

**ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 16th OCTOBER 2023
AT COSTAIN DEPOT, CARLAND CROSS**

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

Apologies: Cllr. A Hare

In Attendance: Mrs K Rees (Clerk); CCllr. A Harvey (ADH); Dave James (DJ)(Costain); 6 Members of the Public

1. Chairman's Announcements:

1.1 None.

2. A30 Carland Cross to Chiverton:

- 2.1 DJ was hoping to have a member of the construction team at tonight's meeting but they were unable to attend. The following was discussed/reported:
- The Parish could raise the possibility with National Highways of Costain's office building being moved to the Parish.
 - A list of forthcoming road closures has been sent to the Clerk.
 - Due to the unseasonal weather, Costain has made huge progress this Autumn. However, the opening date of the dual carriageway is now the 29th March 2024.
 - Trevalso tunnel is waterproof. The road now needs to be laid over the top.
 - Allet tunnel is complete.
 - The majority of the earth works at Carland Cross are complete. However, Costain is still waiting for permission from Heritage England to go over the burrow.
 - The culverts on Church Lane are complete. CW advised that the pedestrian underpass is still flooded. DJ said that the work will be completed this year but could not give an exact date.
 - Chybucca is nearly complete and the B3284 has reopened Northbound.
 - CW asked why the Cornish hedges have posts and rails in front of it. DJ has no idea why but will try and find out.
 - It was asked when Pennycomequick would reopen. DJ confirmed that this is likely to be March as the priority is to finish the dual carriageway.
 - DJ confirmed that there are several wildlife tunnels along the route.
 - Work to the ramps at Tolgroggan Bridge has stopped. This is because despite being built to spec, the concrete over the top of the bridge failed to reach the required standard & must be re-laid. It is hoped that the bridge will open in January 2024 but DJ will confirm.
 - CW asked for an update on the planting schemes. DJ advised that these haven't gone out to tender yet. However, detailed plans are available and he agreed to send copies to the Clerk.
 - The bridleway to Hill House will stay tarmacked and will reopen once Tolgroggan Bridge has opened.
 - JM again requested that the Parish Council be given some of the surplus badger tunnel piping for the playing field. DJ agreed to follow this up.
 - DJ is continuing to pressure the contractor to come and do the agreed works at the Playing Field.

- JM once again asked who was responsible for the no right turns into the village as now that the holiday traffic has vastly reduced, there is no need for these to be in place. DJ suggested writing to Allan Harris/Neil Winter at National Highways.

3. Suggestions from Members of the Public

- 3.1 A local resident requested that the hedges on the road at Cost-Is-Lost be trimmed. He would be happy to do it but would need the landowner's permission. JM advised that he had spoken to Cormac last winter who said that cutting the hedges would encourage speeding traffic so it was left. However, at least one side now needs cutting.

RESOLVED: Clerk to send letter to the appropriate properties, asking the owners to cut their hedges.

- 3.2 Several local residents attended the meeting to discuss the Hawkins Arms. Residents have formed a Community Interest Company (CIC). They feel that this is the best way to challenge the pub's closing and the intention is to submit a bid to purchase the pub. They have sought the advice of several organisations; the company has been set up and a bank account opened. The start up budget will be £3 - £3.5k and £1000 has already been raised. However, they would like a grant from the Parish Council to assist with the start-up costs including a valuation and business plan.

RESOLVED: To Bring Agenda Item 14 Forward.

A lengthy discussion ensued on how the costs could be funded. The Clerk advised that under Section 137, the maximum amount of funding that could be allocated this financial year is £3316.62. However, £200 had already been spent. The amount requested would be approximately 24% of the Parish Council's precept. As the expenditure had not been budgeted, it would have to be paid for out of reserves which would be depleted. It would not be possible to grant further funding in the future without increasing the precept considerably.

It was proposed by AS that the CIC apply to the Lanyon Fund for £1500. It was suggested that the remaining £1500 be granted from the Solar Farm Community Benefit, providing that the project met the criteria.

RESOLVED: In principle £1500 granted from the Lanyon Fund and £1500 from the Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund, providing that the appropriate criteria are met. JM to check the agreement and confirm.

ADH advised that he may be able to allocate £1000 from his Community Chest Fund, if the project that the money had originally been allocated for has been shelved.

4. Minutes

- 4.1 CW asked for clarification on the Street Cleansing Contract. JM advised that Cubert Parish Council had written to Cornwall Council, copying in all affected parishes, expressing concern at the reduction in funding. With the PC's agreement, he felt it would be prudent to wait for the outcome of the complaint in case the funding is reinstated. This approach was agreed by the PC.

- 4.2 **RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2023, as circulated, were approved, and signed by the Chairman.**

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

None.

6. Police Matters:

None.

7. Cornwall Councillor Report:

7.1 ADH advised that Roger Gates is temporarily taking over as our Community Area Partnership Manager while Helen Fincham is off work.

8. Planning:

8.1

PA23/08059	Roskief	NMA to decision PA20/00105 for window & door position changes following internal layout changes. External material changes.	JM declared an interest & PM took over as Chair. Following a discussion, it was RESOLVED to comment without information on the exact changes, it was impossible for the PC to make an informed decision.
PA23/00024/NDP	St. Newlyn East & Mitchell Neighbourhood Plan		NOTED.

8.2 Decisions:

PA23/07311 (Brae Cottage): S52/S106 Conditions Discharges

PA23/05372 (Nancarrow Farm Kitchen): Approved

PA23/06732 (Art's Yard): Approved

8.3 STARE Planning Document: Agenda item next month.

9. Playing Field:

9.1 Installation of the Toddler Tower; Groundworks & Gate:

See 2.1 for groundworks update. The toddler tower has been installed. It was confirmed that the small pedestrian gate will be closed in due course. **NOTED.**

9.2 Application for a Community Infrastructure Levy Grant:

The application has been submitted. Several queries on the application have been received which AS/CW/Clerk are in the process of responding too. **NOTED.**

9.3 Any Other Matters to Report:

AS commented that the contractor had not picked up the grasscuttings when he did the last cut. Clerk will contact the contractor to ask why. **NOTED.**

10. Highway Issues:

10.1 SpeedWatch: Item to be removed from the agenda for the time-being.

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

11.1 CW advised that an illegal stile has been erected on the Trerice to Trefornick Footpath. This has been reported. **NOTED.**

11.2 CW advised that the community volunteer day was disappointing as they were unable to do the work intended. CW has contacted the Footpath Officer to express disappointment and is hoping to rearrange the event for another day. **NOTED.**

12. Parish Councillor Vacancy:

12.1 The Local Government Act 1972 states that if a Councillor does not attend for 6 months, they automatically lose their seat. Therefore, due to non-attendance, Michelle McLaughlin has lost her seat on the Parish Council. The election notice will be posted on 18th October, and providing that 10 people do not request an election, the PC will be free to co-opt a new member. This is likely to be at the January meeting. **NOTED.**

13. Request for Financial Support from the Zelah One & All Community Group:

13.1 Item dealt with under 3.2.

14. 80th Anniversary of D-Day

14.1 Further investigation had taken place and it was discussed that it would be more appropriate to hold a memorial event, possibly at the Church. Agenda item in January.

15. Correspondence:

15.1 Cornwall Council – Polling Districts & Polling Places Review: Clerk to respond and advise that as the Hawkins Arms is no longer open an alternative venue may have to be found.

15.2 Cornwall Council – Saints Trail Consultation

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

16.1

Income:	£ 7385.00
HSBC Community Account:	£25,599.74
HSBC Business Account:	£28,728.42

RESOLVED: Accounts totalling £5083.54 were approved for payment (see appendix 1).

17. Agenda Items for the November Meeting:

17.1 No new items

17.2 On behalf of the ZVCA, CW asked for permission for a Christmas garland to be put on the front of the bus shelter and for a Christmas post box to be put in the bus shelter. **RESOLVED: Permission granted for both items to be placed as specified.**

18. Date of the Next Meeting:

18.1 The next meeting will be held on **Monday 20th November 2023, Costain Depot, Carland Cross**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.33hrs

Signed:.....
CHAIRMAN

Date.....