

**ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 18th MARCH 2024
AT THE COSTAIN DEPOT, CARLAND CROSS**

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

Apologies: None

In Attendance: Mrs K Rees (Clerk); Cllr. A Harvey (ADH); Mr Dave James (Costain) (DJ); 1 Member of the Public

1. Co-Option of New Member:

1.1 Unfortunately, there were still no candidates. Vacancy will carry on being advertised.

2. Chairman's Announcements:

2.1 None.

3. A30 Carland Cross to Chiverton:

3.1 DJ gave a slide presentation showing the works to date. Special reference was made to the following:

- Tolgroggan Bridge will be open in early September. The delay is due to drainage issues.
- DJ will send the planting schedule for Zelah Hill to Trevalso to Church Lane where the hedge and scrub has been removed. This hedge screens the village from the lights of lorries and tall sided vehicles.
- DJ will ask the person in charge of the planting schemes to attend the next Parish Council meeting.
- DJ confirmed that the dual carriageway will be open both ways in June.
- DJ was in agreement that the traffic lights at the Western end of the Village should be removed as soon as practically possible. However, this decision is not down to him.
- A consultation on any proposed changes to the priority at Boxheater Junction with the new B3288 should be held.
- The April Parish Council Meeting will be held at the Costain Depot, Carland Cross.

4. Suggestions from Members of the Public

4.1 Mr John Spear from Tretherres Farm introduced himself to the PC and gave a brief history of the site. A query was raised last month regarding the occupation of the owner of Tretherres Bungalow who had submitted a planning application for a Certificate of Lawfulness so that the agricultural tie can be removed on the property. Mr Spear confirmed that he does not work in agriculture.

5. Minutes:

5.1 ***RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2024, 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. JM advised that Inspector Blackford had attended the recent Community Network Meeting who confirmed that PCs should start to receive police reports again in the next month.

8. Cornwall Councillor Report:

8.1 ADH advised that Cornwall Council had voted for a 4.99% increase to Council Tax and an increase to the Tamar Bridge Toll.

9. Planning:

9.1 Applications:

PA24/01399	Barn at Tretherres Barn	Conversion, extension of existing granite barn to form dwelling	SUPPORT with proviso that unclassified road remains open (P/S: JM/JO)
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9.2 Decisions:

PA24/00918 (Tretherres Bungalow): Granted

PA23/084340 (Little Acorn): Approved

PA23/09261(Tretherres Farm): Refused

9.3 The Clerk advised that an appeal had been submitted for the application to build up to 5 dwellings for self-build. A response was discussed.

RESOLVED: Clerk to submit a response maintaining the PC's support, stating 'that the site is an infill site and this small development would grow the village in a sympathetic and sustainable way'. P/S: AH/PM (1 against)

9.4 The Clerk advised that Cornwall Council is now undertaking a 'Call for Sites' for sites that may be available for development in the future.

10. Playing Field:

10.1 Park Refurbishment Update:

- The CIL Agreement has been signed.
- Costain has kindly agreed to supply the sub-surface.
- Subject to weather, the groundworks will hopefully commence on 2nd April with the installation of the path starting at the end of April.
- The fitness equipment will be installed adjacent to the path, once the installation of the path is complete.

10.2 Grant Application to the National Highways Social Fund:

The revised application has been submitted and we are awaiting the decision.

11. Highway Issues:

11.1 No Issues to report.

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

12.1 CW has started to treat the algae on the Polstain Footpath. This has worked well and she will continue with the treatment. AS volunteered to help.

12.2 It was commented that BIFFA has started the street cleansing and have done a very good job.

12.3 The ZVCA would like to plant a Christmas tree on the verge at Two Burrows and at Jubilee Gardens.

RESOLVED: PC to fund the purchase of two Christmas trees. Clerk to contact Western Power to ask them to remove the redundant telegraph pole.

12.4 The ZVCA, in conjunction with the PC, has organised a pop-up event on 24th March at 10.30am to weed Jubilee Gardens.

13. Proposed Use of the Former Pub as Polling Place

13.1 The former Hawkins Arms will be used as a polling place for the Police & Crime Commissioner Elections. There is a lot of concern amongst the public about this and turnout may be low. JM has contacted the Council to ask for a temporary structure but the request was refused.

RESOLVED: St. Allen Parish Council objects to the use of the former pub as a polling place. It is undemocratic and residents will not want to vote. ADH will contact the Head of Democratic Services to express dissatisfaction and request that a temporary building is used.

14. Correspondence:

14.1 None.

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

14.1

Income:	£ 0
HSBC Community Account:	£24,365.35
HSBC Business Account:	£27,228.42

RESOLVED: Accounts totalling £1588.35 were approved for payment (see appendix 1).

16. Agenda Items for the April Meeting:

16.1 No new items

17. Date of the Next Meeting:

17.1 The next meeting will be held on **Monday 15th April 2024, Costain Depot, Carland Cross**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.18hrs

Signed:.....
CHAIRMAN

Date.....