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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SANCREED PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SANCREED VILLAGE HALL, SANCREED, ON 21ST FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7.30PM

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Councillors Mr Stuart Thomas (Chairman), Mrs Hilary Harris, Mr Michael Harvey, Mr Ivor James, Mr Robert Eddy, Mr Ian Soulsby, Mrs Rose Smith, Mr Tommy James and Mr Bill Maddern.

ALSO PRESENT

Ms Jan Dinsdale (Cornwall Wildlife Trust), Mrs Alexis Male (clerk) and seven members of the public.

17-110. APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Mr D Nicholls.

17-111. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Councillor Maddern, as a member of the West Sub-Area Planning Committee, advised that he would take no part in the discussion or resolution relating to any application but would remain to hear the comments of councillors.

17-112. PUBLIC SPEAKING

A member of the public spoke on behalf of a group of people who had concerns about proposals to hold weddings on a regular basis at Dreamcatcher, Sancreed. It had surprised residents that, despite this being a proposal, several weddings had been held there in the past two weeks. There were issues over parking for the possible twenty five guests with some cars being parked on the public road and the grass verge and doors slamming. It would lead to friction in the village. There would be an increase in noise with deliveries being made, fireworks and Chinese lanterns and worries that the provision of alcohol would lead to anti-social behaviour. Neighbours were surprised that the proposal was for a maximum of twenty five weddings a year because they had been given no notice of this. There were concerns that this could set a precedent and that there would be a conflict of interest with the church and village hall.

17-113. JAPANESE KNOTWEED

Jan Dinsdale from Cornwall Wildlife Trust informed members that she had carried out a survey of all the farmland that drained into Drift reservoir. This had mainly been funded by South West Water who wanted the Japanese Knotweed dealt with around the edge of the reservoir but they had been persuaded to treat any that grew along the banks of any rivers that drained into the reservoir. She explained that Japanese Knotweed is a non-native plant that is invasive. She thought that some pieces of land such as people's gardens might have been missed so she wanted them to be directed to her. The money would be held for five years which is usually a long enough time to eradicate the plant.

The Chairman thanked Jan Dinsdale for attending.

17-114. REPORT FROM DIVISIONAL MEMBER

- Councillor Maddern reported that he had not voted in favour of the decision to spend £0.5 million pounds on making Truro a City of Culture; there were many better uses for that money at this particular time.
- Councillor Bert Biscoe had been given £2.9 million to be spent on highways but not on repairing potholes. Councillor Maddern was asked whether this money came under the

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remit of money being spent painting speed signs but he thought that this came from a different pot.

- An issue of a shed being built over a byway was brought up and Councillor Maddern said he would report it to Enforcement.
- Councillor Maddern was told that the cats eyes had gone from the A3071, close to the brickworks. However, Councillor Maddern pointed out that this was an issue for St Just.

17-115. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2017 having been previously circulated, it was resolved that they were a true and correct record and were signed.

17-116. FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS

- Members were informed that the agent acting for Truro Diocese had not been in touch about The Glebe.
- It was pointed out that the ditches from Drift to Sancreed had been dug out but it had not done any good, just made deeper pits. Councillor Maddern offered to deal with this matter.

17-117. PLANNING

• Applications

- PA16/11955 – Coodes Solicitors (Launceston) – Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for proposed ancillary use for wedding ceremonies with (at any individual ceremony) a maximum of 14 guests staying at the property for a minimum of 3 nights and an overall maximum number of wedding guests of 25 (inclusive of those staying at the property) at Dreamcatcher, Sancreed. It was agreed not to support this application it being totally inappropriate for this site. There were issues over the parking problems in that there was insufficient parking provided on site so the guests would park on the public highway and congestion would be caused by this action. The use of fireworks in the past had caused damage to stock and land and, with the absence of a responsible individual from the company being on site to supervise, there was no reason to believe that this would not occur again. It was also agreed to comment that the activities proposed would be intrusive on the neighbouring properties.
- PA17/00954 – Julie Catlow - Works to trees subject to a tree preservation order, felling of four sycamore trees at Sancreed House, Sancreed. It was agreed to comment that the Parish Council was not happy to lose any more trees but would support the professional judgement of the Tree Officer.

• Decisions

No decisions had been received.

• Correspondence

No correspondence had been received.

17-118. FINANCE

- Payments of £154.18 were agreed.

17-119. EXTERNAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- West Penwith Community Network Panel, Thursday 17th February 2017 – Councillor T James apologised for not having been able to make this meeting. The Chairman had attended and reported that the agenda item had been about housing. Some of the housing was going to Heamoor and Gulval. There had been complaints about a block going above Gurnick Estate in Newlyn. The Chairman informed members that the speaker at the next meeting was to be the Police Crime Commissioner. However, Councillor Maddern reported that he had instructed James Hardy to tell her not to attend.

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- Cornwall AONB Annual Conference, Saturday 20th May 2017 – This conference was to be held at Goonhilly. This was noted.

17-120. ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

- There were no additional items to be discussed.
- Councillor Maddern informed members that he hoped to be staying on as the Divisional Member.

17-121. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was set for Tuesday, 21st March 2017 at 7.30pm in Mary Williams Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.29pm.

**Chairman
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