

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

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

Apologies: None.

In Attendance: Mrs K Rees (Clerk); Cllr. A Harvey (ADH)

1. Co-Option of New Member:

1.1 Unfortunately, there were no candidates. Vacancy to be readvertised.

2. Chairman's Announcements:

2.1 None.

3. A30 Carland Cross to Chiverton:

3.1 CW expressed disappointment that she has asked several times to see the landscape plans but they haven't been forthcoming and now it is too late for any changes to be made.

3.2 It was discussed that there are several issues that need to be monitored to ensure that they are dealt with before Costain leave site. These include replacing the hedge at Tolcarne Corner; repair to Tregard Corner at Boxheater Junction where the lorries have been turning; the quality of the road surfacing at Ventonteague;

3.3 Although, it was been built to specification, the turn off the A30 by Mertons Lodge is very narrow and is an accident waiting to happen. Clerk to ask Costain for comment.

3.4 AS asked for confirmation from Costain that the road is still on schedule to be open on 29th March 2024.

RESOLVED: Clerk to bring up all issues with Costain.

4. Suggestions from Members of the Public

None.

5. Minutes

5.1 ***RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2023, as circulated, were approved, and signed by the Chairman.***

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

None.

7. Police Matters:

No report. The Clerk advised that the next Police Liaison Meeting takes place on 15th January.

8. Cornwall Councillor Report:

- 8.1 Although not in the Parish, ADH advised that the windturbine at Ventonteague is apparently not connected to the grid.
- 8.2 The methane storage plant at Trewerry Farm has cost double the projected budget.
- 8.3 The Mid-Cornwall Metro and Devolution Deal have been voted in by the Cabinet. Members were not asked to vote which seems undemocratic. £56mn will be spent on the Newquay to Par Section of the Metro.
- 8.4 Cornwall Council wants to build 30 solar farms in the Mid-Cornwall area. One Councillor has resigned due to the approval of the solar farm at Fraddon.

9. Planning:

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PA23/09261	Tretherres	Conversion, extension of granite barn to form dwelling with associated works.	<i>SUPPORT in principle: development must use renewable energy & use of unclassified road by public must remain.</i>
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9.2 Decisions:

PA23/01480 (Trelewick): Refused.

- 9.3 Hawkins Arms: A discussion ensued. An update is expected from the Head of Public Sector Housing within 48hours. If this is not forthcoming, it was ***RESOLVED to give the Chair & Clerk delegated rights to make a formal complaint.***

10. Playing Field:

10.1 CIL Funding:

The PC is delighted to have been awarded a grant of £66,000 to install a cycle path and exercise equipment in the Playing Field. Thanks were expressed to AS, CW & the Clerk for their work in submitting the application. AS will contact the cycle path contractor to check that the original quote it still valid and the Clerk will contact the supplier of the exercise equipment to progress the order.

10.2 Groundworks & Gate:

The agreed work has still not been undertaken. ***Clerk to chase Costain.***

10.3 Grant Application to the National Highways Social Fund:

The Clerk had met a representative of PISW on site to discuss the current equipment and the type of play equipment that could be installed for the budget. A quote had been received for a 'cone climber' or a 'clamber stack' which the Clerk had circulated. A discussion ensued.

RESOLVED: Clerk to submit an application to the National Highways Social Fund for a Clamber Stack.

11. Highway Issues:

11.1 Street Cleansing Grant:

The Clerk had circulated the response from Cornwall Council to her recent letter. The response is definitive and there will be no increase to the grant offer made. A discussion ensued.

RESOLVED: St. Allen Parish Council to hand back the Street Cleansing Contract to Cornwall Council. Clerk to inform the grasscutting contractor that the road sweeping can be removed from the PC's contract with the extra budget to be used for other maintenance jobs in the Parish when they arise.

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

12.1 Footpath 319/3/2 Vicarage Downs:

CW advised that this path is very overgrown and has not been cut by the contractor. The Clerk will double check the LMP schedule for the number of cuts required per annum and ask the contractor to do it, if it has not been done.

NOTED.

13. Correspondence:

13.1 Cornwall Council Off-Street Parking Order 2024 (**Noted**)

CAP Young Person's Working Group (**Noted**)

Cornwall Council: Planning Consultation Responses (**Noted**)

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

14.1

Income:	£ 0
HSBC Community Account:	£21,300.44
HSBC Business Account:	£27,228.42

RESOLVED: Accounts totalling £280.00 were approved for payment (see appendix 1).

14.2 Precept 24/25:

The Clerk had circulated the proposed budget for 24/25. A discussion ensued and it was agreed to increase the Precept by 3% for 24/25.

RESOLVED: Budget for 24/25 £18,090, Precept for 24/25 £15,300

15. Agenda Items for the January Meeting:

15.1 No new items

16. Date of the Next Meeting:

16.1 The next meeting will be held on **Monday 15th January 2023, Costain Depot, Carland Cross (tbc)**

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

Signed:.....
CHAIRMAN

Date.....