

ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2017
AT ST. ALLEN CHURCH

Present: Cllr. Mc. Culloch (Chairman)
Cllr. Littler (Vice Chairman)
Cllr. Hicks
Cllr. Orrell
Cllr. Wootton
Miss J Ritchie (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Hare
Cllr Prowse
Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons

These Minutes are a draft and subject to ratification at the next meeting

1. Suggestions from Members of the Public
 - 1.1 No members of the public present.

2. Minutes of the Meeting 16th January 2017
 - 2.1 Minutes of previous meeting on 16th January 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the previous minutes
 - 3.1 Cllrs. McCulloch & Eathorne-Gibbons met with Cornwall Highways to discuss the Henvor Lane traffic situation. Cornwall Highways are reluctant to close the road but agreed to install cameras at each end to monitor the volume and speed of traffic during the course of a four week period.
 - 3.2 Internal Auditor : Our External Auditors, Grant Thornton, have advised that we may appoint our own, or a group Parish Clerks may agree to audit each other's accounts. To be discussed next meeting when Cllr Hare present.

4. Police Matters
 - 4.1 No report received.

5. Cornwall Council Matters (report sent by Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons)
 - 5.1 Truro European City of Culture : a vote on whether to bid for this will be taken imminently by Truro City Council.
 - 5.2 Health & Social Care : The sub-committee continues to work on the proposals in its Business Plan. No report is expected until mid-summer.
 - 5.3 CORSERVE: as a non-executive Director he will continue to scrutinise financial and operational issues within Highways, Housing and Airport & Economic issues.
 - 5.4 As the Parish Council's representative to Cornwall Council, Cllr. Eathorne-Gibbons is available to hear any concerns or issues that may arise.

6. Planning

6.1 There were no declarations of interest.

6.2 Planning Application PA17/00728 : Rebuilding and extension of outbuilding to form additional accommodation to existing dwelling at Anskybar, St Allen was supported unanimously.

7. Update on A30 improvements – Carland to Chiverton Cross

7.1 Highways England have drawn up alternative routes based on information supplied at the public meetings. A decision is awaited on which they will choose.

8. Village Improvements

8.1 The camellia trees have been planted at the top of Two Burrow Hill and favourable comments on the enhancement have been received from parishioners.

8.2 BT Phone Box : it was noted that this was removed by BT during the week.

8.3 Road sign - ongoing. Cllr. Hicks to follow up.

8.4 The monthly village maintenance contract is up for renewal at the end of May. It was reviewed to ensure that it is still relevant. It was agreed to ask Team Maintenance Services, our current contractor, to quote for a new 3-year contract, as well as any other contractors who have shown interest.

8.5 Flower Beds : Zelah Village Community Association is installing wooden flower tubs on the traffic island opposite the orchard. This is being tried as an experiment and if successful, more will be placed through the village.

9. Correspondence

9.1 There were no items of Correspondence.

10. Finance/ Accounts

10.1 Payments to be made in February 2017 :

Date	Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount
20/02/17	101285	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax on Clerk's Wages	£ 55.00
20/02/17	101286	J. Ritchie	Clerk's Wages (Nett)	£ 220.00
20/02/17	101287	Team Maintenance Services	Maintenance Contract January (Invoice 203582)	£ 495.00
20/02/17	101288	Burncoose Nurseries	Camellias for Two Burrow Hill (Invoice 93503)	£ 735.00
			TOTAL	£ 1505.00

HSBC Community Account 01/02/17

£ 19,521.89

HSBC Business Account 1/12/16

£ 5,592.22

Nationwide Investment (New Hall Fund)

£ 22,654.70

Total

£ 47,768.81

11. A.O.B.

11.1 Some discussion took place regarding the forthcoming sale of the Mission Hall in Zelah and the possibility of purchasing it to renovate for use as a community building. Cllr. McCulloch to contact the surveyors/estate agent for more details. It was agreed that if a decision was made to purchase, this would be dependent on obtaining a grant or loan for refurbishment work and the Parish Council's offer would not exceed £20K.

Next Meeting : Monday 20th March St. Allen Church 7.30 pm
