

**ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 15th MAY 2023
AT ST. ALLEN PARISH CHURCH**

Present: Cllr. J McCulloch (Chairman)
Cllr. A Stallard (AS)
Cllr. C Wilson (CW)
Cllr. J Orrell (JO)

Apologies: Cllr. A Hare (AH)
Cllr. P Mewton (PM)

In Attendance: Mrs K Rees (Clerk); CCllr. A Harvey (ADH); Dave James, Emma Overand & Mark Blatchford (Costain); Allen Harris (National Highways); Three Members of the Public

1. Chairman's Announcements:

1.1 There were no announcements.

2. A30 Carland Cross to Chiverton:

2.1 Dave James gave an update on the outstanding issues raised at the last meeting. He had raised the issue of reinstalling the traffic island with his colleague; He will clarify where the granite is being stored; Costain is trying to find a new presenter for the archaeological presentation.

Allen Harris gave an update on the National Highways Social Fund application. The application is now under consideration and hopefully a decision will be made by mid-June. He has had discussions with two contractors regarding the installation of a path around the playing field. The contractors will now carry out a site visit to establish what is required but it would likely be a 2m wide bound gravel path. Once the work is completed, the PC would have to sign an agreement to say that they will take over maintenance & liability of the path. JM asked if it would be possible to have 1 or 2 surplus drainage pipes for the playing field. Mr Harris will investigate to see if this is possible.

Mark Blatchford, Traffic Management Officer gave an update on the Shortlanesend Road closure. The road is now closed for a week so that work can be undertaken towards the switch to the new junction and slip road. This will be followed by a full weekend closure of the A30 on 19th May. The new junction will then open on 22nd May. Costain has liaised with the bus company and the bus service will be unaffected. Dave James apologised for the lack of notice for this closure. JM requested that Costain produce a briefing sheet regarding the closure and the diversion routes for the Clerk to put on the Parish Council's Facebook page. Dave James agreed to do this tomorrow morning and send to the Clerk.

3. Suggestions from Members of the Public:

3.1 A local farmer asked when the road from Honeycombe Farm would be reopened. The 12-month closure has been exceeded and there seems to be very little progress in the area. A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr Harris advised that the work at Trevalso was severely delayed by the archaeological work in the area. The road at Pennycomequick is not wide

enough to install safety barriers and therefore, it is too dangerous to be reopened.

Mr Harris advised that the scheme is due to be completed in Winter 23/24. It was discussed that the Parish Council has always been told that the carriageway would be open on 23rd December so this is a change. There are a number of reasons for this but primarily the rain in March and April has meant that the earthworks have been delayed as the ground has been too wet.

It was requested that signs are installed around the village advising people not to use Sat Nav. However, research has shown that it is largely local drivers that used the side roads so these probably would not be that effective.

The programming of the work is always being looked at and changes made and the aspiration is still to open the road by Christmas but at this current time this is challenging.

4. Planning:

4.1 Applications:

PA23/03374 (Art's Yard): *SUPPORT* (P/S: JM/AS)

PA23/02917 (Land at Newlyn Downs): This is a retrospective application as the building is already in situ. CW felt that it was in the wrong location as it was close to the A30 with no other farm buildings in the vicinity. There were two votes for (JM/JO) and two votes against (CW/AS) the proposed development. Therefore, the Chairman had the casting vote. ***NO OBJECTIONS but express concern about the location of the building.***

4.2 Decisions: No decisions

4.3 Hawkins Arms: There is still no decision on the HMO application. The Clerk and ADH will chase the Planning Officer for an update.

5. Minutes

5.1 ***RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 17th April 2023, as circulated, were approved, and signed by the Chairman.***

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

None.

7. Police Matters:

7.1 No report. CW advised that there was a traffic operation at the weekend. Two offenders were apprehended.

8. Cornwall Councillor Report:

8.1 ADH advised that the Council has allocated £510K for the Spaceport Project and £350k for Armed Forces Day.

9. Playing Field:

9.1 Grant Application to National Highways Social Fund: Dealt with under Item 2 (2.1)

9.2 Installation of Exercise Equipment and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Grant Application:

AS & MM attended a meeting with Sovereign Play to discuss the installation of play equipment. Sovereign also thought they could provide a cheaper quote for the path. However, no quote has been received yet. AS will chase MM tomorrow to see if she has received the quote.

9.3 Other Matters:

- The Clerk advised that she has received the report of the annual risk assessment. Agenda item next month.
- There had been an issue with a gentleman in a wheelchair being unable to access the playing field for the coronation event. This is unfortunate and unacceptable. **RESOLVED: CW to get name of gentlemen so that an apology letter can be sent.** Aside from this, the coronation event had been very successful and thanks were expressed to the ZVCA for their efforts.

10. Highway Issues:

10.1 SpeedWatch: Update next month when MM is in attendance.

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

11.1 No update on the issues that CW had reported.

12. Correspondence:

12.1 Correspondence **NOTED** included:

- Western Web – Information regarding email access
- Cornwall Council – Update on changes to Community Network panels

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

13.1

Income:	£ 7385.00
HSBC Community Account:	£20,302.64
HSBC Business Account:	£28,515.32

RESOLVED: Accounts totalling £1521.05 were approved for payment.

13.2 JM advised that the PC had underestimated the number of coronation cups required for the children. JM will reorder once the final number is confirmed.

14. Agenda Items for the June Meeting:

14.1 Playground Risk Assessment

14.2 Internal Audit 22/23

14.3 A30: Triangle of Land Opposite Chiverton Lodge & Planting of Wildflowers at Trevalso Tunnel

15. Date of the Next Meeting:

15.1 The next meeting will be held on **Monday 19th June 2023, 7.30pm, St. Allen Parish Church.**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.00hrs

Signed:.....
CHAIRMAN

Date.....