

**ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2024, 7PM
AT THE COSTAIN DEPOT, CARLAND CROSS**

Present: Cllr. C Wilson (CW)(Chair)
Cllr. J Orrell (JO)
Cllr. R Hatt (RH)

Apologies: Cllrs. J McCulloch, A Hare & A Stallard
CCllr. A Harvey

In Attendance: Mrs K Rees (Clerk); Dave James (DJ), Phil Grosvenor (PG) & Nick Cooper (NC) (Costain); Jason Stanton (National Highways); 2 Members of the Public

1. Chairman's Announcements:

1.1 None.

2. A30 Carland Cross to Chiverton:

2.1 Nick Cooper gave the following update:

- Costain will not be able to host the December Parish Council Meeting at the Carland Cross Depot due to the Christmas shut down. Meeting to be held at St. Allen Church instead.
- Unfortunately, progress over the past month has been disappointing, largely due to resource in the supply chain. This means that the scheduled opening dates of the local roads given at the last meeting have changed.
- Trevalso Lane Underpass now expected to open in mid-January. The land ownership issue has been resolved but there are drainage issues that need to be resolved.
- Church Lane is ready and will be opened once the lighting has been agreed with Cornwall Council.
- Chybucca to Boxheater, including the underpasses is expected to open at the end of February. The overbridges will be later as this is separate work.
- Pennycomequick is now scheduled to open in early May although it may be possible to bring this forward.
- The B3284 North will reopen on 22nd November.
- Chybucca to Chiverton will open in early spring.
- The project is now scheduled to finish in mid-May although the landscaping will be ongoing.
- The cycling tunnel at Carland Cross is scheduled to open at the end of February/beginning of March.
- It is hoped that the closed lanes at the Carland Cross roundabouts will all reopen by the end of February.

CW thanked Costain for cutting Church Lane East. However, she asked if there were any plans to run bucket scraper along the lane due to the mud and debris on the surface. DJ agreed to look into this and confirmed that the surface from the steps through the underpass to the tarmacked lane will be gravel, not tarmac. CW expressed concern as this is not cycle friendly.

PG confirmed that Costain has liaised with Cornwall Council regarding the forthcoming closure of old A30 between Boxheater and Carland Cross and the work will not take place until the road between Trevemper and Morrisons has reopened. There is no confirmed date for the closure yet.

A member of the public advised that the road on the south side of Trevalso is not wide enough for agricultural vehicles to pass. Residents were also told there would be a turning circle which has not been built. A discussion ensued and PG agreed to speak to the designers about the issue.

3. Suggestions from Members of the Public:

3.1 None other than those previously mentioned during the A30 update.

4. Minutes

4.1 **RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2024, as circulated, were approved, and signed by the Chairman.** (P/S: RH/JO)

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

5.1 CW advised that the Christmas Trees are ready to be collected from Duchy Garden Centre. **RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Duchy Garden Centre to organise payment. RH kindly offered to pick the trees up.**

5.2 The Clerk gave an update on the Hawkins Arms Planning Enforcement case.

5.3 RH advised that the condition of the road at Little Callestick is extremely poor. The PC will continue to report the damage to Cornwall Council.

6. Police Matters:

6.1 No report.

7. Cornwall Councillor Report:

7.1 No report.

8. CAP Report:

8.1 The December meeting has been postponed until 9th January.

9. Planning:

9.1 Applications: There were no applications

9.2 Decisions:

PA24/06215 (Barn B, Gwarnick Mill Farm):

Prior approval not required for change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse.

10. Playing Field:

10.1 Park Refurbishment Update: The additional short section of agri-flex path is scheduled to be installed this week. A quote has been received from PISW Ltd to tarmac the entrance and install the gate. The Clerk advised that there is just about enough left in the grant fund to cover the cost of this work. A discussion ensued.

RESOLVED: Clerk to accept the PISW Ltd quote for works to the entrance to the playing field including the installation of a vehicle and pedestrian gate and a tarmacked surface.

10.2 Any Other Matters to Report:

CW advised that the hedges will be cut by the end of February.

11. Highway Issues:

11.1 RH reported that an HGV delivery lorry, following Sat Nav, had tried to drive up the lane past the playing field towards Cost-Is-Lost. It was discussed that this road is unsuitable for HGV's and an appropriate sign should be installed.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to Cormac to request the installation of a 'road unsuitable for HGV's' sign.

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

- 12.1 CW advised that there had been little progress on the proposed bridleway from St. Friedas to Twoburrows. Cllr. Harvey had hi-lighted the issue at a recent meeting but the Council is concerned about safety and wants to wait until the road is handed over before committing to the creation of the bridleway.
- 12.2 CW had inspected Soloman's Lane following the report that it was impassable at the last meeting. She advised that there were two boggy places but it was passable. The Clerk has reported the matter to the Footpaths Officer who will inspect that lane and report back in due course.
- 12.3 CW and RH will start to leisure, heritage and cultural assets in the Parish for inclusion in our Neighbourhood Planning Statement.
- 12.4 The Clerk had reported the condition of the footway opposite Polstain path to Cornwall Council but no action had yet been taken.

13. Allotment Provision in the Parish:

- 13.1 The Clerk had drafted a letter for landowners which she will send tomorrow. There had been no response to the 'Call For Sites' request on social media.

14. Polling Station Provision in the Parish:

- 14.1 CW and AH had met Alison Webb and showed her around St. Allen Church. It was agreed at this meeting that there are no other suitable places in Zelah Village as a portakabin is required which the Council will not fund. Alison Webb agreed to consult with the Democratic Services Team as to whether the Church or vestry can be used, and the PC is now waiting for the outcome of these discussions.

15. Correspondence:

- 15.1 A thank you letter from the Church had been received for the pledge of £500 towards the new cushions.
- 15.2 An email had been received from Cornwall Council regarding Emergency Plans and the transition to VOIP in 2027 which will require all telephones to be connected to Broadband. This will be a problem in rural areas with poor mobile signal if there is an electrical outage. It was discussed that St. Allen Parish does not have an Emergency Plan.

RESOLVED: Clerk to circulate the Council's model Emergency Plan document with a view to discussing the matter next month.

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

16.1

Income:	£24,495.50
HSBC Community Account:	£23,966.43
HSBC Business Account:	£27,772.96

RESOLVED: Accounts totalling £12,947.79 were approved for payment (see appendix 1).

- 16.2 The Clerk advised that the PC must agree the Precept for 25/26 at the December meeting. The Clerk will prepare and circulate the proposed for figures for 25/26 for discussion at the next meeting.

17. Agenda Items for the December Meeting:

17.1 Emergency Plan

17.2 Precept 25/26

18. Date of the Next Meeting:

18.1 The next meeting will be held on **Monday 16th December 2024 at 19.00hrs,**
St. Allen Parish Church

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.10hrs

Signed:.....
CHAIRMAN

Date.....