

**ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH  
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)

1. Chairman's & Public Safety Announcement

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

2. Suggestions From Members of the Public:

2.1 No comments from members of the public.

3. Minutes

3.1 **RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026, as circulated, were approved, and signed by the Chairman.**

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

4.1 None.

5. Police Matters:

5.1 AH will attend the next Police Liaison Meeting which is on 16<sup>th</sup> April and he asked if there are any issues that the PC would like raised at this meeting. It was reported that there was an accident at the junction of the B3288 and the turning to Shortlanesend. There have been several near misses here and the junction is becoming an accident blackspot. There is also a problem with anti-social driving along this stretch of road, with tyre marks at the majority of gateways. It was **AGREED** that AH would ask for a speed survey to be undertaken along the B3288.

6. Cornwall Councillor Report:

6.1 RB was not in attendance but had submitted a report which the Clerk will circulate. He had also meet with CW before the PC meeting to update on issues that appear later in the agenda. RB advised that a meeting had been held with the Planning Enforcement Officer and representatives of the former Hawkins Arms.

7. Saints Coast CAP Report:

7.1 No report.

8. Planning:

8.1 Applications:

PA26/00756	Trelewick Barn	Demolition of approved barn conversion (PA24/06514), construction of replacement dwelling & assoc. works	<b>NO COMMENT</b>
------------	----------------	--	-------------------

## 8.2 Decisions:

PA25/09711 (The Shed, Pennare): Prior approval not required

PA25/08974 (Land adj. to Nanteague Farm): Approved

PA25/09008 (Casavrina): Granted

## 9. Playing Field:

- 9.1 Volunteer Day: Thanks were expressed to those that helped tidy the Playing Field. AS suggested that our grasscutting contractor be asked to strim the perimeter at ground level to cut back the brambles. **RESOLVED: Clerk to ask the contractor to action.** The Clerk advised that Mr Allen Prowse has confirmed he would be able to cut the hedges. This would have to be done at the end of summer and providing that the perimeter has been strimmed, the tractor should fit round the perimeter without disturbing the path. **NOTED.**
- 9.2 Quote for Maintenance Works: DE had got a quote for the maintenance jobs including the repair to the wall, the installation of the sign, the repair to the bench and to fit a heavy-duty spring to the stile gate. CW advised that she had put up the sign. It was discussed that the PC should ask the contractor for a day rate for future works, which would save time in getting the jobs actioned. **RESOLVED: Quote to be accepted, except the installation of the sign which is no longer required. Day rate to be requested for future works.**
- 9.3 Gate to Playing Field: It was noted that the gate is warping. However, as the potential solutions do not comply with the ROSPA risk assessment, it was agreed to monitor the situation. **NOTED.**

## 10. Highway Issues:

### 10.1 A30 between Carland Cross and Chiverton:

The following issues were raised:

- RB has written a letter to the Council's Chief Executive to complain at the lack of response from Sharon Bundy.
- The closure notices for the Tolgroggan Bridge and Green Bridge expired and there is no sign of the bridges opening. Clerk to query with Costain.

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

The Clerk read out an email from Jason Stanton (National Highways) advising that there had been a misunderstanding regarding the planting and that it will now only take place on the South Side of the hedge. Although this email was somewhat ambiguous, this is not what was agreed and is wholly unacceptable.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to write a strongly worded response to National Highways objecting to this and asking for the hedge reinstatement on the North and South side as previously agreed. Cllr. Barker and Jayne Kirkham MP to be copied in.**

### 10.3 Meeting with Sharon Bundy: Dealt with under 10.1.

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

- 11.1 CW commented that the Vicarage Downs Footpath has been cut well. She will chase the Council regarding Footpath 10.
- 11.2 RH advised that it looks as if a caravan has been dumped near Merton's Lodge. The situation will be monitored and the Clerk will report, if necessary.

12. Community Building Provision in the Parish:

12.1 The auction for the Mission Hall had taken place. The guide price was £20k and Councillors had agreed to bid up to £30k. This bid was unsuccessful, and the building eventually went for £40k. The building has now been relisted for auction on 26<sup>th</sup> March and a lengthy discussion took place as to whether the PC should bid again. The building survey hi-lighted several urgent works that need doing and concern was expressed that the PC would not have the funds to undertake these works. It was discussed that other options haven't been considered and bidding for the Mission Hall could place a large financial burden on the Parish.  
**RESOLVED: Clerk to register the Parish Council as a bidder. PC to submit a maximum bid of £25k.** (3 for, 2 against and 2 abstentions)

13. Emergency Plan:

13.1 **RESOLVED: Separate meeting to be organised in April to draft the plan.**

14. Correspondence:

14.1 Two emails had been received requesting information on the Call for Sites which the Clerk had responded to.

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

15.1

Income:	£0
HSBC Community Account:	£26,889.30
HSBC Business Account:	£28,465.58

**RESOLVED: Accounts totalling £1616.36 were approved for payment.**

16. Agenda Items for the April Meeting:

16.1 Internal Audit

17. Date of the Next Meeting:

17.1 The next meeting will be held on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 19.00hrs, St. Allen Parish Church**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.45 hrs

Signed:.....  
CHAIRMAN

Date.....