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MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF SENNEN PARISH COUNCIL HELD VIA ZOOM ON FRIDAY 15TH JANUARY 2021 AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT

Councillors Mr A Thomas (Chairman), Mr A Tonkin, Mr C McClary, Mr A Semmens, Mr C Angove, Mr A Rowe and Mr T Gwennap.

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor Mrs Helen Hawkins, Mrs A Male (Clerk) and two members of the public.

21-99 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor D Angove who had no internet access due to lockdown.

21-100 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor C Angove declared an interest in Planning Application NoPA20/09520.

21-101 DISPENSATION APPLICATIONS

No applications had been received.

21-102 INFORMATION AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No member of the public wished to speak.

21-103 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2020 having been circulated, it was resolved that they should be signed as a true and correct record.

21-104 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Unfortunately, Mr James Peck (CC) had been unable to attend and the matter was postponed until the next meeting.

21-105 PUBLIC TOILETS

- Councillors were informed that there had been no response from James Hardy (CC) but this might have been because of the increased issues with the pandemic.
- There had been cleanliness issues which had been reported to Cormac and, following a deep clean, things had improved.
- The Chairman suggested that the gents' toilets be closed for the winter which was agreed.

21-106 PRE-SCHOOL

The Chairman had spoken to a member of the committee who had told him that the delay had been due to lack of time to complete the paperwork but that it would be going ahead.

21-107 PLAYGROUND

It was reported that the school was Crowdfunding for new equipment but details were not known. Councillor Mrs Hawkins told councillors that funds had been requested through Community Chest but the application had been in an individual's name. Councillors offered to make enquiries and then update Councillor Mrs Hawkins.

21-108 COUNCIL WEBSITE

The clerk had still not had any response from Hugo Fox but had found some more information; additional to the provisions of the silver package, for a further £10 per month, the gold package provided online and telephone support, full search engine optimisation,

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one on one training, yearly messaging review and an updated accessibility tool. Although the gold package offered a complete website build, it would be at a cost of £399. It was suggested that the husband of the member of the public present could build the website and Councillor C Angove was tasked with making enquiries including the cost.

21-109 NOTICEBOARD

Only one tender had been received which was £260 to carry out the work as had been specified. In the meantime, the Chairman had spoken to somebody who would cut the noticeboard off the legs, weld on new galvanised legs which could either be attached by feet using thunderbolts or buried in the ground at no cost; if necessary, councillors would make the holes in the tarmac. It was agreed to accept this offer as long as the work could be carried out by the next meeting. The Chairman would deal with this matter and Councillor McClary would show the Chairman where it should be sited.

21-110 CODE OF CONDUCT CONSULTATION

The details of this consultation had been circulated. Councillors felt that the amendments were acceptable.

21-111 PLANNING

• Planning Applications

- PA20/09520 - Mr Christopher Angove - Outline planning permission with all matters reserved: One, two storey, three bed house, and change of use of additional land to create access at Land Rear Of Homeland, Marias Lane, Sennen Cove. There were concerns about the impact that this proposal would have on the AONB and it was agreed to object on the grounds that it was contrary to the criteria of the Heritage Coast and AONB. However, it would also be commented that should these matters be resolved, the parish council would be happy to view the application again.
- PA20/09978 - Mr And Mrs O Pownall - Proposed first floor extension over existing footprint at North Rocks, Sunny Corner Lane, Sennen. It was agreed to object feeling that it was over development of a site, especially being in the AONB.
- PA20/08380 - Mr And Mrs A Jones - Replacement ancillary domestic outbuilding with roof terrace above at Adanac, Sennen Cove. It was agreed not to offer any objections.
- PA20/10596 - Mr B Mathews - Application for Approval of Reserved Matters following Outline Approval PA18/03408: Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale at Plot 2, Land South Of Sunny Bank Cottage, Sennen. It was agreed not to offer any objections.
- PA20/10765 - Ms. Teri Fawcett - Demolition of rear extension and new two storey extension to contain owner/manager's flat, and one holiday let flat at Whitesands Hotel, Sennen. It was agreed to comment that the council did not object to the principle of providing the additional accommodation but did object to the design feeling that it would not be sympathetic to the this fairly prominent property and that the extension should be subservient to the main building.

• Decisions and Other

- A list of decisions was read out.

• Correspondence

- A letter had been received from the agents acting for the development at Trembrase which had been circulated to councillors for information.

• Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Chairman told councillors that the meeting that had been anticipated before Christmas had not gone ahead and would now be held on 27th January 2021.

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21-112 FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS

- There were concerns about the fencing along the cycleway in Marias Lane and opposite the school but Councillor McClary assured councillors that these works were already on the list because Councillor D Angove had reported them.
- There had been contact from members of the public who had major concerns about the landslip that had been caused by a huge amount of water bursting out of the cliff below Pengwynver, and had also blocked the stile and pathway with mud and large stones from the cliff. This had obstructed the pathway and made it, though passable, dangerous for walkers. There followed a discussion about the causes, nature of the cliff and the reason for the release of the water across the path. It was considered that this matter was not within the remit of the parish council and should be reported to Cornwall Council.
- Councillor McClary had spoken to Ash Pearson (National Trust) about the grazing on Mayon Cliff and the welfare of the ponies. Mr Pearson had assured him that, in the case of an extreme forecast, the ponies might be removed. He had also said that there had been a slow re-establishment of native species of plants on Treen Cliff but some councillors felt that there might have been smaller areas of other species introduced and that Treen Cliffs did not look like other cliffs in the area; walkers wanted natural heathland. Some paths on Mayon Cliff had now been fenced, known as ‘desire lines’, where people particularly wanted to walk and the fences kept them on the paths. It was agreed to invite Ash Pearson to a meeting; Councillor McClary would ask him to contact the clerk.
- The clerk reported that the quoted price of the Vehicle Activated Sign had not included the amber flashing lights which would cost a further £114.97. The additional cost was agreed.
- The excess water crossing Cove Road, lately causing sheet ice to form, was discussed. The plans of the scheme that was agreed in 2018 would be forwarded to Rupert Spencer (Highways Manager) for comment and, hopefully, some action.

21-113 REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- CornwallALC – Wales and West Utilities Stakeholder Workshops – No councillor wished to attend.
- Launch of the Localism Strategy and Network Panel Monday 25th January 2021 – No councillor wished to attend.
- West Penwith Community Network Panel Thursday 17th January 2021- Councillor McClary hoped to attend.

21-114 FINANCE

- Payments totalling £1589.98 from the Parish Council account were agreed.

21-115 REPORT FROM DIVISIONAL MEMBER

- The Minack signage at Catchall was not going to be altered now so there would be no extra sign routing coaches through Sennen.
- The Dark Skies area would now be based on the area of the AONB and it was hoped that it everything would be submitted in February. Once that had happened it would be an issue on planning. There was to be a star count for one week in February.
- It had been indicated that the elections would be going ahead so councillors were asked to encourage people to stand.
- There was an email address for Covid19 enquiries – covid19@cornwall.gov.uk – and Cornwall Council was boosting up enforcement.

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- The budget was coming up soon and there would be more cuts next year because of the reduction in Government funding; Adult Social Care and Children's Services would be hard-pressed. There would be a hike in Council Tax.
- There were business grants and help for employers available, information on which could be found on Cornwall Council's website.

21-116 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- Councillor McClary said that there were concerns about the number of people flouting the present regulations on Covid19 and getting away with it, though he realised that loopholes did exist. Councillor Mrs Hawkins suggested using the email address that she had just given or calling 101.

21-117 COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION AND ISSUES ARISING

Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media were excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

The Chairman invited Councillor Mrs Hawkins to remain in the meeting.

Following a discussion on this issue it was agreed that the clerk would have a quarterly appraisal, the clerk would alert the Chairman and Vice-Chairman if she had any problems, the agenda would be published on the Friday before the meeting, the clerk and Chairman would touch base the Wednesday before the agenda was published. Also, if necessary and feasible, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and clerk would have a conversation following the meetings so that problems could be aired.

21-118 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT MONTHS AGENDA

- Membership of Cornwall Association of Local Councils.

21-119 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held virtually on Friday 5th February 2021.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm

Chairman
5th February 2021