

**ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18th JANUARY 2021
USING THE ZOOM FACILITY**

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

Apologies: No apologies given.

In Attendance: Miss J Ritchie (Clerk); Cornwall Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons;
One member of the public (to point mentioned)

1. Chairman's Announcements

1.1 There were no Chairman's announcements.

2. Suggestions from members of the public

2.1 No suggestions from the public.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2020

3.1 The Clerk advised that the following had been omitted and should be recorded:
"Members discussed felling some trees that were overhanging the footpath on High Road. Three quotes were considered, and Adam Miles Tree Surgery was chosen, at a cost of £2,800. The contractor to leave any large logs for villagers' use and woodchip the smaller branches for the Jubilee Garden. Proposed by Councillor Hicks, Seconded by Councillor Hare. A vote was taken; six in favour, one against."

3.2 The minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2020 were approved for signing by the Chairman. (Proposed by Councillor Hare, Seconded by Councillor McCulloch, carried unanimously.)

4. Matters Arising from the minutes

4.1 Councillor Wilson asked that it was recorded she voted against the proposal to fell the overhanging trees on High Road.

5. Cornwall Council Matters

5.1 Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons welcomed the recent announcement that Cornwall would host the G7 Summit in 2021; this was a positive step for the county.

5.2 The forthcoming Full Council meeting would include a review of the Independent Review Panel regarding Councillors' salaries. A general increase of 4.9% on Council Tax was likely.

5.3 Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons' own portfolio, which included property management and commercial properties, was making steady progress.

5.4 Cornwall Council's detailed work on Covid issues was ongoing.

5.5 Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons informed members that he would not be seeking re-election to Cornwall Council in the May 2021 elections.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons for his dedicated work in representing St Allen Parish Council.

6. Police Matters
 - 6.1 A Community Police Report was received as read. Clerk to e-mail congratulating the new Community Police Officer on their recent appointment.
7. Planning
 - 7.1 There were no items of planning.
8. To discuss follow-up from the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 13th January 2021
 - 8.1 Members discussed the outcome of the Extraordinary Meeting and the Parish Council's next steps, including setting up an advisory group and working party for environmental and climate change issues. Caution was expressed by some members that no new group should be set up until a constitution was formed.
 - 8.2 It was Proposed by Councillor Mewton, Seconded by Councillor Wilson that the Parish Council declares a notification of intent to support the formation of an advisory group and working party on environmental and climate change and that the Parish Council will actively pursue the setting up of such a committee to address environment and climate change. Councillor Hare expressed concern over creating a group without any terms of reference, and suggested these should be drafted first. A vote was taken, with two in favour and three against; therefore, the motion was not carried. Councillor Mewton asked that it was recorded he was extremely disappointed with the result of the vote.
 - 8.3 Members agreed to re-visit at the next meeting.
9. Update on A30 Chiverton to Carland
 - 9.1 The Chairman reported that he and the Vice-Chairman had met with the A30 contractors Costain, to discuss matter of local concern with construction of the new road. The notes of that meeting form Appendix 1 of these minutes.
 - 9.2 The Chairman had also attended a Community Network Cluster Group meeting, at which Costain had been present. Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons endorsed the positive nature of the discussion.
 - 9.3 Councillor Mewton expressed concern at the number of trees that would be felled, particularly in the lanes at Trevalso, and requested that the Parish Council obtained a site map of the trees marked for removal. It was Proposed by Councillor Mewton, Seconded by Councillor Wilson, that this Council writes to Costain, requesting the information. A vote was taken, carried unanimously.
 - 9.4 Councillor Wilson offered the Parish Council her professional assistance in law on access, gradients, path widths and Rights of Way. This was noted with thanks.
10. Any matters to report concerning rights of way/paths/stiles/maintenance
 - 10.1 Councillor McCulloch had finished the rebuild of the stile at Balstyle and tidied back the overgrowth.
 - 10.2 Councillor Wilson would check progress of the Tolgroggan and Roskief path repairs at the next REACT meeting.
 - 10.3 Chairman to request that TMS clear the weeds and chippings which are accumulating by the roadsides, as this is a contract item.

11. Finance: to approve spending, accounts and current month's payments
 11.1 Receipts: Interest, Business Money manager Account £0.14
 Payments January 2021:

Date of Cheque	Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount
18/01/21	101485	J. Ritchie	Clerk's Wages (net)	£ 220.00
18/01/21	101486	HMRC	Tax on Clerk's Wages	£ 55.00
18/01/21	101487	Team Maint Services Ltd	Maintenance Contract Dec (Inv. 207047)	£ 495.00
18/01/21	101488	J. Ritchie	Re-imbusement for payments to Zoom for virtual meeting facility Dec INV58714811	£ 14.39
18/01/21	101489	Darren S Longar Cornwall Mobile Welding	Welding to climbing frame in playing field (invoice 20/12/20)	£ 300.00
TOTAL				£1,084.39

HSBC Community Account 01/01/21 £22,414.29
 HSBC Business Account 01/01/21 £ 5,617.96
 Nationwide Investment (New Hall Fund) £22,775.83
 Total at 18012/21 £50,808.08

It was Proposed by Councillor McCulloch, Seconded by Councillor Wootton, to approve the accounts for January 2021. Carried unanimously.

12. That this Council resolves, under the 1960 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, to exclude the Press and Public due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed

12.1 Proposed by Councillor McCulloch, Seconded by Councillor Wootton. A vote was taken, carried by a Majority.

Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons and one member of the public left the meeting at 8.33pm.

13. To receive a report from the Chairman regarding a potential wildlife area and footpath, and agree action

13.1

14. Items for Next Agenda
14.1 Repair/replacement of bus shelter roof.

15. Date of Next Meeting
15.1 Monday 15th February 2021, 7.30pm, using the Zoom facility.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.09pm.

Signed
CHAIRMAN

Date

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Appendix 1

ST. ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES FROM A MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11TH JANUARY 2021 WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM COSTAIN, APPOINTED CONTRACTORS FOR THE A30 CARLAND CROSS TO CHIVERTON CROSS

Present : Cllr Jonathan McCulloch, Chairman of St Allen Parish Council;
Cllr Adrian Hare, Vice-Chairman of St Allen Parish Council;
Jeff Mapps, Costain Engineering;
David James, Community Relations Officer, Costain Engineering.

In attendance : Janet Ritchie, Clerk to St Allen Parish Council

Costain confirmed that they were currently carrying out archaeological work and groundworks along the A30 route and that traffic management on the A30 would not commence until March 2021, the aim then being to keep traffic flow as seamless as possible.

Where possible, Costain always aimed to work with the community during their projects, employing local people where possible. This could lead to future employment opportunities. Parish Councils would be consulted on their ideas for local projects.

Councillor McCulloch asked Costain to consider the following requests from St Allen Parish Council:

- 1) Build, as priority, disabled access ramps at each side of the existing A30 at Church Lane, to replace the steps, which are difficult to negotiate.

Costain advised this was not feasible until they started digging out the new road and would have soil available to use and the gear to move it into place.

- 2) Minimise the closures of minor roads with partial closures that would let pedestrians/cyclists/riders through.

Costain advised that this was not possible, from a safety aspect, as tree felling operations would be taking place, and a stop-start approach, with re-advertisement of the closure dates would be impossible to manage. However, they would endeavour to reduce disruption as much as possible.

The possibility of re-routing Trevalso & Marazanvose pedestrian traffic onto the Shortlanesend Road was discussed but considered too dangerous.

3) Lay a tarmac path around the perimeter of the playing field.

Costain will investigate this once they are up and running (visit to the playing field to assess the project).

4) Provide a footpath along the road by St Fredas, so that pedestrians can reach Two Burrow Hill junction without having to go up to Chyverton Lodge and back down the distributor road, as per the current plans.

Costain will do a site visit to assess.

5) How will Costain offset the detrimental effects of the CO2 footprint caused by building the new road?

Costain advised that they have a carbon offset plan in place, although detailed information was not available at the time of this meeting. At Councillor McCulloch's request, Costain offered to provide a summary of the Environmental Impact Document. More information could be obtained from the A30 Highways Project web page. Examples of the contractor's commitment included solar powered lights for their equipment compound, which could gather power even in low light; using electric vehicles on site and electricity from renewable sources.

Costain have won sustainability awards for their projects and always endeavoured to source materials in a sustainable way.

Costain requested that the Parish Council promoted their local project list to its parishioners, on its website and the village facebook page.

Follow up:

- 1) Costain invited to attend St Allen Parish Council's meetings every 2-3 months, to give progress updates.
- 2) Costain will liaise with the Parishes affected by the new road.