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MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF SENNEN PARISH COUNCIL HELD VIA ZOOM ON FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2020 AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor Mrs Helen Hawkins, Mrs A Male (Clerk) and one member of the public.

21-78 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor A Rowe who was working.

21-79 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Semmens declared an interest in Planning Application NoPA20/09576.

21-80 DISPENSATION APPLICATIONS

No applications had been received.

21-81 INFORMATION AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No member of the public wished to speak.

21-82 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2020 having been circulated, it was resolved that they should be signed as a true and correct record.

21-83 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Unfortunately, Mr James Peck (CC) had been unable to attend and the matter was postponed until the next meeting.

21-84 PUBLIC TOILETS

- Councillors were informed that James Hardy (CC) had said that he would arrange a meeting before Christmas.

21-85 PLAYGROUND

There was nothing to report on this matter.

21-86 COUNCIL WEBSITE

The clerk had had no luck in contacting or getting any response from Hugo Fox so the matter would be placed on the next month's agenda.

21-87 NOTICEBOARD

The clerk had received the specification for the tender but not the contact details so Councillor McClary would forward them.

21-88 VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN

The prices from two companies had been provided for comparison. It was suggested that, as Councillor Tonkin had done some research and felt that the sign from TWM, though more expensive, was the better sign having amber flashing lights at the corners so it was agreed to purchase one sign with a solar panel but no data collection; Councillor Tonkin felt that if drivers were found to be contravening the speed limits, Cornwall Council could be asked to put covert speed detectors in place. The clerk explained the positions that Streetworks had decided as the most suitable.

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21-89 PRE-SCHOOL

It was asked whether anybody knew what was happening about the pre-school moving to the new site because nothing had been heard since the previous summer and the time was limited for their stay at Blue Haven. It was commented that the school would only prosper if the pre-school were there to feed children into it. It was queried whether the portacabin was deteriorating but councillors were assured that the structure was still intact and the interior was always going to be replaced. It would seem that it was only the insurance for the construction that was awaited. The Chairman would speak to one of the committee members.

21-90 SOCIAL MEDIA

It was reported that several members of the public had major concerns about some of the language being used on Sennen social media pages. One councillor felt that this issue was outside the remit of the parish council and that it was up to the administrator of the page. However, another suggested that the page was viewed by people outside the village and that they might have some concerns about the opinions voiced. There was a discussion about people not always agreeing and that people outside the community would be aware and have differing views. Although it was felt that the parish council had no right to tell social media what to do it was also required that it be highlighted.

21-91 PLANNING

• **Planning Applications**

- PA20/09447 - Dr & Mrs Clive Bright - Non material alterations in relation to Decision Notice PA18/06787 at Land South West Of Gwella, A30 At Mayon Green, Mayon Green, Sennen. It was agreed not to offer any objections.
- PA20/09576 - Mr Simon Leather - Listed Building Consent: Re-slating roof and associated works at Penrose Farm House, Penrose Farm, Sennen. A point was made that the roof was to be dry laid Spanish slate and that the local economy should be supported by using Delabole but, as this would be five times the cost and the property was Grade II listed, it was agreed not to offer any objections.

• **Decisions and Other**

- A list of decisions was read out.
- Councillors were informed that the Old Success was using parking spaces for seating and cars were parking on the pavement. Councillor Mrs Hawkins pointed out that this could be reported online which Councillor Tonkin agreed to do.

• **Correspondence**

- No planning correspondence had been received.

• **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

The Chairman told councillors that this had not progressed very far; a steering committee was being set up and a Zoom meeting would be held before Christmas.

21-92 FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS

- Councillor D Angove had met with Cormac about the footpath to Sunny Corner Lane and it had been agreed that it needed relaying and it was hoped to do something when the work on the bridge was carried out. Stone Chair Lane had also been discussed.
- There had been no update on the boardwalk at Trengothal.
- The grazing of the ponies on Mayon Cliff was discussed with a query on whether they required a shelter. Also, in a previous scheme at Logan Rock the ponies had grazed the

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grass tight and there were no wild flowers left. Councillor McClary offered to speak to National Trust.

21-93 REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE

No meetings had been attended and no additional correspondence had been received.

21-94 FINANCE

- The report from the external auditor had been received and was read to those present.
- The Receipts and Payments account for the six months ended 30th September 2020, having been previously distributed, was noted.
- The 2021-22 budget had been sent to councillors and it was pointed out that a group of residents were happy to fund the VAS on the west side of the village though it was considered that, if the funds were there, the parish council could pay for both VAS. It was decided to see if there were any benefits from the first sign. Councillor McClary offered to contact Lands End about any offer of funding. Following the discussion, it was agreed not to raise the precept for 2021-22.
- The Christmas tree was now in place. It had cost £70 delivered. The Chairman had had to order new lights and the councillors ratified this decision.
- It was agreed to make a donation of £75 to The Poppy Appeal.
- Payments totalling £1395.22 from the Parish Council account were agreed.

21-95 REPORT FROM DIVISIONAL MEMBER

- Cornwall Council had voted to act on the aspirations of the "Cornwall We Want" consultation. Councillor Mrs Hawkins felt that it could be useful for the Neighbourhood Development Plan to take a look at it.
- The Budget Consultation would close on 18th December 2020 and it would be worth a look; there would be reduced budgets in all departments and put everything in context.
- Councillor Geoff Brown, Portfolio Holder for Transport, had said that, when he came across the issue, he would sign it off so Councillor Mrs Hawkins had progressed the matter as far as she could.
- Covid19 testing was available for people showing symptoms.

21-96 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- The Chairman raised the issue of the Christmas Swim. Some members of the public had said that it would happen because it was not an organised event. There were concerns amongst the councillors about social distancing and people travelling to Sennen to take part; perhaps it should have a year off. It was suggested to put a piece on the Sennen Community Facebook page and in Down Your Way. Also, the Chairman could speak to Radio Cornwall although this idea was thought to be risky. Councillors thought that, if any of them knew anybody involved in the swim, the thoughts of the parish council could be passed on. It was decided not to put out the cones and to ask for the top car park to be kept closed; an A3 notice with no mention of the parish council could be put on the gate advising people and a piece put in Down Your Way drawing people's attention to the notice. There were still concerns about the parking along Cove Road and Councillor Tonkin was requested to speak to the Police about this matter.

21-97 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT MONTHS AGENDA

- There were no additional matters.

21-98 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held virtually on Friday 8th January 2021.

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There being no further business, the Chairman wished everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and closed the meeting at 8.20pm

Chairman
15th January 2021

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