

ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2021
AT ST ALLEN CHURCH

Present: Cllr. J. McCulloch (Chairman) (JM)
Cllr. A. Hare (Vice-Chairman) (AH)
Cllr. J. Orrell (JO)
Cllr. A. Stallard (AS)
Cllr. M. McLaughlin (MM)
Cllr. C Wilson (CW)
Cllr. P Mewton (PM)

Apologies: None.

In Attendance: Mrs K Rees (Clerk); C Cllr. Adrian Harvey; 1 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 A Member of the Public spoke regarding the removal of the speed humps for the Tour of Britain. The speed of the traffic is unacceptable and the situation needs to be rectified ASAP. There is a group in the village that would like to see a speed visor installed and the police have recommended the Speedwatch Initiative whereby members of the public will be trained to use the handheld speed guns.

JM advised that he had spoken to Adrian Drake, Cormac Area Surveyor about the reinstatement of the speed humps. Cornwall Council gave the authority for these to be removed for the Tour of Britain. Mr Drake does not know when they will be reinstalled. Cormac does not have the budget for the work & it should be paid for from the Tour of Britain Budget.

With regard to the installation of a speed visor, JM thought that there was one that was owned by the St. Agnes & Perranporth Community Network that the Parish could borrow. However, the Parish would have to pay for posts to be installed.

A speed survey was undertaken in 2014 which showed general compliance & Cormac have been reluctant to repeat the survey. As circumstances have changed, it is now time to request another survey. The 'Twenty is Plenty' scheme may be appropriate and this will be considered later in the meeting.

It was commented that the hedges up to and beyond the playing field need cutting.

The Clerk read out two emails from members of the public regarding the speed of vehicles passing through Zelah.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th August 2021:

- 3.1 **RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 16th August 2021, as circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.** (P/S: AS/AH.
Unanimous)

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- 4.1 AS commented that Dave James (Costain) had not provided the evidence that the contractors had been warned that they were not meeting the standards expected. **Clerk to chase.**
- 4.2 The Clerk advised that Costain had appointed a new Community Liaison Officer, John Green. He will be attending future PC meetings to answer any queries.

5. Adoption of the Revised Code of Conduct:

- 5.1 Cornwall Council has published a revised Code of Conduct for Councils in Cornwall. It is recommended that this code is adopted. **RESOLVED: St. Allen Parish Council adopts the revised Code of Conduct 2021.**
(P/S: AH/JM)

6. Police Matters:

- 6.1 No police report. JO will attend the Police Liaison Meeting on 28th September. A report on crime figures for the local area will be requested.

7. Cornwall Council Report:

- 7.1 Cllr. Harvey advised that Cornwall Council has won a national award for its climate change program. AS commented that the Council's climate change training is very good and worth looking at.

8. Planning Matters:

- 8.1 Applications:

PA21/07843	Construction & operation of a 10MW solar photovoltaic development within the existing parameters of Carland Cross Windfarm with variations of conditions 2 & 3 of decision PA19/08080	Following a discussion, it was RESOLVED to make no further comment due to the application being outside of the parish.
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- 8.2 Decisions – PA21/01930/PREAPP (Arts's Yard): Case closed- advice given.

9. Update on the A30 Chiverton to Carland:

- 9.1 JM advised that Parish Councillors have been invited for a tour of the offices at Carland Cross on Monday 27th September at 7pm. There will be a briefing on the next steps. **RESOLVED: Councillors to attend, if available.**
- 9.2 AH advised that the hedges on Trevalso Lane have been removed to make way for a temporary lane.

10. Playing Field:

- 10.1 *Appointment of Councillor to be responsible for the Playing Field:*

RESOLVED: AS appointed as representative. (P/S: JM/AH)

10.2 *Quote to repair the Zip Wire:*

Whilst carrying out the maintenance work to the play equipment, South West Play had discovered that the zip wire holding bracket and zip wire trolley needed repairing. A quote of £475.20 had been received.

RESOLVED: Clerk to accept quote. (P/S: AH/CW)

10.3 *Installation of a footpath around the Playing Field:*

AS has been liaising with the Truro Parks Department who have put him in touch with two contractors. One who will be able to install a bonded recycled rubber and another who can install a more budget friendly option. AS will arrange to meet both on site and will report back with quotes. Thanks were expressed to AS for the work undertaken so far.

CW mentioned the proposal to allow a scape of wetland area to encourage wildlife in the bottom right area. This would be a future project that perhaps the STARE Group could look at.

11. Highway Issues:

11.1 *Introduction of a 20mph Speed limit on the roads around the village:*

CW had circulated details of the 'Twenty is Plenty' Scheme. JM advised that the new Council is more supportive of 20mph limits in residential areas & he has emailed the Chairman of the Community Network to ask for the item to be put on the agenda for the next meeting. He proposes that this should be a panel wide initiative using this year's budget. Cllr. Harvey advised that the highways budget has been deferred for 12 months. CW commented that the environmental impact of lower speed limits must be considered & that the Government is looking at the introduction of 20mph limits in all residential areas. **RESOLVED: PC supports 'Twenty is Plenty' initiative. JM to work up a proposal to put forward at the next Community Network Meeting.** CW offered to work with JM on the project.

11.2 *Installation of a Speed Visor:*

A discussion took place as to whether to borrow or purchase a speed visor. **RESOLVED: PC to investigate borrowing a speed visor. JM to organise a meeting with Adrian Drake (Cormac) to discuss potential locations & installation of posts.**

11.3 *Maintenance Work to Zelah Bus Shelter:*

JM advised that the work to the roof is starting tomorrow. CW gave a brief report on the meeting she had had with a village gardener and landscaper to look at options. It was discussed that if this repair wasn't successful then other ideas would have to be considered.

12. Any Matters to Report Concerning Rights of Way/Paths/Stiles/Maintenance:

12.1 CW advised that the REACT team have now restarted work but that no dates have been confirmed for the two projects in St. Allen to start.

12.2 JM advised that he had chased the Council regarding the appropriate hardcore surface that could be put on Soloman's Lane but he is still waiting for an answer. Following discussions, it was **RESOLVED to leave the lane as it is as it is better environmentally than a hardcore surface on a PROW**

13. Any Matters to Report concerning the Playing Field:

13.1 No further matters.

14. Correspondence:

14.1 CALC is looking for Executive Board Members: *Noted.*

14.2 Bodmin Town Council is looking for support in their objections to the Government's National Planning Reform White Paper.

RESOLVED: Clerk to send letter of support.

15. Finance: To Approve Spending, Accounts & Monthly Payment's

15.1

Receipts: None.

£ 0.00

Payments to be made in September 2021

Date	Chq No.	Payee	Details	Amount
20/09/21	101527	Mrs K Rees	Clerk's Wages (net)	£ 220.00
20/09/21	101528	HMRC	Tax on Clerk's Wages	£ 55.00
20/09/21	101529	Team Maintenance Services Ltd.	Maintenance Contract June (Invoice 207584)	£ 495.00
20/09/21	101530	South West Play	Work to Play Equipment	£1257.60
			TOTAL	£ 1581.60

HSBC Community Account 01/09/21 £ 25,403.13

HSBC Business Account 01/98/21 £ 28,406.42

Total at 20/07/21 £ 53,809.55

RESOLVED: The above accounts were approved.

16. Agenda Items for the October Meeting:

16.1 Speedwatch

17. Date of the Next Meeting:

17.1 The next meeting will be held on **Monday 18th October 2021, 7.30pm, St. Allen Church**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.25hrs.

Signed:.....

Date.....

CHAIRMAN