

**ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020  
USING THE ZOOM FACILITY**

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

Apologies: Cllr. Hare

In Attendance: Miss J Ritchie (Clerk)  
Cllr. Eathorne-Gibbons (Cornwall Council) (until point mentioned)  
Two members of the public (from and to points mentioned)

1. Chairman's Announcements

1.1 There were no Chairman's announcements.

2. Suggestions from members of the public

2.1 One member of the public spoke regarding the recent planning application for development of land south of Roseland Terrace and expressed concern that the Parish Council had supported the revised application, and, given the depth of public feeling regarding the application, questioned whether parishioners had been fairly represented.

Councillors Hicks and Mewton joined the meeting at 7.37pm and one member of The public joined the meeting at 7.38pm.

Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons spoke briefly on the planning process.

The Chairman explained that the Parish Council considers each planning application on merit, using the current planning regulations at the time, and considering all aspects of the application, parishioners' views being one of many. A revised, re-submitted scheme is treated as a new application and the previous application cannot be re-visited.

One member of the public left the meeting at 8.02pm.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020 were approved for signing by the Chairman, with the following amendment to item 7.4: "Agree to Disagree with the Cornwall Council Planning Officer and leave the final decision to them". (Proposed by Councillor McCulloch, Seconded by Councillor Wilson, carried unanimously.)

4. Matters Arising from the minutes

4.1 There were no matters arising.

5. Cornwall Council Matters

5.1 Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons' report to the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> August was received.

5.2 Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons informed members that he continued to be busy with his portfolio although the Covid-19 circumstances were requiring his work to be delivered in alternative ways. He would continue to address any issues in the parish.

6. Police Matters

6.1 No Police report was received.

7. Planning

7.1 PA20/06754 – Retrospective application for the creation of new field access To provide safer entrance for farm machinery on land at Gwarnick, St Allen: A short discussion took place regarding the position and safety aspects of the new opening. It was proposed by Councillor Hicks, Seconded by Councillor Wootton, that the Parish Council did not comment, but asked Cornwall Planning to confirm whether this is a safe entrance, as there are implications safety. Carried by a majority, with one abstention and one declaration of interest.

A proposal by Councillor Mewton to vote against the application was not seconded.

Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons left the meeting at 8.21pm.

The following two applications were taken together, as they referred to the same property.

7.2 PA20/07288 –Proposed refurbishment, alterations and extension to dwelling at The Old Rectory, St Allen, TR4 9QX and PA20/07289 – Listed building consent for proposed refurbishment, alterations and extension to dwelling at The Old Rectory, St Allen, TR4 9QX:  
Discussion took place and members supported the applications.  
Decision: No Objection. Proposed by Councillor McCulloch, Seconded by Councillor Mewton, carried unanimously.

7.3 PA20/04836 – Revised application for demolition of existing barn and construction of new-build 3-Bedroom house with attached garage at Little Acorn, St Allen:  
Members had previously expressed concern that the revised application showed a considerable increase in size to the proposed dwelling, and that the timber cladding was in contrast with local trends. The scale of the design was unclear and there was no apparent access to the adjoining graveyard. As the Planning Officer had been unable to grant an extension enabling the revised scheme to be discussed at this meeting, the Clerk had submitted members' comments for consideration.

8. To receive correspondence regarding Affordable Housing allocation definitions and agree action

8.1 In an open letter to all Town and Parish Councils in Cornwall, Cubert Parish Council had expressed concern regarding the excessive allocation of land by Cornwall Council for affordable housing needs in the parishes of Cubert, Crantock and St Newlyn East. This appeared to outstrip the actual housing demand and raised the possibility that the land would, by default, be used for open market housing if the take-up was not fulfilled.

Discussion took place and it was recognised that the proportion of affordable housing was not the same in every parish.

It was Proposed by Councillor McCulloch, Seconded by Councillor Mewton, to support Cubert Parish Council and request feedback from Cubert Parish Council regarding the response it received from Cornwall Council. Carried unanimously.

9. Update on A30 Chiverton to Carland

9.1 It was noted that work had started on the initial groundworks. The Chairman would be meeting with the local Member of Parliament to discuss the impact on the parish and re-visit this Council's requests regarding improvements to traffic safety, connectivity and streetscaping. Councillor Wilson had requested an update from ARUP on the post-A30 streetscaping project. Clerk to follow up.

10. Any matters to report concerning the Playing Field

10.1 South West Play had quoted £700 for a welding repair to the climbing frame.

It was agreed to seek a further quote from a local welder, for comparison.

10.2 The hedges in the playing field and in the approach lane had been trimmed.

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

11.1 Councillors McCulloch and Wilson volunteered to tidy and cut back overgrowth at the Balstyle stile and rebuild the hedge.

11.2 Tolgroggan Footbridge (Crocodile Creek): Countryside Access had assessed the damage and would organise repairs to be carried out by Cormac. Quotes were also being sought for a complete rebuild of the wooden bridge.

11.3 Blocked path (fenced off) at Trefronrick: Councillor Wilson had reported this to Cornwall Council's Footpaths Officer and would follow it up again.

11.4 Solomon's Lane: The blocked path had now been cleared by Cornwall Council.

12. Finance: to approve spending, accounts and current month's payments

12.1 Payments to be made in September 2020:

Date of Cheque	Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount
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21/09/20	101469	J. Ritchie	Clerk's Wages	£ 220.00
21/09/20	101470	HMRC	Tax on Clerk's Wages	£ 55.00
21/09/20	101471	Team Maint Services Ltd	Maintenance Contract Aug (Inv. 206819)	£ 495.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 770.00</b>

HSBC Community Account 01/09/20	£21,710.19
HSBC Business Account 01/09/20	£ 5,617.68
Nationwide Investment (New Hall Fund)	£22,775.83
Total at 21/09/20	£50,113.70

It was Proposed by Councillor Wootton, Seconded by Councillor Hicks, to approve the accounts for September 2020. Carried unanimously.

13. Items for Next Agenda

13.1 Items for the October agenda to be sent to the Clerk, at least one week before the meeting.

14. Date of Next Meeting

14.1 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020, 7.30pm, using the Zoom facility.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.03pm.

