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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENNEN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL,
SENNEN ON FRIDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7.00PM.**

PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

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

19-56 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr M Gwennap, Mr T Gwennap and Mr D Jenkin.

19-57 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mr C McClary declared an interest in Planning Application No PA18/07473.

19-58 DISPENSATION APPLICATIONS

No applications had been received.

19-59 INFORMATION AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- A member of the public expressed concerns about Planning Application No PA18/07473 pointing out that the proposed plans would mean five driveways accessing onto a narrow lane that is used by agricultural traffic and HGVs. He also felt that the strip of land was too narrow for the proposed properties and that there was an issue with the sewers, that trees and plants would be destroyed and that the area was prone to flooding.

19-60 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on 6th July and 10th August 2018 having been circulated, it was resolved that they should be signed as a true and correct record.

19-61 POLICE INFORMATION

- Police report – Two crimes had been reported in June, a violence or sexual offence on or near Cove Hill when it had not been possible to prosecute the suspect and an other theft offence on or near Marias Lane which was still under investigation. Four crimes had been reported during July. There had been an anti-social behaviour offence and an other theft on or near Atlantic Crescent the investigation of the second of which was complete but no suspect had been identified. There had been a violence or sexual offence on or near Horizon Fields which was still under investigation and an anti-social behaviour offence on or near the harbour car park.
- Police Liaison Group, Monday 13th August 2018 – The clerk informed councillors that there had been a report on the proposed merge of Devon and Cornwall Police with Dorset Police and the cost savings that could be envisaged. Councillor Mrs Helen Hawkins told councillors that this matter was due to be debated at Full Council the following Tuesday. There had also been a report on the provision of body worn videos and the way they could reduce the time taken by officers to write reports and the innovation of specially trained staff who could now take statements over the telephone.
- It was reported that problems in the Donkey Field seemed to have been sorted but that there were now concerns about children being chased by a hooded person. Unfortunately, these incidents were not being reported to the Police and it was pointed out that, if the Police were called out at the time, it might be possible to use a Police dog to track the offender.

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19-62 BEACH CAR PARK TOILETS

- Councillors were informed that there had been some problems with the cleaning and that the toilets were in a bit of a state. There had been a visit from the Operational Lead from the neighbouring area, the lead for this area being on sick leave, and she had been in full agreement that the cleaning was not up to standard by any means. She had taken photographs and would discuss the matter with the appropriate person the following week. The clerk offered to check the facility whenever she was in the area and asked the councillors to do the same and report any problems back to her. Councillors were informed that there were similar problems with the Harbour toilets and there were concerns about how the cleaning materials were transported between the two units because the only storage area was at the Beach toilets.
- There were concerns about the sand being washed from the RNLI vehicles ending up in the doorway of the gents' toilets and the clerk was asked to look into the matter.
- The possibility of refurbishing the inside of the toilet block was raised and it was agreed that this should be discussed at the next meeting.

19-63 PLAYGROUND

- The handover letter had not yet been received but the seats on the teen shelter had not been repaired and the drum had not been put back. It was also reported that the Pre-School was not being supported by the Academy and the paperwork had not been sent through yet. The Chairman would speak to the Headmaster about these matters.

19-64 PLANNING

• **Planning Applications**

- PA18/07233 - Mr & Mrs Nick and Kathy Cowx - Demolition of existing sub-standard dwelling and erection of a replacement two-storey 3 bedroom low-energy contemporary dwelling at Hilltop, Marias Lane, Sennen Cove. It was agreed to strongly object to this application citing that the size of the proposed replacement dwelling was too great with an unacceptable increase in the roof height, the design of the property was out of keeping with the majority of buildings in the vicinity and that the materials that were to be used were inappropriate, not being locally sourced.
- PA18/07558 - Mr And Mrs H Trippe - Change of use from residential home for the elderly (use class C2) to two dwelling houses (use Class C3) at Chy Byghan, Sunny Corner Lane, Sennen. It was agreed not to object to this application.
- PA18/07473 - Mr P Maitland - Construction of 5 dwellings at Land South Of Rosevear, Trembrase, Sennen. It was agreed to strongly object to this application commenting that the road onto which the properties egress is a narrow minor road that is heavily used by large agricultural vehicles and that to have five new property entrances, especially two so close to the junction with the A30, would lead to highway issues and a dangerous situation for all road users. Also that this area floods on a regular basis, believed to be a possible sewerage problem, and to build on this land would move the problem onto neighbouring properties. Comments were made about the loss of trees and the disturbance of wildlife, including bats and that the size of the properties would not afford any benefit to the local community.

• **Decisions and Appeals**

- A list of decisions was read to the councillors.

• **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

- Councillor McClary informed other councillors that he planned to hold a meeting at the end of the month with the "movers and shakers" and that he also planned to step back

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from the initiative as soon as the steering groups were set up. The clerk requested that she be contacted when he was ready for the Designation Application to be submitted.

19-65 FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS

- Minack Theatre Traffic – There were reports that during the past couple of years, and more so this year, traffic had been accessing the theatre via Sennen which was causing problems, especially for cyclists. Councillor Mrs Helen Hawkins pointed out that the road directional sign at Catchall was being altered to direct traffic through Sennen. There had been issues with traffic from two sessions meeting each other in Brew Lane. Suggestions of signage were made but it was pointed out that unauthorised signs would not be supported and that it was difficult getting authorised signs approved so it was agreed to speak to St Levan Parish Council and St Buryan Parish Council about presenting a joint plan. Councillor Mrs Hawkins would speak to Minack Theatre and Porthcurno Coastal Community Team.
- It was reported that the fence opposite the school was breaking and required reporting to Cormac.
- There had been some issues over the parking spaces on Atlantic Crescent with reports of intimidation. Liverty had said that no action would be taken. It was agreed to make enquiries with Liverty about the issues.
- A letter had been received about a vehicle that was parking in the layby that had originally been for users of the telephone kiosk. It was apparently causing visibility issues for vehicles egressing from Sunny Corner Lane. A suggestion was made that Highways be asked to remove the layby but it was decided that this would lead to vehicles being parked on the footway. It was agreed to write to the owner of the van asking him to park as far away from the junction as possible.
- Cornwall Council had been contacted about the waste bins and would look into providing larger bins where requested but were unable to provide new bins. However, if councillors could provide information about sites that were rarely used, then the waste bin could be relocated.
- Councillor Mrs Hawkins told councillors that she had not heard back about the overhanging trees at Treen.
- Not a lot had been solved about the pop-up site in the cove and Councillor Mrs Hawkins was requested to find out when franchises were discussed.
- An enquiry was made about the lack of progress that had been made on the repair of the path to the beach. It was agreed that the Chairman and Councillor A Semmens would check with the landowner so that the work could be carried out.

19-66 FINANCE

- Payments totalling £3051.73 from the Parish Council account were agreed.

19-67 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- West Penwith Network Community Panel, Thursday 19th July 2018 – No councillors had attended.
- West Penwith Community Network Panel, Thursday 20th September 2018 - The Chairman and Councillor C Angove would attend and Councillors A Tonkin and A Rowe would try to attend the meeting.
- Raw Deal or Great Opportunity, First Town and Parish Council Conference for West Cornwall, Thursday 27th September 2018 – The Chairman would try to attend.

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19-68 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

- New lights for the Christmas tree needed to be discussed.

19-69 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting would be Friday 5th October 2018 in Churchtown Village Hall if possible.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.38pm.

Chairman
5th October 2018