and Full Council to adopt the recommendations therein.**

- a) Cemetery (items raised itemed on agenda)
- b) Planning

**178/16 Matters Arising – Information only**

There were no matters arising

**179/16 Reports from Outside Bodies**

None

**180/16 Consultations and Surveys received up to time of meeting**

- a) The Clerk read an update from Cornwall Council regarding the preferred route of the St Austell to A30 link road. The Roche route option has been recommended as the preferred option updated information can be found at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/a30tostaustell](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/a30tostaustell) or contact the project team email: [a30tostaustell@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:a30tostaustell@cornwall.gov.uk) or phoning: 01872 327281.
- b) The Clerk read a NALC policy consultation PC1-17 business rate retention inviting councils and parish council's views on the retention of business rates, or a percentage of, rate relief for public conveniences and mandatory relief on NNDR payments on community facilities they own or manage (including cemeteries). Cllr Greenslade still being present was asked if this could affect our precept, the response was that it should not affect this.

#### **181/16 To Discuss Supporting Charter for Cornwall's four pledges**

The Clerk read the four pledges and explained that this was for individuals to support and not for the view of the Parish Council.

#### **182/16 To adopt the use of a social media policy.**

This policy has been adopted for employees of St Dennis Parish Council, when they are administering Parish Council Business. **Proposed Cllr Edmunds seconded by Cllr Panks**

#### **183/16 Update/ Presentation on the new website and facilities.**

The Clerk showed the Cllrs how different councils use social media and the advantages that this can have for council, advising that information could be shared throughout the parish more effectively and efficiently, reaching residents that may not usually use our current communications systems. **It was resolved to use social media networks (Facebook & Twitter), in the administration of Parish Council Work Proposed by Cllr Edmunds, seconded by Cllr Panks all in favour.**

#### **184/16 Village enhancements**

- a) It was agreed to place 10 cherry trees along the pathway of the cemetery to fill in between the current yew trees.
- b) The decision to plant poppy's in the cemetery was reviewed due to the small area and the length of time they are in flower. It was decided to place spring bulbs in the existing flower bed and poppy seeds with a heather cross to be planted in the centre this will produce colour for a longer time. Proposed by Cllr Mrs K Taylor seconded by Cllr Panks all in favour.

#### **185/16 Highways and Footpaths Matters**

- a) **Update on footpaths** – Cllr Taylor advised that on footpath 7, a fridge has been dumped, which has been there for several months. Pauline Pragnell answered that this has not been reported to the parish **Action – Deputy Clerk to arrange for the removal.**
- b) Footpath 18 issues covered under public participation.

**b) Update footpath 7/6 Barriers**

The Deputy Clerk informed Cllrs that we are still awaiting a reply from Sophie Hunkin Countryside Officer, Cormac. She and her colleague (James Clapp) visited the site In January 2017, they have passed the information to their line manager and awaiting the decision. **Agreed - Clerk Pauline Pragnell to contact Sophie Hunkin**

**186/16 Grant Requests – None**

**187/16 Correspondence Received - To consider correspondence received at the time of the meeting to be tabled.**

- a) Email received from Mrs C Hendy – Young People Cornwall, requesting the use of the skate park to hold an event on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Deputy Clerk Pauline Pragnell explained that this had already been agreed to last year but the event had to be cancelled, Mrs Hendy has provided copies of insurance, risk assessments and other necessary documents required for the event. – **Resolved to allow Young People Cornwall to use the park for this event – Proposed by Cllr Snell seconded by Cllr Edmunds all in favour.**
- b) Email received from Police Community Management Officer regarding police liaison meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017. – **Resolved for Cllr Edmunds to attend as representative for St Dennis Parish Council all in favour.**
- c) The Clerk read a letter from Gorsedh Kernow asking if St Dennis Parish Council would like to host its bardic ceremony in 2021. After Discussion, it was – **Agreed the clerk to express an interest on behalf of the parish council and seek further information from Gorsedh Kernow of what would be required, to also look and speak to other villages that have hosted this event.**
- d) Email received inviting a representative to attend a clay heritage futures workshop and consultation at the ClayTAWC Centre on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Due to the time of the workshop Cllrs present were unable to attend Clerk to ask Cllr Mrs J Clarke if she would be available.

**188/16 Financial**

- a) To approve February's payments to creditors as presented to the table. Payments were accepted **proposed by Cllr Panks, seconded by Cllr Edmunds all in favour**
- b) To approve the cost of Clerks training £250 + Vat each for Working with your council course run by CALC. **Agreed – Proposed by Cllr Snell seconded by Cllr Edmunds all in favour.**
- c) To approve the cost of casual labourer's pesticide spraying course with Cormac at £400 + VAT. **Agreed - Proposed by Cllr Panks, seconded by Cllr Cotton all in favour**

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are requested to withdraw.

**189/16 Confidential items – Minuted Separately Staffing**

There being no other business to be transacted the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Signed: .....

Chairman of St Dennis Parish Council

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