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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENNEN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CHURCHTOWN VILLAGE HALL, SENNEN ON FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.00PM.**

**PRESENT**

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

**ALSO PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs Helen Hawkins and Mrs A Male (Clerk).

**20-90 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr C McClary who was unwell, Mr D Jenkin who was working, Mr C Angove and Mr M Gwennap.

**20-91 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**20-92 DISPENSATION APPLICATIONS**

No applications had been received.

**20-93 INFORMATION AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- Councillor Mrs Hawkins read out a statement from the applicant for PA19/08799 that said that he believed the planning application did not contravene any planning law and was unencumbered by any clauses pertaining to the land. He had discussed the plans with his immediate neighbours, with the exception of one, and had not received any objections to date. The development was modest in scale and mirrored the layout of the neighbouring buildings. The proposed properties fell in line with number 3 Mayon Farm, which had no side window, thus there was no overlooking. He had approached the owners of number 1 Mayon Farm but they had shown no interest in the development and, whilst being his immediate neighbours, they had added on an extension to the rear of their property which meant they would not be able to see the development from their property. In general there were no overlooking issues. He believed the development was in keeping with the immediate vicinity and surrounding buildings, and did not intrude on anybody, whilst having obvious benefits to the local economy.

Councillor Mrs Hawkins informed councillors:

- The planning application concerning Grebe Farm was bogged down with a listed building issue.
- A pre-application had been received for a development of five houses in Sunny Corner Lane.
- She would regretfully not be able to attend Sennen Feast because it clashed with Madron Feast.
- Minack Theatre were still pursuing the change of signage at Catchall but the theatre might be willing to include the signs requested for Sennen if the parish council were to pay for the signs. Councillors suggested that a representative from Minack Theatre attend a meeting and Councillor Mrs Hawkins offered to arrange this.
- A suggestion had been made to include the parking issues in the cove on the Highways Scheme but Councillor Mrs Hawkins pointed out that forty seven schemes had already been submitted and that Sennen Parish Council had also submitted a request for funding for the VAS. She could not vote for both submissions.

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- Councillor Mrs Hawkins would be attending the Localism Summit on the following Wednesday.

Councillors put to Councillor Mrs Hawkins:

- There was a tree at Crean Bottoms overhanging the highway at a forty five degree angle with others further up the valley. Cornwall Council had reported that they had found no issues. Councillor Mrs Hawkins offered to ask somebody to meet with Councillor A Semmens.
- There were ongoing issues that had been reported year on year about water flowing over the highway close to the property known as Thalassa but Cornwall Council felt that it was not a safety hazard. Since the building works had started on the property, the water was now finding a different route under the road. Councillor Mrs Hawkins said she would follow it up.

### **20-94 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019 having been circulated, it was resolved that they should be signed as a true and correct record.

### **20-95 POLICE INFORMATION**

- Four crimes had been reported in August: one anti-social behaviour on or near a parking area which appeared to be the harbour; one anti-social behaviour on or near Tower Close; one burglary on or near B3315; one anti-social behaviour on or near Trembrase. No crimes had been reported in September

### **20-96 LICENCE FOR PLAYGROUND**

- The licence had been received from the solicitor.
- The academy had been in touch with a quote of £400 plus VAT per annum for maintenance of the equipment. This would cover the upkeep, maintenance and bi-annual safety inspection. The academy would invoice the parish council annually. Councillors felt that this should be fixed for ten years so that the figure could be used in the budget and have a break clause of five years. The clerk was asked to put this to the governors.
- There was still an issue with the playground being locked at weekends because the governors wanted to have sight of the parish council's insurance cover. The clerk was asked to provide this.

### **20-97 BEACH CAR PARK TOILETS**

- The Vice-Chairman had met with Mike Beckett and other members of Cormac. Mike Beckett had confirmed that they would fix the leak, install the pipe for the urinal, fix the roof and possibly install the trough.
- South West Water had put the account on hold but copies of the invoices were required to put a case to them.
- It was confirmed that the cleaning standard was satisfactory at present. However, there was again quite a build-up of sand in the doorway. It was decided to monitor this matter during the winter while RNLI vehicles were not being washed in the car park. In the meantime, a suggestion had been made for a tap to be installed on the slipway for washing the vehicles.
- The Wallgate in the multi-user had been repaired.

Councillor Mrs Hawkins left the meeting.

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**20-98 REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**

The service would be held at 10.30am on 10th November 2019 concluding at the War Memorial. The clerk was asked to check that the contractors would cut the cemetery grass, or at least around the memorial, before that date. Councillor D Angove offered to place the poppies in the garden.

**20-99 SENNEN FEAST**

- Councillors were informed that Sennen Feast Service was 1st December 2019 at 10.00am with the Bishop of Truro officiating. It was to be followed by a buffet lunch at First and Last, £10 per head.
- A list of invitees was confirmed.

**20-100 PLANNING**

• **Planning Applications**

- PA19/08744 – Mr and Mrs David Oliver - Replacement first floor side extension and associated works, replace front roof finish with natural slate, window alterations and decked seating area at Carn North Studio, Sennen Cove. It was agreed not to offer any objections.
- PA19/08799 – Mr J Robertson - Construction of Two Dwelling Houses in Garden at Sennen Rise, Mayon Farm, Sennen. It was agreed to object to the position of the proposed houses breaking the building line of neighbouring properties and to state that the Parish Council felt unable to make any further comment because it had concerns over the accuracy of the plans as submitted, especially the line of the public footpath and the land in the ownership of the applicant.

• **Decisions and Appeals**

- A list of decisions was read to the councillors.
- The appeal against the refusal of PA19/07473, Land South of Rosvear, Trembrase, Sennen had been dismissed.

**20-101 FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS**

- The contractor who had carried out the weed spraying this year had requested that he be instructed by May at the latest next year. Councillors were informed that one of the footpath contractors now also had a certificate to spray.
- A request had been received for another cut for the footpath from Costcutter down to Esthers Field and the footpath from Mayon Green to Sunny Corner Lane. It was agreed to ask the contractors to carry out another cut.
- The north end of Footpath No20 required attention. Councillor A Semmens offered to handle this matter.
- The bottom slat of the stile onto the footpath at the bottom of Seaview Hill had become rotten. It was agreed to contact the landowner.
- It was reported that the work required on the bridges and railings now had job numbers. It had been queried why work was not carried out and railings replaced before they rotted but Cormac said they would carry out the work once the fences rotted.
- It had transpired that, if the VAS were funded through the CNP Highways Scheme, the equipment to be used was only that that Cornwall Council authorised and each sign would cost £14000. It was agreed to withdraw the submission.
- The problems caused by the seasonality of the parking restrictions in the cove were discussed, along with the letters of support for the double yellow lines to be made enforceable year round. It was agreed to submit a request to CNP Highways Scheme for funding to alter the dates.

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Councillor A Semmens left the meeting but informed councillors that he was going to look at the Christmas tree the following day and that the landowners would like a donation to Crisis at Christmas of at least £25.00.

**20-102 FINANCE**

- The report from the external auditor had been received. It acknowledged the late receipt of the Annual Governance Accountability Return but stated that, in their opinion, no matters had come to the attention giving cause for concern. To assure the councillors of the accounts being regularly updated, the clerk offered to provide quarterly accounts which was accepted. A new internal auditor was required; a local resident was suggested and Councillor D Angove offered to speak to him. The issue of the lack of a contract of employment was raised and the clerk was asked to provide a template. An additional charge of £80 plus VAT had been made by the external auditors which the clerk offered to pay and this was agreed.
- Payments totalling £1958.39 from the Parish Council account were agreed.
- A request for a donation had been received from Cornwall Air Ambulance and it was agreed to send £50.00.
- A request for a donation had been received from St Johns Ambulance and it was agreed to send £25.00.

**20-103 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- Request for a seat on Stone Chair Lane – The councillors discussed the possible positioning of this seat and thought it would have to be on the seaward side of the path, around Stone Chair Rock, to avoid the drainage. The person making the request would need to contact the landowner.
- Cornwall Community Flood Forum Free Conference, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – No councillor wished to attend.
- Cornwall AONB Annual Conference, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 – No councillor wished to attend.
- Cape Cornwall Surgery re Remote Sites Cessation – A letter had been received and circulated to councillors explaining the reason behind the withdrawal of this service. Councillors decided to support the proposal. (NB – Cape Cornwall Surgery has since withdrawn this matter.)

**20-104 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA**

- There were no additional matters for the next agenda.

**20-105 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

A RNLI event being held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019 that a number of councillors would be attending, the date of the next meeting would be Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019 in Churchtown Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.49pm.

Chairman  
13<sup>th</sup> December 2019