

**ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 16th February
2026, 7.00PM
AT St. ALLEN PARISH CHURCH**

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

Apologies: Cllr. R Barker

In Attendance: Mrs K Rees (Clerk); Steph Good (Neighbourhood Watch); 1 Member of the Public

1. Chairman's & Public Safety Announcement

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

2. Neighbourhood Watch Presentation:

2.1 Steph Good gave a presentation on the revitalised Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. The aim of the scheme is now to connect communities. The scheme is free to join and co-ordinators will be provided with resources such as stickers to use. There are several different ways to get involved either as an individual, community group or business. Community Groups are given public liability insurance to cover any events organised. There is also a community grant scheme for small projects that assist with crime prevention. It was discussed that this is something that the ZVCA should consider joining and DE will put the idea forward at the forthcoming ZVCA meeting. CW thanked Steph Good for attending the meeting and giving an informative presentation.

3. Suggestions From Members of the Public:

3.1 No comments from members of the public.

4. Minutes

4.1 ***RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2026, as circulated, were approved, and signed by the Chairman.***

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

5.1 The Clerk had contacted Trewithen Estates regarding land for the allotments but there is nothing available at this time.

6. Police Matters:

6.1 None.

7. Cornwall Councillor Report:

7.1 RB was not in attendance but had submitted a report which the Clerk will circulate. It was requested that, if possible, a bit more notice is given if RB can't attend the meeting and perhaps the report could be sent earlier. The following was reported:

- RB has still not had a response regarding the meeting with Sharon Bundy so is going to escalate to CEO level.
- RB has a meeting with the Planning Enforcement Department to discuss the former Hawkins Arms on 27th February.
- RB has had a meeting with Trewithen Estates to discuss the forthcoming Call For Sites submission for Land East of Zelah.

8. Saints Coast CAP Report:

- 8.1 The next meeting is on 5th March. The resurrection of the Saints Trail project is moving forward and positive negotiations have been held with several of the landowners along the route.

9. Planning:

- 9.1 Applications: There were no applications.

9.2 Decisions:

PA25/024247 (Land at Marazanvose): Refused. Clerk to contact Costain to ask when the land will be reinstated.

PA26/00582 (Roskeif): Prior approval not required.

10. Playing Field:

- 10.1 Cutting of Playing Field Hedges: The quotes received to cut the hedges are extremely expensive and the PC does not have the budget for the amounts quoted. Now that birds nesting season is approaching, this item will be revisited in the Autumn. In the meantime, the hedge will be tidied up at the ZVCA volunteer day on 28th February. **NOTED.**

- 10.2 Repair to the Wall: CW advised that the potential contractors are unable to do the work. DE has a handyman contact and will liaise with them to get a quote. If this contractor is unable to do the work then the Clerk will contact PISW Ltd when she gets back from holiday. **NOTED.**

- 10.3 Dogs in the Playing Field: The Clerk had received an email from a local resident requesting that the policy of not allowing dogs in the playing field be reviewed. A discussion ensued about the risks of removing the ban, particularly as there is now equipment around the perimeter of the path which you could not fence off to prevent children from playing there and there is no guarantee that all dog owners are responsible. Due to the risks involved and the impact on the PC's insurance, it was unanimously **RESOLVED not to allow dogs in the playing field.**

11. Highway Issues:

11.1 A30 between Carland Cross and Chiverton:

The following issues were raised:

- Will there be any financial penalties imposed on Costain due to the over run of the build?
- When will the Green Bridge and Tolgroggan Bridge be opened?
- There are issues with the lights in the tunnels. They are very bright and extremely sensitive to cars driving on the surrounding roads.
- There is a blocked gully at Merton's Lodge which needs emptying.
- St. Frieda's Corner needs repairing. The general state of this road is poor and has been reported to Costain by a local resident.
- There is no sign of any planting between Zelah Hill and Trevalso.

RESOLVED: Clerk to raise issues with National Highways/Costain

11.2 Reinstatement of the Cornish Hedge from Zelah Hill to West of Trevalso:

See 11.1. In addition, Jayne Kirkham MP recently raised the issue with National Highways and is waiting for a response.

11.3 Meeting with Sharon Bundy: Dealt with under 7.1.

11.4 Consultation – Twenty is Plenty Scheme: The consultation for the rollout of the 20mph speed limit in Zelah is now underway. **RESOLVED: Clerk to respond to the consultation, expressing support but query if the 20mph repeater signs are necessary along Church Lane.**

11.5 Other Highway Matters:

- The flooding by the Celtic Cross at Trevalso has been reported but this area is a designated a fjord. The sides of the road here and by the bridge are washing away. However, Cormac has stated that this is a major piece of work that they do not have the budget for and as the work is not a priority, no action will be taken at this time.
- CW reported flytipping in a gateway opposite the fruit trees. The Clerk will report this to the Council.
- There is a blocked gully by the chicane at the West end of the village.

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

12.1 Local Maintenance Partnership 26/27: The offer this year is £544.97 an increase of 2.2% from 2025. **RESOLVED: PC accepts the Local Maintenance Partnership Offer 26/27.**

12.2 Church Lane Gate: CW has received a request for an auto-shutter to be put on the gate at Church Lane. **RESOLVED: DE to quote for this alongside the other handyman jobs.**

13. Community Building Provision in the Parish:

13.1 **RESOLVED: PC to go into Closed Session at the end of the meeting to discuss the matter.**

14. Emergency Plan:

14.1 **RESOLVED: Separate meeting to be organised in March/April to draft the plan.**

15. Correspondence:

15.1 A letter has been received from a local resident regarding the safety of Scotland Road between the Railway Bridge and junction with the B road. The resident suggested that 'slow' be painted on the road and signage installed. However, Cormac will not take any action as the data indicates there is a high level of compliance with the current speed limit. The PC has raised this issue with Cllr. Barker and will continue to press for the Twenty is Plenty Scheme to be extended to include Henvor Lane and Scotland Road. **RESOLVED: Clerk to acknowledge letter.**

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

16.1

Income:	£0
HSBC Community Account:	£27,336.26
HSBC Business Account:	£28,366.57

RESOLVED: Accounts totalling £449.96 were approved for payment.

16.2 External Audit 25/26- Adoption of Policies Relating to Assertion 10:

The Clerk had circulated the policies required to comply with Assertion 10 of the External Audit. **RESOLVED: PC adopts the It Policy, Freedom of Information Policy and Data Protection Policy with immediate effect.**

17. Agenda Items for the March Meeting:

- 17.1 N32 Cycle Route
- 17.2 Enforcement Follow-Up

18. Date of the Next Meeting:

- 18.1 The next meeting will be held on **Monday 16th March 2026 at 19.00hrs, St. Allen Parish Church**

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

19. Closed Session:

- 19.1 The Council went into Closed Session to discuss the Mission Hall which will be auctioned on 26th February with a guide price of £20,000. A lengthy discussion took place as to the advantages and disadvantages of purchasing this building for use as a community hub. **RESOLVED: Before any decision can be made, the Clerk will organise for the building to be surveyed.**
- 19.2 CW and the Clerk gave a report of their meetings with Sam Goldsworthy and James Humphries regarding a Call of Sites which will shortly be submitted.

Signed:.....
CHAIRMAN

Date.....