

**ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 25th APRIL 2022
AT ST ALLEN CHURCH**

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

Apologies: Cllr. P Mewton (PM)

In Attendance: Mrs K Rees (Clerk); CCllr. A Harvey (ADH); 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 Nicki Cable (NC), Co-Chair of the ZVCA had attended the meeting to clarify the arrangements for the Platinum Jubilee Celebration in June.

JM gave an update on the schedule of events:

Thursday 2nd June: Lighting of beacon (likely venue Carland Cross)

Saturday 4th June: Cream Tea and Flower Display at the Church

Sunday 5th June: Picnic in the Park.

The pub will provide the burgers for the BBQ at the Picnic at the Park which JM will man. CW to organise the vegetarian/vegan BBQ.

NC advised that the ZVCA is organising several things including a bring and share cake stall, gymkana games, raffle, bunting and treasure hunt. Two portaloos have been booked and bales and a generator organised.

The Clerk is trying to find out if the BBQ is covered under the Parish Council's insurance policy. The event should be covered providing that the appropriate risk assessments are undertaken which the PC & ZVCA will work on together.

The event will be advertised in the next fortnight. It was commented that the outlying houses must be informed as this is a whole Parish Event.

RESOLVED: PC to apply to the JH Lanyon Fund for a contribution towards the food for the BBQ.

3. Minutes:

3.1 ***RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 21st March and the Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on 28th March, as circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.*** (JM/JO)

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

4.1 None.

5. A30 Chiverton to Carland Cross Update:

5.1 Dave James & John Green were not in attendance.

5.2 The fencing by Hill House has never been removed and the bridleway has now been closed. There are no closure notices on either Cornwall Council's website or the fencing.

5.3 CW has emailed Dave James about the Creation Order for the St. Freda's Footpath but has not received a response. It would be very frustrating if this doesn't get done as the PC has repeatedly asked for this to be actioned.

6. Police Matters:

6.1 No information has been released on the tragic accident on the A30 but a full report will be available in due course.

6.2 On 19th March a man with a large piece of wood began attacking and damaging cars. He was apprehended by the police.

6.3 There had been an incident of people riding motor cycles in the Playing Field which had been reported to the police. PC to monitor the situation and look at additional signage if necessary.

7. Cornwall Councillor Report:

7.1 ADH gave a report of the meeting he attended to discuss the future of the Saints Trail. Cornwall Council wish to carry on with the project but there will be resistance from landowners and funding issues. He will attend another meeting on 27th April.

7.2 ADH had attended a meeting to discuss Cubert Crossroads. The meeting was not positive as there is no funding available for any works to take place.

7.3 Cornwall Council has released a press release today regarding the new North Coast Secondary School. This will be built above Perranporth Primary School on Liskey Hill and will have a capacity of 1350 students. The school will open gradually with the first students being accepted in 2025.

8. Planning:

8.1 Applications:

PA22/02657	Two storey rear extension with outside glass and balustrade balcony.	The Clerk had circulated an objection from the Neighbour. It was discussed that the proposed development is too large in size & scale, overbearing, out of keeping, of poor design & has a negative impact on the neighbour's amenity space. OBJECT (P/S: AH/JM)
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8.2 Decisions:

PA21/11511 (Barn Wyn) - Approved

9. Playing Field:

9.1 Funding for the Installation of a Footpath around the Playing Field:

JM had met with TEAM Maintenance Services (TMS) and expressed concern about the project. TMS felt that the tree roots would be affected by

whatever surface is used and that the tree roots would eventually buckle the path affecting the long-term sustainability of the path.

A discussion took place about whether to go ahead with the project. AS had carried out due diligence with Truro City Council who had had no issues with the preferred TK Play resin surface.

It was suggested that a report be gained from a Tree Consultant.

RESOLVED: Clerk to ask Colin Hawke to inspect the trees with a view to looking at how the roots may affect the path and liaise with AS regarding a site meeting.

AS advised that Costain will not fund the project. He is now in the process of applying for lottery funding. It was agreed that the application should be made in the name of the ZVCA. MM advised that Cornwall Council has a pot of money for community projects and she would forward the details to AS.

9.2 Dogs in the Playing Field:

Despite not being allowed, several dogs are being walked in the Playing Field and dog mess is being left. A discussion took place as to a course of action.

RESOLVED: Situation to be monitored and further signage to be installed, if necessary. JM to contact Dog Warden if problem continues.

10. Highway Issues:

10.1 FOI Request – Replacement of Zelah Speed Bumps

A very unsatisfactory response had been circulated to the second query.

10.2 Installation of a Speed Visor:

The Clerk had received a quote of approximately £3000 for a solar operated visor. A discussion ensued about how to proceed. Would the level of traffic still be the same once the new A30 opened? MM advised that Zelah is still on the list for the police pilot scheme whereby members of the public will be trained to use police loaned speed guns. MM to get an update as to where Zelah is on the training list and report back. Item deferred until the May meeting.

11. Refurbishment of Village Noticeboard:

11.1 This matter was dealt with at the February Meeting.

12. Replacement Benches:

12.1 JM advised that the Church and the neighbouring parishes do not need any benches.

RESOLVED: Three benches to be ordered (Bus Stop, under the fruit trees & Playing Field). PC to apply to the Lanyon Fund for a grant to pay for the half the cost.

13. Parish Councillor Email Addresses:

13.1 The Clerk advised that Western Web will set up the email addresses once payment of £108 has been received.

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

14.1 Footpath Contract 2022/23:

JM had had a site meeting with TMS to discuss the current grasscutting schedule. They are currently undertaking 18 cuts on the playing field, 6 more than the scheduled. They also have concerns about using non-chemical weed killer. In their view it is less effective than steam generated killer and to be compliant with the Cornwall Council's Street Cleansing Contract it may need to be done on a monthly basis. The contract is likely to increase considerably as there hasn't been a price increase for several year. TMS agree that the cutting of hedgerows in winter and leaving them through the summer months is a good idea.

CW expressed disappointment that JM had met with TMS without including those who had been tasked to revise the Schedule of Works.

CW had circulated a revised proposed Schedule of Works on behalf of the STARE Group. Amendments had been made to the grasscutting schedule including more frequent cuts of the playing field with grass collection for composting. Cuts to the verge areas at the Beech Trees, Trevalso, the Fruit Trees & Twoburrows would start a month later in spring to allow natural flowers and early pollinators to flourish as well as the daffodils to slowly die back to promote a good display for the following year. The verges would be cut 1.5m back from the road edge to keep a visibility display for traffic until later in the summer when the whole verge would be cut, once flowers are on the decline. Non-chemical options to be used for the weed treatments, if required, such as Weedkill, an acetic acid (vinegar) treatment that is environmentally accepted as an alternative to glycosphate (roundup) and is used by other Towns & Parishes including Truro Parks and Wadebridge. The use of acetic acid does not affect rivers, humans or animals and is inline with Cornwall Council's policy to phase out chemicals and allow natural environments to prosper wherever possible. A discussion ensued as to whether acetic acid is as effective as glycosphate.

A lengthy debate took place as to how to proceed. Would the village's preference be to see manicured areas or wild flower growth?

RESOLVED: JM & CW to update their schedules and contractors be asked to price both options using both chemical and non-chemical weed killers. Tenders to be received by the June Meeting so that a decision can be made on who to proceed.

15. Correspondence:

15.1 The Clerk read out an email from a Local Resident expressing dissatisfaction about the PC's decision to support the application for a temporary lodge at the Hawkins Arms. It was requested that all emails regarding planning matters are circulated to Councillors in the future.

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

16.1

Receipts:

£ 0.74

Payments to be made in April 2022

Date	Chq No.	Payee	Details	Amount
25/04/22	101555	Mrs K Rees	Clerk's Wages (net)	£ 220.00
25/04/22	101556	HMRC	Tax on Clerk's Wages	£ 55.00
25/04/22	101557	TMS	Footpaths & Treeworks	£ 969.00
25/04/22	101558	WesternWeb	Cloud Email Service	£ 108.00
25/04/22	-	HSBC	Bank Charges	£ 7.00
			TOTAL	£1359.00

HSBC Community Account 01/04/22 £ 22,359.47

HSBC Business Account 01/04/22 £ 28,408.43

Total at 25/04/22 £ 50,767.90

RESOLVED: The above accounts are approved.

16.2 Audit 21/22:

The Clerk advised that she had contacted the Internal Auditor regarding this year's audit and was waiting for a response.

17. Agenda Items for the May Meeting:

17.1 Finger Post at Trenerry

18. Date of the Next Meeting:

18.1 The next meeting will be held on **Monday 16th May 2022, 7.30pm, St. Allen Church** and includes the AGM.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.59hrs.

Signed:.....
CHAIRMAN

Date.....