

**ST ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025, 7PM  
AT COSTAIN DEPOT, CARLAND CROSS**

Present: Cllr. C Wilson (CW) (Chair)  
Cllr. A Hare (AH)  
Cllr. A Stallard (AS)  
Cllr. R Hatt (RH)  
Cllr. J McCulloch (JM)  
Cllr. J Orrell (JO)

Apologies: Cllr. P Newton

In Attendance: Mrs K Rees (Clerk); Cllr. A Harvey (ADH); Dave James (Costain);  
4 Members of the Public

1. Chairman's Announcements:

1.1 None.

2. Suggestions from Members of the Public:

2.1 Representatives from the Zelah One and All Group were in attendance to discuss the Planning Enforcement Report. Following the report, the group had raised several queries with the Enforcement Officer but would like clarification on the start date of the 10-year period before a Certificate of Lawfulness can be granted. ADH advised that he had contacted the Enforcement Officer several times but had not received a satisfactory response.

***RESOLVED: Clerk to contact the Enforcement Officer to get clarification of the start date of the 10-year period and report back to the next meeting.***

3. A30 Carland Cross to Chiverton:

3.1 Dave James (Costain) gave the following update:

- There have been no real changes following the update given at the last meeting although an updated program had been issued today. DJ will contact the Clerk tomorrow with any changes so that they can be circulated.
- Chybucca to Boxheater is scheduled to reopen on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Boxheater to Carland will then be closed from 3<sup>rd</sup> March to build a multi-species crossing. This will then re-open for Easter before being closed again for a further 4 weeks but under traffic light control.
- It was queried why the multi-species crossing by the turning to Shortlanesend had steps. DJ advised that this is normally for maintenance inspections. The fencing here may not yet be complete.
- The old A30 under Tolgrogan Bridge is opening in 2 weeks.
- DJ will clarify the when the Trevalso Underpass is opening and inform the Clerk.
- There would be no compensation for local residents for the inconvenience caused during the works but residents could contact National Highways, if they so wished.
- The delay to opening of Church Lane is due to discussions between Costain and Cornwall Council on the type of lighting required.

- Concern was expressed that Church Lane Underpass continues to be flooded. There is no plan for a higher or firmer surface and the current level of mud is concerning.
- The multi-species crossings are all self-draining. Concern was expressed that children may try to play in them. DJ advised that they have all passed risk assessment and any changes would be a matter for National Highways to resolve.

#### 4. Minutes

- 4.1 **RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025, as circulated, were approved, and signed by the Chairman.** (P/S: RH/AS)

#### 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- 5.1 The Clerk had investigated whether the Parish Council could apply to the Community Capacity Fund for a grant towards a new community space in Zelah. Unfortunately, the Parish Council can only apply if they own the land/building. It was **RESOLVED that due to the period of purdah, the PC would revisit this after the election.**

#### 6. Police Matters:

- 6.1 JO attended the Police Liaison Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> February and gave a brief report. There is a real problem with graffiti/vandalism in the Goonhavern/Perranporth area currently. Residents must continue to report issues, even though a 'no further action' letter may be received as action is data driven, so the more data the police have, the more likelihood of action.

#### 7. Cornwall Councillor Report:

- 7.1 Cllr. Harvey advised that 95% of Councillors voted against joining with Devon to create a 'Devonwall' super authority for the purposes of devolution. Noah Law MP conducted a survey of local residents and 95% of the 2600 responses were against the proposal.
- 7.2 No decision will be made on Newquay Airport until after the local Council elections on 1<sup>st</sup> May.

#### 8. CAP Report:

- 8.1 CW attended the CAP Environmental Group Meeting and gave a report. The meeting focused on South West Water requirements under planning. The Waterfit Live Scheme notifies residents of water quality issues and areas of investment over the next few years. South West Water is also looking at trying to make the ponds along the A30 wildlife friendly. This is difficult due to the pollution but funding will be available in 2026 for new initiatives.

#### 9. Planning:

- 9.1 Applications: None.
- 9.2 Decisions:  
PA24/07107 (Caralsa Farm): Approved  
PA24/08991 (Nanteague Farm): Planning Permission Required
- 9.3 Appeals:  
APP/D0840/W/24/3358167 (Pennare Farm: The matter was discussed and it was **RESOLVED that the Clerk would submit comments maintaining the original objections, supporting the view of Cornwall Council and commenting that farm diversification is already underway due to the 78 acre solar farm.**

- 9.4 ADH advised that two pre-applications may shortly be submitted, one for housing on land opposite the playing field and one for light industrial on Trewithen owned land. The PC agreed to monitor the situation.

#### 10. Playing Field:

10.1 Update – Works to Entrance:

The Clerk advised that the start date for the works has been pushed back to March due to other jobs over running. **NOTED.**

10.2 Any Other Matters to Report:

JM advised that the padlock to the gate is missing.

#### 11. Highway Issues:

11.1 Purchase of 'Unsuitable for HGV' Sign:

The cost of the sign would be approx. £72 plus fittings.

**RESOLVED: PC to proceed with the purchase of an 'Unsuitable for HGV' sign to a maximum cost of £100.**

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

12.1 Proposed Bridleway St. Frieda's to Twoburrows:

There had been no progress on the matter. The Clerk will chase for an updated.

12.2 Local Plan Mapping:

CW has completed the survey and will write up the results. There are a few maintenance jobs which will require action in due course.

12.3 Soloman's Lane:

RH reported that the footpath is barely passable as the surface is not draining. There are also two fallen trees which CW has already reported. CW has spoken to the Council's Footpaths Officer who has inspected the path. The Council will not make any improvements to the path so the PC would have to pay for any works. Potential solutions were discussed but no way forward was agreed.

12.4 Local Maintenance Partnership Offer 25/26:

**RESOLVED: PC to accept this year's grant offer of £533.36.**

#### 13. Parish Council Elections:

- 13.1 The Clerk advised that the Parish Council election will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> May. Nomination papers will be available from the Clerk at the March meeting which must be submitted to the Council by 2<sup>nd</sup> April 4pm. **NOTED.**

#### 14. Emergency Plan:

- 14.1 CW and the Clerk to attend a Cornwall Council organised Webinar on 'Making an Emergency Plan'. **NOTED.**

#### 15. Consultations:

15.1 Cornwall Council: Interim Planning Policy Statement (**NOTED**)

15.2 Government: Standard and Sanctions in Public Officer

**RESOLVED: Clerk to respond to consultation, supporting the view of CALC**

#### 16. Correspondence:

- 15.1 Redruth Town Council – Support for letter to Cornwall Council asking for fairer distribution of second home premium council tax (**NOTED**)

17. Finance: To Approve Spending, Accounts & Monthly Payment's  
15.1

Income: £0  
HSBC Community Account: £14,268.81  
HSBC Business Account: £27,905.24

***RESOLVED: Accounts totalling £3676.00 were approved for payment (see appendix 1).***

18. Agenda Items for the February Meeting:

18.1 No new items.

18.2 April Meeting: Due to the scheduled meeting date being Easter Monday and the proximity to the Town and Parish Council Elections it was ***RESOLVED not to hold a meeting in April***

19. Date of the Next Meeting:

19.1 The next meeting will be held on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 19.00hrs, St. Allen Parish Church**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.43hrs

Signed:.....  
CHAIRMAN

Date.....