

**ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17th JANUARY 2022
AT ST ALLEN CHURCH**

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

Apologies: Cllr. A Hare

In Attendance: Mrs K Rees (Clerk); CCllr. A Harvey (ADH), Dave James and John Green (Costain) & 6 Members of the Public

1. Chairman's Announcements:
 - 1.1 There were no Chairman's Announcements.
2. Planning incl. Suggestions from Members of the Public:

It was RESOLVED to bring Planning Forward on the Agenda.

2.1 PA21/12199

Mr T Arthur spoke in support of his application for a conversion of a barn to a dwelling. The advice given in the pre-application suggested that the barn should be designed to be in-keeping with the surrounding properties. A lengthy objection has been placed by the owners of the neighbouring property, Rosehill and Mr Arthur addressed some of the points raised. The boundary between Rosehill & Art's Yard is actually 3m bigger; The window overlooking Rosehill can be removed, if required; public notice of the pre-application is not statutory; A Christmas Tree planted by the owner is the only tree that will be removed; Location of the foul drains are on the revised drawings.

Mr A Hulks spoke against the proposed development. He circulated the lengthy objection submitted to Cornwall Council (attached) and went through the main points. The main objection is that the dwelling will be 2-storey which will overlook Rosehill's amenity space and affect the owner's privacy. A bungalow with a larger footprint would be preferable. There are errors on the application form, some of the information is misleading & the application is against the advice given by the Planning Officer in the pre-application.

A lengthy discussion ensued and it was commented that the proposed design would seem to be in-keeping and of an appropriate sized to fit in with the surrounding dwellings. Although the views of both parties are understood, there seems to be no valid planning reason to object to the application and the owners were encourage to liaise to try to reach a compromise.

RESOLVED: Support but with a condition that the small window be removed from the design.

2.2 Other Applications:

PA21/11211	Land South East of Trevalsa Cross – erection of an agricultural barn	SUPPORT (P/S: JM/AS)
PA21/12290	Gwarnick Manor – Listed Building Consent for general repair works	SUPPORT (P/S: MM/AS)

2.3 Decisions:

PA21/10998 (Gwarnick House) – Approved

3. Update on the A30 Chiverton to Carland:

John Green (JG) advised that a formal update would be given at the February Parish Council Meeting but that he and Dave James (DJ) were at the meeting to answer any questions.

PM advised that the owner of Elmsleigh had made a complaint to Costain regarding the dampness at her property which has increased considerably since Costain built the compound above her property. DJ has visited the site with a geologist and does not accept the issue is caused by Costain. If anything, the situation has been improved. As this is disputed, it has been recommended that the owner gets an independent report. DJ was asked if the ground had been raised. DJ was not aware but agreed to find out. Costain will not pay for the cost of an independent survey.

Mrs Pascoe has also made a complaint. Some of the contractors working at her property have been rude and thoughtless. The entrance to her property has been blocked several times.

DJ asked to be informed as soon as possible if any contractor or sub-contractor's behaviour falls below acceptable standards so that the matter can be dealt with. Costain does not tolerate rudeness and discourteous behaviour and any employee behaving that way will be reprimanded. DJ is regularly in touch with Mrs Pascoe and addresses any issues raised.

Trevalsa Lane has now reopened but 'road closed' signs are still displayed. JG will look into this and get them removed. JO commented that the roadsweeper is doing a fantastic down the lane but asked if it can go the whole way down. DJ will follow this up.

CW asked who she should liaise with regarding the Creation Order for the St. Freda's Footpath. DJ commented that this seemed a reasonable request and he would follow this up.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 20th December 2021:

4.1 **RESOLVED: With the above inclusion, the minutes of the meeting held on 20th December 2021, as circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.** (P/S: JM/AS)

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

5.1 None.

6. Police Matters:

6.1 No police report.

7. Cornwall Council Report:

- 7.1 ADH has given Mrs Pascoe details of how to contact Cherilyn Mackrory MP. It was commented that Cornwall Council seemed disinterested in the A30 dualling.
 - 7.2 Cornwall Council will hold a vote on trail hunting on County Farm land tomorrow.
8. Playing Field
- 8.1 Installation of a footpath around the Playing Field:
No progress as JM & AS have not yet had a meeting with Costain to discuss funding. JM will chase a date for the meeting.
 - 8.2 Cleaning of Play Equipment/Picnic Benches:
CW has purchased the algae removal spray and will treat the equipment when there is a dry spell of weather. AS to assist.
9. Street Furniture
- 9.1 JM advised that the seat under the fruit trees is rotten and needs replacing. He had circulated details of a recycled plastic bench recently installed by St. Erme which, although costly, was very robust.

CW would like to upgrade the area around the bus shelter with a new historical information board & map, based on the information produced by ARAP. This would go on the wall behind the bench which could also be replaced. This project could possibly be funded by the Lanyon Fund.

RESOLVED: CW to liaise with ZVA re. the design of the board and get quotes for next meeting. JM/Clerk to liaise with Church/other parishes to see if they are interested in purchasing any benches as carriage would be cheaper if a bulk order is placed.
10. Public Participation at Parish Council Meetings:
- 10.1 A request has been received to allow members of the public to attend meetings virtually. Although this is permissible providing that there is still the option for the public to attend in person, there is no broadband at the Church. The Church has previously resisted the installation of broadband so unless this issue can be resolved, the Parish Council does not have the technology to support this.
11. Highway Issues:
- 11.1 Flashing Speed Visor:
The Clerk had received a revised quote for a battery-operated visor. However, it was discussed that there are other solar options available which the Clerk will explore and report back to next meeting.
12. Any Matters to Report Concerning Rights of Way/Paths/Stiles/Maintenance:
- 12.1 Dealt with under minute reference 3.
13. Correspondence:
- 13.1 The Clerk had received an email from the Chairman of Twenty is Plenty Campaign for Cornwall asking for support. It was discussed that although Cormac had said that a 20-mph limit would not be supported in Zelah, this seemed at odds from the information published on Cornwall Council's website. This is frustrating.

RESOLVED: JM to organise a meeting with ADH & Roger Gates to try to progress a Network Wide 20-mph program.

14. Finance: To Approve Spending, Accounts & Monthly Payment's
14.1

Receipts: £ 0.71

Payments to be made in January 2022

Date	Chq No.	Payee	Details	Amount
17/01/22	101541	Mrs K Rees	Clerk's Wages (net)	£ 220.00
17/01/22	101542	HMRC	Tax on Clerk's Wages	£ 55.00
17/01/22	101543	TMS	Footpaths	£ 495.00
17/01/22	101544	Mr J McCulloch	Stakes for Trees	£ 28.84
17/01/22	101545	Burncoose Nurseries	Trees	£ 196.20
22/12/21	-	HSBC	Bank Charges	£ 6.60
22/01/22	-	HSBC	Bank Charges	£ 6.60
			TOTAL	£ 1008.24

HSBC Community Account 01/01/22 £ 25,427.51
 HSBC Business Account 01/01/22 £ 28,407.69
Total at 17/01/22 £ 53,835.20

RESOLVED: The above accounts were approved.

14.2 Internet Banking:

JM had tried to organise internet banking for the Clerk but it is not possible to do this unless the Clerk becomes a signatory.

RESOLVED: Clerk to become signatory for the Parish Council accounts. JM to organise paperwork.

15. Agenda Items for the February Meeting:

15.1 Replacement of Village Speed Bumps (AS)

16. Date of the Next Meeting:

16.1 The next meeting will be held on **Monday 21st February 2022, 7.30pm, St. Allen Church**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.40hrs.

Signed:.....
CHAIRMAN

Date.....