

St Dennis Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held in the Clay
Tawc Centre on Tuesday 7th February 2017 at 7.15pm

Present: Cllr Mrs Julia Clarke Chairman, Cllr Snell Vice Chair, Cllr Panks, Cllr Mrs K Taylor, Cllr Edmunds, Cllr Cotton.

In Attendance: Lynn Clarke Parish Clerk, Pauline Pragnell Deputy Clerk, Cllr Greenslade (Cornwall Councillor).

158/16 Apologies

There were no apologies

159/16 Declarations of Interest

None Declared

160/16 Public Participation to include the Police Report

- a) Cllr Mrs J Clarke read the police report in the absence of PCSO Relf

Police Report 07/02/2017

This report covers the period of the 08/01/2017 – 05/02/2017

Over the last month there have been **6** crimes in the parish

- ABH Assault (Domestic)
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- Section 4A Public Order, using abusive, insulting words.
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- Malicious Communication undetected
- Common Assault (Domestic)

There have been **20** calls to the police over the last month in the parish.

2 Road related Offences

2 Anti-social Behaviour

1 Road Traffic Collision

Just so that you are aware I am now covering a larger area permanently which includes St Dennis, Whitemoor, Nanpean, Foxhole, St Stephen, Treviscoe, Coombe, High Street, Trewoon and St Mewan.

On to other not so good news... You may be aware as it has been on the local news last week that PCSO numbers are going to be gradually reduced over the next four years from the current number of 339 to approximately 150, which I have been informed by the Chief Constable Shaun Sawyer is a rough estimate and will be continually reviewed. It is also yet to be decided where the reduction in PCSO numbers will come from but this work will be

her work and inviting the PCSO to attend meetings where possible as the Parish Council have found this to be a valuable section within the meeting. The Clerk will also write to PCSO Relf's superior officer to endorse the fact that the PCSO is a valued part of the community and her presence is very much needed in the area although her absence due to the extra work load is already being noticed within the village.

b) Councillor Greenslade reported:

Cllr Snell asked Cllr Greenslade if he could enquire with the relevant powers as to the speed at which the lorries are entering the haul road due to recent experience there is potential for a major accident at this spot.

Cornwall Council have been persuaded to keep strategic planning but the Cllrs number on this committee will possibly be reduced. In 2021 when the new boundary commission is in place there will be a noticeable reduction committees due to a reduction in Cllrs.

Cllr Cotton enquired at what point in the year are the road assessments carried out. Cllr Greenslade informed Cllr Cotton that this usually occurred every twelve months but can be carried out as and when requested.

c) Cllr Clarke took the opportunity to remind Cllrs that we are in an election year this will be held on the 4th May 2017, Cllr Clarke has organised to collect 11 election packs from the one stop shop in St Austell to distribute to all Cllrs but it is the responsibility of individuals to return the packs in person by the 4th April. Cllr Clarke informed the table that due to the elections coming up they could not now co-opt new committee members and any potential candidates would have to go through the election process. The election process was discussed at length to inform members of their responsibilities at this time.

161/16 To adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 10th January 2017.

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the 10th January 2017 as a true and accurate record. **Proposed by Cllr Mrs K Taylor and seconded by Cllr Panks, Cllr Cotton & Cllr Edmunds abstained as not present, All others in attendance in favour.**

162/16 To note the minutes of the following meetings and Full Council to adopt the recommendations therein.

- a) General Purpose (website and email issues to be discussed further under Correspondence)
- b) Playing field this has been requested in future to be placed under reports from outside bodies
- c) Planning

163/16 Matters Arising – Information only

There were no matters arising

164/16 Neighbourhood plan

Cllr Mrs J Clarke informed the table briefly of the meeting held on the 31st January, explaining that there was a need for more members of the public to carry this project forward, and the attendees required further information before agreeing to join a steering group. Cllr Snell stated that he felt the people that attended would be very good candidates to undertake the neighbourhood plan but felt the same as Cllr Clarke they require more residents to be involved. Cllr Cotton pointed out that not everybody understands or is aware of the scheme. A second meeting will be arranged to re-visit the idea possibly in a more open environment.

165/16 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports this month

166/16 Consultations and Surveys received up to time of meeting

The Clerk read the quarterly report from Engie, there were no reportable incidents or exceedances from the Indian Queens Power Ltd in this quarter.

167/16 To adopt amendment to standing orders

Cllr Mrs J Clarke explained to the table that this amendment did not sit as detailed but was in fact an amendment to section 14 of the current standing orders.

It was **Resolved – for the clerk to email most current version from the CALC website to all Cllr's to be reviewed at the next meeting. Cllr Panks requested that the clerks issue a summery version of amendment to all Cllrs in the future and a printed copy to be added to files.**

168/16 Highways and Footpaths Matters

a) **Update on footpaths** – The Deputy Clerk Pauline Pragnell reported that there have been recent communications regarding the condition of footpath 11 regarding mud, it has been reported that stones have been removed which were being used as a style.

b) Update footpath 6 Barriers

The Deputy Clerk informed Cllrs that a recent email from Cormac Solutions confirms maintenance liability lies with public rights of way and they will be sending out a country side officer to inspect the footpath and will progress with the repairs from then onwards, they will keep the office updated as to the progress.

169/16 Grant Requests – None

The Clerk read the current available balance from the allocated budget for this year.

170/16 Correspondence Received - To consider correspondence received at the time of the meeting to be tabled.

- a) The Clerk presented to the table some literature that had been passed out at a recent meeting regarding recruitment of new councillors and the election process. It was **Resolved – to print of copies of the small brochure and place in areas that they can be collected by residents that may wish to stand. The clerk will contact the school and ask if this can be published in their news articles to enable parents that maybe interested will see this.**

- b) The Clerk read out a recent email from Charter4cornwall that had been circulated – it was **Resolved – This is to be an item for the next agenda.**
- c) The Clerk presented the newly received schedule from Seadog IT regarding the proposed website host change and explained the charges that would be incurred. Cllr Cotton requested that the clerk contact Parish.net and enquire if there would be a cancelation fee. It was **Resolved – to accept this, clerk to ask Sea Dog IT to set up the new website, proposed by Cllr Panks seconded by Cllr Mrs J Clarke all in favour.**

171/16 Financial

- a) To approve Januarys payment to creditors as presented to the table. Payments were accepted **proposed by Cllr Taylor Seconded by Cllr Edmunds all in favour.**

Cllr Mrs K Taylor reported that she will be carrying out an office audit in the next week.

Standing order 3e

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.

172/16 Confidential items – Minute Separately Staffing

There being no other business to be transacted the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.56pm.

Signed:

Chairman of St Dennis Parish Council