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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENNEN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CHURCHTOWN VILLAGE HALL, SENNEN ON FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018 AT 7.00PM.**

**PRESENT**

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

**ALSO PRESENT**

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

The Chairman wished everybody a Happy New Year.

**18-115 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mr A Semmens.

**18-116 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**18-117 DISPENSATION APPLICATIONS**

No applications had been received.

**18-118 INFORMATION AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Councillor Mrs Helen Hawkins informed councillors that there was a little money left in this year's Community Chest that had to be allocated by the end of February so if they knew of any projects that would benefit from a grant of between £100 and £500, they should let her know.

**18-119 DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING A30 WITH STEVE BAILEY (NETWORK MANAGER, CORMAC LTD)**

Mr Steve Bailey had attended the meeting to listen to the problems and address them where he could. He told councillors that he was newly appointed but that he had been with Highways for over thirteen years, though he might have to refer some issues back to Mike Peters. The first point tackled was that there was no road surface between Leah and Sennen and that there was a series of potholes at Lower Leah that, when filled, would need attention again within a few days. Steve Bailey said that this was disappointing because it was a waste of money but that he would find out where it was on the programme. Secondly, there was no stone in the road surface at New Shop and it was suggested that somebody from Highways should drive this route on a wet day. Thirdly, there was a problem with flooding at Crows an Wra which had probably been caused when the cables went in. It was put to Steve Bailey that other roads east of Truro such as A31 and A35 were perfect and that west of Truro were the 'poor relations', illustrating the point with the example of a car going through the fence at Lower Drift, but he pointed out that these roads were the responsibility of Highways England. He also explained that the A30 was inspected monthly and anything hazardous or dangerous dealt with. It was suggested that the lack of maintenance was at fault; gangs used to plough the ditches and stop the water flooding the roads. Steve Bailey explained that there were, just at present, extraordinary circumstances but the same level of finances was also not available so they were more reactive than they would like to be and it was not the way that they liked to work. The manhole cover close to the Tregonebris junction that Mike Peters had said to be within tolerance was brought up and Steve Bailey told members that Mike Peters had told him that it was uncomfortable but not dangerous with no severe edge so not urgent, more

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desirable than essential. He was asked who gave permission to put so many manholes west of Penzance and why were they not in the verges to which Steve Bailey replied that permission was not required and that they were usually put in the verges to reduce maintenance costs. Another matter that was raised was the speed cushions adjacent to the school which kept breaking away and the repair patches being higher than the original cushion, making them dangerous by changing the gradients; could they not be replaced by rubber cushions as at Treneere. Steve Bailey told councillors that this type was more difficult to maintain and wore faster. He explained that not everybody liked speed cushions but they were effective at slowing the traffic, more than yellow lines, but not as effective as full width speed cushions. The lack of visibility for traffic coming from Lands End to the roundabout at the top of Cove Road was raised, including a lack of signage. Steve Bailey said that, not knowing the junction well, he would have a look but the fact that not everybody drives effectively had to be taken into account. When the manhole cover that had recently been replaced by the entrance to Trevorian was brought to his attention, Steve Bailey said that, as it was a utility company that had carried out the work, he would report it to streetworks. The pool that forms by the roundabout was also mentioned. Another matter raised was the water that ran down the carriageway in Cove Road because the concrete gully that had been laid had never been cleared and Steve Bailey said that, if this was a long term issue, he would have expected it to have been investigated. The problem of hedge trimming along the highway was brought to Steve Bailey's attention, especially the danger to cyclists and Steve Bailey asked for specific locations so that he could take a look but said that it would be dealt with dependant on severity. A notice would not be served unless there was clear obstruction and severity; it was the landowner's responsibility but Cornwall Council did have the power to serve notice. He said that landowners were educated by NFU, but Cornwall Council did trim verges and hedges on major junctions. Overhanging branches were the landowners' responsibility but, if it was clearly dangerous, it would be dealt with. Steve Bailey hoped that Mike Peters would comment before the Parish Council's next meeting but the resurfacing of the A30 would vary according to the results.

Steve Bailey was thanked and left the meeting at 7.37pm.

#### **18-120 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 having been circulated, it was resolved that they should be signed as a true and correct record.

#### **18-121 POLICE INFORMATION**

In October, three crimes had been reported: one "violence or sexual offence" on or near Horizon Fields which was still under investigation; two "anti-social behaviour" on or near Treeve and on or near Harbour Mews. In November, four crimes had been reported: one "anti-social behaviour" on or near Trembrase; one "violence or sexual offence" on or near Mayon Green Crescent which was still under investigation; two "violence or sexual offence" on or near B3315, both of which were awaiting a court outcome.

#### **18-122 BEACH CAR PARK TOILETS**

Members were informed that the specification for the electrical work was still awaited.

#### **18-123 PLAYGROUND**

Councillors were informed that, if the Parish Council did not own the equipment, the Public Liability insurance would not cover it. It was discussed that this could cause problems because it might mean that the playground would be shut outside school hours. It was

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agreed that this would be taken to the next meeting with the headmaster. However, the invitation to tender for the development of the playground had already been sent out by the school with a deadline for reply by 5<sup>th</sup> February so it was agreed that a meeting with the headmaster needed to be set up quickly.

### **18-124 PLANNING**

- **Plans**

- PA17/11244 – Mr Attwood - Construction of decking at Woods Croft, A30 From Lands End To Sennen Post Office, Sennen. It was agreed not to offer any objections.

- **Decisions and Appeals**

- A list of decisions was read out.

- **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

The Chairman reported that he was still waiting to hear from James Hardy about a date for any meeting.

- **Pre-Application Protocol**

A suggestion of an amendment had been forwarded which the councillors agreed was acceptable.

### **18-125 FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS**

- It was reported that a streetlight was hanging by a wire on Marias Lane.
- Michael Lugg had written offering his resignation for cutting the cemetery and footpaths. While it was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to Micheal Lugg, councillors were also tasked with making enquiries about a replacement.

### **18-126 FINANCE**

- Payments totalling £21717.93 from the Parish Council account and £120.00 from the Burial Committee account were agreed.

### **18-127 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- West Penwith Community Network Panel. Thursday 18th January 2018 - This was noted and all councillors who were able to attend would do so.
- Cornwall AONB Annual Report – This was noted.

### **18-128 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA**

Apart for issues raised during this meeting, the situation re the Trustees of Sennen Recreation Centre needed discussing.

### **18-129 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting would be Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 in Churchtown Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

Chairman  
2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018