

**ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026, 7.00PM  
AT St. ALLEN PARISH CHURCH**

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

Apologies: Cllr. C Laity

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

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 Mr Bennett who lives on Scotland Road asked the PC to clarify the stages of a planning application, when the public are asked their opinion and what is the PC's view on building on productive agricultural land with particular reference to the Trewithen Estate Call for Sites submission.

The Clerk explained the process. The Local Plan is currently being reviewed as the Council's housing target has increased from 2700 pa to 4400. As part of this, a Call for Sites is underway, which is a suggestion of land that may be suitable for development. It is not a planning application and it does not necessarily mean that land submitted will be built on. The Council may ask for the PC's view on any land submitted but only general comments may be given due to pre-determination. The Clerk understands that public consultation will be undertaken on the revised local plan in due course. If a planning application is submitted, then the public will be able to submit comments. Unfortunately, the PC is unable to give an opinion on the building of housing on productive agricultural land as this would mean the PC is predetermined in future applications. Mr Bennett was advised to keep an eye on the agendas of future PC meetings because if the PC is consulted, it will be on the agenda for discussion.

It was commented that representatives of Trewithen Estate had presented to Perranzabuloe and St. Newlyn East Parish Council's but had not attended St. Allen. **RESOLVED: Clerk to invite them to give a presentation at a forthcoming meeting.**

RB advised that he is looking at drafting a ward strategy to feed into the local plan. This would address issues such as Cubert Crossroads and the provision of schools and doctors and would help protect the villages from development. He will provide further information on this in due course.

3. Minutes

3.1 **RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 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 now takes place on 30<sup>th</sup> April. He will bring up the speeding on the B3288 where there have been two crashes recently.

6. Cornwall Councillor Report:

6.1 The Clerk will circulate RB's report when received. The following was mentioned:

- The Saints Trail Working Group is setting up a Community Interest Company. CW was not invited to the recent meeting and will check that she is on the invitation list.
- RB hopes to meet the owners of the former Hawkins Arms before the end of April to discuss options.
- The meeting with Sharon Bundy has been organised for 24<sup>th</sup> April. The main issues are signage, the opening of the bridges, the traffic along Henvy Lane and the speed of traffic along the B3288. CW will collate a list of issues and circulate prior to the meeting.
- RB has awarded a Community Chest grant to purchase a new noticeboard for the bus shelter.

7. Saints Coast CAP Report:

7.1 The Clerk attended the meeting with SWW and will circulate the interactive map showing investment in the area. **NOTED.**

8. Planning:

8.1 There were no applications or decisions.

8.2 An appeal has been submitted for application PA25/02427 for a change of use of land from temporary use of the land for the stationing of caravans to use of the land for holiday lodges. **RESOLVED: Clerk to submit response maintaining the PC's original objections including building in the open countryside, the use of agricultural land and the unsustainable nature of the development.**

9. Playing Field:

9.1 Maintenance Works: The works as discussed last month, are now underway. The Contractor is happy to provide a day rate which he will confirm to the Clerk in writing.

9.2 Issues Raised by the ZVCA: Following the AGM, the ZVCA has raised several issues. **RESOLVED: (i) permission granted to use the playing field for this year's Apple Day on 27<sup>th</sup> September (ii) Directional signage to the playing field to be requested in the meeting with Sharon Bundy (iii) The PC will pay 50% towards the maintenance of the defibrillator (iv) The Clerk will ask Colin Hawke for a quote to survey the beech and fruit trees.**

10. Highway Issues:

10.1 Reinstatement of the Cornish Hedge from Zelah Hill to West of Trevalso: Trees have now been planted along the whole length of the hedge. CW advised that the contractor is contracted to look after the planting for 5 years so any trees that don't establish will be replaced. It was commented that the bund at Two Burrows hasn't been planted. This will be added to the list for discussion at the meeting with Sharon Bundy.

10.2 Meeting with Sharon Bundy: Dealt with under 6.1.

10.3 Reintroduction of Weed Treatment by Cornwall Council: The Council has advised that they will shortly begin targeted treatment of kerbside weeds using 1:40 diluted Glyphosate. The Clerk had circulated the information provided by the Council and a discussion ensued. If the PC opts-out of the treatment, it must undertake the treatment to the same standards as the Council otherwise the Council will take back the treatment in 2027. Due to the short period given by the Council to respond, there is limited time for the PC to consider the options. There has been a lot of opposition from residents of Cornwall and the Clerk had received two letters of objection. Redruth Town Council has started a petition calling for the Council to review their decision and the matter is on the agenda for the discussion as the Full Council meeting tomorrow. **RESOLVED: Clerk to respond to the Council to say that due to the timeframe given, the PC is not in a position to either opt-in or opt-out of the treatment at this time. PC to support the Redruth Town Council petition.**

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

11.1 CW advised that the Land Agent for the Glebe Land is concerned that walkers are creating a footpath through the woods. Residents are reminded that they must use the marked PROW.

11.2 CW gave an update on the two Definitive Map Modification Orders:

- (i) DMMO at Lanteague (WCA 796): Cornwall Council is currently trying to resolve the issues raised by objectors.
- (ii) DMMO at Sixty Acres (WCA 713): The track is currently being filled it to make it unusable. This will be reported to the PROW Officer.

#### 12. Community Building Provision in the Parish:

12.1 Unfortunately, the PC's bid for the Mission Hall was unsuccessful. The winning bid was £48k. The building has now been relisted again with a guide price of £40k. This is out of the PC's budget. RH suggested that a working group be set-up to look at options with a view to reporting back to the PC with a set of proposals. **RESOLVED: Working Group to be set-up with RH, AH, DE, RB and the Clerk.**

#### 13. Emergency Plan:

13.1 The Clerk will start to draft the plan which will then be passed to ZVCA for help with local knowledge. **NOTED.**

#### 14. Correspondence:

14.1 A local resident has requested that the speed humps on the High Road be removed once the 20mph speed limit is implemented. The Clerk had responded to say that funding has been requested via the CAP Highway Fund to make changes along the High Road including the removal of the chicanes and speed humps and the PC is waiting for the outcome of the application.

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

15.1

Income:	£0
HSBC Community Account:	£25,272.94
HSBC Business Account:	£28,465.58

**RESOLVED: Accounts totalling £4387.22 were approved for payment.**

15.2 Internal Audit 24/25: **RESOLVED: David Wright appointed to undertake the Internal Audit 24/25 with a particular focus on the accuracy of the financial records.**

16. Agenda Items for the May Meeting:

16.1 No new items.

17. Date of the Next Meeting:

17.1 The next meeting incl. AGM will be held on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 19.00hrs, St. Allen Parish Church**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.20 hrs

Signed:.....  
CHAIRMAN

Date.....