

7th July 2017

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENNEN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CHURCHTOWN VILLAGE HALL, SENNEN ON FRIDAY 7TH JULY 2017 AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT

Councillors Mr A Thomas (Chairman), Mr A Tonkin, Mr A Semmens and Mr M Gwennap.

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor Helen Hawkins, Mrs Gemma Willis (Sennen Pre-School), Mrs A Male (Clerk) and two members of the public.

18-35 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr T Gwennap, Mr C Angove, Mr D Angove and Mr C McClary.

18-36 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

18-37 DISPENSATION APPLICATIONS

No applications had been received.

18-38 INFORMATION AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No member of the public wished to speak.

18-39 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on 2nd June 2017 having been circulated and a correction to the date made, it was resolved that they should be signed as a true and correct record.

18-40 PRE-SCHOOL

Mrs Gemma Willis had attended the meeting to inform the councillors of the progress being made. She explained that the Parish Council owned a long term lease on the car park which was sub-leased to the Community Hall so the Pre-school needed a lease to be able to cross the car park to the proposed building. Gemma told the councillors that the move had been delayed because the Pre-school had hoped to stay at Blue Haven but that this was now not possible and that they had already purchased a building on Ebay with the hope of obtaining planning permission. Cornwall Council had also suggested that the Parish Council could pay Cornwall Council's fees. A comment was made about whether Community Hall would mind about the increase in traffic but it was pointed out that it had been suggested that just two cars parked next to the building. It was agreed to grant the licence to cross the car park and the clerk and Gemma would liaise on this matter. It was also agreed to offer up to £500 towards Cornwall Council's fees. Councillors also agreed that the grass track between Horizon Fields and Community Hall should be used as an access for the children.

18-41 NOTICEBOARD

Gemma Willis pointed out that the whole of the front of Costcutter was glass-fronted so the notice board could not go there and that the adjacent house might not be in their ownership for much longer. A suggestion was made that it could be put in front of the Post Office but at 90° to the building and Gemma agreed that it could be put wherever practicable. The Chairman and two helpers would look at the possibilities and move the noticeboard.

Mrs Willis left the meeting.

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18-42 CO-OPTION OF TWO COUNCILLORS

Two applications had been received, Mr Alan Rowe and Mr David Jenkin. After a short discussion, it was agreed that both applicants should be co-opted.

18-43 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CORNWALL

Councillor Mrs Hawkins informed members that the Electoral Commission wanted to reduce the number of councillors from one hundred and twenty six to eighty seven, though Cornwall Council preferred the lower number to be ninety nine. The Electoral Commission's suggestion would mean that the number of voters in each ward would need to be around five thousand one hundred and at present St Buryan Ward listed approximately three thousand five hundred. This would mean that borders may have to be altered to include voters from part of the towns but they were keen to keep the boundaries in line with the Network Community boundaries. A comment was made that the Network Communities were not working well now and a suggestion was made that St Buryan might combine with St Just but Councillor Mrs Hawkins thought that it was more likely to be part of Mousehole. It was agreed that Sennen Parish Council favoured not cutting down the numbers because it did not want the rural nature to be reduced.

18-44 POLICE INFORMATION

In April four crimes had been reported: a case of criminal damage or arson had been reported in the vicinity of Sunny Corner Lane which had been resolved locally; a case of anti-social behaviour had been reported in the Cove and another close to Tower Close; a violent or sexual offence had been reported close to Tower Close but it had not been able to prosecute the suspect. Councillor Semmens told councillors that an animal had been found dead close to Wreckers having been chased and jammed into a barbed wire fence.

18-45 BEACH CAR PARK TOILETS

There was a problem with a door not closing and one of the flushes not working which meant that water was running unnecessarily. It was agreed that the lack of communication from Cornwall Council was not good enough. The more recent history was explained to Councillor Mrs Hawkins. It was suggested that Cornwall Council should be told that, if no workable plan had been received, the toilets would be closed at the end of the season but it was decided to leave any decision until after the holiday season.

A member of the public left the meeting.

18-46 PLAYGROUND

There was no further news on the playground but the clerk admitted that she had been unsure about the amount of turf that was needed so Councillor Semmens offered to handle that matter.

Councillor Mrs Hawkins left the meeting.

18-47 PLANNING

- **Pre-Application** – Further information had been received about Towan Vean, Sunny Corner Lane which councillors felt were an improvement on the previous plans.
- **Plans**
 - PA17/04889 – Mr T Nicholas – Erection of one, 2 storey 3 bedroomed house and one 2 storey garage at Land W Of Homer Vineyard, Marias Lane, Sennen Cove. It was agreed to comment that the plans would mean an over-development of the site, would affect the AONB and would also set a precedent for other potential verges.

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- PA17/05584 – Mr and Mrs D Glasspool – Non-material amendment (No. 1) for increase of internal floor area and raise lower ground floor level, ridge height to remain the same to (PA16/04376), construction of a new single dwelling within a plot of land attached to Esthers Field at Esthers Field, Marias Lane, Sennen Cove. It was agreed not to offer any objections.
- PA17/05642 – Mr J and Mrs L Strachan - Demolition of existing extension and construction of new extension along with renovations including installation of timber cladding at Fedor Vean Sunny Corner Lane, Sennen. It was agreed not to offer any objections.

- **Decisions and Appeals**

A list of decisions was read out.

18-48 FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS

- A letter of complaint had been received about the state of Stonechair Lane following the weedspraying. Councillors agreed that, although initially shocking, it was a vast improvement and Councillor Tonkin offered to speak to the complainant.
- Councillor Tonkin had had a discussion with Mike Peters (Cormac) about the dangerous state of the A30 and pointed out that the Area Steward, Phil Keverne, thought that it was getting dangerous. Mike Peters said that they would be carrying out safety cuts soon.
- The offending landowners on Cove Road had been served notice so this matter was in hand.
- It was reported that Brew Lane was worse now than before it had been resurfaced.

18-49 FINANCE

- Payments totalling £3211.43 from the Parish Council account were agreed.
- The Annual Accounts had been received from the Internal Auditor and were agreed.
- It was agreed to sign the Annual Governance Statement.
- It was agreed to sign the Accounting Statements.
- The Annual Accounts for Sennen Community Association had been received and were noted.

18-50 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- It was brought to the attention of the councillors that Sennen Beach had won a Seaside Award for 2017. It was thought that this should be noted on the website.

18-51 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

There were no additional matters for the next agenda.

18-52 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the date of the next meeting would be Friday 1st September 2017 in Churchtown Village Hall unless Planning Applications had been received, in which case it would be Friday 4th August 2017.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.23pm.

Chairman
1st September 2017