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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENNEN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CHURCHTOWN VILLAGE HALL, SENNEN ON FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7.00PM.**

**PRESENT**

Councillors A Thomas (Chairman), A Tonkin, D Angove, M Gwennap, T Gwennap, A Semmens, Ms V O'Neill, Z Nicholas and C Angove.

**ALSO PRESENT**

Mr Coleman (Headteacher, Sennen School), Rev'd Canon Vanda Perrett, Mrs A Male (Clerk) and four members of the public.

**17-133 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies were received.

**17-134 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

**17-135 DISPENSATION APPLICATIONS**

No applications had been received.

**17-136 TRIM TRAIL AT SENNEN SCHOOL**

Mr Coleman explained that a grant was available from Sports Community Funding for the early development of core motor skills and stability and he had identified a need for this in Sennen School. To this end, the equipment in the playground required developing. He had obtained a quote for the equipment but the Parish Council would need to take on the maintenance because the school would be in a sticky position to take on maintenance of something used outside school hours. He envisaged the roundabout, seesaw, spring toys and beam being replaced and the maintenance costs probably being at a lower level than at present. He felt it would be a vast improvement on what was there at present. He told councillors that the grant available was £8000 per annum, guaranteed for two years with an additional amount per pupil which would mean approximately £8500 and that, if the Parish Council agreed to the idea, he would obtain further quotes. When asked which ages this would be suitable for, Mr Coleman replied that it would be suitable for all ages, preschool upwards to teenagers. When it was pointed out that there would be a lot more equipment to damage, he said that he felt there were no issues with vandalism and had faith in the community not cause any damage. It was pointed out that the surface in the example appeared to be grass and, even if on topsoil, this would soon become muddy to which Mr Coleman replied that any company would have to make it Health and Safety compliant. It was thought that the idea was commendable but there were issues of maintenance with the scheme presented and that, should the school want to take over responsibility for the whole area, it would be supported. If this was not the case, there was a lot of discussion to be had. When asked the length of the warranty, Mr Coleman replied that this was to be investigated. It was pointed out to the councillors that, if the school took over the area, it would have to look at use after school hours and that this might not sit well with residents of Horizon Fields. It was generally agreed that there needed to be more thought on both sides and that it might be worth investigating whether the company would consider a maintenance package but Mr Coleman felt that it would still be difficult to use school funds so it would have to be a shared cost. It was also agreed that the Parish Council needed to see further information about maintenance and other options and that then another meeting, perhaps at the school, would be required to discuss it more fully. Mr Coleman was informed that

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timber and galvanised metal would be the only materials that would be supported. It was decided that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman should meet and further discuss the matter with Mr Coleman. Mr Coleman was thanked for attending.

**17-137 UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS AT SENNEN CHURCH**

Rev'd Canon Vanda Perrett was present to invite the Parish Council to join in the celebration and she assured the councillors that no money was involved. She explained that in 2020 they would be celebrating fifteen hundred years of a Christian presence in Sennen so, starting with the Feast service in 2019, an event would take place each month until December 2020. She wanted to see the whole community working together and, as it happens, the pub would be celebrating a four hundred year anniversary at the same time so there were many possibilities. There was an idea for the Cornish Bards to do a whole service in Cornish and a Cornish poet to do something; the Cathedral Choir from Truro had already been booked. There was to be a celebration of the creative crafts and one to celebrate the sea, perhaps a surfing competition with special prizes. The Patron of the church is the Duke of Cornwall so it was hoped to have a royal visit, although it was not known who would hold that position come that time. Rev'd Perrett was asking for ideas from the Parish Council and said that the church had been fundraising, although some events would be self-funding. It was agreed that the event could not pass unnoticed. Rev'd Perrett told councillors that the case for a royal visit would be much stronger with the support of the Parish Council and school. Councillors were told that open planning meetings were being held and a representative from the Parish Council would be appreciated. It was decided that, rather than elect one person, it would be ensured that at least one person would attend each meeting according to availability but it was noted that there would only be one vote for each representative group. Minutes of the meetings would be forwarded to the clerk for distribution. Rev'd Perrett pointed out that they wanted to encourage tourism through these events as well. Rev'd Canon Vanda Perrett was thanked for attending the meeting.

**17-138 INFORMATION AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

A number of members of the public spoke about Planning Application No PA17/00207. A representative of the applicants spoke about the ownership of the property for eighteen years and the single storey timber building being a domestic annexe to Rosemary Cottage. He pointed out that, although a previous application had been refused, this one differed in that it was only single storey and it was in line with Cornwall Council's Annexe Policy plus Cornwall Council approved replacement buildings in the countryside. He also said that, Escalls being an attractive hamlet, the applicants wanted to improve the appearance of this building in Escalls. Those speaking against the application told councillors that, although it was stated that it was an annexe and not a new building, this application involved a building on land completely separate from the main building, gated and across a track. It was said that Cornwall Council's Annexe Policy stated that an annexe could be used for elderly relatives to live independently but that it should be careful that it did not mean allowing a dwelling where it would not be sustainable; in this case the main property was a holiday let with an eighty year old relative of the owners living in the annexe meaning that it was not compatible or sustainable. It was shown that the one-bedroomed building would have ten windows and two doors which seemed excessive. Policy stated that a septic tank should be sited seven metres from a habitable building and fifteen metres from a land drain but the septic tank for the proposed was just over the hedge and within these restriction measurements. Councillors were reminded of the history of Escalls and of a previous comment from the Planning Office that the introduction of this new build would set a

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precedent; if there was further development, Escalls would become part of Sennen and would no longer be a historic hamlet.

**17-139 REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR**

Unfortunately, Councillor Maddern had been unable to attend the meeting.

**17-140 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017 having been circulated, it was resolved that they should be signed as a true and correct record.

**17-141 POLICE INFORMATION**

Councillors were informed that the site had not been updated since the November report that they had already received.

**17-142 PLAYGROUND**

It was reported that the seat by the school had been replaced with the help of a donation from the Farmers Market.

Two members of the public left the meeting.

**17-143 WEST PENWITH COMMUNITY BUS ASSOCIATION AND SENNEN COMMUNITY CENTRE PARKING ISSUES**

Councillors were informed that the situation had been resolved and that the community bus would be moved onto the grass during busy times, as had been the previous arrangement.

**17-144 PLANNING**

• **Plans**

- PA17/00207 – Mr and Mrs Philip Holford – Replacement domestic annexe at Land NW of Rosemary Cottage, Escalls Cliff, Sennen. A discussion was had involving the distance of the septic tank from the hedge, the larger footprint, the none compliance with the annexe policy and the distance of this property from the main dwelling so it was agreed to strongly object, adding these points to those made about the previous application.

One member of the public left the meeting.

- PA17/00867 – Mr and Mrs Scotter – New dormer roof including balcony to the house and alteration of the garage roof from flat to pitched at St Anthonys, Sunny Corner Lane, Sennen. It was agreed not to offer any objections.

• **Decisions and Appeals**

- A list of decisions was read out.

• **Correspondence**

- Cornwall Council re Cornwall Community Infrastructure Levy Preliminary Draft Schedule Consultation – It was felt that there were a lot of questions that required full explanations before anything was decided but that development should be ‘out of need not out of greed’ and that decisions on spending CIL should be at parish level.

One member of the public left.

**17-145 FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS**

- It was reported that the widening of the footpath from Mayon Green Crescent to Sunny Corner Lane had not been completed, the piece from the river to Sunny Corner Lane remaining unfinished. Councillor Semmens offered to deal with this matter.

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- Councillors were informed that the bollards at the junction of the cycle path with Cove Road, opposite Marias Lane, had been demolished. The reasons for this event varied with it being deliberate to it being an accident. However, Cornwall Council had replaced them.
- Councillors were reminded to keep the spraying of the paths in mind.
- It was reported that the drain between the school and the roundabout was not working efficiently and that the speed cushions needed some attention.
- Councillors were informed that the bus shelter had been found in a state with broken glass etc but Councillor D Angove had cleared it up. It was thought that it should have a coat of paint and the Chairman offered to deal with this matter.
- It seemed that the manhole cover close to the Tregonebris turning was still a problem and the clerk was asked to contact Phil Keverne and to ask him to contact Councillor Semmens.

### **17-146 FINANCE**

- Payments totalling £1572.43 from the Parish Council account and £120.00 from the Burial Committee account were agreed.

### **17-147 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- Councillors were informed that the Churchtown Village Hall were considering an extension at the rear of the building and an initial plan was viewed although councillors were told that this had already been amended. The possibility of the plans being submitted in the name of the Parish Council in order to reduce the cost was discussed but councillors were also reminded that they would be unable to comment on the application.

### **17-148 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA**

It was agreed that ideas for Sennen Church's celebrations and Sennen School's Trim Trail should be placed on the agenda.

### **17-149 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was confirmed that the date of the next meeting would be Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 in Churchtown Village Hall.

### **17-150 SENNEN CAR PARK TOILETS**

- Cornwall Council had been in touch with some possible dates for a meeting. The Chairman and Councillor Semmens agreed upon either 22<sup>nd</sup> February or 23<sup>rd</sup> February and the clerk would confirm.
- An email had been received from Councillor Maddern stating that any asset disposal or development required Cornwall Council Strategic Director sign off and that Jon James had written a directors report detailing a range of options for Sennen toilets based on the discussions that had taken place in November, alongside options for a range of other toilet across Cornwall. It was felt by councillors that they should have been given this information before because it was agreed that everybody would be kept informed of any work being carried out on this matter. The email also informed members that a meeting with the Strategic Director, Paul Masters was scheduled for the end of February. The question about the Devolution Fund was answered by Councillor Maddern saying that 'In terms of the Local Member the only funding available is the Local Devolution Fund which we have an allocation of £4940 this has been prioritised as a contribution to Sennen Parish and will be transferred before the end of the financial year'.

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- A hole had been made in a door of a cubicle in the multi-user and it was agreed to purchase a 'slippery floor sign' to cover it.
- The flushing systems and seats were discussed. It was reported that there were some parts going free at Trevedra so it was agreed that the Chairman would check them but, if they were not suitable, the clerk would contact Simon Hollywood to install new flushing systems and quarter turn valves. If there were no suitable seats, the Chairman would replace the seat in the disabled unit with one of the seats that the clerk had purchased.
- The clerk informed members that she had arranged a meeting with somebody from Cormac to clarify to which toilet block the quote for cleaning referred. It was agreed that if the quote for cleaning the toilets three times a day in summer and once a day in winter remained substantially below the cost of continuing to use Crystal Clear, the clerk should instruct Cormac to take over as from 1<sup>st</sup> April if possible.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.52pm.

Chairman  
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