

DULOE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 16th May 2024

Present: Mr P Hallworth – Chair, Mr J Massey – Vice Chair, Mr R Champion, Mrs T Gordon, Mr P Champion, Mr M Rigler, Mr R Turpin, PCSO Steve Cocks & Claire Massey-McCarthy – Clerk.

	ACTION
1. Welcome The Chair welcomed everyone to the May Parish Council meeting. 2. Apologies Cllr Beaumont, Cllr Barrett, Cllr Patt and County Councillor Jane Pascoe 3. Public Participation None. 4. Minutes of the meeting held on 18th April 2024 It was agreed that the minutes were a true record and signed by the Chair. 5. Police Community Support Officer. From 01/04/24 – 31/04/24 I am pleased to report that there were no crimes but still remain vigilant and report any suspicious incidents. However, today in Looe there was an incident of cold calling, which was reported. Please be aware and spread the information to parishioners. It is an offence to not provide a written estimate/bill and therefore those carrying out the cold calling can be arrested. The Chair will share the information on the local Facebook information page. It is currently knife amnesty week. Any items can be deposited at Looe Police Station. Numerous patrols have been conducted around the Parish and all was found to be in order. If there are any questions or matters arising for my attention, then please contact me in the usual manner. 6. Matters Arising South West Water – The Chair gave the following update: The meeting with SWW finally took place. In attendance was Cllr Beaumont and County Cllr Pascoe, along with the Chair. SWW were apologetic for the lack of communication. It was made clear that the level of sewage spills was unacceptable and worrying, and that Parishioners have expressed their concerns about water quality and pollution. It explained that the treatment works at Duloe not only takes in sewage, but also surface water from domestic drainage systems that do not have soakaways built in. SWW are installing 2 large 15cubic metre tanks in order to slow the feed in to the treatment works as well as putting in another mesh filter to ensure the water going in to the river is clean.	PHallworth

The work will take approximately 10 weeks as of the date of this meeting; therefore tankers will continue to access the site at the same rate until the work is completed. County Cllr Pascoe asked for monthly updates and spillage statistics in order for both CC and the Parish Council to monitor progress and to assist with feedback to Parishioners. Thanks to County Cllr Pascoe for her efforts in sorting the meeting.	
7. Parish Paths Footbridge in Pendruffle Woods – report has been received of damage to the stones at the base of the bridge in the woods. Two of the large stepping stones have been moved, with one now in the river. Unsure how this has been done as they are extremely heavy! The Clerk reported to Forestry England and the Ranger has undertaken an inspection with their Civil Engineer. Work will take place to restore the stones in the near future. Handrail – 10 planks and 20 pins have been delivered. Cllr Turpin met with Cllr Barrett to assess the situation, and it was decided that 8 steps across the span should be sufficient. Work will take place soon. Gate at Stone Circle – the gate to the Stone Circle has now collapsed. The Clerk has informed Cornwall Heritage Trust, and they will be replacing it soon.	R Turpin
8. Highways Trees on Sandplace Hill – Cllr Rigler asked if CC engineers have conducted a site visit at the area of road slip down Sandplace Hill. The area is still marked off with cones, and there is a potential risk from the other trees along that stretch of road, to cause further road erosion. The Chair asked the Clerk to contact County Cllr Pascoe for information. Sandplace Hill road – resurfacing work is currently taking place. It is hoped that the work will address the issues. Kerb stones are also being installed on the corner opposite Sunny Corner for drainage. Potholes and road surfaces – there are still numerous potholes across the Parish. The Chair asked Cllrs to keep reporting.	Clerk
9. Play area All is in order. The Chair spoke with Cornwall Council when they were there cutting the grass and the question of leaving an uncut border around the edge of the park, where it meets a fence or boundary edge, was raised. Cornwall Council are making spaces for nature and by leaving a 3m border it creates a habitat for wildlife. As Duloe Park is small in comparison to others it was suggested that a 1m border was left. The meeting felt this was a very good idea and Cllr R Champion added that other areas such as the Rec Ground could also do the same. It was decided to ask the views of the Parish and the Clerk will include it in the upcoming newsletter.	Clerk

10. New Cemetery Cllr Massey has cut the grass in the cemetery but left swathes of wild flowers and areas around the edges for wildlife. 11. Public Convenience in Duloe All in order. The Chair reported that he has carried out a deep clean on both the male and female toilets. They will now be easier to maintain and look a great deal better. The meeting thanked the Chair for his efforts. 12. Health and Safety The Chair explained the role to Cllr Turpin and welcomed him to his new responsibility! 13. Herodsfoot Cllr Gordon gave the following update: The drains have been cleared but the residue has been left next to them. Therefore when it rains it will most likely wash back in to them. The Chair asked if the pipe under the road has also been cleared – on the field side – as this may need clearing as well. Cllr Gordon will check and report back. The potholes are slowly being filled, but it is taking a long time. 14. Recreation Ground The Clerk gave the following update for Cllr Barrett: Bob Sanders from Southwest Playground Safety Inspections – the company that carried out the skatepark annual check – has advised Cllr Barrett about a local company that can carry out any work required. Cllr Barrett will be sending across the report, and a site visit/quote will be drawn up. Cllr Turpin gave an update regarding the CCTV and options available. The Clerk will send to Cllr Barrett and the Recreation Ground Association for discussion of the best way forward. The Chair thanked Cllr Turpin for his work on this matter. 15. Duloe Shop and Post Office Cllr Massey gave the following update: The issue with the Post Office and the liability of the Committee is still taking place. But progress has been made and should be sorted soon. The Shop has a couple of new volunteers which is good news. The Committee are very thankful for their help and support. The volunteer thank-you event took place on the 10th May and was well attended and a very pleasant evening. 16. Correspondence <u>Cornwall Council</u> Weekly Planning Distribution Lists Notification of Highway Works - Duloe to Sandplace Changes to Bus Service 73 - Monday 13th to Friday 17th May	T Gordon T Barrett Clerk
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Invitation to online Town & Parish Council Budget Update Briefing - Monday 3rd June 2024 at 10am South East Cornwall CAP - Town & Parish Council Representatives NALC Model Financial Regulations 2024 Local Council Planning Training: 13 June - Short term lets & Community Growing Town and Parish Council Newsletter - 3 May 2024 CALC Finance Course Dates CALC Free briefing - BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) Presentation – 4th June 6.30pm. South East Cornwall CAP Local Plan Workshop - 17 June – 10-1pm Drop in. <u>Other</u> SWW D-DAY 80 June 6, 2024 Pendruffle Woods – Forestry England									
The Clerk explained that beacons are being lit as part of the commemorative events to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day. The meeting would like to see this happen if it is something Cllr Barrett can undertake. The Clerk to contact Cllr Barrett and report back. If this can be arranged, then advertising via the Facebook group and on the Parish noticeboards will take place.	Clerk								
17. Planning Applications Application PA24/02181 Proposal Change of use of land and siting of shepherd's hut for use as holiday accommodation (retrospective). The Chair informed the meeting that Mr Sampson, the applicant, had been in contact to say he had been advised that the above planning application would be turned down by CC. The reason for the decision is based on sustainability and the fact it does not meet the criteria set out by the Cornwall Plan. Therefore the Parish Council will receive an update from the Planning Officer in charge of the case, asking if the Parish Council, agree with the finding, agree to disagree, or if the Parish Council wish to take it to Planning Committee. The Clerk will circulate when the communication is received. It was felt by those Cllrs present that the agree to disagree option would be the most appropriate in this case. The Chair informed the meeting that 3 Corners Meadow have reinstated the campsite bookings, and the site opposite, Teylu Gardens, has recently advertised an event with camping. There have been some developments on the site but may all be linked to the market garden. Cllr Gordon added that Trevalon is also advertising camping and events at present. The Chair asked the Clerk to update County Cllr Pascoe in order to keep her informed of activities.	Clerk								
18. Accounts to be paid / Finance Expenditure <table> <tr> <td>Clerk's salary (April)</td><td>£301.50</td></tr> <tr> <td>Amanda Walker (cleaning services)</td><td>£269.74</td></tr> <tr> <td>Derek Hilton (fee)</td><td>£ 20.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Derek Hilton PAYE</td><td>£ 18.20</td></tr> </table>	Clerk's salary (April)	£301.50	Amanda Walker (cleaning services)	£269.74	Derek Hilton (fee)	£ 20.00	Derek Hilton PAYE	£ 18.20	
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Duloe Jubilee Centre	£ 26.50	
Lorna Harris - Gardening Club	£ 79.00 (inc. £13.17 vat)	
Llawnroc Supplies Ltd - hand towels	£ 51.59 (inc. £8.60 vat)	
Miss C L Massey – ink and paper	£ 70.75 (inc. £11.80 vat)	
Total	£837.28	
Bank Balances: (as of 13 th May 24)		
Current Account		
Balance	£14,179.09	(£13,241.81)
Income		
Unclaimed LMP	£1318.03	
Deposit Account		
	£1,521.28	
Interest (April)	£ 1.57	
The Chair asked for clarification on the increase in costs for the Jubilee Centre. Clerk to enquire what proportion of the Wi-Fi the Parish Council are paying and the total cost. Clerk to follow up. Proposed by Cllr Turpin. Seconded by Cllr Turpin.		
19. County Councillor Report Regretfully, I will have to send my apologies for this evening as I am still battling with this nasty flu lurg. Please see my report below: Will Glassop is away until 20th May, on his return I will press him again about the HGV sign for Benoak. I am still waiting for some information about Bike Racks and will get back to you. I had a lovely time at Buckingham Palace Garden Party, the weather was glorious. HM King and Queen Camilla were in attendance, and it was pleasing to see the King looking so well. Also attending were Princes Royal, Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh and Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. We finished the day with a tour of House of Commons and dinner with our local MP. I hope you felt the meeting was useful at the SWW station. I haven't received any figures of spillages; I wondered if they had been sent to you. Thank you for the tour of the milking parlour Tony, it was very interesting to see all the technology. Also for introducing us to your cows and calves. I hope the calves are all doing well now that the weather has improved. I understand that the roadworks on Sandplace Hill will be complete by the weekend and other than the hiccup on Monday, I do hope the students were not too anxious as I know this is an important time for them with the exams.		
20. Any other Business None.		

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21. Date and time of next meeting Next meeting 20th June at 7.30pm. The meeting closed at 8.28pm.	
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