

ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14th DECEMBER 2020
USING THE ZOOM FACILITY

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

Apologies: Cllr. Eathorne-Gibbons

In Attendance: Miss J Ritchie (Clerk)
Three members of the public (to and from 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 their organised walks around the fields of the parish where the route of the new A30 would run. Parishioners were being encouraged to walk these open spaces before the new road was built.

The Parish Council was asked about its views on road building and climate change and the Chairman permitted a general discussion during the public session. It was acknowledged that the new road conflicted with the message of climate change and therefore it was important to look into alternative methods of transport and countryside management.

One member of the public requested a re-vote from members on climate emergency and an education programme for parishioners on the climate crisis. Clerk to check when the Parish Council would be permitted to vote again on the climate emergency.

It was noted that Gwennap Parish Council had its own climate emergency programme and it was agreed to invite their Chairman to a meeting of this Council, to speak on their work and have feedback from St Allen parishioners.

One member of the public left the meeting at 8.04pm.

It was Proposed by Councillor Wootton, Seconded by Councillor Hicks, that St Allen Parish Council invited the Chairman of Gwennap Parish Council to an Extraordinary Meeting to speak on climate emergency and that this would be a single agenda item.

A vote was taken and the matter was approved by a majority (four in favour, three against).

A separate motion, Proposed by Councillor Mewton, Seconded by Councillor Wilson, that climate emergency was discussed as an agenda item of a monthly meeting of this Council, was not voted on.

One member of the public left the meeting at 8.15pm

3. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2020

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2020 were approved for signing by the Chairman. (Proposed by Councillor Mewton, Seconded by Councillor Hicks, carried unanimously.)

4. Matters Arising from the minutes

4.1 There were no matters arising.

5. Cornwall Council Matters

5.1 No report received.

6. Police Matters

6.1 No Police report was received.

One member of the public entered the meeting at 8.16pm.

Councillor Mewton declared interest in Planning Application PA20/09668, as the applicant was a family member, and took no part in the discussion or the voting.

7. Planning

7.1 PA20/09668 – Application for proposed kitchen extension to the main events barn at Nancarrow Farm, Marazanvose, TR4 9DQ:

A member of the public spoke on the application, which was an enhancement to an existing wedding business. During the Covid-19 situation, it had been necessary to diversify, hosting restaurant and socially distanced events to replace the lost wedding trade. This had presented an opportunity to build a new kitchen in readiness for the business re-opening, post Covid, and represented a further investment.

Members discussed the application.

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

One member of the public left at 8.25pm.

- 7.2 PA20/09575 – Application for listed building consent to replace existing garage doors with new replica of current design at the Old Chapel, Zelah:

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

- 7.3 PA20/10720 – Application to fell an Ash (T1) at Chyverton Castle, Access to Penglaze, Zelah:

Members considered the application. It was noted that the tree was suffering from ash dieback.

It was Proposed by Councillor Wootton, 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 At a recent Community Network Panel meeting attended by the Chairman, ongoing discussion took place regarding funding for improvements to the Newquay-Boxheater road.
- 8.2 The proposed closures of smaller roads would allow for tree felling by the A30 contractors but there was a possibility that vehicles might be allowed access when work was not taking place. In response to Councillor Mewton's enquiry, the contractors would investigate provision for cyclists.
- 8.3 Members noted, with disappointment, that this Parish, affected by the new A30 would not benefit from streetscaping funding, as ARUP had chosen other projects to support. Councillor Wilson suggested that this Council used the feedback from ARUP's consultation to devise its own scheme. It was agreed to ask Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons to pursue the matter of A30 de-trunking funding with Cornwall Council, expressing the Parish Council's frustration that ARUP was now not making any provision.
- 8.4 It was noted that Historic England had designed an information board for the bus shelter which was available as a pdf for the Parish Council to use.

9. To consider provision of a new walkway/path around the Playing Field perimeter

- 9.1 The Chairman was meeting with the A30 contractors to discuss whether they could do this work when building the by-pass.

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

- 10.1 The Chairman had re-built the Balstyle stile and reported that members of the public had complimented the Parish Council on getting this work done.
- 10.2 Councillor Wilson reported that Tolgroggan footbridge was recorded by Cornwall Council as being in need of repair. The wooden bridge adjacent to the granite bridge was on REACT's list for repair.
- 10.3 Councillor Wilson would check whether the blocked path at Trefronrick had been cleared and re-opened.

11. To consider alternative methods of weed control in the Parish Council’s maintenance contract

11.1 Councillor McCulloch had received notification from Cornwall Highways that their recommended method of roadside weed control was glyphosate, because there are no other cost-effective alternatives. This did not apply to verges. It was agreed to re-visit after the Extraordinary Meeting.

11.2 Members discussed the use of alternative non-chemical weed control for verges. It was agreed to ask Team Maintenance Services to carry out two days of weed control at the end of March 2021, using alternatives and that this element was added to the Parish Council’s contract and monitored for effectiveness throughout the summer.

Proposed by Councillor Hicks, Seconded by Councillor Mewton. A vote was taken, carried unanimously.

12. To receive and accept offers of funding from Cornwall Council

12.1 St Allen Parish Council had been offered a grant of £390.29 from the Local Maintenance Partnership for 2021/22 and a Street Cleansing Grant of £1009.72 for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022.

It was Proposed by Councillor McCulloch, Seconded by Councillor Hare, to accept both grants. A vote was taken, carried unanimously.

13. Finance: to approve spending, accounts and current month’s payments

13.1 Payments December 2020:

Date of Cheque	Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount
14/12/20	101481	J. Ritchie	Clerk’s Wages (net)	£ 220.00
14/12/20	101482	HMRC	Tax on Clerk’s Wages	£ 55.00
14/12/20	101483	Team Maint Services Ltd	Maintenance Contract Nov (Inv. 207020)	£ 495.00
14/12/20	101484	J. Ritchie	Re-imburement for payments to Zoom for virtual meeting facility NovINV53321274	£ 14.39
			TOTAL	£ 784.39

HSBC Community Account 01/12/20	£23,528.68
HSBC Business Account 01/12/20	£ 5,617.82
Nationwide Investment (New Hall Fund)	£22,775.83
Total at 14/12/20	£51,922.33-

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

14. Items for Next Agenda

14.1

15. Date of Next Meeting

15.1 Monday 18th January 2020, 7.30pm, using the Zoom facility.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.28pm.

Signed Date
CHAIRMAN