

**aST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 15th JANUARY 2024
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); Dave James & Lee Piper (Costain); 6 Members of the Public

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 Dave James (DJ) & Lee Piper (LP) gave a slide presentation on the current position. The following was discussed:

- The opening date of the whole road has been pushed back to 26th April, largely due to the weather. Pennycomequick will open in July; Trevalso will open in August; Allet Road will open in September; Tolgroggan Bridge is likely to open in August/September.
- DJ will find out how the cycle/walking route will tie into the Carland Cross Junction.
- JM had previously contacted DJ about the damage to Jubilee Gardens. It is imperative that both the grass and daffodils are reinstated.
- The corner at Mertons Lodge as turn from Chybucca is extremely narrow. The bus is struggling to turn and cars/vans are often having to reverse when a bus comes round the corner. This issue needs to be addressed as it is dangerous.
- JM asked if the slip roads at Shortlanesend could be kept open when the A30 is shut but unfortunately this is not feasible.
- The underpass at Trevalso is flooded after heavy rain. However, the drainage is not yet installed.
- DJ has chased the promised work to the Recreation Ground. However, this is unlikely to happen until Spring due to the weather and the focus on getting the A30 open. LP said that Costain would provide a gate for the recreation ground if we confirm the size.
- The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at the Costain Offices on 19th February.

4. Suggestions from Members of the Public

- 4.1 Members of the Zelah One & All Group had attended the meeting to update the Parish Council and discuss the appeal which is now underway. The following was discussed:
- An independent valuation had now been received which is considerably less than the amount the site is currently being marketed for.

- The Group has a meeting on 16th January to decide their next steps.
- The independent survey had confirmed that there was no appropriate fire escape in the building.
- The Environmental Health Officer had served a Section 16 Notice and will undertake a site visit in January.

The Parish Council then discussed their response to the Appeal Inspector.

RESOLVED: Clerk to draft response using the original objection but include the overdevelopment of the site & the lack of intention to reopen the pub. Draft response to be circulated to Councillors for approval before submission.

5. Minutes:

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

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- 6.1 None.

7. Police Matters:

- 7.1 No report.

8. Cornwall Councillor Report:

- 8.1 ADH advised that application PA23/04550 to build 3 x houses on Land South East of Lowarth House had been approved by the Planning Committee.
- 8.2 JM advised that he had reported potholes at Balstyle and a blocked drain at Cost-Is-Lost.

9. Planning:

- 9.1 There were no applications or decisions.
- 9.2 Hawkins Arms Planning Appeal: Dealt with under Minute Ref. 4.1
- 9.3 The Clerk advised that a Pre-Application had been submitted for a 32 pitch caravan and camping site with parking at Pennare Farm.
- 9.4 ADH advised that the siting of two caravans without permission at the cattle shed half way along Soloman Lane has been reported to enforcement. It was commented that a cattle shed had also been built on the site without permission. This also needs reporting to Planning Enforcement.

10. Playing Field:

10.1 Groundworks & Gate:

Dealt with under Minute Ref 3.1.

10.2 Grant Application to the National Highways Social Fund:

The Clerk has submitted the application and is now waiting for a decision.

10.3 Installation of Cycle Path and Fitness Equipment:

The terms and condition of the CIL grant have still not been received. AS has spoken to the supplier of the cycle path and is waiting for a requote based on a slightly shorter path as Costain will be doing a short section. The Clerk has spoken to the supplier of the fitness equipment and they are ready to proceed when required. It was commented that the drain pipes for the children to play in should be installed before the path. JM will follow this up with Costain.

11. Highway Issues:

11.1 No Issues to report.

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

12.1 Vicarage Downs Footpath:

The Clerk had spoken to the contractor who thought that he had cut all the paths. However, CW advised that the gorse is very overgrown and the path is impassable. The Clerk will follow this up again. **NOTED.**

13. Correspondence:

13.1 Complaint about fireworks at an Airbnb on New Years Eve: JM will contact the owners of the Airbnb to discuss further. **NOTED.**

13.2 Overzealous lights at Trenerry Farm: JM will follow this up. **NOTED.**

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

14.1

Income: £ 6304.91

HSBC Community Account: £27,325.35

HSBC Business Account: £27,228.42

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

15. Agenda Items for the February Meeting:

15.1 No new items

16. Date of the Next Meeting:

16.1 The next meeting will be held on **Monday 19th February 2024, Costain Depot, Carland Cross**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.59hrs

Signed:.....
CHAIRMAN

Date.....