

**ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 21st July 2025, 7.00PM
AT St. ALLEN PARISH CHURCH**

Present: Cllr. C Wilson (CW) (Chair)
Cllr. A Hulks (AH)
Cllr. A Stallard (AS)
Cllr. R Hatt (RH)
Cllr. D Ebbatson (DE)
Cllr. S Jones (SJ)

Apologies: Cllr. C Laity

In Attendance: Mrs K Rees (Clerk); Cllr. R Barker; Dave James (Costain); 3 Members of the Public

1. Chairman's & Public Safety Announcement

1.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone and advised the public safety information.

2. A30 Carland Cross to Chiverton:

2.1 Dave James (Costain) gave the following update:

- There have been no changes since the last update.
- Henver Lane will be closed on Thursday 24th July from 7pm – 6am for the final bit of tarmacking.
- Trevalso Tunnel is still scheduled to open mid – late August
- Green Bridge is still scheduled to open end of August/beginning of September
- Tolgroggan is still scheduled to open at the end of August.
- The opening of the Church Lane Underpass has been delayed until mid-September due to having to source alternative lights. These have a lead-in time of 10 – 12 weeks.
- Carland Cross is behind schedule due to the weather but it will be white-lined this week. Signage still needs to be installed but there are supply chain issues so these will be put up as and when they are ready.

The following was then discussed:

- The speed limit along the B3288 is largely being ignored. AH advised that the police have confirmed that the speed limit will now be 50mph along that road due to the accident risk, blind summit and usage by agricultural vehicles.
- RH recommended that the signpost at Trevalso directing vehicles to St. Allen at be covered over as the road is not open yet.
- The design of the road at Pennycomequick was queried. Cllr. Barker (RB) advised that he is looking into the issue and has requested the design from National Highways.
- A local resident had contacted Jonathan Willcock (Costain) about the safety of the multi-species crossings. A site visit is being organised and the PC is invited to attend.
- RB advised that Costain has confirmed that a hedge will be replanted at Zelah Hill on the footprint of the hedge that was there previously. As there is no detail as to the type/height etc of the hedging, RB will draft a response to National Highways asking for clarification of the detail. Draft will be circulated to the PC for approval before he sends it.

- CW asked if the gap where the triangle is at Tregorland will be fenced as there is concern that the area will be used for flytipping or by travellers. DJ will clarify and report back.
- RB advised that National Highways has agreed to review the design of the bund at Two Burrows. DJ thought that a decision had been made and that the bund would be created as planned, mainly due to road safety issues. However, an access solution for the farmer may have been found. RB expressed disappointment that a decision has been made, and he has not been informed. He will ask National Highways to clarify the situation.
- The fence at Engelly Dip is scheduled for repair on 1st October.
- RB is keen to look at the financial impact of those adversely affected by the A30 works with a view to getting compensation. RB will circulate further information on this in due course.

3. Suggestions From Members of the Public:

- 3.1 It was requested that the steps at Church Lane are cleared. CW advised that the steps are officially closed until December. She has advised Cormac as it is their responsibility and hopes that it will be done before the steps reopen.

4. Minutes

- 4.1 ***RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 16th June 2025, 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 AH attended the recent Police Liaison Meeting and gave a report. It was a well-attended, useful meeting and there were presentations on the Feel Safe Scheme, Neighbourhood Watch, Rural & Wildlife Crime and Road Policing. The Clerk will put the information on the Feel Safe Scheme on the website and the PC's Facebook page.

7. Cornwall Councillor Report:

- 7.1 Cllr. Barker reported the following:
- Planning: No specific issues for St. Allen. A site visit is being organised for Penhale Camp, date but tbc likely to be end of September.
 - Community Space in Zelah: RB has liaised with the Planning Enforcement Office, talked to the owner of the former Hawkins Arms and met with Zelah One & All. RB is of the strong opinion that Zelah needs a meeting space and will explore all avenues available.
 - Village Site Visit organised for 17th August. All Councillors invited to attend.
 - Bus Service: RB is expecting an update on amendments to the local bus service in the next day or two. He will circulate once it is received.
 - MP Surgery: Jayne Kirkham MP is holding a surgery in St. Newlyn East on 31st July.

8. Saints Coast CAP Report:

- 8.1 RH attended the recent meeting and gave a report. He advised that Ken Yeo has been re-elected as Chairman; a Transport Working Group has been set-up which will look at the Saints Trail; there is a designated community police officer for each area. The Clerk will find out who the designated officer is for St. Allen.

9. Planning:

- 9.1 Applications:

PA25/04654	Trenerry Mill	Retrospective application for a lean-to extension to existing dairy building to accommodate milking parlour and dairy	SUPPORT with comment that the lighting should be shaded or dipped
PA25/04464	Chynoweth Farm	Retention of fugitive methane capture research & development facility	As Councillors had been unable to download the drawings, it was RESOLVED to delay a decision on this application until the drawings could be circulated.

9.2 Decisions:

PA25/03771 (Trenerry Farm): Planning permission required

PA25/04004 (Land East of Roseland): Prior approval not required

PA25/03337 (Nanteague Farm): Approved

9.3 Consultation - Reform of Planning Committee:

The Government is currently consulting on changes to the planning system including that decisions on developments of 9 houses and under will be made by the planning officer and not able to go to committee. It was discussed that this is wholly inappropriate for a small parish like St. Allen as it will destroy democracy and is against localism. **RESOLVED: Clerk to respond to consultation objecting to proposals.** (P/S: CW/AS)

10. Playing Field:

- 10.1 AS advised that he had spoken to TK Play regarding the grass that is growing through the cycle track. There is no particular concern, but the PC could treat it with environmentally friendly weed killer. **RESOLVED: CW/AS to treat the surface with a vinegar-based weedkiller.**
- 10.2 RH reported that the pedestrian gate is not closing properly due to the gradient of the slope. This could be rectified by shaving ½ inch of the bottom of the gate. **RESOLVED: RH to organise repair.**
- 10.3 CW reported that there is a nail sticking out on one of the roof benches. SJ **AGREED** to repair.
- 10.4 The ROSPA Play Inspection Report has been considered and there are no jobs requiring urgent attention.
- 10.5 The Clerk had received a quote to lay two concrete pads for the new benches which seemed an expensive way to install them. PISW Ltd had suggested that root fixed benches be purchased as they would only need to be bolted and concreted into the ground. **RESOLVED: Clerk to get quote for the benches to be installed this way and for black safety matting where they are to be sited.**

11. Highway Issues:

- 11.1 Reinstatement of the Cornish Hedge at Zelah Hill: Dealt with under 2.1
- 11.2 Tree Planting in the Parish: This will be followed up with Forest for Cornwall, once the B3288 has been handed over to Cornwall Council. **NOTED.**

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

- 12.1 Renewal of Parish Maintenance Contract: The maintenance contract had been circulated. Amendments were discussed as well as the fact that the current

contractor does an excellent job and is very good value for money. **RESOLVED to add the following to the contract (i) Playing Field: two cuts per month (ii) Jubilee Gardens: hedge to be cut in February and early Autumn. Current contractor to be asked for an updated price.**

- 12.2 Trees at the Western End of the Village: It was commented that these trees need pruning. **RESOLVED: CW to ask Jo Poland for advice on how best to maintain them**
- 12.3 Solomon's Lane: CW has spoken to Andrew Lutey who will undertake the work in the Autumn. **NOTED.**
- 12.4 Repairs to the Stiles: The stiles have all been repaired and the contractor has done an excellent job. **RESOLVED: PC agrees to pay in full for the repair.**
- 12.5 Installation of 'Welcome to Zelah' Signs: Several options were presented to Councillors which were discussed. The preferred choice is a village gateway sign. **RESOLVED: Clerk to get a quote for 4 signs and report back to next meeting.**
- 12.6 Definitive Map Modification Order at Lanteague: The PC has been asked for evidence to confirm that this footpath exists. A discussion ensued and it was **RESOLVED that CW would respond on the PC's behalf confirming that there is evidence that this footpath exists and is used regularly as a footpath/cycleway.**

13. Village Electricity Supply:

- 14.1 AS gave an update. To rectify the issue, National Grid will remove the cables from the poles and lay them underground. They have issued wayleave requests to the three affected households and cannot do any work until agreements are in place. National Grid has asked for assistance in contacting these households and AS agreed to approach them. **NOTED.**

14. Correspondence:

- 14.1 Jonathan McCulloch (Donation to St. Julia's Hospice in memory of Darren Collins). **RESOLVED: PC to make donation of £50.**
- 14.2 CALC (Donation to Sarah Mason's retirement fund): **RESOLVED: PC to make donation of £20.**

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

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| Income: | £119.50 |
| HSBC Community Account: | £33,808.37 |
| HSBC Business Account: | £28,152.06 |
- RESOLVED: Accounts totalling £1405.80 were approved for payment (see appendix 1).**
- 15.2 Bank Mandate: **RESOLVED: Amendments to the bank mandate were made and the mandate signed by the new signatories (Clerk, CW, RH, AS, AH, DE).**

16. Agenda Items for the September Meeting:

- 16.1 No new items.

17. Date of the Next Meeting:

17.1 The next meeting will be held on **Monday 15th September 2025 at 19.00hrs,**
St. Allen Parish Church

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.15hrs

Signed:.....
CHAIRMAN

Date.....