

21<sup>st</sup> May 2019

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SANCREED PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SANCREED VILLAGE HALL, SANCREED, ON 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2019 AT 7.21PM**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Councillors Mr Ian Soulsby (Chairman), Mrs Hilary Harris, Mr Tommy James, Mr Michael Harvey, Mr David Haigh, Mr Stuart Thomas and Mr Robert Eddy.

**ALSO PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs Helen Hawkins, Mrs Alexis Male (clerk) and one member of the public.

**20-6. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were accepted from Councillor J Maddern.

**20-7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**20-8. PUBLIC SPEAKING**

No member of the public wished to speak.

**20-9. POLICE**

- In March two crimes had been reported: one other theft that was still under investigation and one violence and sexual offence the investigation of which was complete but it had not been possible to prosecute the suspect. Both crimes occurred on the road from Sancreed to Grumbla.
- Councillors were also informed about a fraud that had taken place locally where an elderly person had received a letter purporting to be from their bank, enclosing a pre-addressed envelope, and requesting that he return his cheque book to the bank. Councillors were asked to look out for vulnerable people who might be fooled by this.
- Police Liaison Group, Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Councillor Mrs Harris had attended and gave a report. Inspector Clarke had advised that, although most of the police presence seemed to be around Penzance, they were also targeting other areas such as Hayle, Pendeen, Moorland Close and around Cape Cornwall School where residents appreciated a police presence. APNR equipment was now in use and he requested emails over concerns regarding suspicious vehicles to enable checks to be done. Inspector Clarke had said that drugs were a big concern to residents but the police needed enough information to present to the magistrates. Also, licensed premises had been advised that, if they turned a blind eye, they were in danger of losing their licence. On a breakdown of incidents it had been found that forty per cent involved mental health issues. Inspector Clarke had also stressed that community intelligence was vital for helping the police do their job so they needed contacting via 101 or your local PCSO; social media was not the way to report issues.

**20-10. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019 having been previously circulated, it was resolved that they were a true and correct record and were signed.

**20-11. MEMORIAL FOR COUNCILLOR BILL MADDERN**

Councillor Eddy had provided images of a few granite seats and a decision was made to purchase a two seated bench and have an inscription of "In Memory of Councillor Bill Maddern" included. The clerk would get a written quote and then deal with applying for a grant from Community Chest.

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**20-12. REQUEST FOR THE PROVISION OF ALLOTMENTS IN THE PARISH**

An email had been received requesting an allotment. This matter had been discussed not too long before and in this case there was only one person making the request, not six, so it was agreed that there was no need to make a provision.

**20-13. FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS**

- It was reported that Hatch Lane had been blocked by a fallen tree but that it had now been cleared.
- The grass around the seat in Drift had been cut.
- Councillor Mrs Harris had attended her first Community Speedwatch two weeks previously in Drift and had been surprised by the speed of the traffic. Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) were due to be installed under the Government funded work on A3071 but Councillor Mrs Harris had also attended another meeting where she had spoken to an officer who had said that he did not understand why the A3071 was getting the funding and that nothing would be happening until 2020/21. There was a suggestion that, rather than abandon Newbridge's speeding problem for two years, VAS could be purchased to use in both Newbridge and Drift. St Day Parish Council had purchased its own signs so had paved the way. There were suggestions of funding them via Crowdfunding or the Community Network Panel Highways Scheme money. Some councillors felt that VAS had no legal teeth and that the more signs there were, the less notice was taken while others felt that they were a good reminder to drivers. The Chairman decided to leave any further discussion until the next meeting.

**20-14. PLANNING**

- **Applications**
  - PA19/03146 – Mrs McBride - Revised proposal to previous extant approval to convert single storey outbuilding into annexed accommodation at Little Boswens, Access Track To Boswens, Newbridge. It was agreed not to offer any objections.
- **Decisions**
  - No decisions had been received.
  - The matter of the property at Drift was raised and the lack of movement or enforcement by Cornwall Council. Councillor Mrs Hawkins offered to look into this issue again.

**20-15. FINANCE**

- Payments of £448.36 were agreed for payment.
- The annual accounts having been agreed, the Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 was signed.
- It was agreed to sign the Accounting Statement 2018/19.
- It was agreed to accept the annual insurance premium of £257.60.

**20-16. EXTERNAL REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- West Penwith Community Network Panel, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Councillors Thomas and Mrs Harris had attended. Councillor Mrs Harris gave a report. Edwina Hannaford, Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods, was the first speaker and asked, or told, those present what they should be doing to become involved in localism, some of which Sancreed, as a council, were already doing. She also pushed the need to read a book called People Power. Next, Good Companions gave a presentation on climate change, telling members that they needed to address food production, extreme weather, extreme heat, rising sea levels, crop failures and flooding. Lifestyles needed altering including not clogging roads with fossil fuel burning cars. Their motto was 'Creation not Destruction'. The next presentation was from Sue James on the West Cornwall Dark Sky Reserve and cutting down on light pollution. This had been initiated by Zennor and Towednack Parish Councils. Further information could be

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found on the website. James Hardy then gave an update on matters such as Network Highways Scheme and the Community Governance Review.

- Cornwall Council Road Safety and Community Speed engagement event, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Councillor Mrs Harris had attended and gave a report. Councillor Geoff Brown, Portfolio Holder for Transport, had advised regarding development and a consistent approach to tackle speed, perceived or actual, looking at education and awareness. Miles Topham from the police explained about the Tri Service based in Hayle and St Just which was, as it appeared, Police, Fire and First Responders. There had been a talk about the partnership approach to the use of safety cameras and new technology available using digital film to record registration numbers. Highways gave details of its work and how to reduce accidents by changing road markings and the like. The involvement of Cormac and Highways Maintenance was discussed and the reporting of problems online on the Cornwall Council website when each report would be assigned to an inspector. The importance of community involvement by means of installation of VAS and Community Speedwatch was stressed. Councillor Mrs Harris stated that it had been a meeting that was useful for networking and seeking advice.
- Community Governance Review Workshop, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – The Chairman and Councillor Stuart Thomas would attend.
- West Cornwall Clerks Conference and Training – Councillors were invited to suggest topics or speakers that they might like to be included at the next conference. Also, training in the use of social media for promoting the work of a council was being offered to councillors and the clerk. A negative reply was agreed to both these offers.

## **20-17. ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA**

- There were no additional matters to be included.

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

The date of the next meeting was set for Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019 in Sancreed Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

**Chairman  
18<sup>th</sup> June 2019**