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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENNEN PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE CHURCHTOWN VILLAGE HALL, SENNEN ON THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2017 AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT

Councillors Mr C Angove (Chairman), Mr Alan Rowe, Mr David Jenkins, Mr D Angove, Mr C McClary and Mr A Tonkin.

ALSO PRESENT

Mr James Hardy (CC), Mrs A Male (Clerk) and five members of the public.

18-68 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Mr A Thomas.

18-69 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

18-70 DISPENSATION APPLICATIONS

No applications had been received.

18-71 INFORMATION AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No member of the public wished to speak.

18-72 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st September 2017 having been circulated, it was resolved that they should be signed as a true and correct record.

18-73 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN PRESENTATION FROM JAMES HARDY (CC)

James Hardy gave a brief overview of Neighbourhood Development Plans and an update on the discussion between Cornwall Council and the Government about the number of houses that were to be built in the county by 2030. He explained that at present the Parish Council was a consultee in the planning decision and its opinion may or may not be taken into consideration but that with a NDP more weight would be given to these opinions because the policies have to be adhered to and become part of the statutory process. The NDP could be as big and complicated or as simple as was required; it could be linked to the capacity of the school. The NDP would be about the parish identifying what it wanted the land to be used for, whether it was to protect green spaces or for other priorities such as settlement boundaries or architectural design. James informed members that the Parish Council would be the qualifying body and that a designation letter would have to be sent by the Parish Council to say that it wanted to become a designated body. Also, a Statement of Community Engagement would need to be produced. The NDP would start having weight as soon as it was designated but it was a long process involving consultations and meetings. The basic costs would be between £5000 and £10000 but there are grants available from Central Government of up to £9000. This money could be utilised to buy in expertise. James said that it flushed out other skill sets and that other people needed to be recruited to feed into the steering group. The NDP could lean towards social housing or identify areas for business, stating the type of business. The starting point is 'What do we need for the future?'

James Hardy was thanked and left the meeting at 7.42pm.

Councillors agreed that starting the process should be discussed at the next meeting.

18-74 POLICE INFORMATION

In July, one crime had been reported: a case of violence or sexual offence had been reported in on or near Trembrase the investigation of which was complete, but no suspect had been identified.

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18-75 BEACH CAR PARK TOILETS

- Members were informed that Councillor Semmens had spoken with the Harbour Commissioners who were willing to pay £8500 per annum to have the Harbour toilets cleaned. The total price quoted by Cormac had been £23532.75 net of VAT so this would leave a balance of £15032.75 plus VAT for the Parish Council to pay which would be considerably lower than the amount being paid at present. The councillors agreed that this was the best option and would accept the offer. It was also reported that the Harbour Commissioners would pay the money into the Parish Council bank account. The clerk pointed out that this was not the correct way of handling the situation; the Harbour Commissioners should pay their own invoice. The clerk would speak to Cormac about how they would invoice the split in the costs. It was agreed that Cormac should take on the contract as of 1st December 2017, if possible.
- The electrics had been causing trouble again during the past week so it was agreed that Councillor C Angove would contact an electrician and Councillor C Angove would handle any problems while the clerk was on holiday; Crystal Clear would be given his contact details and the clerk gave him her key.

Two members of the public left the meeting.

18-76 PLAYGROUND

- There had been reports of the roundabout being in a dangerous state but Councillor C Angove had spoken to Mr Coleman about the matter and informed members that he would replace the drum as soon as it returned. In the meantime, the roundabout had been cordoned off with tape. Councillor Tonkin felt that this was not good enough because children did not respect plastic tape and that the whole playground should be closed down. Councillor C Angove said he would speak to Mr Coleman about putting the fencing panels around the roundabout.
- Councillor D Angove informed members that Mr Coleman had told him that he was awaiting two more quotes for the trim trail.

18-77 SOUTH WEST AMBULANCE SERVICE

It was reported that, following a recent Road Traffic Collision, it had taken over one and a half hours for an ambulance to arrive. It was agreed to write to the MP and Cornwall Council about the situation. Members were also informed that First Responders were now, under Health and Safety Guidelines, unable to attend RTCs.

18-78 PLANNING

- **Plans**
 - PA17/08563 – Mr Richard Cheyne - Listed building consent application to remove paint and pointing then apply bagrub finish and new paint at Capstan Cottage, Sennen Cove. It was agreed not to offer any objections.
 - PA17/08814 – Mrs J Brownbridge - Proposed conversion and change of use from existing bowling alley to bedroom accommodation at Seaview Holiday Park, A30 From Lands End To Sennen Post Office ,Sennen. It was agreed not to offer any objections.

- **Decisions and Appeals**

A list of decisions was read out.

- **Correspondence**

The clerk reported an idea that had been put to her about overcoming some of the problems of paperless planning. As most councillors seemed happier with paper plans, the plans could be printed out each month but, to cover the Parish Council on transparency matters, the

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plans could still be projected if members of the public were present. The clerk offered to purchase an A3 printer if the Parish Council would pay from any copies of plans that were required. The councillors agreed on this option.

18-79 FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS

- All councillors were in agreement that the condition of the A30 was appalling and it was agreed that the District Surveyor should be invited to attend a meeting. There was a suggestion that other parishes be invited at the same time.
- The cost for refurbishing the War Memorial had been quoted at £295.00 plus VAT. Long Rock Memorials could carry out the work before Remembrance Day although they did suggest waiting until the following summer so that the work would be fresh for the centenary of the end of World War I. It was agreed to ask the company to carry out the work immediately. It was also suggested that a piece of wire be fixed around the memorial to hold the wreaths in place; Councillor McClary offered to carry out this task. Councillor D Angove offered to dig over the bed in front of the memorial and put the wooden crosses in place.

18-80 FINANCE

- Payments totalling £3783.53 from the Parish Council account were agreed.
- The clerk informed the councillors about the report from the External Auditors; the auditors had questioned the existence of a petty cash account and the additional payment of £250.00 that had been made to the clerk for her work re the toilets.

18-81 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- West Penwith Community Network Panel, Thursday 21st September 2017 – Councillor C Angove reported that this meeting had included the Annual General Meeting and a presentation on Neighbourhood Development Plans.
- A complaint had been received about the rubbish in some of the gardens at Atlantic Crescent and Seaview Terrace. It was reported that the matter had been previously brought to the attention of Devon and Cornwall Housing Association and that Gemma Jenkins (DCHA) had been informed on this occasion. Number 3 was privately owned but DCHA was working with the families in the other properties. It was thought that advice should be taken about the environmental health issues.
- Cornwall ALC re Boundary Review Event, Saturday 14th October 2017. No councillor wished to attend.

18-82 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

- Rubbish Collection and the problems with businesses using domestic bins.
- Feast arrangements needed confirming.
- The purchase of the Christmas tree required discussion.

18-83 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting would be Friday 3rd November 2017 in Churchtown Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.36pm.

Chairman
3rd November 2017