

**ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16th DECEMBER 2019
AT ST. ALLEN CHURCH**

Present: Cllr. McCulloch (Chairman)
Cllr. Hicks from point mentioned
Cllr. Mewton
Cllr. Orrell
Cllr. Wilson

Apologies: Cllr. Hare
Cllr. Wootton
Cllr. Eathorne-Gibbons

In Attendance: Miss J Ritchie (Clerk)
Mr Gareth Davies, Cornwall Council (to point mentioned)

1. Chairman's Announcements
 - 1.1 No Chairman's announcements.
2. Suggestions from members of the public
 - 2.1 Mr Gareth Davies, representing Cornwall Council, the applicant, commented on Planning Application PA19/10116 – Full Planning Application for the erection and operation of a wind turbine at Ventonleague, Zelah - explaining that planning permission had already been granted for the turbine and that this application was a variation, to install a quieter, more energy efficient turbine. As a neighbouring parish, we had been invited to comment.
 - 2.2 Councillor Wilson expressed concern at the erection of wooden fencing and large signage at the site entrance, resulting in loss of hedgerow and verges.

Councillor Hicks entered the meeting at 7.37pm.

The Chairman brought agenda item 8 forward.

3. Planning
 - 3.1 PA19/10116 : Full Planning Application for the erection and operation of a wind turbine at Ventonleague, Zelah:

Councillor McCulloch declared an interest as he is an employee of Cornwall Council, who is the applicant.

Councillor McCulloch left the meeting at 7.40pm and members agreed that Councillor Hicks took the Chair for item 3.1.

Members considered the points raised in item 2.1. Although this Council had a policy of not supporting wind turbine applications, members agreed that as Cornwall Council had already given its approval, it was prudent to support the amendment.

It was Proposed by Councillor Wilson, Seconded by Councillor Orrell, to accept the amendment, but express concern at the loss of hedgerow and verge and the over-industrialised entrance and signage for the site and request scaling down or removal once the turbine was in place. A vote was taken and the matter was approved unanimously.

Mr Davies left the meeting at 7.42pm. Councillor McCulloch returned and took the Chair.

3.2 PA19/10686 Construction of a toilet and shower block and the formation of a car park to accommodate 25 vehicles at Pennare Farm, St Allen:

Councillor Mewton declared an interest as the applicant is known to him. He was permitted to remain in the meeting but took no part in the discussion or voting.

It was Proposed by Councillor McCulloch, Seconded by Councillor Hicks, to support the application, with a request that external cladding is applied to the building to soften its impact. A vote was taken and the matter was approved unanimously.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2019

4.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2019 were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising from the minutes

5.1 A short discussion took place on the type of weed killers used by this Council's contractors to treat pavement moss, and its effects on wildlife. It was agreed to obtain confirmation from the contractor, for discussion at the next meeting.

6. Cornwall Council Matters

6.1 Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons continued to work on his portfolio, which included cabinet and the Newquay Spaceport. He would, as always, address any issues on our behalf.

6.2 Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons confirmed that, following his request, Cormac had trimmed back overgrown hedges on local roads, and was thanked by the Chairman.

7. Police Matters

7.1 A Police report had been received and was taken as read.

8. A30 Chiverton-Carland updates

8.1 Nothing new to report.

9. Feedback from Historic England Zelah Streetscape Meeting

9.1 Councillor Wilson had attended the meeting. Priority was being given to identifying and preserving historic aspects of the village and historic items (registered or unregistered) in and around the parish. Items of interest included stone crosses, wells, pumps, granite troughs, milestones, signposts and listed properties. Emphasis was also placed on enhancing the street scene, by replacing modern items to create a more historic setting. Our input would be required to achieve this. Councillor Wilson was thanked for her report.

10. Playing Field Matters to report

10.1 Nothing to report.

11. Any matters to report concerning rights of way/paths/stiles/maintenance

11.1 The Tolgroggan Footbrige had been repaired by REACT. Councillor Wilson was thanked for arranging this.

11.2 It was noted that the Roskief – St Erme section of path needed attention.

11.3 Councillor McCulloch volunteered to trim the overgrown path beside Tinker’s Castle.

Councillor McCulloch left the meeting at 8.34pm and returned at 8.35pm.

12. Correspondence

12.1 Hall Rent: Members agreed to make an immediate payment of £260 for the 2018/19 financial year and a further payment in April 2020 for the 2019/20 financial year. Proposed by Councillor Orrell, Seconded by Councillor McCulloch, carried unanimously.

12.2 Cornwall Council Agency Agreement – Cleansing: Cornwall Council was offering payment of £1009.72 towards street cleaning from April 1st 2020 to March 31st 2021. This represented an increase of 10% on the previous year. Members agreed to accept this offer. Proposed by Councillor McCulloch, Seconded by Councillor Orrell, carried unanimously.

12.3 LMP Partnership Grant 2020/21: Cornwall Council was offering a payment of £382.64 towards footpath cutting for 2020/21. Members agreed to accept this offer. Proposed by Councillor Hicks, Seconded by Councillor McCulloch, carried unanimously. Clerk to check which footpaths this covers.

13. Finance, Spending, Accounts and current month’s payments

13.1 Payments to be made in December 2019:

Date of Cheque	Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount
16/12/19	101424	J. Ritchie	Clerk’s Wages	£ 257.40
16/12/19	101425	HMRC	Tax on Clerk’s Wages	£ 17.60
16/12/19	101426	Team Maint Services Ltd	Maintenance Contract November (Inv. 206221)	£ 495.00
16/12/19	101427	Hawkins Arms	Food for Xmas Carols Evening	£ 200.00
			TOTAL	£ 970.00

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HSBC Community Account 01/12/19	£21,864.82
HSBC Business Account 01/12/19	£ 5,609.46
Nationwide Investment (New Hall Fund)	£22,753.01
Total at 16/12/19	£50,227.29

13.2 Clerk to write to Mr Nick Holman of Chyverton House Estate, thanking him for providing Christmas trees for the village and church.

14. Budget Setting and Precept for 2020/2021

14.1 Members considered the budget for the forthcoming year and it was agreed to request an increase of 3% in the Precept for 2020/21. Proposed by Councillor Hicks, Seconded by Councillor Orrell, carried unanimously.

15. Items for Next Agenda

15.1 No items requested.

16. Date of Next Meeting

16.1 Monday 20th January 2020 St Allen Church 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.26pm.