

ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22nd JUNE 2021
AT ST ALLEN CHURCH

Present: Cllr. McCulloch (Chairman)
Cllr. Mewton (from point mentioned)
Cllr. Orrell
Cllr. Stallard

Apologies: Cllr. Hare
Cllr. Wilson

In Attendance: Miss J Ritchie (Clerk); Cornwall Councillor Adrian Harvey;
Michelle McLaughlin, candidate for Councillor co-option vacancy;
David James and Jeff Mapps, representing Costain (to point mentioned);
Josh Hodder and Kit Windsor, representing Highways England (to point mentioned); one member of the public (to point mentioned).

1. Chairman's Announcements

1.1 The Chairman informed members that the contractor had not yet started work on the bus shelter roof owing to illness. To avoid further delay, it was agreed to approach another contractor as backup if required. The Chairman and Councillor Stallard to arrange.

2. Suggestions from members of the public

2.1 A member of the public spoke in support of Planning Application PA21/05198, explaining that there would be no increase in the new building's footprint and that this dwelling was designed to be in keeping with neighbouring properties.

The Chairman took agenda item 8 next.

3. Planning

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.
Application PA21/05198 Demolition of existing barn and chalet and construction of new dwelling and detached garage with variation of condition 2 in respect of decision PA16/10138, Tolcarne Chalet, St Allen
No objection (Proposed by Cllr Orrell, Seconded by Cllr Stallard, carried unanimously.)

Councillor Mewton entered the meeting at 7.39pm.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2021

4.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman. (Proposed by Councillor McCulloch, Seconded by Councillor Stallard, unanimous of those entitled to vote).

5. Matters Arising from the minutes

5.1 A quotation had been received for maintenance to the play equipment, as recommended by ROSPA. This was considered but members agreed it was too high (£1,700) and agreed to seek a further quote. (Proposed by Councillor McCulloch, Seconded by Councillor Stallard, carried by a majority; three votes in favour, one against).

6. To fill one Parish Councillor vacancy by co-option

6.1 Michelle McLoughlin was invited to speak in support of her application. Ms McLaughlin looked forward to representing the parishioners of St Allen, and offering fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the Council.

6.2 It was Proposed by Councillor McCulloch, Seconded by Councillor Stallard, that Ms McLoughlin was co-opted to fill the vacancy on St Allen Parish Council. A vote was taken, carried unanimously. The Chairman congratulated Ms McLoughlin on her appointment.

6.3 Councillor McLoughlin signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

7. Cornwall Council Matters

7.1 Cornwall Councillor Harvey informed members that he had contacted Cormac regarding 1) new and unusual road markings which had been placed through the village; 2) A30 de-trunking.

7.2 David James of Costain offered to contact the Tour of Britain organisers as it was thought the road markings might be connected with the cycle race later in the year.

7.3 Councillor Mewton asked for clarification regarding Local Government Authority Action for Climate Change. Councillor Harvey confirmed this had been actioned and passed at the previous meeting of Cornwall Council.

8. Update from Costain representatives on A30 Chiverton to Carland

8.1 Jeff Mapps, representing Costain Engineering, updated members on the ongoing earthworks by structural contractors. Some night closures of the A30 would be necessary, to ensure minimum daytime disruption. It was noted that road closures were unavoidable, even during the holiday season. Costain's online virtual exhibition and website had been updated and social media links enabled local businesses and individuals to be kept informed of progress. Members and parishioners were invited to contact Costain with their queries. Costain confirmed that funding was available for all the works included in the road plans and they would provide a link to their "virtual road" which would show this in full detail.

8.2 Costain informed members that their archaeological finds revealed the A30 as an ancient travelling route. Councillor Mewton asked to make comment on the project and the Chairman reminded him that he would be required to declare an interest. Councillor Mewton advised that his comments were general, and he expressed concern to Costain at the loss of trees and disruption to wildlife as a result of the ongoing work. He asked that the contractors give consideration to the environment where possible. Costain assured members of their 10% target net gain in biodiversity by the end of the project.

8.3 A general discussion took place. Members' enquiries included: the cost of the bridge at Chiverton; Henvor Lane and Boxheater Junction; reinstatement of the present A30 as a two-lane road into Zelah; the overall carbon footprint of

the scheme.

- 8.4 It was agreed that Costain would provide regular updates and attend Parish Council meetings every three to four months to provide a progress report.

The Chairman thanked Costain for their presentation.

9. To consider post A30 streetscape plans for Zelah

- 9.1 Costain had taken note of the Parish Council's requests 1) wider, walkable pavements through the village, on both sides of the road; 2) construction of a pathway around the perimeter of the playing field; 3) a safe, walkable footpath on the old Shortlanesend Road at St Fredas.

The four Costain representatives left the meeting at 8.35pm.

10. To discuss "Local Pathway Net Zero" and agree action

- 10.1 Councillor Mewton spoke regarding Councillors' responsibilities in supporting local groups, and the importance of those in public service being involved in climate change. Climate action at the highest level should transfer down to parish level; everyone should play their part. It was agreed that the Local Government Action climate action document could be re-designed for use in this way; this Council would re-visit as necessary.

11. To consider a motion from Councillor Mewton: "St Allen Parish Council will declare a climate emergency as done by Cornwall Council and many other Parish Councils"

- 11.1 Councillor Mewton reminded members that if the Parish Council declared a climate emergency then it has to consider this in everything it does, which would show a serious intent to address climate change.
- 11.2 A robust discussion took place. Members considered the need for a balanced view, to reflect the wishes of all parishioners. There was the consideration that declaring a climate emergency while the A30 was ongoing would not give a clear message to the Parish and that no formal decision should be made at present. It was agreed that the Parish Council would take the climate situation into account when making its decision, but it was decided:
To accept the recommendation from the Climate Action Group and bring back to vote on at the next Parish Council meeting, and that Councillor Mewton was appointed as the Parish Council's official representative on the Climate Action Group. (Proposed by Councillor McCulloch, Seconded by Councillor Orrell; a vote was taken and the matter was approved unanimously).

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

- 12.1 Cllr McCulloch informed members that contractors working in the vicinity of Cost-is-Lost were thought to have caused damage to the metal fingerpost. It was agreed to write to the contractors to make a claim for the repairs.
- 12.2 Cllr McCulloch informed members that Cornwall Council's Footpath Enforcement Team had confirmed that permission was required from Cornwall Council to put down any resurfacing materials and that he would make enquiries.

13. To make arrangements for the appointment of a new Parish Clerk

- 13.1 Members considered an application from Kathryn Rees, the current Clerk for Crantock and St Newlyn East Parish Councils. It was agreed that Ms Rees had the requisite experience and qualifications and voted unanimously to offer her

the post of St Allen Parish Clerk, starting 1st August 2021. (Proposed by Councillor McCulloch, Seconded by Councillor Orrell).

The member of the public left the meeting at 9.13pm.

14. Finance: to approve spending, accounts and current month's payments
14.1

Receipts May 2021 Cornwall Council Street Cleaning Grant: £ 1,009.72

Payments June 2021:

Date of Cheque	Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount
22/06/21	101515	J. Ritchie	Clerk's Wages (net)	£ 220.00
22/06/21	101516	HMRC	Tax on Clerk's Wages	£ 55.00
22/06/21	101517	Team Maint Services Ltd	Maintenance Contract May (Inv. 207389)	£ 495.00
TOTAL				£ 770.00

HSBC Community Account 01/06/21	£26,773.63
HSBC Business Account 01/06/21	£ 5,618.10
Nationwide Investment (New Hall Fund)	£22,788.18
Total at 22/06/21	£55,179.18

The accounts were approved. (Proposed by Councillor McCulloch, Seconded by Councillor Orrell, carried unanimously).

The Clerk advised members that the final accounts had been signed off by the Internal Auditor.

An updated Bank Mandate had been prepared, to add Councillors Orrell and Wilson as new signatories and remove Councillors who were no longer serving.

15. Items for Next Agenda

15.1 Investigate holding Parish Council meetings simultaneously face to face and via Zoom.

16. Date of Next Meeting

16.1 Tuesday 20th July 2021, 7.30pm, St Allen Church.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm.

Signed
CHAIRMAN

Date

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