

**ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 15TH APRIL 2024
AT THE COSTAIN DEPOT, CARLAND CROSS**

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

Apologies: None

In Attendance: Mrs K Rees (Clerk); Cllr. A Harvey (ADH); Mr Dave James & Mr Lee Piper (Costain) (DJ); 2 Members of the Public

1. Co-Option of New Member:

1.1 Mr Rob Hatt introduced himself and gave a brief presentation as to why he would like to join the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: Mr Rob Hatt co-opted onto St. Allen Parish Council. He signed the Declaration of Office and joined the meeting.

2. Chairman's Announcements:

2.1 None.

3. A30 Carland Cross to Chiverton:

3.1 Mr Dave James (DL) and Mr Lee Piper (LP) showed a series of videos showing the works to date. Special reference was made to the following:

- The Westbound slip road at Carland Cross will not be open by the end of May. Options are being looked at.
- Following the major switch at the weekend, there was some driver confusion today so signage along the whole route is being looked at tonight to try to make things clearer.
- Drivers can now go from Zelah to Shortlanesend. The traffic lights are no longer operational and you can turn left onto the A30 and then right. It was commented that the sign still says 'no left turn' but this should be removed tonight.
- The poor condition of the road from Boxheater to Goonhavern was mentioned. However, this is the responsibility of Cornwall Council, not National Highways.
- Pennycomequick/Trevalso is scheduled to be open by the end of July.
- The main dual carriageway is still on schedule to be open by mid-June.
- DJ still does not have a firm date for the groundworks at the Playing Field. JM advised that our contractor is ready to go and it is unfair to keep messing them around. DJ promised to come back with an exact date by the end of the week.
- LP offered to take the PC on a minibus tour of the new road before the next meeting on 20th May. It was agreed to meet at 6.30pm to do the tour, and start the AGM at 7.30pm.

4. Suggestions from Members of the Public

4.1 Ms Nikki Ingram asked the PC to consider the possibility of putting in allotments in the Parish as she felt it would be beneficial to the community. She had undertaken a survey and 30 residents had expressed an interest in having a plot.

The suggestion is 15 – 20 plots. JM advised that the issue of allotments had been looked at several times over the last ten years but there is no land available. Several land options were discussed, Trewithen Estates had previously been approached without success. It may be possible to include some allotments as part of the development on Land East of Roseland Terrace but this application is at appeal.

RESOLVED: Agenda item next month. In meantime, Clerk to approach Trewithen to see if the situation had changed.

RESOLVED: To bring agenda item 10 forward

5. Planning

5.1 Ms Denise Major spoke in support of application PA24/02698.

PA24/02698	Lowarth House	Erection of new garage with 1 st floor home office & storage area for domestic & residential use with connection to the main dwelling	SUPPORT (P/S: AH/CW)
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5.2 There were no decisions.

6. Minutes:

6.1 **RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2024, as circulated, were approved, and signed by the Chairman.** (P/S: AH/AS)

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

6.1 None.

8. Police Matters:

8.1 No report.

9. Cornwall Councillor Report:

9.1 The Leader of Cornwall Council, Linda Taylor, is hosting a 'Meet the Resident' event on 9th May at 7pm in Perranporth Memorial Hall. This is an opportunity to ask Cllr. Taylor anything about Cornwall Council and the service it provides.

9.2 Councillors are now unable to ask Parish Councillors/Objectors questions during Planning Committee Meetings. This decision was made by the Scrutiny Committee and as many Cornwall Councillors object to this policy, it will be reviewed and the issue hopefully be resolved by June.

10. Planning:

10.1 Dealt with under 5.1.

11. Playing Field:

11.1 Park Refurbishment Update:

There is little progress on the actual works as everything hinges on Costain (see 3.1). The Clerk has received the deposit invoices from TK Play and PISW Ltd and has submitted the first grant claim to Cornwall Council. The quote for the safety matting is £1535. However, the Council has agreed that this can be paid for out of the surplus VAT money awarded in the grant. She has asked if the remaining surplus can be used towards additional fitness equipment and is waiting for a response. **NOTED.**

11.2 Grant Application to the National Highways Social Fund:

The Clerk was pleased to advise that a grant of £8756.16 has been awarded. Thanks were expressed to National Highways. There is a surplus of £1459.36 above the quotation submitted and it was agreed that this would be spent on benches/additional play equipment. **NOTED.**

12. Highway Issues:

12.1 None.

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

13.1 The Clerk has applied to National Grid to have the telegraph pole at Two Burrows Hill removed. However, it cannot be decommissioned as there is still an open wire attached to the pole. JM has responded to ask if the cables lying on the ground can be removed. **NOTED.**

14. Proposed Use of the Former Pub as Polling Place

14.1 Cllr. Harvey had written to the Council's Chief Executive but did not receive a reply. After chasing, a response was finally received from the Head of Electoral Services who confirmed that it is legal to have a Polling Station in a private home and that the Council is not prepared to use an alternative venue. This is wholly unsatisfactory. A discussion ensued.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to Cheryl Mackrory MP to express dissatisfaction and advise that the Polling Station should be a public building in the centre of the Parish such as St. Allen Church or a portable building at Chapel Court or Roseland Terrace. (P/S: AS/CC. AH abstained)

15. Correspondence:

15.1 None.

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

14.1

Income:	£ 0
HSBC Community Account:	£22,777.00
HSBC Business Account:	£27,228.42

RESOLVED: Accounts totalling £396.40 were approved for payment (see appendix 1).

14.2 Internal Audit 23/24: The Clerk had received a quote from Mr David Wright to undertake this year's Audit.

RESOLVED: PC appoint David Wright to carry out the Internal Audit 23/24

17. Agenda Items for the May Meeting:

17.1 Allotments

18. Date of the Next Meeting:

18.1 The next meeting incl. AGM will be held on **Monday 20th May 2024, Costain Depot, Carland Cross. PC to meet at 6.30pm for minibus tour of the A30. AGM to commence at 7.30pm.**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.27hrs

Signed:.....
CHAIRMAN

Date.....