

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

Present: Cllr. J McCulloch (JM) (Chairman)
Cllr. A Hare (AH)
Cllr. A Stallard (AS)
Cllr. C Wilson (CW)
Cllr. P Mewton (PM) (7.45pm)
Cllr. M McLaughlin

Apologies: Cllr. J Orrell (JO)

In Attendance: Mrs K Rees (Clerk); CCllr. A Harvey (ADH); 5 members of the public;
Dave James (Costain)

1. Chairman's Announcements:

1.1 There were no Chairman's announcements.

2. Suggestions from Members of the Public:

2.1 Four local residents spoke against the retrospective planning application for a Woodland School at Anksybar. The School has been operating without planning permission for several years. The neighbours have tried to engage with the applicants but have been ignored. Therefore, they approached the Council's Planning Department who advised that planning permission for a change of use was required, hence the retrospective application.

The main objections to the proposal are the increase in traffic down a narrow country lane with a lack of passing places, the noise nuisance in a small rural hamlet and the proximity to residential properties.

The application also proposes an extension to the hours of operation and an increase in the number of children that can be accommodated, from 10 – 30.

RESOLVED: To bring the discussion relating to PA22/05464 forward on the agenda.

PA22/05464 (Anskybar)	Retrospective change of use of land to a mixed use of agricultural with a woodland school business & assoc. buildings and car park area.	<i>The Clerk read out a letter of objection. It was noted that a similar application for Lama Land was turned down due to access. Following discussions, it was RESOLVED to OBJECT to the application due to the increase in traffic, the noise & the inappropriate location. (P/S: AH/AS)</i>
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2.2 Jo Poland brought up several issues arising from the previous meeting:

- 12.1 in the June Minutes is misleading. This states that the STARE Group will take responsibility for the weed control. She felt that this was not what was agreed at the meeting and that this should be

organised via ZVCA who should be formally approached. CW supported this view.

- Could a meeting be organised with the new grasscutting contractor? The PC discussed that it is not for groups outside of the PC to liaise with the contractor. Instead, it was **RESOLVED that the Clerk would organise an introductory meeting between the Parish Council and the new Contractor. All Councillors invited to attend, date to be circulated.**
- The trees and shrubs planted at Two Burrows Hill are not thriving, perhaps the area is not suitable for planting. JM said the Camelias were 'coping' & the current dry spell has not helped. In previous years the ZVCA has organised a watering rota but this is not currently in operation. CW advised that the next ZVCA meeting is not until September. Following discussions, it was **RESOLVED to ask the ZVCA if it was possible to hold an emergency meeting to discuss the re-introduction of a watering rota.**

3. Minutes:

- 3.1 A lengthy discussion took place regarding the proposed changes to the minutes as detailed in 2.2 with particular reference to the responsibility for the weed control. JM said that it was his recollection of the meeting that it was discussed that the STARE Group would take responsibility for the weed control. The Clerk agreed. The minutes could not be altered to reflect something that had not been discussed.

In addition to the above, CW said that there were other inaccuracies in the minutes:

- 3.2: The minutes suggest that CW was in post when she had been appointed in error and that PM is in fact still in post.
- 5.4: The suggestion that the STARE Group would like to be involved in the A30 planting scheme. This should read as 'ZVCA Volunteers'
- 12.1: Vinegar Solution should be referred to as 'Weedkil TM'

Following discussions, it was RESOLVED:

Points regarding weed control management and A30 tree planting to be addressed in Matters Arising (below) as the proposed amendments were not a reflection of what had occurred at the June Meeting.

Point regarding PM had been corrected at the previous meeting but would be altered in the AGM minutes.

Vinegar Solution to be referred to as 'Weedkil TM'

With the above amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on 20th June 2022, as circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- 4.1 As per the points made in 2.2 & 3.1 above, there was a misunderstanding from the June regarding the responsibility of the weed control following the award of the new grasscutting contract. It was discussed that a formal request should be made to the ZVCA.
- 4.2 As per points made in 2.2 & 3.1 above it is the ZVCA that would like to be involved in the A30 tree planting, if an appropriate area is identified.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to ZVCA to ask them to take responsibility for the weed control in the centre of the village and advise that they will be invited to be involved with the A30 planting, once further information is available from Costain & if a suitable area is identified.

5. A30 Chiverton to Carland Cross Update:

- 5.1 Dave James apologised for leaving the meeting early but is happy to answer any queries via email/phone.
- 5.2 JM gave a report of the meeting at the Costain Offices which he and the Clerk attended. Costain presented the changes to the road layout which will be happening over the next few months. These were not the same as the drawings Costain presented at the June Meeting. The road at the Eastern end of Zelah will be switched in December to use the new loop. At the other end, the road to Goonhavern will be closed. This will lead to chaos as it will be impossible for the Newquay traffic to cross the A30. JM had expressed dissatisfaction. Costain has invited the Parish Council for a meeting to discuss these plans in August, similar to June whereby the PC would meet Costain at 6.30pm to go through the plans and with the PC Meeting taking place immediately after. It was also discussed whether Henvver Lane should be shut as a temporary solution next summer. This will be considered at the meeting with Costain.

RESOLVED: Clerk to organise meeting with Costain at 6.30pm at the Costain Depot on Monday 15th August. PC Meeting to be held immediately after.

6. Police Matters:

- 6.1 No report.

7. Cornwall Councillor Report:

- 7.1 ADH advised that Cornwall Council is borrowing another £35mn to allow them to collect food waste as part of the refuse and recycling service.

A public enquiry will be held into the Saints Trail. The Cabinet will receive the report before the Council Officers.

AH advised that his Council Tax Rebate had not been paid and the Council Officer dealing with his enquiry had been particularly unhelpful. ADH agreed to look into the situation.

8. Planning:

- 8.1 Applications:

PA22/05659 (Gwarnick Manor)	Installation of a new package treatment plant.	SUPPORT (P/S: JO/CW)
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8.2 Decisions: PA22/02657 (2 Two Burrows Hill) – Withdrawn

9. Playing Field:

9.1 Grant Application for Funding for the Footpath around the Playing Field:
AS had received an email from the Lottery acknowledging the application. It is a two-stage process and if the project progresses to Stage 2, further information will need to be submitted.

9.2 Quote for Tree Works:

JM had met with Adam Miles to discuss the work. He had submitted a quote of £560 to remove the dead Elms on the Parish side of the boundary and to remove two Elms on the other side of the field. A separate quote had been sent to the neighbour for the work to his side of the boundary. CW requested that the tree trunks be left for beetle habitats.

RESOLVED: Quote for the work to be accepted with request that timbers are left, if possible.

CW advised that a 5 ft Chestnut had kindly been donated. It was **RESOLVED that this would be planted in the hedge in the Autumn, once the trees had been removed.**

9.3 Zip Wire Quote and Quote to Repaint the Frame:

JM had received a quote of £805 to paint the frame. The quote from SW Play to replace the rotten timber without the painting is £1876. A discussion took place as to whether the timber needs to be replaced at the current time as it had not been hi-lighted as an issue on the recent ROSPA Report.

RESOLVED: Local Carpenter to be asked to quote to replace the rotten timber with a view to making a decision at the next meeting.

9.4 Installation of a New 'No Dogs Sign':

It was discussed that the new sign should say 'No Dogs & No Motor Vehicles by order of St. Allen Parish Council'.

RESOLVED: Clerk to ask for the sign to be designed which she would circulate for approval.

9.5 Installation of the New Benches:

JM had received a quote of £800 to install the three new benches.

RESOLVED: Quote to be accepted.

10. Highway Issues:

10.1 Installation of a Speed Visor:

MM advised that the owner of Tide Cottage has now completed the training which allows him to co-ordinate the Speedwatch Scheme. The police have agreed two locations where the speed guns can be used and volunteers are now required to operate the guns. Three people are required for each shift

and each volunteer will have to do an online training course before they can operate the guns.

RESOLVED: Clerk to advertise on the PC's Facebook page and write to ZVCA to ask for volunteers which MM will co-ordinate. Installation of the Speed Visor to be postponed until the Speedwatch Scheme is trialled.

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

- 11.1 The drain at Cost is Lost is blocked. CW agreed to report this to Cormac and JM will liaise with CC to see if this can be cleared more regularly.
- 11.2 The Fingerpost has been repaired by RBS Groundworks who have done an excellent job. The matter is now concluded.
- 11.3 CW advised that there is dog fouling problem on Zelah Lane Chapel to Tolgroggan Bridge and along the 1st half of Solomon's Lane.

RESOLVED: JM to get a sign from CC to be displayed.

- 11.4 AH advised that the footway from Polstain Farm into the Village is covered in moss which is slippery and needs removing. It was agreed that this issue would be discussed with the new maintenance contractor at the meeting (tba) to see if he could come up with a solution.

12. Correspondence:

- 12.1 A letter of thanks had been received from St. Erme Parish Council for organising the Jubilee Beacon.

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

16.1

Receipts: £ 1067.78

Payments to be made in July 2022

Date	Method	Payee	Details	Amount
25/07/22	Bacs	Mrs K Rees	Clerk's Wages (net)	£ 220.00
25/07/22	Bacs	HMRC	Tax on Clerk's Wages	£ 55.00
25/07/22	Bacs	TMS	Footpaths	£ 742.50
25/07/22	Bacs	David Wright	Audit	£ 360.00
25/07/22	DD	HSBC	Bank Charges	£ 5.40
			TOTAL	£ 1382.50

HSBC Community Account 01/07/22 £ 21,840.71

HSBC Business Account 01/07/22 £ 28,411.97

Total at 25/07/22 £ 50,252.68

RESOLVED: The above accounts are approved to be paid by bank transfer.

16.2 Audit 21/22:

The Clerk advised that the audit had now been completed and the report was read out.

**RESOLVED: (i) St. Allen Parish Council approves the Certification of Exemption.
(ii) The Annual Governance Statement 21/22 accepted as a true record
(iii) Accounting Statements 21/22 accepted as a true record.**

14. Agenda Items for the August Meeting:

14.1 No new items.

15. Date of the Next Meeting:

15.1 The next meeting will be held on **Monday 15th August 2022, 7.30pm, Costain Depot, Carland Cross (venue tbc)**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.16hrs.

Signed:.....
CHAIRMAN

Date.....

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