

**ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 19th JUNE 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. P Mewton (PM)
Dave James (Costain)

In Attendance: Mrs K Rees (Clerk); CCllr. A Harvey (ADH); Nick Cooper (Costain);
Allan Harris (National Highways); One Members of the Public

1. Chairman's Announcements:

1.1 There were no announcements.

2. A30 Carland Cross to Chiverton:

2.1 Nick Cooper and Allen Harris gave an update. The following was reported/discussed:

- The switch at Chiverton Roundabout was opened today and the traffic has been extremely heavy. It is hoped that this is due to drivers getting used to the new layout. The situation is being monitored and further signage will be installed to see if this improves the traffic flow.
- The next switch takes place towards the end of July at Carland Cross. The crossing lights will be removed which should improve traffic flow.
- The B3284 will not reopen until late September.
- CW asked when the Church Lane Underpass will open. There is a reluctance to do this due to the volume of traffic on the A30 and Costain do not want to encourage pedestrians to cross the A30. NC will check where this is on the program.
- The signage as you leave the Western end of the village is confusing as it indicates that you can turn left towards Shortlanesend. This is not the case as you cannot turn right across the A30. Costain agreed that this is confusing and will look at changing the signage.
- It was commented that the signage at the Eastern end of the village is blocking visibility as you turn out onto the A30. JM requested that traffic lights be installed here. This is not possible but NC will investigate whether the signage can be moved.
- AS commented that it is very difficult for Local Residents to get to Truro due to the heavy traffic at Chybuca. Why can't the traffic turn right off the A30 to Shortlanesend? Unfortunately, this is not possible as it would stop flow of traffic on the A30.
- Could a 'please drive considerately' sign be installed at Ventontrissick? NC will look into this but advised it was unlikely due to the precedent it would set.
- AS commented that the signage still says that the road will be open in December 2023. Allen Harris disputed this; the signage says Winter 23/24. Costain is still aiming for a December completion date but this is very challenging and it is more likely to be March.
- ADH asked why the material put in at Ventonteague is being taken back out again. NC will investigate.

- The Tolgroggan to Boswellick has not been tarmacked as the alignment to the village is not finished and no decision has been made on where the gate will be. It will be tarmacked once the work is completed.
- It was requested that the bank at Trevalso be planted with wildflowers. NC will liaise with the Landscape Designer to see what is planned for the area but wildflowers make sense as easy to maintain and good for biodiversity.
- Allan Harris advised that he still does not have a decision on the Social Value Fund Grant but is chasing this up. In the meantime, Wills Brothers are happy to start on the path. JM advised that he and AS will meet the contractor on site to discuss the work.
- JM requested that an 'Access Only' sign be placed at the start of the road between Cost-Is-Lost and Roseland Terrace. The road is dangerous and unsuitable for A30 traffic – a pedestrian was hit by a car recently. NC will investigate.
- Tolgroggan bridge will be taken away in September as no weekend road closures are allowed in the summer holidays.
- The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7pm at the Costain Offices, Carland Cross.

3. Suggestions from Members of the Public:

- 3.1 A local resident, representing the 'Save the Pub' Group asked what the Parish Council intends to do about the Hawkins Arms, now that the planning permission for the HMO has been refused. Following a discussion, it was **RESOLVED that the Parish Council would report the Hawkins Arms to Planning Enforcement** (CW declared an interest and abstained from voting)

4. Minutes

- 4.1 **RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2023, as circulated, were approved, and signed by the Chairman. The minutes of the AGM held on 15th May 2023, were accepted as a true record.** (P/S: JM/CW)

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

None.

6. Police Matters:

- 6.1 No report. JO will attend the Police Liaison Meeting on 26th June.

7. Cornwall Councillor Report:

- 7.1 ADH advised that the Cabinet has voted to spend £6mn on a feasibility study for the Mid-Cornwall Metro. It was discussed that this seems to be a waste of tax payer's money.
- 7.2 ADH confirmed that Adrian Drake is leaving Cormac at the end of August. JM will get a card for Councillors to sign at the next meeting.

8. Playing Field:

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

- 8.2 Quote for Exercise Equipment and Application for Community Infrastructure Grant:

ADH encouraged the Council to apply for a CIL Grant and advised that the deadline for EOIs is 22nd June. A quote for the exercise equipment had been received and which was discussed.

RESOLVED: AS to submit an EOI to Cornwall Council for £49,000 of funding for exercise and other play equipment at the park. Exact details of equipment to be decided once outcome of EOI is known.

8.3 Playground Risk Assessment Report:

There were no major items of work hi-lighted on the report. All minor items will be monitored and the work undertaken when required.

8.4 Request to Use the Playing Field for a Dog Show:

CW advised that the ZVCA would like the PC's permission to use the Playing Field for a dog show on the 3rd September. It was discussed that dogs are not allowed on the playing field and if permission is granted, this would give mixed messages to the public. The ZVCA would also require their own insurance as this is a stand-alone event, with no involvement from the PC.

RESOLVED: PC reluctantly refuses permission for a dog show to be held at the Playing Field. CW to feedback to the ZVCA.

9. Planning:

9.1 Applications: No applications.

9.2 Decisions:

PA23/02612 (Art's Yard): S52/S106 & Discharge of Conditions
PA23/02356 (Land East of Lowarth House): Granted

10. Highway Issues:

10.1 SpeedWatch: No update as MM not in attendance.

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

11.1 The PC has received a request from Cornwall Council to cut Footpath No. 10 which goes towards Lanteague. The PC does not receive any funding to cut this path. CW advised that the bridge is rotten and needs to be fixed so the path is currently impassable. CW confirmed that the path is on the REACT list to be cleared in conjunction with Cormac. Following a discussion, it was **RESOLVED to take no action and leave the path to be cleared by REACT.**

11.2 CW is organising the Cormac Tool Truck so that repairs can be made to the sign and stiles. She will be asking for volunteers once the date is confirmed.

11.3 It was reported that there is a trailer with a large advertisement on in a field at Boxheater Junction. **RESOLVED: Clerk to report to Enforcement.**

11.4 JM advised that he had received several complaints about the untidy verges in the Parish, particularly by the Fruit Trees and the Henvier Lane footpath. The Clerk had received an email from a local resident drawing the PC's attention to the Facebook post praising the Council's decision to reduce the grasscutting schedule. A discussion ensued. The Clerk advised that the Contractor hadn't cut the area under the Fruit Trees due to the daffodils. However, he will do this on Wednesday. The Beech Tree area is not due to be cut until July. It was discussed that this should be moved forward on the maintenance schedule to June. **RESOLVED: Clerk to ask the**

contractor to cut the Fruit Tree area as soon as practical and amend maintenance schedule to June. CW advised that she and AS had weedsprayed the kerbs so this should improve the situation.

12. Correspondence:

12.1 Correspondence **NOTED** included:

- Cornwall Council – Consultation: Public Space Protection Order (Dogs)
- Cornwall Council – Off Street Parking Order 2023

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

13.1

Income:	£	0.00
HSBC Community Account:	£18,877.59	
HSBC Business Account:	£28,515.32	

RESOLVED: Accounts totalling £1142.80 were approved for payment.

13.2 Approval of the Audit 22/23:

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 23/23 accepted as a true record (iii) Accounting Statements 22/23 accepted as a true record.

14. Agenda Items for the July Meeting:

15.1 Crossing points on the A30 when detrunked.

15. Date of the Next Meeting:

15.1 The next meeting will be held on **Monday 17th July 2023, 7.00pm, Costain Offices, Carland Cross.**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.20hrs

Signed:.....
CHAIRMAN

Date.....