

**ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2020
USING THE ZOOM FACILITY**

Present: Cllr. McCulloch (Chairman)
Cllr. Hare
Cllr. Hicks
Cllr. Mewton
Cllr. Orrell
Cllr. Wilson
Cllr. Wootton

Apologies: All present.

In Attendance: Miss J Ritchie (Clerk)
Cllr. Eathorne-Gibbons (Cornwall Council) (until point mentioned)
One member of the public

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 Parish Council's maintenance contract and suggested that when the contract is reviewed, the Parish Council considers the following: i) mowing verges less frequently, which would attract pollinators and by doing so play a part in alleviating the climate crisis, and ii) using a natural alternative to pesticides when treating weed growth.

Discussion took place and members acknowledged the need to keep the verges clear on the visibility splays at each end of the village, while allowing natural growth. One member requested further technical information on the weedkiller alternatives.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2020

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2020 were approved for signing by the Chairman. (Proposed by Councillor Hare, Seconded by Councillor Wootton, carried unanimously.)

4. Matters Arising from the minutes

4.1 There were no matters arising.

5. Cornwall Council Matters

5.1 Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons informed members that plans were underway to reorganise Cornwall Council's Property and Estates portfolio, as more staff were working from home which meant the requirement for office space had decreased. Redevelopment of the former Carrick offices in Pydar Street would be presented to the Planning Committee in early 2021, while the Langarth development was ongoing. Corserv continued to address property management across the board.

Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons answered questions from one member regarding small businesses.

6. Police Matters

6.1 No Police report was received.

7. Planning

7.1 PA20/07592 – Application for formation of new opening and installation of upvc window at ground level on the north elevation at Sansigra House, Zelah:

It was Proposed by Councillor Wootton, Seconded by Councillor Hare, that the Parish Council supported the application. A vote was taken: carried unanimously.

7.2 PA20/08165 – Application for prior approval to convert the existing building into a residential dwelling house including works that are reasonably necessary under Class Q (part B) at Land East of Roseland Terrace, Zelah:

It was Proposed by Councillor Hare, Seconded by Councillor Hicks, that the Parish Council supported the application. A vote was taken: carried unanimously.

8. Update on A30 Chiverton to Carland

8.1 The Chairman had met with the local MP to discuss issues previously raised by the Parish Council and was promised their support. There was a possibility of funding being available to improve the Newquay to Boxheater road. One member expressed concern that, post A30, rural-sized signage should be used on rural roads. It was noted that buses from Newquay were using Henvor Lane instead of continuing on to Boxheater. Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons promised to raise this with Cornwall Council's cabinet member for transport.

8.2 Trevalso Lane and Killivose were being closed for groundwork preparation and diversions put in place. One member requested that Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons address their suitability for cyclists with Cornwall Highways. It was Proposed by Councillor Hicks and Seconded by Councillor Hare, that the Parish Council asked Highways England to prioritise building the ramp at Church Lane, to make this the preferred diversion route. A vote was taken, carried unanimously.

8.3 It was noted that the lengthy diversion route around Marazon Farm would be in place until July 2022. Councillor Mewton to investigate whether a better route would be possible for use by cyclists.

8.4 There was a general discussion regarding ARUP's plans for post A30 village improvements.

9. To consider grass cutting and replacement camellias at Two Burrow Hill

9.1 Replacement camellias had been purchased and planted. A discussion took place regarding enhancement of Two Burrow Hill with smaller native plants, with consideration given to the type of plants and position of planting. It was agreed to plant copper beech, lime and dogwood for immediate enhancement at minimal cost and wait until completion of the A30 to discuss a full planting scheme. Proposed by Councillor Wilson, Seconded by Councillor Mewton,

carried unanimously.

10. Any matters to report concerning the Playing Field
 - 10.1 Councillor Wilson had received advice from Cornwall Wildlife Trust regarding the mole infestation and it was apparent that only an extensive human presence in the playing field would deter them. If the creatures were removed, they would eventually return of their own accord.
 - 10.2 Councillor Hicks reported that one of the swing chains appeared seized at the Pivotal point; he and Councillor Wootton to inspect it and apply a lubricant.
 - 10.3 Councillor Wilson had received a reply from the Zelah Village Community Association regarding funding; the group was seeking the Parish Council's support to install a footway around the perimeter of the field. Discussion took place regarding costs and the size of the path.

11. Any matters to report concerning rights of way/paths/stiles/maintenance
 - 11.1 Balstyle Stile repair: The Chairman had investigated the work required and would commence repairs when weather permitted. Councillor Wilson offered assistance.
 - 11.2 Tolgroggan Footbridge (the wooden bridge): Although the repair was not in REACT's current maintenance programme, the Parish Council would continue to raise the matter with them.
 - 11.3 Councillor Wilson informed the meeting that the right of way from Goonhavern/Lanteague/Scotland Road was on REACT's schedule to be re-opened.
 - 11.4 Councillor Mewton reported that there had apparently been some vehicular access in the part classified as Footpath 19, end of Solomon's Lane, as the surface was very muddy and churned up, making it difficult for walkers. The Chairman would contact Cornwall Council's Footpaths Enforcement Officer.

12. To discuss renewal of the Parish Council's Maintenance Contract
 - 12.1 It was agreed that more information was required on the use of weedkillers, particularly the non-glyphosate alternatives suggested by Councillor Wilson. A general discussion took place on the contract and use of weedkillers and whether the Parish Council should continue with the existing contract until completion of the A30, after which a new contract could be drawn up to include new areas as necessary. It was agreed to:
 - Seek further information regarding alternatives to weedkillers;
 - Check with Cormac whether the Parish Council is obligated to use glyphosates;
 - Include cutting of all footpaths in the parish as part of the new contract.
 - 12.2 It was agreed to roll the existing contract over for twelve months. Proposed by Councillor Hicks, Seconded by Councillor McCulloch. A vote was taken; carried unanimously.

13. To ratify decision regarding the Parish Council's Christmas arrangements for Zelah
 - 13.1 It had been agreed at the previous meeting not to hold the Christmas Carols evening, owing to the Covid situation. Therefore, there would be no arrangement with the Hawkins Arms and no gatherings. The Chairman would ask Chyverton Estate to donate Christmas trees for the Hawkins Arms and the Church. The Zelah Village Community Association would be organising Advent Windows in The village and the Parish Council would arrange the village Christmas lights.

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

14.1 Members considered the budget for 2021-2022 and it was Proposed by Councillor Hare, Seconded by Councillor Hicks, that the Parish Council would not increase its Precept for the financial year 2021-2020. A vote was taken; carried unanimously.

14.2 Payments November 2020:

Date of Cheque	Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount
16/11/20	101475	J. Ritchie	Clerk's Wages (net)	£ 220.00
16/11/20	101476	HMRC	Tax on Clerk's Wages	£ 55.00
16/11/20	101477	Team Maint Services Ltd	Maintenance Contract Oct (Inv. 206940)	£ 495.00
16/11/20	101478	J. Ritchie	Re-imburement for payments to Zoom for virtual meeting facility SepINV42604898 £14.39 OctINV47872632 £14.39	£ 28.78
16/11/20	101479	BLT Contracting Services	Hedge Trimming in Playing Field (Invoice 1276)	£ 120.00
16/11/20	101480	Burncoose Nurseries	Shrubs purchased for planting at Two Burrow Hill (Invoice 58135)	£ 155.00
			TOTAL	£1073.78

HSBC Community Account 01/11/20	£24,327.46
HSBC Business Account 01/11/20	£ 5,617.82
Nationwide Investment (New Hall Fund)	£22,775.83
Total at 16/11/20	£52,721.11

It was Proposed by Councillor McCulloch, Seconded by Councillor Hare, to approve the accounts for October 2020. Carried unanimously.

15. Items for Next Agenda

- 15.1 To discuss cutting of sycamore trees overhanging the beech hedge on High Road;
15.2 To discuss creating a path around the perimeter of the playing field.

16. Date of Next Meeting

- 16.1 Monday 14th December 2020, 7.30pm, using the Zoom facility.

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

