

**ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024, 7PM  
AT ST. ALLEN PARISH CHURCH**

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

Apologies: Dave James & Nick Cooper (Costain)

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

1. Chairman's Announcements:

1.1 None.

2. A30 Carland Cross to Chiverton:

2.1 There was no update as Costain were not in attendance. The following comments were made:

- Aside from approx. 20m, the road from Tolgroggan to the Shortlandsend turning has now been tarmacked.
- The boarded fence under Tolgroggan Bridge has kinked during Storm Darragh and needs repairing.
- The boarded fences along the new B3288 should either be mounds of earth, as they were previously, or Cornish hedging.
- The underbridge at Church Lane will not be tarmacked, as per the spec from Cornwall Council. However, the gravel base has not been finished properly. The surface is muddy and boggy. The drains are on the upwards slope on both slides of the tunnel and nearly 15ft from the St. Allen tributary so water cannot run into this and is flooding the area. It was agreed to follow this up with Cornwall Council.
- CW had asked Costain to scrape Church Lane East but it has not been done. A local farmer has offered to undertake the work and it was **RESOLVED to ask them to proceed.**
- The Clerk will ask Costain for an update on the progress of the works and will circulate.

3. Suggestions from Members of the Public:

3.1 A local resident advised that since the A30 works, the trout lakes at her property have been fed by an attenuation pond. The lakes are now totally contaminated with road rubble and the wildlife using the lake has gone. The resident has reported this to several agencies including Cornwall Council, the Environment Agency etc. without success. The resident was advised to contact Jayne Kirkham MP and Cllr. Harvey agreed to contact Cllr. Donnithorne, Portfolio Holder for Transport. The Clerk commented that she has contacted Cllr. Donnithorne several times but never receives a response.

4. Minutes

4.1 **RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024, as circulated, were approved, and signed by the Chairman.** (P/S: RH/AS)

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

5.1 None.

6. Police Matters:

6.1 No report.

7. Cornwall Councillor Report:

7.1 Cllr. Harvey has emailed Sharon Bundy, with a copy to Cllr. Donnithorne, to request that Pennycomequick is re-opened before the old A30 is shut to create the badger crossing, as the residents there will be completely cut off.

7.2 The Planning Committee refused permission for the proposed solar farm at Carland Cross.

8. CAP Report:

8.1 No report. Next meeting is in January.

9. Planning:

9.1 Applications:

PA24/07107	Caralsa Farm	Two-storey extension	<b>SUPPORT</b> (P/S: JM/AH)
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9.2 Decisions/Appeals:

PA24/07287 (Barn E, Gwarnick Mill Farm):

Prior approval not required for change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse.

PA24/07429 (Woodwards Barn): Approved

PA23/01480 (Trelewick): Appeal allowed

9.3 Former Hawkins Arms: The Clerk had circulated the report from the Enforcement Officer which stated that although the renting of two rooms is deemed a breach of planning control, the Council would not pursue formal action at this time. The case will be under long-term review and reassessed in 6 months' time. Disappointment was expressed and a discussion ensued. ADH advised that he has asked the Enforcement Officer to attend a PC meeting to explain the reasons behind the decision but the Officer had refused. A representative from Zelah One and All gave an update on the group's latest position.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to ask Enforcement Officer for clarification of a number of points.** The Clerk advised that the Council has agreed to use St. Allen Parish Church as a polling place in the future.

10. Playing Field:

10.1 Park Refurbishment Update: The additional piece of agri-flex path and the play panels have been installed. Subject to weather, the gate and tarmac work will be done in January. **NOTED.**

10.2 Any Other Matters to Report:

The wall that was cut through to allow for the extra piece of agri-flex path to be installed needs to be tidied up with mortar. **RESOLVED: RH to look into the work required and action, if possible.** The existing pedestrian gate entrance will be closed, once the tarmac has been laid.

11. Highway Issues:

11.1 Several potholes have been repaired and Polstain Footpath swept. However, potholes at Cost-Is-Lost and Trevalso are reappearing which need to be reported. The drain outside Chaple Close has still not been cleared.

- 11.2 JM advised that some of the beech trees need to be removed due to a lack of space. This will also improve the light and moss on the footpath. CW advised that Jubilee Gardens also needs to be tidied. **RESOLVED: Community volunteer day to be organised in January to undertake both tasks**
- 11.3 CW advised that she is in possession of the two village Christmas trees which need to be planted.
- 11.4 The Clerk will chase Cormac for an answer to the 'road unsuitable for HGVs' sign request

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

- 12.1 CW advised that there is still no progress on the proposed bridleway from St. Friedas to Twoburrows.
- 12.2 CW has started to map leisure, heritage and cultural assets in the Parish for inclusion in our Neighbourhood Planning Statement. **Ongoing.**
- 12.3 JM advised that sadly, a dog had fallen down an uncapped mineshaft near Cotton Springs recently. The mine shaft is in Perranzabuloe Parish.  
**RESOLVED: JM to send location to Clerk so she can inform Perranzabuloe Parish Council**

13. Allotment Provision in the Parish:

- 13.1 The Clerk advised that with the exception of Trewithen Estates, there had been no response to the letter sent to local landowners asking for a suitable piece of land for allotments. It was agreed to take the item off the agenda until further information is available.

14. Polling Station Provision in the Parish:

- 14.1 Dealt with under 9.3.

15. Emergency Plan:

- 15.1 The Clerk had circulated Cornwall Council's standard document. It was agreed that CW would liaise with the Clerk to start drafting the document.

16. Correspondence:

- 16.1 Cornwall Council (Consultation - Off-Street Parking Order 2025): The matter was discussed, and it was **RESOLVED to respond to the consultation, objecting to the proposal to transfer 25 car parks to a private operator as this will have an impact on local businesses where parking is normally free over the winter.**

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

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| Income:                 | £7036.26   |
| HSBC Community Account: | £17989.90  |
| HSBC Business Account:  | £27,772.96 |
- RESOLVED: Accounts totalling £6771.69 were approved for payment (see appendix 1).**
- 16.2 Precept 25/26: The Clerk had circulated a proposed budget for 25/26. The second home council tax premium will have a small impact on the figures.

However, the PC must include an allowance for the Parish Council elections in May and it would be prudent to start earmarking some money for playground equipment maintenance. A discussion ensued.

**RESOLVED: Budget for 25/26 £19,485 with a Precept of £16,100. This is a £2.86 per annum increase on a Band D property or 3.02%.**

18. Agenda Items for the December Meeting:

18.1 No new items.

19. Date of the Next Meeting:

19.1 The next meeting will be held on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 19.00hrs, Costain Depot, Carland Cross**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.51hrs

Signed:.....  
CHAIRMAN

Date.....