

**ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 17th JULY 2023
AT ST. ALLEN PARISH CHURCH**

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

Apologies: Cllr. P Mewton (PM)
Cllr. M McLaughlin (MM)
Dave James (Costain)

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

- Councillors were reminded that the A30 between Carland and Chiverton will be closed overnight this week. This is to change the road layout at Carland Cross roundabout and will open on Friday morning. This should increase the productivity of the earthworks as the plant will no longer have to cross the A30.
- Various realignments were undertaken during last weekend's closure. The next planned weekend closure is 15th – 18th September.
- It is hoped that the stretch from Chybucca to Chiverton will be fully open by the end of September and that the B3284 will reopen by the end of August. This should improve the situation at Chiverton Cross.
- Costain is very aware of the heavy traffic at Chiverton, particularly Westbound. Measures have been implemented to try to improve things and the junction is constantly monitored.
- It is hoped that the Church Lane Underpass will reopen by the end of September.
- It was confirmed that the bank at Trevalso will be planted with a mixture of Hawthorns, native trees and wildflowers. This will eventually be handed over to Cornwall Council to maintain.
- There is a sign in the middle of the footway on Henvier Lane which is forcing pedestrians with buggies to move into the road. NC will look at getting this sign moved.
- There is lots of frustration from local residents that it is not possible to turn right off the A30 to Shortlanesend, particularly when you are able to do turn across the traffic further up the road. Allan Harris advised that the road is not wide enough for a 'right turn only' lane and the flow of traffic would be adversely affected. It is hoped that when the dual carriageway opens at Chybucca in late September, some of the other side roads can reopen and the lights can be removed.
- Following the request for an 'access only' sign for Roseland Terrace at the last meeting, Costain has also received correspondence from Cornwall Council about the volume of traffic using this road and is looking at options.

- AS asked if there was any progress on a 'road not suitable for A30 traffic' sign for *****. Costain is reluctant to install a sign there but will bring it up at their programming meeting on Thursday.
- It was commented that the sign placed at the top of Henver Lane over the last weekend closure worked well and prevented traffic from entering the village.
- CW asked if there was an update on when the traffic island will be reinstalled at the Henver Lane junction. NC will follow this up with Dave James.
- The sign that says 'Henver Lane' closed is misleading and causing confusion. It was requested that the sign be altered to say 'Henver Lane Junction closed'. NC to look into.
- NC advised that Costain may do an archaeological day and further information will follow in due course.
- Allan Harris advised that the PC's Social Fund Grant Application has been successful. JM thanked National Highways for the award. PC to discuss later in the meeting.
- Allan Harris is still confident that the road will be fully open in March 2024.
- It was requested that Parish Council meetings continue to be held at the Costain depot until access to St. Allen Church is improved. NC to confirm whether the meeting room is available for the August meeting.

3. Minutes

3.1 AH advised that he had send his apologies for the June Meeting.

RESOLVED: With the above amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2023, as circulated, were approved, and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

None.

5. Suggestions from Members of the Public:

5.1 The Planning Agent for PA23/04550 (Lowarth House) spoke in support of the application. The original application was withdrawn due to confusion over the classification of the land. An application for a Certificate of Lawfulness was submitted and subsequently granted, classing the land as residential curtilage. The same application has now been resubmitted. The only amendment is the distance between the properties which has increased from 3m to 3.4m.

RESOLVED: Bring agenda item 9 (Planning Matters) forward on the agenda.

6. Planning:

6.1 Applications:

PAco23/04550	Lowarth House	Erection of 3 x 4-bed houses, main road access point & 3 x sewage treatment plants.	Following a discussion, it was RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application with a condition that solar panels are installed on the roof and swallow & bee bricks are used.
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It was commented that the PC must consider the STARE document when considering planning applications.

- 6.2 Decisions:
PA22/11220 (Hawkins Arms): Refused
PA23/03314 (Art's Yard): Granted
PA23/02917 (Land at Newlyn Downs): Granted

6.3 Other Planning Matters:

- The Clerk confirmed that the Hawkins Arms has been reported to Planning Enforcement and the case has been registered.
- JM had attended a meeting of the Carland Action Group to discuss the application for a 200-acre solar farm on land adjacent to Trewaters Bungalow, Carland Cross. Although the application is not in St. Allen Parish, it will have an adverse impact on the surrounding parishes all of whom have objected to the application to date. Following a discussion, it was **RESOLVED to object to the application for the following reasons: The gross overdevelopment of good quality Grade 2 agricultural land; the adverse impact on the PROWs that run through the land; the negative impact on the local businesses; the negative visual impact on the surrounding unspoilt countryside; the historic importance of the land**

7. Police Matters:

- 7.1 No report. JO not in attendance.

8. Cornwall Councillor Report:

- 8.1 ADH advised that the inaugural CAP (Community Area Partnership) meeting will be held on 20th July.
- 8.2 ADH has contacted Vicky Fraser regarding the detrunking of the A30. This was passed to Sharon Bundy who is happy to speak to the Parish. CW advised that CAF has submitted a long list of issues from Carland to Chybucca for the Council to consider. **RESOLVED: Clerk to invite Sharon Bundy to the August Parish Council Meeting. CW to send the CAF list to the Clerk for her to forward to Ms Bundy prior to the meeting.**

9. Playing Field:

9.1 Grant Application to National Highways Social Fund:

Now that the grant has been awarded, a way forward was discussed. AS gave an update on the meeting with Wills (Costain contractor). They are going to level the entrance, lay hardcore and subject to time constraints, put in path to the slide and zip wire. It was suggested that the topsoil removed be used to create a concrete tube play feature. **RESOLVED: Clerk to order toddler play tower; AS to liaise with Clive Prowse regarding the installation of the gates which will be done after Wills has completed the ground works.**

9.2 Quote for Exercise Equipment and Application for Community Infrastructure Grant:

AS had submitted an EOI to fund the exercise equipment and the cycle path which had been successful and the PC has now been invited to submit a full application. The deadline for submission is October.

RESOLVED: AS/Clerk to look at application to determine the requirements & see if any more quotes are required.

9.3 ZVCA Fun Day:

The Fun Day will take place on 3rd September. Any work on the playing field needs to avoid this date. **NOTED.**

9.4 Any Other Matters to Report:

CW asked for permission to purchase another bottle of Weedkill so that the volunteers can continue the weed treatment. **RESOLVED: Permission granted for bottle of Weedkill to be purchased.**

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 Signage, Replacement Stile and Path Clearance – St. Allen Church to Ventontrissick & Ventontrissick to Vicarage Downs:

CW has organised to use the Cormac Tool Truck in September (date tbc) so that the stile and sign can be repaired on the above footpath. This will be a community project. Cormac will provide volunteers to help with the work and once the date is confirmed, CW will be asking for volunteers from the community.

11.2 CW advised that the footpath from Lanteague to Little Lanteague is on the REACT list to be cleared next winter. Once this is done, Cornwall Council will reclassify it as a silver path.

12. Correspondence:

12.1 A grant request had been received from Cornwall Air Ambulance. JM declared an interest and AH took over as Chair. A discussion took place and it was **RESOLVED that as there were no grant requests at the AGM, to award a grant of £200.**

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

13.1

Income:	£	0.00
HSBC Community Account:	£	18,645.79
HSBC Business Account:	£	28,610.82

RESOLVED: Accounts totalling £2080.00 were approved for payment.

14. Agenda Items for the August Meeting:

15.1 No new items. It was asked who is responsible for cutting the hedges along the main road in Zelah. The hedges that border the pavements are the PC's responsibility, any others are the responsibility of the landowner. The Clerk will ask the contractor to cut the pavement creep.

15. Date of the Next Meeting:

15.1 The next meeting will be held on **Monday 21st August 2023, venue & time tbc**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30hrs

Signed:.....
CHAIRMAN

Date.....