

**ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2020
AT ST. ALLEN CHURCH**

Present: Cllr. McCulloch (Chairman)
Cllr. Hicks
Cllr. Mewton
Cllr. Wilson

Apologies: Cllr. Hare
Cllr. Orrell
Cllr. Wootton

In Attendance: Miss J Ritchie (Clerk)
Cllr. Eathorne-Gibbons
One member of the public

1. Chairman's Announcements
 - 1.1 No Chairman's announcements.
2. Suggestions from members of the public
 - 2.1 No suggestions from members of the public.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2020
 - 3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman. (Proposed by Councillor McCulloch, Seconded by Councillor Mewton, carried unanimously.)
4. Matters Arising from the minutes
 - 4.1 There were no matters arising.
5. Cornwall Council Matters
 - 5.1 Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons reported that Full Council was in the process of setting its budgets for the new financial year. He continued with his Portfolio work on Business Plans, Corserv and Treveth.
 - 5.2 Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons had expressed our concerns to Cornwall Highways regarding the bollard at the site entrance to the Ventonleague wind turbine and they would be arranging a consultation with Highways England, then report back.
 - 5.3 Pothole repairs were being undertaken on the Shortlanesend Road.
 - 5.4 Councillor Wilson expressed concern that the highway verge at Sixty Acres was being worn away by agricultural vehicles and mud was being deposited on the road. Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons would investigate and contact the landowner and Cornwall Highways.
 - 5.5 The Chairman thanked Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons for his report.

6. Police Matters

- 6.1 The Police had advised that they were encouraging householders to report any parking concerns to them, as this was the best way to get such matters logged and escalated. More information would be available at the next Police Liaison Group Meeting on 12th March.

7. Planning

- 7.1 PA20/00757 Proposed change of use and adaptation of an existing barn into a single storey dwelling at Gwarnick Mill, St Allen: No objection. (Proposed by Councillor Mewton, Seconded by Councillor Hicks, carried unanimously.)
- 7.2 It was noted that Planning Application PA19/09391 Demolition of barn and replacement with single storey dwelling at Little Acorn, St Allen had been approved, with modifications.

8. A30 Chiverton-Carland updates

- 8.1 The Chairman reported that our request for double yellow lines in congested parking areas in the village would be carried out as part of the A30 de-trunking, and not from the Community Network Panel budget.
- 8.2 The Chairman invited a member of the public to comment: that the plans for Streetscaping, based on the public consultation and the Parish Council's input, were available to view and make comment.
- 8.3 The Chairman noted that formal planning permission had now been granted for the A30. Councillor Mewton commented on the scheme in general and asked that his comments were recorded in the minutes, "that in Marazanvose the visual impact of the road will degrade the living environment during year one, reducing to a medium impact by year fifteen, when tree growth has occurred. This could also have a detrimental effect at Pennycomequick, Honeycombe and Trevalso, where an urban road will run through a rural setting, taking a huge tract of countryside and damaging businesses. Living environments will be damaged along the route. Councillor Mewton regretted that, as a Parish Councillor, he could not successfully defend the livelihoods of his parishioners and alleviate suffering of those in the Parish, and that the Parish Council was unable to change the line of the road or its design, which itself gives mixed messages on climate change".
- 8.4 Discussion took place and members agreed that the Parish Council should continue its request to Highways England for adequate tree planting and a quiet road surface for the new road. Councillor Wilson informed members that the "Green" bridges at Carland and Marazanvose had been passed by Planning, and would form part of the Saints' Trail.

9. Playing Field Matters to report

- 9.1 ROSPA Inspection: ROSPA had responded to the Chairman's concerns and offered to carry out this year's annual inspection free of charge, inviting a member of the Parish Council to accompany them on the inspection. It was agreed to accept ROSPA's offer and that Councillor Hare would be present at the inspection. (Proposed by Councillor McCulloch, Seconded by Councillor Hicks, carried unanimously).
- 9.2 Slide: Clerk to contact the play equipment supplier and report back to members.

10. Any matters to report concerning rights of way/paths/stiles/maintenance
- 10.1 Councillor McCulloch would clear the path beside Tinker's Castle when weather permitted and confirm this with the landowner.
 - 10.2 Councillor Wilson had contacted Cornish Heritage Trust regarding a grant to rebuild the Balstyle stile. Grants were available of up to £500, and work would be undertaken by CHT's own team. Applications could be submitted after 1st April. Members agreed that Councillor Wilson should apply for funding.
 - 10.3 Roskief: Councillor Wilson will investigate the condition of the footbridge as a possible repair project by REACT.
 - 10.4 Tolgroggan Bridge: Councillor McCulloch has contacted CORMAC to remove the overhanging branches.
11. Information from Councillor Wilson regarding Woodland Trust Tree Grants
- 11.1 Councillor Wilson informed members that packs were available from the Woodland Trust for planting small coppices and hedgerows with native species. This could be incorporated into the post A30 streetscaping, with the potential to acquire and plant up small pieces of land. Discussion took place regarding the types of plants that would be required and how they could be used to enhance the village.
 - 11.2 Councillor Wilson volunteered to identify potential areas of interest for a village planting scheme. Members agreed support.
(Proposed by Councillor Wilson, Seconded by Councillor McCulloch, carried unanimously.)
12. Correspondence
- 12.1 Notice of Order from the Planning Inspectorate regarding Upgrade of Footpath to a restricted Byway together with the Addition of Restricted Byways at Zelah in the Parish of St Allen, Modification Order 2017:
It was noted that the Secretary of State has determined that the existing public footpath will be upgraded to a restricted byway; the Order to take effect by 21st July 2020 unless there is objection. Notices have been placed at the end of the lane, informing the public of the footpath.

Discussion took place. Concern was expressed as there are fallen trees and obstructions blocking the path, preventing easy access by walkers. Having noted that the footpath is blocked members agreed that the Parish Council asks Cornwall Council's Footpath Enforcement Team to clear the path, a request it would make for any other footpath in the parish.
(Proposed by Councillor McCulloch, Seconded by Councillor Mewton, carried unanimously.)

Concern was expressed that there was a gate across the path where it starts at the bottom of Two Burrow Hill.

Councillor Hicks declared an interest and left the meeting at 9.02pm.

Discussion took place over the use of the gate and that it gives the impression that walkers cannot use the path. Councillor Wilson would ask the Ramblers Association to erect a Footpath Post to show where the

path starts. Further discussion took place on the correct assertion of Rights of Way and implication of land being in private ownership.

Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons left the meeting and Councillor Hicks returned at 9.08pm.

12.2 Letter from Kenwyn with St Allen PCC: received and noted.

12.3 Code of Conduct Training: It was noted that Councillors found it difficult to attend sessions during the daytime. Clerk to ask if Cornwall Council could offer evening sessions.

12.4 Correspondence regarding Planning Application PA19/10590: As the Parish Council had already discussed the application it could not comment further, but the applicant could be invited to make comment on the Zelah Community facebook page.

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

13.1

Receipts : Cornwall Council 16/1/20 LMP Grant Payment : £375.16

Payments to be made in February 2020:

Date of Cheque	Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount
17/02/20	101432	J. Ritchie	Clerk's Wages	£ 257.40
17/02/20	101433	HMRC	Tax on Clerk's Wages	£ 17.60
17/02/20	101434	Team Maint Services Ltd	Maintenance Contract January (Inv. 206371)	£ 495.00
17/02/20	101435	J. Hicks	Reimbursement for Xmas Lights Batteries purchased from Granada Batteries	£ 88.98
17/02/20	101436	J. Hicks	Reimbursement for Xmas Lights purchased from Dunelm Mill	£ 64.00
TOTAL				£ 922.98

HSBC Community Account 01/02/20	£20,699.98
HSBC Business Account 01/02/20	£ 5,612.26
Nationwide Investment (New Hall Fund)	£22,753.01
Total at 20/01/20	£49,065.25

14. Items for Next Agenda

14.1 Discussion of Tour of Britain Race.

15. Date of Next Meeting

15.1 Monday 16th March 2020 St Allen Church 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.38pm.

