

**ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 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. C Wilson (CW)

Apologies: Cllrs. P Mewton & M McLaughlin; C Cllr. A Harvey

In Attendance: Mrs K Rees (Clerk); 3 Members of the Public

1. Chairman's Announcements:

1.1 There were no Chairman's Announcements.

2. Suggestions from Members of the Public:

2.1 Two Members of the Public spoke about the poor condition of the Play Area. The choice of play equipment is poor & it is a wasted space. Could exercise equipment be installed? JM commented that it is the cost of the ongoing maintenance that is the issue, not the cost of installed the play equipment itself.

2.2 Mr T Arthur spoke in support of an application for a barn conversion that he is planning to submit. The conversion has been designed with surrounding buildings in mind. The footprint is the same with extra space created by an additional floor. He is aware that the Parish Council is unable to comment fully but would like a steer as to whether the design is acceptable. Councillors commented that the proposed design was favourable and that the dwelling should be as sustainable as possible.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021:

3.1 Minute reference 15.1 should read '£2027.60', not £1571.60'. **RESOLVED: With the above amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021, as circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.**

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

4.1 JM confirmed that Dave James (Costain) had provided evidence that the contractors had been warned that they were not meeting the standards expected. Due to commercial sensitivity, this information is confidential.

5. Police Matters:

5.1 No police report. JO attended the Police Liaison Meeting. There wasn't much that was relevant to St. Allen Parish but he did report the speeding issue through Zelah and the police advised that they would try & send an unmarked police car to carry out a patrol.

6. Cornwall Council Report:

- 6.1 No report. It was commented that the plans for the Saints Trail have been revised due to funding issues. The sections from Trispen to Idles Woods and St. Newlyn East to Carland Cross will no longer be built.

7. Planning Matters:

7.1 Applications:

PA21/07966	Land East of Brae Cottage: Reserved matters following outline approval PA18/06525. Details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout & Scale.	<b>SUPPORT</b> (P/S: JM/AH)
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7.2 Decisions: None.

- 7.3 Environmental Building Advice Checklist for Planning Applications: JO had circulated a proposed checklist (appendix 1). It was discussed that these should be considered in relation to each planning application received.

**RESOLVED: Bee bricks and animal habitat to be added to the list. Criteria to be considered for each planning application received. JO and/or CW to go through applications to see if they comply. Guidance to be given to anyone considering an application.** (P/S: JM/AH)

8. Update on the A30 Chiverton to Carland:

- 8.1 Correspondence from a local resident had been received alleging that Costain and their contractor were using South West Water's water supply. It was discussed that if they felt it was an issue, the local resident should report this to SWW for them to investigate.

9. Parish Council Website & the Introduction of a Parish Council Facebook Page:

- 9.1 CW advised that some of the links on the website were not working but this has now been rectified. The benefits of having a dedicated Parish Council Facebook Page were discussed.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to set up & manage at Parish Council Facebook page.** (P/S: CW/JO)

10. Playing Field

10.1 Installation of a footpath around the Playing Field:

AS had received quotes from three contractors:

- (a) Theobold: Tarmac Path (£43,000)
- (b) Oltco: Recycled plastic material (£45,000)
- (c) TK Play: Resin recycled rubber (£53,000)

AS advised that the Oltco surface had been installed at Newquay Community Orchard and the TK Play surface at Redannick Park, Truro. Councillors were encouraged to go and have a look at both surfaces before the next meeting with a view to making a decision on how to proceed & fundraising.

11. Highway Issues:

11.1 JM gave a comprehensive report of his meeting with Adrian Drake, Cormac. The following issues were discussed:

- (a) 20mph Speed Limit: Considerable public consultation would need to be undertaken to show that there is a need for a reduction in the statutory speed limit from 30mph to 20mph as well as a section 84 Road Traffic Regulation Order. It may be possible to do this from the Hawkins Arms to the roadside orchard. The issue is that due to police legislation, it is not possible to enforce. 20mph is also not recommended for country lanes. It would be better to try to modify driver behaviour rather than introduce a speed limit that cannot be enforced. It was discussed that local residents could be encouraged to park on opposite sides of the road to create a natural chicane. This could be trialled for a weekend. 'Welcome to Zelah, please drive carefully through our village' signage could also be installed. CW confirmed that local residents could display advisory '20 is plenty' signs on their own land and property to encourage drivers to slow down.
- (b) Use of Zelah as a Rat Run: The volume of traffic should reduce once the A30 work is completed. At this point some of the street furniture can be removed and flower beds on the belisha beacon islands installed. Table top speed bumps can also be considered. These are not currently viable as they will be anti-social due to the volume of traffic. A traffic survey will be conducted once detrunking is completed.
- (c) Flashing Speed Visor: There is a suitable post that can be used outside the Chapel. Other locations can be considered but the post would have to go in someone's garden. The Clerk will get a cost for a solar powered visor and will complete the required risk assessment.
- (d) Detrunking of the A30: The design work is well advanced and is inline with the recommendations of the Planning Inspector. It was discussed that no-one actually knows what is in the plan although a footpath at St. Frieda's is not included. JM agreed to contact Josh Hodder to get further information. CW offered to liaise with the Ramblers Association regarding a creation order for a bridleway between St. Friedas to Twoburrows.
- (e) Broken Fingerpost: JM will write to the contractor again. If there is no response, Adrian Drake will write a letter so an insurance claim can be submitted.
- (f) Road past Playing Field: It was suggested that the hedges shouldn't be cut as they help to slow down traffic. If they are cut, the road widens and cars will speed up.

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

None.

13. To Discuss Field Purchase at Cost is Lost:

Council to go into Closed Session at the end of the meeting to discuss.

14. Correspondence:

14.1 Consultation – Cornwall Transport Plan: **RESOLVED: Clerk to circulate to Councillors and upload to PC Facebook Page.**

14.2 Freedom of Information Request: AS asked if the PC could submit a FOI request to Cornwall Council to ascertain the cost of removing and reinstalling the speed humps and who had funded the work. Following discussions, it was **RESOLVED that the PC could not submit a request but AS could, as a member of the public, if he wished.**

14.3 JM gave an update on the plans for the Platinum Jubilee. A location for the beacon had been identified and JM will liaise with the Farmer to organise. A street party will be held on the afternoon of Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June in the Playing Field. A request could be submitted to the Lanyon Fund to pay for the food. The commemoration tree will be delivered by the end of the month. It was discussed that the best place for it to be planted was at the Church.

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

15.1

**Receipts:** Precept (incl. rebate)

£ 7041.98

**Payments to be made in October 2021**

Date	Chq No.	Payee	Details	Amount
25/10/21	101531	Mrs K Rees	Clerk's Wages (net)	£ 220.00
25/10/21	101532	HMRC	Tax on Clerk's Wages	£ 55.00
25/10/21	101533	Team Maintenance Services Ltd.	Maintenance Contract September & October	£ 990.00
25/10/21	101534	TSC Construction	Bus Shelter Roof	£1400.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 2665.00</b>

HSBC Community Account 01/10/21 £ 25,403.13

HSBC Business Account 01/10/21 £ 28,406.42

**Total at 25/10/21 £ 53,809.55**

**RESOLVED: The above accounts were approved.**

16. Agenda Items for the November Meeting:

No new items.

17. Date of the Next Meeting:

17.1 The next meeting will be held on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 7.30pm, St. Allen Church**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.31hrs.

18. Closed Session:

18.1 Field at Cost is Lost:

The owner of the field at the bottom of Soloman's Lane has offered to donate a strip of land to the Parish Council to allow the creation of a footpath. The PC will be required to fence the path, plant a beech hedge beside the path & install a memorial bench with plaque.

***RESOLVED: PC to accept the Land Owner's offer and proceed with the transfer.*** (P/S: JM/AH)

Signed:.....  
CHAIRMAN

Date.....