

**ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 17th AUGUST 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 & Cllr. R Barker

In Attendance: Mrs K Rees (Clerk); Nine members 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 & Mrs Bennett queried the minutes of the July 2026 meeting which state that the land that Trewithen Estates has been submitted under the Call for Sites is between Polstain Farm and Nathaniels Junction. The map shown to residents during the recent engagement visits shows an area larger than this. Mr Galsworthy would not allow the Parish Council to keep a copy of the indicative map. The Clerk will see if it is now possible to have a copy. The minutes also state that Cornwall Council is supportive of a development in this area due to the strategic location of the land and that one small holding within the identified land would no longer be viable. The Clerk will seek clarification of these points and also why the Call for Sites submission is not yet available on Cornwall Council's website.

2.2 Several residents spoke against the application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed lawful use of the Hawkins Arms as a gastro-pub (use Class E). Mr Jon Wilson had sent a document to the Clerk and the Planning Officer which had been circulated to Councillors. This outlines the detailed use of the premises as a public house. The signed affidavit submitted with the application contradicts statements that have been previously made by the applicants about the use of the premises as a public house. Several other residents provided testimony as to the use of the premises including former staff, residents who attended community events and those that had used the pub for 20 years.

RESOLVED: To bring the discussion on application PA26/05252 forward.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the evidence of use of the premises as a public house and it was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** to the Certificate of Lawfulness being granted for the following reasons:

- Due to a lack of community building, the Hawkins Arms has been utilised as the village social space for many years.
- There is no evidence to suggest that the premises has been solely used as gastro-pub.
- The applicant confirms refers to the premises as a 'pub' in the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 16th January 2023.

- The applicants described the premises as a public house in the evidence submitted during the planning appeal in 2023
- The Planning Inspector refers to the premises as a public house numerous times in his report in 2023.
(CW declared an interest and left the room while the matter was discussed).

3. Minutes

- 3.1 **RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 2026, as circulated, were approved, and signed by the Chairman.**

4. Planning:

- 4.1 Applications:

PA26/05218	Land adj. to Pennare Farm	Demolition of existing agricultural building with part Q prior approval for change of use of an agricultural building to 3 x dwellings & erection of 3 x replacement dwellings incl. installation of a new sewage treatment plant	OBJECT – outside footprint of agricultural barn and therefore against Policy 4 of the Cornwall Local Plan (building in open countryside)
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4.2 Decisions:

PA26/00756 (Trelewick Barn): Approved
 PA26/04019 (Mission Hall): Certificate of Lawfulness granted
 PA26/03317 (Trelewick Barn): Approved
 PA26/04900 (Land East of Tretherres Bungalow): Prior approval not required

5. Playing Field:

- 5.1 Maintenance Works to the Playing Field: AS advised that PISW Ltd will undertake the repair to the zip wire and RR Property Maintenance will do all the other maintenance jobs. Dates for the work are being organised. **NOTED.**

6. Urgent Matters for Discussion:

6.1 A30 Handover Issues:

- The Clerk had circulated the response from National Highways regarding the opening of the Tolgroggan and Maranzanvose Bridges, now not scheduled until Autumn 2026. Tolgroggan is due to the installation of additional fencing and Maranzanvose as it has not yet passed the pre-opening inspections. The email states that the works are a priority. However, there is no evidence of any work being undertaken, particularly on Tolgroggan Bridge.

It was also discussed that there have now been 5 accidents at the junction of Ashley Road and the turn to Shortlanesend. In one accident, two people had died and one other was a major trauma.

Councillors discussed that the situation is wholly unsatisfactory.

RESOLVED: (i) Clerk to contact Sharon Bundy with a copy to Jayne Kirkham MP and Cllr. Barker, asking for an update on the accident investigations, any proposed safety measures at this junction and if the handover has taken place as scheduled on 31st July (ii) Clerk to write to Jayne Kirkham MP and Cllr. Barker to complain about the continual delay to the opening of the bridges and ask them to follow up with National Highways.

6.2 Playing Field:

AS advised that the rocking horse is broken and needs a repair. AS is meeting Rob Riley tomorrow to get a quote for the works.

6.3 Planning Application – Penhallow Geothermal Plant:

AH asked if there was any update on the above planning application. The Parish Council is not a statutory consultee but Perranzabuloe have submitted an objection.

6.4 Paul Christopher:

Thanks were expressed to Paul Christopher (George's Butchers) who is retiring and had provided an excellent service to St Allen and the neighbouring parishes. Parishioners are very grateful for this service to the elderly and to those shielding during the Covid 19 outbreak.

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

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Income:	£0
HSBC Community Account:	£24,483.24
HSBC Business Account:	£28,465.58

RESOLVED: Accounts totalling £449.96 were approved for payment.

8. Agenda Items for the September Meeting:

8.1 Neighbourhood Priority Statement

9. Date of the Next Meeting:

9.1 The next meeting will be held on **Monday 28th September 2026 at 19.00hrs, St. Allen Parish Church.**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.40 hrs

Signed:.....
CHAIRMAN

Date.....