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MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF SENNEN PARISH COUNCIL HELD VIA ZOOM ON FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST 2020 AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs A Male (Clerk) and six members of the public.

21-12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Councillor Mr D Angove. Councillor Mrs Helen Hawkins' apologies were also noted.

21-13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

21-14 DISPENSATION APPLICATIONS

No applications had been received.

21-15 INFORMATION AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- A member of the public spoke about Planning Application No PA20/5128 saying that the property had previously been a holiday let but was now to be a family home. He said that the property should nestle into the hillside at the top of Stonechair Lane, not affecting the skyline.
- Several members of the public spoke, objecting to Planning Application Number PA20/05625. They were mainly residents of Sunny Corner Lane, some neighbours of the site. Some were happy to have properties built on the site but felt that the development was too dense and some of the properties looked directly into neighbouring properties with no possibility of screening. There were concerns about the access to the highway and drainage. Some felt that developing the land would set a precedent for properties with large gardens to apply for planning for properties in said gardens. Also, concerns were voiced about disruption during construction.
- A member of the public (the applicant) spoke in favour of PA20/05625, correcting some of the comments of the objectors. He stated that, having used a pre-application, he had made adjustments that the Planning Officer had suggested about windows and doors. He stated that he had spoken to neighbours and Councillor Mrs Hawkins. The site was lower than surrounding properties and it was intended to demolish the present property from below and the rubble would be dragged back to make an access for lorries to be off the road. Highways had visited and confirmed that they were happy with this and that an additional passing space would be provided.

21-16 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July 2020 having been circulated, it was resolved that they should be signed as a true and correct record.

21-17 PUBLIC TOILETS

- Despite the councillors generally feeling at the previous meeting that there was no need for more toilets to be opened, circumstances had changed with many more people visiting the area so the gents toilet had been opened with notices and hand sanitiser

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being put in place. Members were informed that a tie might come when the ladies would need to be opened as well.

- The clerk reported that one of the toilet roll holders in the multi-user had been broken so she had ordered a new one. The Chairman or Vice-Chairman would install it when I arrived.
- Councillor Mrs Hawkins had sent an email that explained the refurbishment of St Just and Pendeen toilets. St Just Town Council were cash purchasing the toilets from Cornwall Council, ending a special arrangement covering the car park as well so there was no similarity with the position in Sennen. There was a feeling amongst councillors that the lease should not be taken on unless the toilets were refurbished but it was also pointed out that the parish council had already spent money on redecoration, new urinals and new flushes which would not be returned. Following further discussion which involved the problems with the water supply, it was decided to request another meeting with the officers involved, copying Councillor Mrs Hawkins into the request.

21-18 PLAYGROUND

- Councillors were informed that the playground had been opened a couple of weeks previous under new regulations and notices had gone on both gates with the usual Covid19 instructions and requests to parents to keep a close control of children.
- It was reported that the fence on the MUGA had become detached but it was thought that it had now been repaired.

21-19 COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

A comment had been made that communication between councillors and the clerk had not been good, for instance not many councillors had responded to a recent email about the playground. However, it was pointed out that not all councillors responded by email and spoke directly to the Chairman or clerk. It was also noted that not many councillors were joining the virtual meetings.

21-20 CLEANLINESS AND APPEARANCE OF THE VILLAGE, ISSUES WITH LACK OF TOILET FACILITIES, LACK OF BEACH CLEANING, LACK OF STREET CLEANING, LACK OF LITTER BINS, INCLUDING DOG BINS, DOG FOULING ISSUES, WILD CAMPING IN CAR PARKS, CLIFF TOP AREAS, LAY-BYS, PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH WILD CAMPING WITH URINATING, DEFACTING IN PUBLIC PLACES WHERE WILD CAMPING TAKES PLACE, ALSO LARGE QUANTITIES OF RUBBISH BEING LEFT AT WILD CAMPING SITES.

- It was reported that this was a huge issue; people were parking wherever they wished because campsites were at capacity, with a number staying in the Harbour Car Park where the toilets were not open. There was a large amount of rubbish associated with this issue and a lack of provision of bins.
- Councillor Semmens explained the situation with the toilets saying that the Harbour Commissioners were in dispute with Cormac Solutions who were wanting payment of a large amount of money for not cleaning the toilets and, although the Harbour Commissioners had wanted to open the toilets a couple of weeks previous, Cormac Solutions were refusing to clean them until the back money had been paid. The Harbour Commissioners also had to rely on car park revenue but this had not achieved normal expectations. The matter had been passed to Derek Thomas MP and Kate Kennally (CEO, Cornwall Council) and contact was being attempted with Environmental Health. He said that most of the rubbish had been removed during the past couple of days. It was decided that a complaint should be made to Cornwall Council about the lack of response

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to issues and to copy in the head of Cormac Solutions, Councillor Mrs Hawkins and the senior management of Cornwall Council.

- Councillor Semmens was asked whether the overnight staying in the car park could be stopped and he replied that an enforcement company handled it and were now attending on a quite regular basis because it had become lucrative. However, the penalty to the offenders was no more than the cost of a night's stay on a site.
- A suggestion was made that Cornwall Council should introduce a byelaw to prohibit wild camping and the matter should be placed on the agenda of the next Community Network Panel meeting. The problems were not being caused by camper vans which tended to have Elsan-type toilets but by vans with no facilities and people travelling to the area without reservations and staying in their cars. A suggestion was made that a wild camping field could be set up with basic facilities and could be cleaned up at the end of the season, the cost of which could be included in the charge.
- It was felt that an enquiry should be made about the cost of providing new, larger litter bins for places like opposite Costcutter. One councillor thought that car park owners should provide bins but it was pointed out that the landowner of the beach car park had two 1100litre bins that were emptied every day but which were being abused by holiday lets. It was queried whether Cornwall Council had a statutory duty to provide bins, the answer to which was negative.
- The employment of a seasonal enforcement officer was discussed and that it could be self-funding. It was decided to again ask James Peck to attend a meeting.

21-21 PLANNING

• Planning Applications

- PA20/05210 – Mr David Robinson - Reconfigure West elevation adding extensions to the side and rear extension and conversion of garage to form basement store with a terrace above at Innisfree, Sunny Corner Lane, Sennen. It was agreed not to offer any objections.
- PA20/05128 - Mr & Mrs M and J Hutchings - Proposed alterations and extension to create a first floor, new garage and extended raised terrace at Broadsands, Marias Lane, Sennen. It was agreed not to offer any objections but to make a comment that the parish council did not appreciate the scale and design of applications being approved along Marias Lane.

The meeting was adjourned for five minutes to sort sound issues.

- PA20/05119 - Mr C Bailey And Miss L Smallbone - Rear extension and alterations at Rosneithon, Sunny Corner Lane, Sennen. It was agreed not to offer any objections.
- PA20/05625 - Mr Michael Lugg - Proposed demolition of bungalow and construction of 1x replacement dwelling and 5x new dwellings at Luggs Bungalow, Sunny Corner Lane, Sennen. It was agreed not to offer no objections to this application subject to the Planning Officer having a discussion with owners of neighbouring properties about over-looking to allay any fears.
- Decisions and Other
 - No decisions had been received.
 - APP/D0840/W/20/3250653 - Construction of Two Dwelling Houses in Garden at Sennen Rise, Mayon Farm, Sennen (PA19/08799). Notice of this appeal had been received but councillors did not want to make any further comments.
 - Enforcement re Lands End Camping and Glamping Site at Trevescan – Councillor McClary had reported this matter to enforcement and was awaiting a reply.

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21-22 FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS

- Minack Theatre Traffic Signage – This signage had not yet been carried out and heavy traffic was still using Brew Lane.
- Repair required to stile off A30 (opposite Trembrase turn) across Mayon Green.
- Repair to kissing gate by Trinity House cottages on path to Treave Moor. Councillor McClary was asked to clarify to which path this related.

It was requested that these matters remained on the agenda until sorted.

- Boardwalk through bottoms on path from Trengothal to Penrose needed assessing and repairing.
- Weedspraying of tarmac footpaths – Following a mixed response to this matter via email, it was decided to have the first foot of vegetation each side treated. There was a query about the soil that might be left but it was thought it better to leave until afterwards.

21-23 REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- West Penwith Community Network Panel, Thursday 16th July 2020 – Councillor Colin McClary had attended and reported that the main topic of discussion was Covid19. The next meeting would be Thursday 17th September 2020.

21-24 FINANCE

- Payments totalling £2798.63 from the Parish Council account were agreed.
- The annual insurance renewal had been received. The premium would be £1379.65 and was agreed.

21-25 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT MONTHS AGENDA

- There were no additional matters.

21-26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.58pm

Chairman
4th September 2020