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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENNEN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN SENNEN CHURCHTOWN HALL, SENNEN ON FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2019 AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs A Male (Clerk) and one member of the public.

20-106 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Mr D Jenkin who was working and apologies from Councillor Mrs Helen Hawkins were noted.

20-107 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were informed of an additional planning application. Councillor C McClary declared an interest in Planning Application No PA19/10020.

20-108 DISPENSATION APPLICATIONS

No applications had been received.

20-109 INFORMATION AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Councillor Mrs Hawkins had sent an email informing councillors:
 - On two Highways issues she had received the following responses. 'The Steward has visited Cove Hill and has carried out some work to the grip (entrance ditch) which has now got most of the water back into the ditched and piped system. There is a drainage scheme virtually ready to go but alas Cornwall Council does not have sufficient budget to address it this financial year. There was no one on site when the Steward was there so I will contact CGS Contractors to see if they can assist with enlarging some of the small pipes, that landowners have installed over the years, as part of their works.' 'The dead elm that has now fallen was standing at the time of the original inspection and was included in the notice to the owner. A gang visited last Friday and has cleared away growth that could have impeded passing traffic. The notice process to the landowner will now run its course.'
 - Melissa Hall from Minack would attend the January meeting to talk about the proposed signage on A30.
- A member of the public spoke about Planning Application No PA19/09644 saying that five neighbours had purchased a field with the intention to create an orchard or wild flower meadow as a 'green space'; willows had already been planted. The dwellings were all positioned close to their boundary walls so the residents wanted to extend their gardens by approximately two hundred and sixty square metres per property which was a small percentage of the field. There were no real private gardens at present so this proposal would change that situation. Some properties would keep the granite hedge and put up fences while others would build granite hedges.

20-110 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st November 2019 having been circulated, it was resolved that they should be signed as a true and correct record.

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20-111 POLICE INFORMATION

- Three crimes had been reported in October: one violence and sexual offence on or near a parking area (harbour car park?) which was still under investigation; one violence and sexual offence on or near Atlantic Crescent which was still under investigation; one violence and sexual offence on or near Tower Close which was still under investigation.

20-112 RECYCLING BINS

A report had been received that, under the new waste contract due to start in 2020, bulk recycling bins were to be removed. However, Councillor Mrs Hawkins had sent a message to say that nothing had been finalised. Councillors felt that, though there were no such recycling bins in the parish, this action would lead to fly tipping or recyclables going into the general waste and so to landfill. It was decided to send this comment to Councillor Mrs Hawkins and also saying that recycling should be promoted. Councillor Mrs Hawkins could also be asked to make a Freedom of Information request for figures on the net benefit of removing this facility compared to the additional use of the lorries to collect increased waste from households.

20-113 BEACH CAR PARK TOILETS

- The report on the legionella testing had been received and was noted.
- Councillor C Angove informed councillors that Mike Beckitt (Cormac) was dealing with sorting the lease and it was pointed out that, as the parish council did not hold the lease at present, it had no right to be dealing with the water pipe and other problems.
- The Chairman said that another water bill had been paid because it would take a while to sort things with Cornwall Council. Not all councillors agreed with that course of action and it was suggested to have the billing address altered to Cornwall Council so that their accounts department would be contacted by South West Water. The Chairman would send the clerk the up to date bill and then Cornwall Council should be put on notice that they would be expected to pay the water bills until the matter was sorted.
- It was reported that the cleanliness was of a good standard at present.

20-114 LICENCE FOR PLAYGROUND

- An email had been received from the Chairman of the Governors thanking the parish council for sending over the insurance documents. However, he explained that the ten year fixed payment and the break clause is something that would have to be put before the full governing body at their next meeting which was to be held on 25th November and he would then confirm the outcome.
- The councillors were updated at this point on the progress of the pre-school building and the hoops through which they were having to jump.

20-115 PLANNING

• **Planning Applications**

- PA19/09827 – Mrs Preston - Construction of Extensions, Creation of Roof Terrace, Alterations & Associated Works at Creagle, Cove Road, Sennen Cove. It was agreed not to offer any objections.
- PA19/09644 – F6061 Ltd - Change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage at Field F6061 Adjacent To Windyridge, Sunny Corner Lane, Sennen. It was agreed not to offer any objections to the change of use but to suggest that the extended garden areas be conditioned so as to remove all permitted development rights and the remainder of the land to be for horticultural or amenity use rather than domestic curtilage.

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- PA19/10020 - Mr Peter Maitland - Erection of 5 dwellings at Land South Of Rosevear, Trembrase, Sennen. It was agreed to object with the same reasoning as for the previous application because there was very little difference between the two proposals. The Tree Preservation Order should also be highlighted.

- **Decisions and Appeals**

- A list of decisions was read to the councillors.

20-116 FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS

- Councillor D Angove informed councillors that nothing had changed with regards the railings and bridges. He also reported that Mike Peters (Cormac) had been due to call him but that had not happened. It was suggested that an email be sent to Mike Peters with Andy James being copied in. The clerk asked for the job numbers to be supplied to her.
- More of the fence had fallen down opposite Cove Lodge but a temporary repair had been carried out.
- Councillor A Semmens reported that the owners of the property adjacent to the north end of Footpath No20 had agreed to carry out the work required.
- The A30 was flooding and required ploughing out.
- Areas that had been surface dressed on A30 had not had the white lines or cats' eyes reinstated.
- An email had been received from a member of the public requesting a bus shelter at Lands End. It was pointed out that this property was owned by Lands End and the correspondent should be directed to contact them,
- A request for information about the owner of some land alongside A30 had been received and it was established that it belonged to Bolitho Estates.
- Cornwall Council had sent information about the new commercial concessions for Pop Up Sites to start 5th April 2020. It was suggested that Cornwall Council should be requested to ensure that any vehicle to be used was suitable for the site, allowing access to the footway and not transgress onto the yellow lines.
- It was confirmed that the landowner had given his permission for the top car park to be used for the Christmas Swim and that the direction signs would be put in place. Peter Renownden had again agreed to put out the cones with the help of Councillors Alan Rowe and Mark Gwennap.
- Councillors' attention was drawn to the standard of the trench that had been dug and refilled on Escalls Corner; drivers would not know the road surface had been disturbed.

One member of the public left the meeting.

20-117 FINANCE

- Having decided not to pay the outstanding amount to South West Water, payments totalling £1872.22 from the Parish Council account were agreed.
- It was agreed to donate £50 to Crisis at Christmas in respect of the Christmas tree.
- A request for a grant had been received from Lands End Park Run towards the cost of a waterproof clipboard and eight weighted cones with a retractable barrier. The need for the barriers was questioned because the run took place off-road. It was agreed not to offer a grant and suggest that the group apply to Sports England.
- A request for a grant had been received from Sennen Churchtown Hall towards the cost of purchasing the projector equipment and film licence. Councillor McClary provided more information saying that the likely cost of a projector, screen and pa system would be £3500 so he proposed a grant of £350. Other councillors felt that, as this idea had not

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been trialled, it had no track record so would suggest giving a grant as a seed to hire the equipment in order to judge the response. It was thought that, while supportive, the parish council needed to see more of a plan and research into the idea. Councillor C Angove agreed to ask for more details which he would forward to the clerk and councillors.

- A group in partnership with the RNLI to encourage and help young people in Sennen to gain a lifeguard qualification had requested a grant to help fund this, specifically the cost of hiring lanes in Penzance Leisure Centre for training. It was agreed to make a grant of £400. There were no details of to whom the payment should be made so this would be postponed until the next meeting and Councillor Mc Clary would make enquiries.
- The budget and precept for 2020-21 was discussed. Following the error of omitting two of the S137 payments having been pointed out to the clerk, it was agreed to raise the precept by five per cent to £46667.25.
- The suggested internal auditor had not been approached so this matter would be postponed to the next meeting.
- The clerk had sourced a template contract of employment and would forward it to councillors.

20-118 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- West Penwith Community Network Panel, Thursday 21st November 2019 – The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had attended this meeting and reported that, being the AGM, Councillor Clemens from St Just had been elected Chairman. The main matter for the evening had been the Highways Scheme for which there had been thirty to forty submissions.
- VE Day 75, 8th May 2020 – Invite to lead the ‘Nation’s Toast to the Heroes of WW II’. It had been explained to the organisation that it was not known at present who would be Chairman at that date. It was agreed that the then Chairman would be honoured to lead the toast.
- It was local knowledge that the First and Last public house would be closed for the next three months. It was decided to write to Lands End to express the disappointment of the parish council that a good facility and service for the residents of Churchtown was being closed, especially at this festive time of year. There was a suggestion of having it listed as an Asset of Community Value.

20-119 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT MONTH’S AGENDA

- There were no additional matters for the next agenda.

20-120 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting would be Friday 3rd January 2020 in Churchtown Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman wished everybody a Merry Christmas and closed the meeting at 9.01pm.

Chairman
3rd January 2020