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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENNEN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CHURCHTOWN VILLAGE HALL, SENNEN ON FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017 AT 7.06PM.**

**PRESENT**

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

**ALSO PRESENT**

Mr Peter Marsh (CC), Mr Jon James (CC), Mrs A Male (Clerk) and two members of the public.

**18-5 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor T Gwennap.

**18-6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**18-7 DISPENSATION APPLICATIONS**

No applications had been received.

**18-8 INFORMATION AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No members of the public wished to speak.

**18-9 ATTENDANCE BY OFFICERS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THE TOILETS**

Mr Peter Marsh (Service Director for the Environment) and Mr Jon James (Head of Environment Services) had attended the meeting to discuss the way forward with toilets in the beach car park. Peter Marsh explained that they had been keen to come along and understand the problems that the Parish Council had with running the toilets, saying that it was an important service and that they needed to discuss ways of making it work. He went on to give examples of the ways that other communities had dealt with the issue but admitted that each community was different with different challenges so he was here to see how he could facilitate the Parish Council making it successful. It was pointed out to Mr Marsh that the then Councillor Bill Maddern had told the Parish Council that a lot was progressing and going on behind the scenes but the Parish Council had not been involved. Mr Marsh said that there had been no conspiracy and that he had been lobbying to speak to Mr Paul Masters (Strategic Director Neighbourhoods) and having conversations to see whether Cornwall Council could do anything else to help. It was also pointed out to Mr Marsh that a meeting had been held with Cornwall Council over a year ago and it had been promised that everybody would be kept fully informed of any conversations but Cornwall Council had not followed through. The problems with the handover were then explained to Mr Marsh who then went on to suggest that the Parish Council could reduce the cost of cleaning by getting it carried out by local person. He was told that the position had been advertised but nobody had come forward and that Cormac had been asked to re-quote but everything had been put on hold until this meeting. A question was asked about why the redevelopment of the car park was not going forward and Mr Marsh said that this matter took them in to a whole new question. It was pointed out to him that at the meeting the previous year it had been agreed that this would be the way forward. Mr Marsh said that it was not sensible to enter into an agreement with the lessee so a way of reducing costs for at least the next two years needed to be found. Mr Jon James said that a way of reducing water consumption had to be found and Mr Marsh said the he would have a conversation with the procurement people about the cleaning costs. He also said that he would have a look at the handover problems and works that the Parish Council thought needed doing. The

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councillors permitted the clerk to ask Peter Marsh and Jon James about the money from the Local Devolution Fund that had been promised to the Parish Council but had not materialised. Jon James requested that the email that the Parish Council had received in February 2017 be forwarded to him so that he could make enquiries.

Mr Marsh and Mr James were thanked and left the meeting at 8.03pm.

**18-10 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017 having been circulated, it was resolved that they should be signed as a true and correct record.

**18-11 BEACH CAR PARK TOILETS**

- It was agreed to put the plumbing work on hold but to ask Simon Hollywood for a price to sort out the flush systems and the urinals.
- Councillors were informed that Crystal Clear had reduced their charges by fifteen per cent.
- RNLI had contacted the Parish Council about putting a separate tap with a meter in a lockable box on the outside of the building that they could use to wash off their equipment. It was agreed that this would be possible but that the equipment should be washed off in such a position that the water did not drain into the doorway of the men's toilet.

**18-12 CO-OPTION TO VACANCIES**

Following the recent uncontested election there were two vacancies on the Parish Council. The usual invitation for an election was unnecessary so it was agreed to advertise the vacancies on noticeboards, in shops, in public houses and, if possible on Down Your Way. Any applicants would be asked to speak at the next meeting and the voting would be carried out by ballot paper.

**18-13 POLICE INFORMATION**

During February 2017 six crimes had been reported: one anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of Sunny Corner Lane; two 'violence or sexual' offences in the neighbourhood of Tower Close, the investigations of which had led to an offender being cautioned in one case but the suspect being unable to be prosecuted in the other; one burglary in the area opposite Sea View Holiday Park the investigation of which was complete but no suspect had been identified; one 'other theft' in the area opposite Sea View Holiday Park the investigation of which was complete but no suspect had been identified. In March one crime had been reported, a 'violence or sexual' offence in the vicinity of Horizon Fields which was still under investigation.

**18-14 PLAYGROUND**

- RoSPA had carried out the inspection and the councillors were informed of the outcome. The councillors were in agreement that the concerns that had been raised were already being addressed but some of them not before any decision had been made about the 'Trim Trail'.
- An email had been received from Sennen School informing that Parish Council that the mounds in the play area had been fenced off until Cormac had been to look at them but giving no reason. It was explained to the councillors that some glass had been found in the mounds. Councillors A Tonkin and D Angove had received a handwritten note informing them that there was a meeting at 2pm the following Monday. They would attend along with Councillor C Angove and, possibly, the Chairman and they would take

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the opportunity to explain that the Parish Council holds the licence from Cornwall Council for the play area and so any decisions are the Parish Council's to make.

- A sign was to be put up by the school directing users of the play area to the bin.

## **18-15 PLANNING**

- Pre-application enquiry re Myrio, Cove Hill, Sennen. It was commented that there were major concerns over the design and scale in the AONB.

### **Plans**

- PA17/02975 – Mr and Mrs Wilton – Construction of a single storey ground floor extension and the addition of two dormer windows and a rooflight at Manor Farm, Access to Escalls, Escalls Cliff, Sennen. It was agreed to object to the details of the extension, the roof being out of keeping and should be slate, the timber walls should be granite so that the extension fits with the surrounding properties.
- PA17/03208 – Mr and Mrs Barker – Relocation of driveway at Gwella, Mayon Green, Sennen. It was agreed not to offer any objections.
- PA17/03606 – Mr and Mrs Solomon – Refurbishment of existing property including the replacement of existing extensions and external works at Towan Vean, Sunny Corner Lane, Sennen. It was agreed to object on the grounds that the scale and design was out of keeping.
- PA17/03688 – Mrs J Garner – Demolition of dilapidated outbuilding, construction of single storey holiday accommodation and associated works at Fern Hill, Marias Lane, Sennen Cove. This application had been invalidated by the planning officer and would probably be on the agenda of the next meeting.
- PA17/03726 – Mrs Hannah Mulvany – Extension to annexe with two new parking spaces at The Annexe, Atlantic House, Marias Lane, Sennen Cove. The documents provided with this application were confused so the clerk was asked to refer it to the planning officer.

### **Decisions and Appeals**

A list of decisions was read out.

### **Correspondence**

Cornwall Council re Planning Training – Training was being provided on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at Dolcoath Avenue, Camborne, 5.00pm to 7.30pm. The clerk was asked to reserve two places.

## **18-16 FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS**

- The parking on Cove Road was raised again following a child being hit having run out from between parked cars. The people in the chip shop were parking cars in the vicinity although they had been asked not to. Councillors were informed that Cornwall Council's Parking Manager had said that he would provide more 'ad hoc' patrols but it was agreed that more enforcement was required and that Councillor Bert Biscoe should be contacted again.

One member of the public left the meeting.

- It was reported that nothing had been done about the crack in Marias Lane.
- It was reported that the drain close to the roundabout was still causing flooding and that it required rodding.
- Michael Lugg had given a lower price for trimming the verges so had been asked to start the work. He had also been asked to start trimming the paths.
- Andrew Marment had said that he would probably start the weedspraying at the end of May but it would depend on the weather and the growth. The clerk had omitted to ask him to trim the hawthorn.

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- The cow parsley opposite the school had not been cut down. The clerk would refer it to Cornwall Council again and also ask whether it was going to flail the hedges in which case it should be requested that they trim Cove Road at the same time as the A30.
- It was reported that the privet on both sides of Cove Road by Surf Cottage needed cutting back and the property owners should be contacted.

The second member of the public left the meeting.

## **18-17 FINANCE**

- Payments totalling £2631.60 from the Parish Council account and £120.00 from the Burial Committee account were agreed.
- Cornwall Association of Local Councils – An invitation to subscribe had been received. It was agreed not to take up the offer.

## **18-18 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- Sennen School re Joining Truro and Penwith Academy Trust – A letter had been received outlining the proposal and a meeting was to be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017. It was agreed not to make any comment but the Chairman would try to attend the meeting.
- Cornwall Council re Code of Conduct Training – Training was being offered on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017. No councillor wished to attend.
- Dave Potter (Helston Town Council) re Tour of Britain – An update on this event had been sent and was noted.
- Holiday Let Freezer Enquiry – The clerk had been contacted by a member of the public who was going to be visiting Sennen and was looking for additional freezer space. The clerk was informed that this was not a Parish Council matter which she said she realised but felt that the clerk should always appear to be courteous and helpful and that she was just asking in case any of the councillors had any ideas which nobody did.

## **18-19 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA**

- Neighbourhood Development Plan
- The condition of the War Memorial
- The condition of the A30

## **18-20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was confirmed that the date of the next meeting would be Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017 in Churchtown Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.24pm.

Chairman  
2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017