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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENNEN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CHURCHTOWN VILLAGE HALL, SENNEN ON FRIDAY 9TH MARCH 2018 AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

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

18-145 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Mr D Jenkin.

18-146 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Mr A Thomas, Mr A Semmens and Mr M Gwennap declared an interest in any discussion about Sennen Recreation Centre but remained so that information could be provided. Councillor Mr C McClary declared an interest in Planning Application Number PA18/01024.

18-147 DISPENSATION APPLICATIONS

No applications had been received.

18-148 INFORMATION AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Councillor Mrs Helen Hawkins spoke to councillors about the request from a delegation for Stadium for Cornwall for a £6 million grant and asked for the councillors' views. It was decided that personal opinions should be given to Councillor Mrs Hawkins after the meeting.
- A member of the public said that he was thankful for the help from the community with abandoned vehicles during the recent snow and offered a vote of thanks to Councillors Mr C Angove, Mr A Semmens and Mr D Jenkins and other members of the community. Councillor Mrs Hawkins was asked to point out to Cormac that they needed to be more pro-active.

18-149 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2018 having been circulated and a correction made to Minute 18-135, it was resolved that they should be signed as a true and correct record.

18-150 SENNEN RECREATION CENTRE

Members were reminded of the history behind the recent trustees to the building and were informed that, in 2015, two members of the Sennen Recreation Centre Committee requested the freehold or lease of the building because they were applying for a grant. It was not possible to offer the freehold because the building is held in trust for the community but a lease had been offered. Sport England had recently said that it required a lease for the time of the grant and that the building did not need to be registered with the Land Registry for the application. Also, if the committee applied for a grant without a lease, the application would be rejected. It was pointed out that Rev Vanda Perrett had made a comment at a recent meeting that the trustees should meet on a regular basis and talk to the people at the Recreation Centre again but the trustees replied that the only thing that needed to be dealt with was the lease which, though it had been offered on numerous occasions, had been refused but the offer was still on the table. Members were also informed that the Land

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Registry would not push any applications forward in the queue unless it was to do with a mortgage or the sale of a property and this was not the case here. There was to be another meeting at the Recreation Centre the following Thursday and it was agreed that the trustees should attend. It was then pointed out that the agenda item was 'to further discuss a request from the Management Committee for the Trustees to resign and the Parish Council to accept responsibility for the building'. The trustees had not done anything wrong but could the trust not be altered? It was pointed out that the new trust had remained similar to the old trust so it would be difficult to alter it but it was questioned what would happen if one of the trustees was no longer a councillor; in that case, the trustee would resign and another councillor or ex-councillor could be brought on. It was agreed that the space of fourth trustee needed filling. The cost of drawing up a lease was raised, especially as the trustees had no money and it was agreed that it needed discussing. Councillors were also reminded that they had been told at the last meeting that the present trustees could not be forced to resign.

Two members of the public left the meeting.

18-151 POLICE INFORMATION

- Police report – One crime had been reported in December; a crime of criminal damage or arson had been reported on or near an open space which appeared to be the land opposite Seaview Holiday Park but, although the investigation was complete, no suspect had been identified. Four crimes had been reported in January; one report of anti-social behaviour on or near a parking area in Sennen Cove; one report of criminal damage or arson on B3315 which was awaiting a court outcome; one report of violence or sexual offence on or near an open space (close to junction to Escalls) which had been investigated but it had not been able to prosecute the suspect; one report of theft on or near A30 (close to Newshop) which had been investigated but no suspect identified.
- Councillor A Tonkin informed members that there had been a fifty per cent increase in crime in the area. When it was suggested that this was because more was being reported, he said that it was probably a mixture of this and more crime in the area. He also said that at the Police Liaison Group a Street Marshalls scheme was offered, if anybody wanted to be trained, and there was also a trip to the 101 centre. The designated drinking zones were to be reviewed and signs renewed with a fine for the offence being up to £100. There would also be zero tolerance on dog fouling with the Police now having the ability to fine any culprits.

18-152 BEACH CAR PARK TOILETS

The Chairman informed members that thanks needed to go to Councillor Mrs Hawkins for a grant of £285 from the Community Chest towards the electric works. He also reported that there had been a problem with a lack of electricity and water after the cold weather but an electrician and plumber would be visiting on the following Monday for their thoughts.

18-153 PLAYGROUND

Mr Bill Coleman, Head of Sennen School, had been told that the MUGA was on a different licence. Members were informed that the seats in the teen shelter needed replacing before the school took it on. It was agreed that the annual inspection would not be required.

18-154 PLANNING

- **Plans**
 - PA18/01024 – Mr and Mrs R Barnes - Construction of attached garage. Construction of dormer and balcony on rear roof slope, formation of new vehicle access at Lamarr,

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Sennen. It was agreed to support the alterations proposed in the application but to express concerns over the new access which was positioned on an awkward bend and could cause problems to users of this highway. It would be preferential for the original access to remain.

- PA18/01112 – Mr and Mrs Symons - Domestic extensions including a conservatory at 28 Mayon Green Crescent, Sennen. It was agreed not to offer any objections.
- PA18/1362 – Mr G Jones - Erection of a dwelling (outline with all matters reserved) at Land South Of Sennen Heights, Sennen Cove. It was agreed not to offer any objections subject to a full application being submitted and reserving the right to comment then.

- **Decisions and Appeals**

- A list of decisions was read to councillors.

- **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Councillors were asked for suggestions of the timing of the public meetings and it was agreed that there should only be one and it should be held one evening in mid to late April.

18-155 FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS

- Mike Peters (Cormac) had replied to the query about the visibility at the mini-roundabout at the top of Cove Road saying that, apart from purchasing part of the garden of the neighbouring property, there was not a lot that could be done to improve this matter and there was not the budget to make this purchase. A discussion followed about the possibility of the junction being returned to a T-junction with the history being explained to newer members. It was thought that the best idea was to ask the property owner to keep the trees cut back.
- Councillor A Tonkin had spoken to Mike Peters about Cove Road being frozen again. He also felt that Sennen had been abandoned by Cornwall Council in the cold weather.
- An invitation to take on the cutting of the South West Coastal Path had been received from Cornwall Council. It was agreed not to accept.
- It was reported that the path leading down to the dunes that helped to keep pedestrians off the highway had been dis-established. It was decided to speak to the landowner about anything that could be done together and to speak to Sustrans.
- A new, slightly increased, grant had been offered under the Local Maintenance Partnership scheme. It was agreed to accept it and that anybody wishing to tender for the contract be asked to contact the clerk.

18-156 FINANCE

- Payments totalling £1556.53 from the Parish Council account and £120.00 from the Burial Committee account were agreed.

18-157 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- Cornwall Council re Pop-Up Trade Concessions – Information had been received about the successful bid. This was noted.
- Cornwall For Change re debate 'Planning in Cornwall, for People or Profit?', 10th March 2018 – No body wished to attend.
- Letter re concerns over Isles of Scilly Steamship Company's intentions to run helicopter service – It was felt that this was not within the remit of the Parish Council.
- Cornwall AONB Annual Conference, Saturday 14th April 2018 – No councillor wished to attend.
- West Penwith Community Network Panel, Thursday 15th March 2018 – This meeting would cover health issues. The Chairman and Councillor C Angove would attend.

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- 2020 in Sennen meeting Monday 19th February 2018 – Rev Vanda Perrett had contacted the clerk about there being no representative from the Parish Council at the meeting. The clerk had apologised on behalf of the Parish Council.

18-158 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

No additional matters were requested for discussion at the next meeting.

18-159 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting would be Friday 6th April 2018 in Churchtown Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.44pm.

Chairman
6th April 2018