

St Dominick **PARISH NEWS** No 200 April 2022

Parish Hall Committee Plant Sale & Coffee Morning

We are planning another PLANT SALE for 7th May, and this time we will be selling "coffee and cake" as well.

When you are getting your gardens ready for spring, we would be delighted if you could let us have any surplus perennials, annual seedlings, bedding plants or vegetable plants.

Please phone Jo Totterdell on 350656 or Linda Curnow on 350556 with any queries.

We are grateful for your continued support in both providing and buying plants!

All proceeds to Parish Hall maintenance and improvements.

Market Garden Plot – TENANT SOUGHT

St Dominic Parish Council is seeking a tenant for a market garden plot at Fursdon of circa 1.2 acres.

We anticipate that the tenancy will start on 1st May 2022, or earlier by mutual arrangement.

Any fixtures and fittings will be subject to negotiation with the retiring tenant. Preference will be given to those with experience of commercial horticulture with a connection to the Parish of St Dominic.

To register your interest please contact the Clerk, Jim Candy, on 01752 852155 or clerk@stdominicpc.org.uk by 10th April 2022

Your Council Tax bill and how you can influence how it is spent locally

By the time you read this your Council Tax bill will have hit your doormat. The majority of the money supports Health and Social Care, Highways and other Cornwall Council budgets, 12.2% funds the Police, with about 3.2% spent locally by your Parish Council.

In the 18 months that I have been Clerk I have been surprised at how vibrant this community is, with over 25 local organizations and groups. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the new Play Tractor, funded by the Parish Council, will have been installed in Lovells which it maintains. We have recently installed a Noticeboard at the Parish Hall with a dedicated section for local groups. The Council can support those groups but we have 3 vacancies which need local councillors to fill them who are ambitious for their community and passionate about where they live. The decisions made by your local councillors will make a real difference to your community in countless ways; from the environment, climate change, roads, planning, open spaces, community buildings and helping local people and community organisations thrive.

If you care about the community, and want to find out about being a Parish Councillor, please chat to an existing Parish Councillor, or contact myself, the Clerk, Jim Candy on 01752852155 or clerk@stdominicpc.org.uk

ST DOMINIC CHURCH

Craft Fair, Thursday May 5th to Saturday 7th

Spring is coming and we are looking forward to the Craft Fair; there will be some different stalls as well as the normal ones and many crafters bring different items depending on the season. The Church will be open from 11am to 5pm each day. Refreshments will be available for coffee, lunch and tea and likely to finish serving at 4.30, so come and bring your friends.

We are seeking volunteers to steward in the Church, and help with refreshments, also to help set up the Church on Tuesday May 3rd at 6pm, heavy lifting needed.

Please contact Clare Lee on 01579351381 or clareleepcc@btinternet.com.

Easter Services in the Parish Church

After 2 years normal Services are planned for St Dominic, commencing with the Palm Sunday procession through the village with stops on the way and reading from the Passion, ending in the Church for the Service. We are introducing the Passover supper on Maundy Thursday, this has been well received in neighbouring Parishes. Stations of the Cross will be on Good Friday; the Sunrise Service is at Halton Quay on Sunday at 6.19, followed by Worship@10 in the Church. All the details are in the Diary.

Community Shop News

– look at the back page of The Diary



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NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)

3 short meetings were held on 5 March to consult with residents about the proposed NDP. Everyone who came along was in favour of a parish NDP. There were several offers of future help. A very promising start indeed. Below is a summary of the key discussion points and common thoughts expressed across the 3 sessions: People were keen to understand the legal status of the plan. Put simply, Cornwall Council has to take account of what's in the plan when considering future planning applications. A valid plan goes through a voting process with local residents before being formally adopted. All residents will be consulted. While there are age restrictions on voting, everyone is keen that younger people (under 16s for example) are involved, and that their voice, needs and ideas for the future are heard. It's important that we view the NDP as a positive tool and process that is recognised formally by the County Council: It can influence well beyond housing development, which naturally was a particular focus in the meetings. We are required to have a 'reasonable' amount of development. We can't use the NDP to block everything though it should help avoid unsuitable development. This is about the development that we do want, that supports the wider vision and needs for our parish. For example, what do we need to happen in order to keep a school in the village? People wondered if our NDP would have to fit with Council plans and strategy. Councillor Long mentioned the Cornwall plan and a more local district element, which include housing targets, and the large current developments around Callington and Saltash were noted. Usefully he explained that a parish with an adopted NDP can secure enhanced funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy.

Overall, the plan should be viewed as a framework to guide the future, to help guide decisions for the parish where there are different points of view. It doesn't need to have all the detailed answers, but can lay out what the parish's residents have identified through consultation and surveys as important. For example, access to healthcare was raised as a common concern, especially with increased housing in the wider district; highway concerns (while not part of the formal NDP) could be included in the greater vision section if there are particular needs identified; and with rising energy costs, a question was raised about whether potential for green energy in the parish would be considered – it would be.

A suggestion was made to approach key stakeholders (businesses, groups, organisations) to put forward a representative to help. It was also noted that we have businesses large and small in the parish and we need to have these varying needs represented.

THE PREVIOUS PLAN WAS ON THE MONEY

Many of you may not know that we already have a parish plan. Below are a few things parish residents said were important to them in the parish plan which was adopted over 20 years ago!

A village shop was recognised as essential

STILL TRUE - the success of the recently established Community Shop is proof of community power in action.

Establishing circular walking routes would make better use of local paths

DONE - The St Dominica Heritage Trails (opened in 2017) achieved exactly that - allowing walkers to connect with local heritage, culture and environment.

An enlarged newsletter was requested

DONE - Parish News is still going strong

Children's play area needed upgrading and extending

DONE - The improved facilities at Lovells Park continue to be enjoyed regularly by local children.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Based on the feedback received in the meetings and various conversations, there is strong local support for the NDP project going ahead. Several of you have offered to help with specific areas of work. Thank you. By the end of April, a draft timetable will be created outlining key tasks to be carried out and approximate timings. The offers of help will be matched to those tasks to identify what other help may be required. Communicating well with so many people is challenging but it is essential to consult fully with everyone throughout the whole process to achieve our aims of the NDP being relevant to all – the young, old and those somewhere in-between, local businesses of all sizes, local organisations and all other local stakeholders. The consensus in every meeting was that Parish News is the preferred method to receive information. It was clear that many of you prefer to complete paper questionnaires rather than fill in online surveys. This was anticipated, but it is quicker and simpler if surveys are completed online by respondents (avoiding the need for someone else to input your answers). It is expected that we will end up using both methods for everything but, at this stage, we need to get a better understanding of how many of you prefer which method. So a survey will be posted on St Dominick Chat on 15th April and the same survey distributed with the next Parish News. It will be interesting to see how many prefer to stick with paper. Some of you are happy to use the internet but avoid social media and therefore do not use St Dominick Chat. You will not be forgotten. A way will be found to communicate well with everyone.

Parish council meeting

Although Covid restrictions have technically ended we are all still safeguarded most thoroughly by Jim, the clerk, who opens the windows religiously each month, although I don't think they were all open as much as previously. It could have been a drop in wind as no papers blew off the tables. Everyone was present, with the exception of Andrew Long and also there were two ordinary members of the public, one was new, and two who had come along for the public participation at the beginning.

The residents who came were enquiring, with regard to Back Lane/Stockwell Lane, as to who was going to maintain it after it was tarmacked and the lighting put up. Some councillors had forgotten this was going to happen so we had a fairly lengthy discussion – something the same as we had last year and possibly the year before. No one could be sure it did say tarmac and the lights are only little solar things, they thought, but the clerk said he would find out. They were also concerned about lack of passing places in the lane for pedestrians, if any lorries or tractors went down. Trust Andrew Long not to be there! The clerk said he would investigate the council's previous response, then it was gone half past seven and the meeting began again.

Matters arising – no, the stile is not repaired yet, there was some discussion about this, no one was sure if they were allowed to put an electric fence across a footpath, which was one suggestion. The council showed their true colours over this and some laughed! Anyway, as Cornwall Council are so slow, and the landowner, the Glebe, probably won't ever get around to it, it was decided to allocate £250.00 for Councillor Wilkins to do it himself. Kissing gates are the thing nowadays apparently, stiles are too difficult to negotiate. Councillor Wilkins will very kindly install the kissing gate at the top of the steps into the field.

The National Trust are awaiting two big timbers to repair the footbridge on the footpath near Burcombe.

Councillor Wilkins, who seems to have been busy this month, has also resurrected the tree on the bank opposite Martyndale and it's living. Councillor Cox commented one of the wires never seems taut, he's a brave man.

With regard to the Jubilee celebrations the clerk has ordered the medallions for the parish children with a few spare. We had a discussion about how many people would not have informed him, how many might move away before June and also how many women were pregnant. Obviously no one knew so the number stayed the same.....108 I think.

Continued ...

Moving on, Councillor Wilkins reported three trees down on the Heritage Trail and Councillor Potter agreed it was a mess down there. The National Trust are probably busy with wind damage at the moment. He also indicated a couple of tracks in the wood that are not officially designated as footpaths and asked if this could be done.

Chairman Potter asked for volunteers and there were none. The other footpath, as I have said, took hours, weeks and months to sort, even though there were no objections. It's still in the council queue. Perhaps someone will come forward, perhaps they won't!

A banner for the St Dominic Horse and dog show is to be donated, not a great expense in recognition of their 50th anniversary this August, each one organised by the same person.

The clerk is keen for the parish to have an emergency plan. Councillors thought we probably had one, which seemed to be that if everyone is flooded go the Parish Hall, I don't know what they're going to do. Jim, however, thinks they should be more mindful of these things. I can't remember what's going to happen, perhaps he's going to dig out the last one and review it. Some parishes opened their halls for hot water etc during the recent storms. Some didn't and the Councils had complaints, but as they said, if there was no electricity at the halls either, what good was that? Councillors, on the whole, felt that in a village neighbours would know of anyone vulnerable, anyway, a review coming up!

Then the dreaded accounts discussion but it wasn't too bad this time.

The new Play Tractor is on the way and the firm will install it when it's ready. The moneyminded people asked if it could be paid for asap so it can go into the correct year's accounts. I think the answer was "Yes if it arrives in time". Can the accounts be a PDF? Yes, if you like but no point. Can the quarterly statements be printed? Yes.

And on the whole the columns were correct. The clerk then gave the date of the next meeting, which is the 6th April at 7.00, parish hall, all welcome.

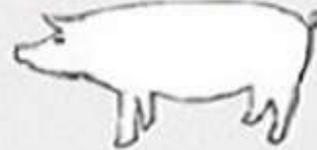
The meeting closed, everyone got up from their socially distanced tables, shut the windows, put the tables away and then congregated in the back room to have a look at the new Notice board which had been delivered. And that was that.

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