

**ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 20th OCTOBER 2025, 7.00PM
AT St. ALLEN PARISH CHURCH**

Present: Cllr. C Wilson (CW) (Chair)
Cllr. C Laity (CL)
Cllr. D Ebbatson (DE)
Cllr. S Jones (SJ)

Apologies: Cllrs. A Hulks, A Stallard and R Hatt

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 everyone and advised the public safety information.

2. A30 Carland Cross to Chiverton:

2.1 Dave James (Costain) gave an update and the following was discussed:

- Costain is currently concentrating on the land hand back at the Western end of the scheme. This should be completed by Christmas.
- The lights in the Church Lane Underpass should be installed by Christmas.
- The focus after Christmas will be on the land hand back from Allet to the East.
- DJ has given the Clerk the details of the signage to the Clerk. The signs should be installed next week.
- CW asked if the sign 'Marazanvose' directional sign will be replaced that was on the approach to Marazanvose from St. Friedas. There are other local signs missing such as the directional sign to Ventongimps and some signs do not make sense such as Truthen/Trispen being signposted via Pennycomequick which is not accessible. DJ advised that the signs were not removed by Costain. He suggested that the PC wait before contacting Cornwall Council as Costain is waiting to hear if it is their responsibility to replace them.
- CW pressed DJ for information on the planting scheme between Zelah Hill and Trevalso as tree planting needs to be done now because in spring it will be too late. DJ will find out an exact timeframe and will liaise with RB who will follow-up with Jason Stanton (National Highways).
- DJ will check the planting planned for the Trevalso Tunnel area as currently there is no planting beyond Church Lane. The plan does show a planting scheme but when will it be done?
- RB will organise a meeting with Sharon Bundy (CC) to discuss issues including the local signage and the blocking up of St. Frieda's road.

3. Suggestions From Members of the Public:

3.1 None.

4. Minutes

4.1 ***RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 15th September 2025, as circulated, were approved, and signed by the Chairman.***

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

5.1 None.

6. Police Matters:

- 6.1 DE gave a report of the Speedwatch briefing he attended. The aim of the initiative is to change driver behaviour. Unfortunately, it is not currently suitable for St. Allen as monitoring can only be done on 20/30/40 mph roads.
- 6.2 It was commented that there has been an increase in anti-social driving around the Parish. Residents have been kept awake by drivers making tyre marks at Trevalso. This seems to be a problem around the area as many junctions have tyre marks.

7. Cornwall Councillor Report:

- 7.1 RB had sent in a report which the Clerk will circulate. The following was discussed:
- Speeding traffic around the Parish, particularly on the 60mph roads such as Scotland Road and Henver Lane is increasingly becoming an issue. This was discussed at the CAP Meeting and CW & RB will follow-up with Helen Fincham on the issue.
 - The Saints Trail will be on the agenda for the CAP Transport Working Group which CW is a part of. A more practical route, not requiring compulsory purchase will be looked at.
 - RB should have some feedback on a community space for Zelah before the next meeting.
 - Any businesses with security issues can apply to the Proceeds of Crime Fund for funding towards improvements.
 - Consultation on changes to the summer 2026 bus network will commence on 3rd November. RB is collating information to feed into this consultation. He will try to find out more detail about the £500k of government funding Cornwall Council has been awarded for a new public transport pilot scheme.
 - Thanks were expressed to RB who has awarded £200 of community chest funding towards the new village gateway signage.
 - RB is actively looking at setting up Community Interest Groups and has received several enquiries from community groups in his area.
 - CW asked if RB had information on the appeal decision for the large solar farm on land at Carland Cross. The Clerk will circulate the decision notice.
 - CL asked if there was any more information on the proposed new secondary school in Perranporth. RB will follow up.

8. Saints Coast CAP Report:

- 8.1 The notes from the recent CAP Meeting had been circulated and the Clerk will put a link on the PC Facebook page so residents can view the notes if they wished.

9. Planning:

9.1 Applications:

PA25/06573	Lanner Barton	Single storey extension	SUPPORT
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9.2 Decisions:

PA25/05759 (Barn at Polstain Farm): Prior approval not required

10. Playing Field:

- 10.1 Installation of Benches: The benches have been installed and the gate levelled. AS has purchased a new combination padlock. **NOTED.**

- 10.2 Repair to the Wall: The Clerk will ask RH if he is able to do the repair, when he returns from holiday. **NOTED.**
- 10.3 Welcome to Zelah Sign: The Clerk had got a quote for the sign which was discussed. **RESOLVED: DE will work on a design to be sent to the printer.**
- 10.4 Cutting of Playing Field Hedges: CW advised that the contractor is concerned about damaging the new path. She will liaise with AS and contact an alternative contractor if necessary. **NOTED.**

11. Highway Issues:

- 11.1 Reinstatement of the Cornish Hedge from Zelah Hill to West of Trevalso: Dealt with under 2.1

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

- 12.1 Stile at Tretherras: CW advised that the stile has now been repaired. **NOTED.**
- 12.2 Footpath 10 - (Goonhavern to Scotland Road: Despite the path obstruction being reported to Cornwall Council for several years, the Council has failed to take action, primarily because they say that the path does not go anywhere. This is untrue, unacceptable and the trees planted by the tenant farmer have now matured so much that there is no pathway through. A discussion ensued. **RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Trewithen Estates to ask them to reinstate the path.**
- 12.3 Welcome to Zelah Signage: The Clerk had got a revised quote of £2058 for the two gateway signs. A discussion ensued as to whether to proceed with the order and how the signs would be funded. **RESOLVED: Two Zelah gateway signs to be purchased, to be paid from the contingency fund.** (P/S: CW/CL)
- 12.4 Village Christmas Trees: It was agreed that the ZVCA would plant the two Christmas trees purchased last year at either end of the village. It was also suggested that a donation be given to the ZVCA so that they could purchase a tree for outside the bus shelter. **RESOLVED: £50 donation to be given to the ZVCA to purchase a Christmas Tree for outside the bus shelter.**
- 12.5 Other Issues:
- CW has reported two fallen trees, one at Tolgroggan and one at Balstyle.
 - The gorse on the Vicarage Downs Footpath needs cutting down. CW will pass on the contact details of the landowner to the Clerk so that she can request that the path is cut.
 - CW has organised for some volunteers to undertake some light scrapping works on Solomans Lane.
 - CW advised that the Cornwall Access Forum is planning to signpost the Celtic Way which is a Church to Church path that runs from Pembrokeshire to St. Michaels Mount. The path runs through the Parish and past St. Allen Church and the Access Forum would like some feedback on the proposal. **Agenda item next month.**

13. Correspondence:

- 13.1 Cornwall Council (Consultation: removal of Hackney Carriage Taxi Zones): **NOTED**
- 13.2 CALC (Request for Members to join the Executive Board): **NOTED.**

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

14.1

Income: £8050.00
HSBC Community Account: £34.952.61
HSBC Business Account: £28,263.64

RESOLVED: Accounts totalling £4577.77 were approved for payment.

14.2 Clerk's Pay Review: ***RESOLVED: PC to go into closed session at the end of the meeting to discuss this item.***

14.3 External Audit: The Clerk advised that the External Audit has been completed with no exceptions. ***RESOLVED: PC accepts the External Auditor's Report 24/25 as a true record.***

15. Agenda Items for the November Meeting:

15.1 Celtic Way

15.2 Parish Mapping

16. Date of the Next Meeting:

16.1 The next meeting will be held on **Monday 17th November 2025 at 19.00hrs, St. Allen Parish Church**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.47hrs

17. Closed Session:

The PC went into Closed Session to discuss the Clerk's pay. A discussion ensued and the PC agreed a starting point on the NALC Pay Scale to commence with immediate effect. It was also agreed that she would be paid for 16 hours/month to be reviewed once the A30 works had finished.

Signed:.....
CHAIRMAN

Date.....