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MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF SENNEN PARISH COUNCIL HELD VIA ZOOM ON FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

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

21-59 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor D Angove.

21-60 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Semmens declared an interest in Planning Application NoPA20/08248.

21-61 DISPENSATION APPLICATIONS

No applications had been received.

21-62 INFORMATION AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- The matter of the Neighbourhood Development Plan was raised. A statement had been placed on Facebook and ninety people had signed up in two minutes. The Chairman and Councillor McClary had liaised with them. Councillors Mrs Helen Hawkins and Mrs Sue James had been contacted and they had said to contact James Hardy (CC). Just at the moment the white paper on planning that was being discussed could make things difficult but they were considering doing a community audit and the Chairman said that Councillor Hawkins had suggested getting some public feedback via post, meetings being difficult in the present climate. Councillor Hawkins had also said that a steering committee would be required. It was reported that there were already eight people willing to be on that committee which Councillor Hawkins said was enough but more would be needed for sub-committees. The Chairman said that he was happy for it to go ahead.
- A spokesman for Planning Application No PA20/09234 told members that the existing building was in a bad state of repair so the applicant wanted to replace it. She pointed out that this policy had been accepted in other places on Marias Lane. A smaller footprint was proposed but with three stories which would mean 1.8m difference in ridge height. She then went on to describe the materials to be used and to say that there were computer generated pictures of how it would look on Marias Lane
- Councillor Mrs Hawkins informed councillors that, following the Community Governance Review, Paul and St Buryan Parish Councils would be amalgamating.
- Councillor Mrs Hawkins offered some money towards the Vehicle Activated Signs, or any other project, as long as it was applied for before February.

21-63 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2020 having been circulated, it was resolved that they should be signed as a true and correct record.

21-64 REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Chairman reported that there would be no Church service although Reverend Perrett would be holding a service online. He would lay the wreath on Sunday 8th November alone;

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if anybody else was involved then a risk assessment would have to be carried out. Councillor D Angove had put out the crosses.

21-65 SENNEN FEAST

There would be no church service this year so there would also be no procession.

21-66 PUBLIC TOILETS

- No meeting had been arranged because James Hardy (CC) had only just returned to work.
- The position with the harbour toilets was questioned and councillors were told a service level agreement from Cormac was awaited; the Harbour Commissioners were not happy to agree to pay for the cleaning of the toilets during lockdown so they were still negotiating.

21-67 PLAYGROUND

There was nothing to report on this matter.

21-68 COUNCIL WEBSITE

Councillor McClary had sent councillors the link to Hugo Fox. There were queries about the difference between the levels and whether the silver level was worth a further £20 per month. Also, would it be possible to upgrade at any time. Councillor McClary thought that it would be. There were also questions about the company building the website. The clerk was asked to obtain more information.

21-69 NOTICEBOARD

Councillor McClary reported that he and Councillor D Angove had looked at the noticeboard and contacted Neil Willis who had confirmed that it could be re-located to Costcutter and that it could be installed in the ground because there were no cables in the way. The noticeboard would have to be dug out of its present position and then new holes dug at Costcutter. The noticeboard would need renovating. The Chairman assured members that the Community Centre noticeboard could be removed from the back of the present board. It was agreed to ask Lewis Kaute and Peter Lugg for a price for the work. Councillor McClary would forward a specification and their contact details to the clerk. There was a suggestion that the councillors could do the work themselves but it was decided to get a price and then go from there.

21-70 AGENDA ITEMS

A suggestion had been made that two new agenda items be introduced. The first would be an opportunity for the Divisional Member to speak but which would not preclude her from speaking during the meeting. The second would be an item for councillors to report any matters but no discussion should ensue. This was agreed.

21-71 POLICY FOR ADVERTISING CASUAL VACANCIES

It had been suggested that a casual vacancy should be advertised more widely than in the past, eg website, noticeboard, Down Your Way and local shops. A discussion followed about whether the policy should be so specific because ideas may have changed by the next time a vacancy required advertising. However, it was decided that the website, noticeboard, a form of social media and the shop in the cove would cover all basis and to form a policy to cover this.

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21-72 PLANNING

• Planning Applications

- PA20/07945 – Mr N Turner - Amendment of Existing Flat roof to Traditional Pitched with Storage Above, Amendments to Utility and Construction of Glazed Porch at Trevescan Farm, B3315 Between Junction North West Of Trevescan And Trevilly, Trevescan, Sennen. It was agreed not to offer any objections.
- PA20/08248 – Mr V Wills - New access road to storage container depot at Land East Of Sewage Treatment Works, Sennen. Discussions were had about the need for another access road and whether there had been a dispute about ownership. It was agreed that there were no planning reasons to object.
- PA20/08380 – Mr and Mrs A Jones - Replacement ancillary domestic outbuilding at Adanac, Sennen Cove. It was agreed not to offer any objections.
- PA20/09234 – Ms Sarah Rugg - Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuilding and construction of replacement dwelling at Windward, Marias Lane, Sennen Cove. It was agreed not to object but to comment that the ridge height should not exceed the height of adjacent properties.
- PA20/09132 - Katharine + Helen McLean + Godridge - Internal alterations including a fixed stair to the attic room and externally new roof-lights to the attic room (west elevation)at 5 Harbour Mews, Sennen Cove. It was agreed not to offer any objections.

• Decisions and Other

- A list of decisions was read out.

• Correspondence

- No planning correspondence had been received.

• Neighbourhood Development Plan

This matter had been discussed earlier in the meeting but it was agreed that the Chairman, Councillor McClary and Councillor Tonkin would be the council contacts.

21-73 FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS

- Minack Theatre Traffic Signage – This matter had been raised with Rupert Spencer (Highways Manager) and Minack were pursuing it but Councillor m
- Mrs Hawkins would mention the issue. It was decided not to carry this matter forward to the next agenda.
- The stile, kissing gate and boardwalk were all in hand and to be done by the New Year so could be taken off the agenda. Councillor Semmens informed members that the tenant had received a letter from Cormac about the stile opposite Trembrase which had been passed onto the landowner.
- Speeding traffic on Seaview Hill – It was reported that the residents of Eleni Close were crowd funding for a vehicle activated sign (VAS) for the top of Seaview Hill and that they might make a request for help in the future. Following further discussion it was decided that the parish council should fund the VAS for Sea View Hill and that the decision about the model to choose would be taken at the next meeting.

Councillor Semmens left the meeting at 8.14pm

- Parking Problems in Sennen Cove – It was reported that the Coastguard had had a problem exiting the cove to attend a rescue because of the parking issues. Councillor Mrs Hawkins informed the meeting that to change anything would mean applying for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) which would cost in the region of £6000. Councillor Mrs Hawkins also pointed out that this matter was included in the TRO that had been applied for in the Community Network Panel (CNP) Highways Scheme so the council could just

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offer to pay for the signs to be altered though the CNP would have to OK it. When the matter that Julian German had told the media that there was an underspend on the Highways budget that might be put towards Covid19 measures was raised, Councillor Mrs Hawkins offered to speak to Councillors Geoff Brown, Portfolio Holder for Transport. It was also agreed to contact James Hardy and the chairman of West Penwith Community Network Panel to inform them that the parish council was willing to pay the additional costs.

- We Are Watching You Campaign – There seemed to be a general consensus that this was a good idea for built up areas but not rural areas. Also, it was another example of the parish council doing Cornwall Council's job. It was agreed not to join the campaign but to again request information about an Enforcement Officer.

Councillor Mrs Hawkins left the meeting at 8.27pm

- There had been an issue with vehicles trying to access Stonechair Lane and a member of the public had placed a boulder there to prevent this issue. The problem was being investigated by Cormac. It was thought that a bollard would be better than a rock.

21-74 REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

21-75 FINANCE

- Payments totalling £1236.60 from the Parish Council account were agreed.
- The Chairman had spoken to the Head of the school about putting lights on the school and she had said that it would have to be put to a meeting but the Chairman had heard nothing back. There had also been mention of a risk assessment about which they would get back the following week. It was reported that Churchtown Hall were considering putting up a tree and councillors felt that, failing the school requiring it, a Christmas tree would be provided by the council.

21-76 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT MONTHS AGENDA

- There were no additional matters.

21-77 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held virtually on Friday 4th December 2020.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.53pm

Chairman
4th December 2020