

**ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 20th MAY 2025, 7.15PM
AT ST. ALLEN PARISH CHURCH**

Present: Cllr. C Wilson (CW) (Chair)
Cllr. A Hulks (AH)
Cllr. A Stallard (AS)
Cllr. R Hatt (RH)
Cllr. C Laity (CL)

Apologies: Derek Ebbatson & Cllr. R Barker

In Attendance: Mrs K Rees (Clerk); Dave James & Phil Grosvenor (Costain); Jason Stanton (National Highways); 2 Members of the Public

1. Chairman's & Public Safety Announcement:

- 1.1 The Chairman welcomed the new Councillors and advised the public safety information.

2. Suggestions from Members of the Public:

- 2.1 None.

3. A30 Carland Cross to Chiverton:

- 3.1 Dave James, Phil Grosvenor & Jason Stanton gave the following update:
(Costain) gave the following update:

- There will be four weeks of overnight closures on the A30 starting 9th June. The first week of closures will see the A30 closed in both directions, plus the B3285 and A39; Week 2 the closure will be from Carland Cross to Scorrier; Weeks 3 & 4 the closure will be from Carland Cross to Chiverton. Works to Tolgroggan will take place during this closure.
- Church Lane Underpass is now likely to open in mid-August as there are procurement issues with the speciality lighting (shielding down).
- Trevalso is scheduled for surfacing at the end of June/beginning of July and will open shortly after.
- Good progress is being made at Pennycomequick and the sub-base is currently being laid. This is likely to reopen end of July/start of August.
- The Green Bridge is still subject to some design detailing and is scheduled to reopen end of June.
- The tunnel and cycleway at Carland Cross is likely to open in the middle of August.
- The Chiverton Interchange is likely to appear as 'Chiverton Cross' on the signage.
- The works between Boxheater and Carland Cross were completed before Easter to further closures were not required.
- DJ will confirm that 'Zelah' will be on the signage at Carland North.
- The earthbank outside Four Winds will be resculpted, reduced in height and returned to heathland.
- CW & AS had met Jayne Kirkham MP about the reinstatement of the Cornish Hedge on the Southside of the old A30 who will contact National Highways on the PC's behalf. The planked fencing is an eyesore and the issue is not the height but the visual impact. PG/JS advised that hedging and shrubs will be planted on the A30 side of the fencing which is necessary to encourage growth. Once the shrubs and hedge is established, the planked fencing can then be reduced in height.

- DJ advised that Costain did not remove any specific Cornish hedging. Hedging removed from Henver Lane exit to the layby will be replaced. This was disputed. It is clear from planning documents and other literature that the Cornish stone hedge from Zelah Hill to Trevalso was still in-situ up until 2023 should have not been removed. In addition, the earth bank with trees from Trevalso Junction to the West should have been reinstated once the traffic switch to build the tunnel was completed. The PC agreed to go back to Jayne Kirkham MP to ask her to press Costain & National Highways for solution.
- PG advised that due to the road safety audit, the fencing will be extended by 40m up Zelah Hill.
- CW queried whether the 'triangle' of land West of Tregorland between the old A30 at Zelah Hill to the new A30 embankment will be planted as this has been left. DJ to confirm.
- JS advised that the contractors will return in Autumn to complete the scheduled planting. Planting plans are available on the scheme's website and there is a 5 year after care plan.
- Trevalso bank will be planted on the top but not on the slope. DJ to confirm.
- CW advised that 46 tree guards had come off in the winter storms and found in the species tunnel and Church Lane Underpass area. Costain to investigate.
- The PC will need to contact National Highways for permission to do further bulb planting/

4. Minutes

- 4.1 ***RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2025, as circulated, were approved, and signed by the Chairman.*** (P/S: RH/AS)

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- 5.1 The 'unsuitable for HGV' sign has been installed on the post by The Old Smithy.
5.2 The work to the Playing Field has now been completed.

6. Police Matters:

- 6.1 AH agreed to attend the next Police Liaison Meeting taking place on 18th June.

7. Cornwall Councillor Report:

- 7.1 Cllr. Barker has sent his apologies but is looking forward to working on behalf of the community and will attend the next meeting. In the interim, he is happy to meet Councillors to discuss the outstanding issues arising from the A30 works.
RESOLVED: Clerk to organise meeting.

8. Saints Coast CAP Report:

- 8.1 The next Saints CAP Meeting takes place in June.
8.2 CW gave a report of the meeting held with Forestry for Cornwall. It was discussed that it would be prudent to wait until the Costain planting scheme is completed to work out requirements. She is waiting for the Officer to come back with further information and will chase if she doesn't hear anything.

9. Planning:

- 9.1 Applications:
There were no applications.
- 9.2 Decisions & Other Planning Matters:
There were no other matters.

10. Playing Field:

- 10.1 CW had completed the Local Plan Mapping and had produced a report which the Clerk will circulate. Actions in the report relating to the Playing Field include repair of the broken litter bin, the installation of new benches and a request to

install a table tennis table. A discussion ensued. **RESOLVED: (i) Clerk to contact the Council to ask them to repair the bin and ask if they would like to relocate the bin now that work to the has been undertaken (ii) Clerk to get a quote for two new benches. Councillors to meet at Playing Field to decide on location (iii) Not to proceed with the installation of a table tennis table currently due to concerns over usage.**

- 10.2 AS to liaise with Jonathan McCulloch regarding the remaining work required to close the gap in the hedge.
- 10.3 The hedges on both sides of the Playing Field need cutting. Work to be scheduled in September after bird nesting season.

11. Highway Issues:

- 11.1 RH advised that the continual reporting of potholes along the road to Cost-Is-Lost is paying off as many of them have now been filled.
- 11.2 The Clerk will chase Cormac to ask when the bridge repair will be made at Engelly Dip.

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

- 12.1 Several issues had been hi-lighted on the Local Plan Mapping Report which CW had undertaken including damage to the three stiles on the Ventontrissick Footpath. Cormac has agreed to supply the materials for the work required but the PC will need to organise the repair. The landowner had agreed to do the work for a small fee. CW to get quote. Other issues to be revisited next month, once the report has been circulated so that the PC can agree priorities for funding.
- 12.2 The Footpaths Officer had agreed that the PC could do a light scrape of the top of Solomon Lane, providing that no trees are cut. As the lane is dry currently, this work will be undertaken in the Autumn.
- 12.3 RH asked whether the area cleared at Jubilee Gardens by the ZVCA could be added to the maintenance contract. The Clerk advised that the Footpath Contract is due for renewal on 30th June so any amendments could be made then. Agenda item next month.

13. Parish Council Election:

- 13.1 The co-option of a new Councillor will take place at the June meeting of the Full Council. **NOTED.**
- 13.2 Councillors were reminded that if they haven't already done so, they must undertake Code of Conduct training within 6 months of taking office. AH & AS confirmed they had already undertaken the training. Clerk to book CW/RH & CL on the course on 4th June. **NOTED.**
- 13.3 The Clerk had circulated details of forthcoming planning training organised by Cornwall Council. She advised that there is an excellent planning training resource on the Council's website with copies of past presentations. **NOTED.**
- 13.4 Councillors were reminded to send their Register of Interest forms back to the Clerk, if they had not done so already. **NOTED.**

14. Correspondence:

- 14.1 Cornwall Council (Off-Street Parking Order 2024): Despite a large response to the consultation from the public and other stakeholders, the Council will be transferring 19 car parks, including 5 in Newquay, to a private operator. **NOTED.**

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

- 15.1
 - Income: £24,782.93
 - HSBC Community Account: £35,065.57
 - HSBC Business Account: £28,032.25

RESOLVED: Accounts totalling £1692.77 were approved for payment (see appendix 1). The accounts for April totalling £628.64 which had been agreed by email, were signed as a true record.

16. Agenda Items for the June Meeting:

- 16.1 Internal Audit 24/25
- 16.2 Village Electricity Supply
- 16.3 Footpath Contract

17. Date of the Next Meeting:

- 17.1 The next meeting will be held on **Monday 16th June 2025 at 19.00hrs, St. Allen Parish Church**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.42hrs

Signed:.....
CHAIRMAN

Date.....