

St Dennis Parish Council  
Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held at ClayTAWC on Tuesday  
1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 at 7.00 pm.

The Chair welcomed all present to the August meeting of the Parish Council.

**Present:** Cllr Clarke (Chair), Cllr Kelsey, Cllr Griffin, Cllr Hawkins, Cllr Edmunds.

**In Attendance:** Lynn Clarke Clerk, Senior Administrator Tracey Hutton, Cornwall Cllr Dick Cole (CC Cole), and a member of the public.

**125/23 Apologies.**

Cllr Taylor & Cllr Burnett. Apologies accepted. Cllr Harwood absent.

**126/23 Declarations of Interest.**

Cllr Kelsey & Cllr Griffin declared an interest in item 19 and were advised that they would have to leave the room. The Council would not then be quorate so no decision will be made. The Chair reminded those present that if any other matter arises during the meeting, advice should be sought from the Clerk and the Chair before continuing.

**127/23 Public Participation (to include Cornwall Councillors Report).**

**a) Public Participation:**

The member of public present did not wish to bring anything to the table at this point.

Cllr Hawkins received reports from a member of the public that the footpath between Fore Street and Carne Court is in need of cutting back. The Clerk advised that this has been reported to Cornwall Council.

Cllr Clarke has received a request from a member of the public for the Parish Council to consider the erection of a village Christmas tree. This will be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

Cllr Hawkins asked Cllr Cole the current use of the Grenville Arms in Nanpean and raising concerns with drug use at the property.

Cllr Cole informed that the building is being used by a charity working with Cornwall Council to house the homeless. They offer a professional support network to assist residents with various issues. The property has been used for this purpose for the past six months and there is a strict no alcohol or drug policy in place at the premises. A few complaints have been received but on investigation they did not relate to residents at the property.

Cllr Clarke noted that there have been rumours that the Boscawen Hotel maybe used for the same purpose.

Cllr Edmunds informed of a tree down on footpath 30 which she has reported to Cornwall Council.

**b) Cornwall Cllr: (CC Cole)**

CC Cole provided a written report that can be found [here](#).

Cllr Clarke asked if there were any further updates on the potential solar farms.

CC Cole informed that the site near Fraddon a planning application has been submitted, but there were no updates on the St Columb and Trevice sites. A further site at Penhale Farm is being considered. St Stephen in Brannel, Grampound Road and St Ender Parish Councils have been consulted, but St Dennis was not, as at the time, the organisation undertaking the consultations did not realise that the connection point to the National Grid is within St Dennis Parish.

Concerns were raised regarding the recent application for battery storage within the Parish and it was highlighted that the main link to the National Grid is within St Dennis Parish. Developers are concentrating on this area because of the possibility of connecting into the existing power station.

The member of the public present asked if the benefits from such a scheme could be re-invested into the development of more lithium resources.

Cllr Cole informed that whilst this is an option, it would not be possible for the planning department to specify such scheme as part of the planning conditions. The best option in these situations, is to ensure that as much as possible is gained from this type of project for the benefit of the community.

Cllr Cole went on to inform that there has been a surge in the type of development in the past 10 years, but these have been mainly funded by the private sector which has led to sporadic installations across Cornwall, rather than large, designated sites proportionally shared across the County.

**128/23 To adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the [4<sup>th</sup> July 2023](#).**

**Resolved** - To adopt the minutes with one amendment to attendees. Cllr Edmunds was not present at the previous meeting as shown in the minutes. All present in favour.

**129/23 To note the Minutes of the following meetings and Full Council to adopt the recommendations therein.**

[Planning Meeting](#) – Pre-App presentation given for a proposed development off Carne Hill. Decisions made via email ratified, Update on previous applications was provided, PA23/04504 – Objection raised, PA23/05770 – objection raised, PA23/05172 – Supported.

It was **Resolved** to accept the recommendation of the Planning Committee. All present in favour.

**130/23 Matters Arising – Information only.**

The Clerk informed:

The Road Closure has been drafted.

The lock on the Wallgate unit has been repaired.

The Reserves Policy has been placed on the website.

A zoom meeting still needs to be arranged for the Home Choice Consultation.

Cllr Kelsey informed that the funds raised at the Coronation event have been presented.

**131/23 To agree the delegated decisions made over the past month.**

None.

**132/23 Clerks Report:**

[Clerks Report](#) – Noted. Cllr Clarke asked if the developers at the old fire station have been contacted regarding the debris on the pavement. The Clerk advised that no contact details are held by the office.

**133/23 To agree the costs of radio hire for the Remembrance Day Parade.**

Cllr Mrs T Edmunds asked why the Parish Council were covering these costs. It was highlighted that this was agreed when the Council approved to assist with the road closure for the event.

It was **Resolved** to approve the costs but without the delivery and collection fee. All present in favour.

**134/23 To agree the donation to the Royal British Legion for the poppy wreaths.**

It was **Resolved** to approve a donation of £120.00 for the 4 wreaths. All present in favour.

**135/23 To agree the costs of identification cards for Councillors and staff.**

It was **Resolved** to approve the costs of £35.00 for identification cards for new councillors and staff. All present in favour.

**136/23 To discuss the Dunstan Close Land and agree plans to progress the project.**

It was **Resolved** to produce a consultation based on the information received from the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire and for this to be agreed via email prior to a publication. All present in favour.

**137/23 Update on the Community Emergency Plan.**

Meeting to be arranged. The Clerk informed of a letter received asking if there were any evacuation plans in place in the event of a major fire or explosion.

**138/23 Update on the Neighbourhood Plan.**

Cllr Edmunds informed at the last meeting the working party had identified green spaces to protect and looked at possible housing sites for the village. Feedback on the results obtained from the consultation have been collated and published in CC Cole's newsletter. The working party have been looking at proposed village boundaries for potential development purposes.

**139/23 Reports from Outside Bodies**

Cllr Clarke and Cllr Kelsey attended recent CERC Community Forum Meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July. A report from this meeting can be found [here](#) and a copy of the presentation from SUEZ can be found [here](#).

Cllr Edmunds attended a Police and Crime Panel Meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> July. The meeting was inquorate so did not continue.

**140/23 Consultations/Surveys received up to the time of meeting.**

None.

**141/23 Highways and Footpaths Matters**

- a) Footpaths.

- Footpath 30 tree down – Cllr Edmunds has reported this to Cornwall Council.
  - Enquiries regarding ownership of the footpath from the band room to the public footpath. The Clerk informed that this area was under the responsibility of Imerys.
  - Footpath 30 – undergrowth encroaching on the path has been reported to Cornwall Council.
- b) Highways.
- Carne Hill to B3279 vegetation from the hedgerow obscuring vision of drivers – reported to Cornwall Council.
  - Cllr Clarke highlighted an increase in ragwort in all areas.
  - Cllr Edmunds informed of new HGV warning sign that has been placed on the junction at Hendra Corner. The sign has been placed in a position that makes it difficult for drivers to see. Office to report to Cornwall Council.
  - Cllr Clarke informed that an advanced notice for road closure has been placed on Hendra Corner, enquiring if the office were aware of the reason for the closure.

### 142/23 Grant Requests

- a) St Dennis Church Ringers and Tower Fund application for funding a mailshot to local residents.

Deferred as the Council would be inquorate and unable to make a decision. Meeting to be arranged prior to the next Committee meeting to make a decision on this item.

### 143/23 Correspondence Received - To consider correspondence received at the time of the meeting to be tabled.

Steve Double St Austell Ticket Office Survey - Noted.

CAP fund Training - Noted.

Clean Cornwall newsletter - Noted.

Town and Parish Council newsletter - Noted.

Plymouth City Council – International Gateway Study - Noted.

Suez – CERC Forum Meeting 24 July - Noted.

Email in from Barry Harwood re: Go Cornwall Bus – Noted.

### 144/23 Financial

- a) To approve this month's payment to creditors and income as tabled.

It was **Resolved** –To accept the payment schedule. All present in favour.

### Community Account

CHQ No:	Name	Invoice Number	Cost	Reason
DD	Sage		£ 14.40	Payroll software
DD	EDF Energy		£ 13.66	Monthly DD Public Toilets
DD	EDF Energy	S09296083020	£ 146.39	Cemetery Electric
DD	Barclays Bank	13 June to 12 July 2023	£ 13.00	Account fee
DD	Giff Gaff	1689463216776	£ 10.00	Monthly Tarriff
DD	Nest Pension		£ 84.26	Pension Contributions
DD	South West Water	4082 4823 38	£ 65.81	Water Rates Public toilets

BACS	Microsoft	E030005DEF	£	-	Software License
BACS	Cornwall ALC Limited	2324-318	£	24.00	Code of Conduct Training
BACS	Cornwall Council	8100388822	£	72.00	DBS Checks
BACS	Cornwall Council	8100389164	£	12.00	Learning Hub Licence
BACS	Chris Robins	130	£	60.00	Website Photos
BACS	Coast to Coast Telecoms		£	1,615.00	Digital Telephone System
BACS	Cartridge Save	INVZC8XV3	£	247.79	Printer Cartridges
BACS	Cartridge Save	INVZC97GY	£	123.47	Printer Cartridges
BACS	Grahams Garden Machinery	67681	£	16.20	Strimmer Handle Clamp
BACS	Grahams Garden Machinery	67181	£	91.40	Strimmer Repair
BACS	Trevithick Supplies Ltd	INV001-65158	£	18.10	Teak Oil
BACS	Queens Garage	Dated 21/7/23	£	13.69	Fixings
BACS	HMRC		£	1,066.80	Tax & NI
BACS	Staff costs		£	4,244.99	Staff Costs
BACS	Piran Tech	47143	£	7.49	Monthly back up checks
BACS	Duchy Cemetery Ltd	3048	£	500.00	Grave digging
BACS	Duchy Cemetery Ltd	3056	£	90.00	Grave digging
BACS	Duchy Cemetery Ltd	3051	£	500.00	Grave digging
	<b>Total</b>		£	9,050.45	

**Playing Field**

<b>CHQ No:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Invoice Number</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Reason</b>
DP	Barclays Bank	13 June to 12 July 2023	£ 8.50	Account Fee
DD	EDF Energy	10 Feb to 19 July 2023	£ 1.00	Monthly DD Electric
	<b>Total</b>		£ 9.50	

**Education Bursary Fund**

<b>CHQ No:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Invoice Number</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Reason</b>
BACS	Applicant 4		£548.75	Grant issued
BACS	Applicant 5		£579.99	Grant issued
DP	Barclays Bank	13 June to 12 July 2023	8.50	Account Fee
	<b>Total</b>		1,137.24	

**Grand Total for July 10,197.19**

b) To approve the bank balances as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

**Resolved** – To approve the bank balances. All present in favour.

**145/23 Items for the next agenda**

Christmas Tree

D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Sabbatical Leave

Standing order 3e

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are requested to withdraw.

**146/23 Confidential items –**

The sale of the land at Hendra Prazey was discussed. Cllr Edmunds declared an interest and was advised to leave the room.

It was **Resolved** accept the offer with conditions, if the conditions are not accepted then the land is to be sold at auction. All present in favour.

Cllr Edmunds was invited to rejoin the meeting.

Meeting closed 20.24 pm.

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