

**ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 16th JUNE 2025, 7.00PM
AT WESLEY HALL, ST. NEWLYN EAST**

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

Apologies: None.

In Attendance: Mrs K Rees (Clerk); Cllr. R Barker; Dave James (Costain); 1 Member of the Public

1. Chairman's & Public Safety Announcement:

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

2. Co-Option of New Councillor:

- 2.1 There was one candidate, Steve Jones, who introduced himself.
RESOLVED: Steve Jones co-opted onto St. Allen Parish Council. He duly signed the Declaration of Interest.
Derek Ebbatson has now signed the Declaration of Office and therefore, the Parish Council now has a full complement of members.

3. A30 Carland Cross to Chiverton:

- 3.1 Dave James handed over to Cllr. Barker who had compiled a remediation list of issues, both for Costain and Cornwall Council, following feedback from the meeting held on 27th May. Each item was reviewed and a course of action agreed (see appendix 2).
3.2 All civil works relating to the scheme are currently scheduled to be finished by the end of August.

4. Suggestions From Members of the Public:

- 4.1 None.

5. Minutes

- 5.1 ***RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2025, as circulated, were approved, and signed by the Chairman. The minutes of the AGM held on 20th May 2025 were accepted as a true record.*** (P/S: RH/AS)

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- 6.1 None.

7. Police Matters:

- 7.1 AH is attending the Police Liaison Meeting on 18th June and will report back to the next meeting.

8. Cornwall Councillor Report:

- 8.1 Cllr. Barker reported the following:
- Planning: No issues specific to St. Allen currently. He will provide updates on larger schemes in the area such as St. Newlina Meadows and Penhale Camp which may affect the Parish.

- Highways: Dealt with under Item 3.1
- 85/87 Bus Service: RB is currently collating information on the issues relating to the local bus service so that he can take them up with Cornwall Council. He would welcome feedback from residents, and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk would put a post of the PC's Facebook page.
- Public Appeals: For RB to open a case with Cornwall Council, specific information including all correspondence to date must be submitted.
- CAP Funding: RB is happy to support local organisations with grant applications
- Meeting Spaces in Zelah: RB would like to work with the PC to explore options for a community space in Zelah. The Clerk will put him in touch with the Zelah One & All Group so that he can get an update on their work to date.
- MP Surgery: Jayne Kirkham MP is planning to host a surgery in St. Newlyn East at the end of July (date tbc) which RB hopes to attend.
- Perranporth Secondary School: RB will try to get an update on the proposed secondary school in Perranporth.

9. Saints Coast CAP Report:

9.1 The meeting scheduled for June has been postponed until July.

10. Planning:

10.1 Applications:

PA25/03337	Nanteague Farm	NMA in relation to PA18/05398 – replace southern substation inverter and introduce 2 x internal access tracks	SUPPORT with comment that the PC looks forward to recognition that the community hosts a significant number of solar installations.
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10.2 Decisions:

PA25/00657 (Barn Wyn): Granted

11. Playing Field:

11.1 Installation of Two Benches: The Clerk confirmed that the cost is £406/bench. Available councillors to meet to decide on location on Saturday 21st June at 2pm.
NOTED.

11.2 ROSPA Play Safety Inspection Report: The annual report has been received and circulated. There were no issues with a high-risk factor but Councillors will consider the minor issues raised in the report at the meeting on Saturday 21st June and report back. **NOTED.**

11.3 Other Issues: (i) AS has not yet spoken to Jonathan McCulloch about completing the work to fill the gap in the hedge. (ii) It was reported that disappointingly, a small number of residents are walking their dogs on the Playing Field which is not allowed due for health and safety reasons.

12. Highway Issues:

12.1 Reinstatement of the Cornish Hedge at Zelah Hill: Dealt with under 3.1

12.2 Tree Planting in the Parish: CW had received a response from Forest for Cornwall and the proposed areas have considered. Some of the areas will be planted by Costain and Forest for Cornwall wish to wait to see what Costain plant before deciding on a planting scheme. CW advised that some areas along the A30 scheme will not be planted to allow for a helicopter to land in an emergency.

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

13.1 Issues Arising from the Mapping of the Heritage, Leisure & Amenity Facilities in the Parish: The report had been circulated. The PC went through each issue with particular reference to the following:

- Cormac has supplied the wood to repair the four stiles requiring repair. A local farmer had offered to make the necessary repairs for the cost of the labour. **RESOLVED: Farmer to be asked to invoice for the work to date & provide an estimate for the remaining work that needs doing.**
- The Footpath Officer had agreed that the PC could scrape the surface of Soloman's Lane back to the stone base. **RESOLVED: Andrew Lutey be asked to submit a quote with a view to doing the work in early Autumn.**
- Footpath 319/10/1 (B3285 – Scotland Road) is completely blocked. Ramblers to be asked to enact a Section 130a as CC has not responded to requests to clear.
- Waymarker posts at houses on either end of footpath 319/6/1 (St. Allen Church to Roskief) are completely rotten. Matter to be reported to CC.
- The reinstatement of the Quiet Lane Signs will be discussed at a future meeting.
- The boundary and miles stones will be limewashed by a PC working party in the winter.
- The refurbishment of the fingerposts at Trenerry and Killivose to be discussed at a future meeting.
- The installation of 'Welcome to Zelah' signs was discussed. **RESOLVED: Councillors to look at ideas. Agenda item next month.**
- CW will take out the dead fruit trees at the road side at Bowling Green.

13.2 Renewal of Parish Maintenance Contract: The existing contract is due to end on 30th June. It was discussed that the hedges at Jubilee Gardens and Two Burrows should be added to the contract. It was also commented that unfortunately, the contractor had cut the area under the beech trees too early this year which adversely affects the wildflower seeding. **RESOLVED: Current contractor to be asked to continue for another 3 months until 30th September so that the PC can review the existing contract. Clerk to circulate contract so that the matter can be discussed next month.**

14. Village Electricity Supply:

14.1 AS advised that the current electricity supply in Zelah is outside legal limits. He has contacted National Grid who is making a plan of how to deal with the issue. A discussion ensued. **RESOLVED: AS to give information to Clerk so that she can follow-up with National Grid.**

15. Correspondence:

- 15.1 Cornwall Council (Consultation – Street Trading Policy): **NOTED.**
- 15.2 Geothermal Engineering (Invitation to attend Penhallow Community Liaison Group): **NOTED.**
- 15.3 ZVCA (use of Bus Stop as a book exchange & date for Apple Day Event): **RESOLVED: (i) PC grants permission for ZVCA to use the Playing Field for the Apple Day Event on 5th October. (ii) PC grants permission for the bus shelter to continue be used as a book exchange.**
- 15.4 Two x Local Residents (Increase in traffic along Henver Lane): A discussion ensued and several potential options were discussed including improved signage & the creation of a permissive path. In the first instance it was **RESOLVED to contact Cornwall Council who previously agreed to monitor the traffic along the road, once the A30 works are complete.**

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

16.1

Income: £0
HSBC Community Account: £35,659.57
HSBC Business Account: £28,032.25

RESOLVED: Accounts totalling £851.20 were approved for payment (see appendix 1).

16.2 Internal Audit 24/25: The Internal Audit had been completed with no exceptions.

RESOLVED: (i) The Annual Governance Statement 24/25 & (ii) Accounting Statements 24/25 were accepted as a true record. The statements were signed by the Chair and Clerk.

16.3 External Audit 24/25 - Conflict of Interest: ***RESOLVED: St. Allen Parish Council has no conflict of interest with the external auditor, BDO LLP. The form was duly signed.***

17. Agenda Items for the July Meeting:

17.1 No new items.

18. Date of the Next Meeting:

18.1 The next meeting will be held on **Monday 21st July 2025 at 19.00hrs, St. Allen Parish Church**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30hrs

Signed:.....
CHAIRMAN

Date:.....