

**ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2022  
AT COSTAIN DEPOT, CARLAND CROSS**

Present: Cllr. J McCulloch (Chairman)  
Cllr. A Hare (AH)  
Cllr. A Stallard (AS)  
Cllr. C Wilson (CW0)  
Cllr. P Mewton (PM)  
Cllr. J Orrell (JO)  
Cllr. M McLaughlin (MM)

Apologies: None

In Attendance: Mrs K Rees (Clerk); CCllr. A Harvey (ADH); 2 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 It was reported that there had been an issue with taxi and delivery drivers at the Costain depot at Two Burrows Hill but the problem has now been resolved.
- 2.2 A Zelah Community Noticeboard has been installed on the side of the bus shelter. It is unlocked and available for use by members of the community.
- 2.3 Cornwall Council has confirmed that they will restore the ditch on Herver Lane in the next few weeks.

3. Minutes:

- 3.1 **RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022, as circulated, were approved and signed by the Vice-Chairman.**
- 3.2 **RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> August were signed by the Chairman.**

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

None.

5. A30 Chiverton to Carland Cross Update:

- 5.1 The Parish Council had received a comprehensive update from Costain prior to the meeting. The main points were as follows:
- Herver Lane has been shut for 5 weeks. A 1.5 meter pedestrian walkway had been put in although it should be on the outside of the hedge, not in the field. Mark Blachford (Traffic Manager) will look into this.
  - The A30 at Chybucca will be switched as soon as there is a break in the weather to allow the painting of the white lines.
  - The road at Tolgroggan will be switched at the end of January. Options are still being considered for the right turning traffic from Truro. JM asked for plenty of notification of the intended route. This should be available at the beginning of January and it was **RESOLVED to hold the January Parish Council Meeting at the Costain Depot.**

- There is now a new bus stop at Polstain Farm. Costain do consult with Cornwall Council who liaise with the bus companies but Costain do not have any say in the bus routes.
- The current weather is presenting some challenges Trevalso is a particular problem but measures are being put in place to resolve the situation. However, Costain is still on course to open the dual carriageway in December 2023. Work on landscaping and the side roads is programmed until April 2024.
- The water on Church Lane drains very slowly and there is a large back-up. Work was promised by National Highways 5 years ago as part of the A30 scheme. Costain advised that nothing is schedule as part of this scheme. They will liaise with National Highways to clarify the situation.
- The A30 will be shut on 20 -23<sup>rd</sup> January to allow Tolgroggan Bridge to be lifted. This is subject to weather and the two subsequent weekends are pencilled in as back-up.
- Costain is looking at solutions to repair the damage at Tolcarne Corner.

6. Police Matters:

6.1 No report. JO was unable to attend the recent Police Liaison Meeting.

7. Cornwall Councillor Report:

7.1 No report.

8. Planning:

8.1 Applications: No applications

8.2 Decisions:

PA22/07762 (Chynoweth Farm): Approved

PA22/08119 (Marazanvose Farm): Prior approval not required

PA22/07489 (2 Two Burrows Hill): Approved

8.3 Councillor response to emails was discussed, particularly timely responses to 5-day planning protocol requests. It was discussed that some Councillors are not receiving emails to the new Parish Councillor email addresses. For emails requiring a response the Clerk will send an email to the Councillors old email address asking them to look at their PC emails. JM asked Councillors to ensure that they reply to emails in a timely manner.

9. Playing Field:

9.1 Playing Field Footpath Project: Funding for this project is proving a stumbling block. The Parish Council could revise the plans and go for a cheaper option but this is not preferable. An application could be made to the National Highway Social Fund but the maximum grant available is £10k.

The Clerk advised that she had now received further information on the National Highway funding available. The money could be used to pay for new play equipment or other works at the Playing Field.

***RESOLVED: Clerk to circulate information for consideration.***

9.2 Overgrown Hedges:

JM advised that the area by the willow trees is very overgrown and a hard cut is needed to try to create a hedge. CW advised that 3 or 4 of the new trees had failed to graft and the original trees are regrowing.

**RESOLVED: Councillors to meet for a tidy up at the Playing Field on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10am. JM will recycle some stakes and guards that can be used.**

9.3 Disabled Access to the Playing Field:

A local resident had complained that there is no disabled access to the Playing Field as the gates are locked. It had been explained that the gates were locked to prevent travellers from accessing the field and residents could have the code if they require access. It was commented that the steps are also in poor condition.

**RESOLVED: Works to the steps to provide disabled access to be included in the application to the National Highways Social Fund.**

10. Highway Issues:

10.1 SpeedWatch:

MM advised that Mr Haddon may again be taking the lead on this initiative. She was aware of approx. 6 people who had volunteered. The PC had only received interest from one person. MM will liaise with Mr Haddon and report back to the next meeting. **NOTED.**

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

11.1 JM advised that the bridge on the footpath from Roskief to Trispen had collapsed 4 years ago & hadn't been repaired. CW advised that the one bridge had been replaced and that the condition of the other was fine.

**NOTED.**

11.2 CW advised that had received no feedback from Cormac regarding the blocked footpath at Trefonick. There is still barbed wire preventing access to the path. **NOTED.**

12. Future of the Hawkins Arms:

12.1 The Clerk has received 10 emails from local residents expressing concern about the future of the pub. JM reminded Councillors of their obligation regarding the rules of pre-determination. The Clerk had received an email from the Landlords advising that the pub was no longer financially viable. It has been for sale for three years with no interest. It was discussed that the pub is a community asset and any change of use would require planning permission. In addition, people have not been able to find out where the pub is advertised.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to reply to the Landlords to ask for clarification on where the pub is advertised & remind them that any change of use will require planning permission. Acknowledgement to be sent to local residents.**

13. Correspondence:

13.1

- Support for objection to Mayor for Cornwall – **NOTED.**
- Proposed changes to electoral boundaries – **NOTED**

- Proposed changes to Community Network Areas - **RESOLVED:**  
**Clerk to submit formal objection.**

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

Income:	£ 0
HSBC Community Account:	£20,595.55
HSBC Business Account:	£28,419.01

**RESOLVED: Accounts totalling £1570.00 were approved for payment.** (Appendix 1)

15. Agenda Items for the November Meeting:

- 15.1 Precept 2023/24
- 15.2 Footpath Contract

16. Date of the Next Meeting:

- 16.1 The next meeting will be held on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022, 7.30pm,**  
**St. Allen Parish Church**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.35 hrs.

Signed:.....  
CHAIRMAN

Date.....