

MINUTES OF THE ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7:15PM IN GOLANT VILLAGE HALL, GOLANT

Present: Councillors R Anderson (Chairman), A Van den Broek, D Johns, S Phillis, D Jenkinson and D Pugh-Jones.

7 members of the public.

Sue Blaxley (Clerk to the Parish Council)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:15pm.

Public Participation

Liz Anderson thanked the parish council for supporting the installation of the picnic bench at the far end of the Pill and said that it is now in situ for everyone to use. Simon Funnell showed councillors some photographs of the steps in the churchyard which are now complete. He said they have been constructed using Cornish granite. He said that the work has been done to a very high standard and that it is now possible for people to walk side by side on the steps. He said that the wall by the side of the steps has also been reinstated. Fayre Hardy said that the parish council needs to complete a booking form for the use of the village hall for meetings and that the parish council should familiarise itself with the village hall access statement. She thanked the Chairman for organising an NDP meeting. She said that Cornwall Council has said that they will not turn off the street lights at night completely. She asked the Clerk to check that the link to email her via the website is working. The Clerk confirmed that it is working. The Chairman said that some of the issues that Fayre has raised will be discussed during the meeting. Fayre said that her and her husband and Jeremy Lloyd – Evans are very happy to undertake “jobs” in the parish.

Graham Estlick commented that on 26th April 2016, the bank balance stood at £22,000 but this was £11,000 on 10th January 2019. He said that this seems to be a large drop. He commented that he considers that the precept should have been increased to fund community projects. The Chairman said that the auditor has consistently commented that the level of reserves is too high so the parish council’s objective has been to reduce funds and to keep them down. Graham Estlick said that the cost of converting the toilet building to a kayak store will be expensive so sufficient funds need to be retained for these works. The Chairman said that income and expenditure is looked at during every meeting of the parish council so that councillors can scrutinise the accounts and satisfy themselves that they are as they should be. Councillor D Johns said that the precept covers the running costs of the parish council and that the income from the car park is for any other expenditure. Graham Estlick asked who will enforce the car parking charges when the parish council owns the car park. The Chairman said that this has not been agreed as yet, one possible option being to employ Cornwall

Council uniformed parking enforcement officers working under contract to us who might deal with enforcement, banking and so on.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor J Pomeroy.

2. To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 22nd January 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 22nd January 2019, having previously been circulated, were agreed as an accurate record subject to the omission of the erection of a new finger post sign in Tinny's Lane from the action list and amending page 9, lines 7 and 14 from "quay" to "front". In addition, an amendment to item 4 needs to be made to the minute referring to discussion of PA19/00270, changing the number of councillors voting in favour of the application from six to five.

3. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

Councillor D Pugh-Jones declared a personal interest in planning application reference number PA19/00270 for proposed alterations and extension of mezzanine level to garden at 2 Downs Hill, Golant. The Chairman said that if the planning application relating to Camelia Cottage - PA19/00220 – was discussed, he and Councillor A Van den Broek would declare an interest on the grounds of personal association. Councillor D Jenkinson declared an interest in item 18 on the agenda as he is a member of St Sampson PCC. The Chairman also said that if the new bench at the far end of the Pill is discussed under item 17, he would declare a personal interest. He said that it should be noted that the actual cost of this bench to the parish council is £98 as Maurie Parsons has contributed £400 towards the cost of it.

4. Planning

To receive and consider the following consultations from Cornwall Council;

Councillor D Pugh-Jones, having previously declared an interest, left the meeting during discussion of the following planning application.

PA19/00270 – Application by C Gardner for proposed alterations and extension of mezzanine level to garden at 2 Downs Hill, Golant

The Chairman commented that as the plans were not terribly well presented in the original submission, the parish council decided to defer making a decision on the application until the plans were corrected. He said that this has now been done. Councillor S Phillis commented that the proposal will give the dwelling a facelift and will enhance the dwelling. Councillor D Jenkinson commented that

the dwelling does need renovation so the proposed development will improve it. It was proposed by Councillor R Anderson and seconded by Councillor S Phillis that the application be supported. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal. The proposal was therefore carried.

Councillor D Pugh-Jones returned to the meeting.

PA19/00023 – Application for re-division of a large plot and erection of a new dwelling at land SE of Riverside, Tanhay Lane, Golant

The Chairman said that there were no public comments on the planning portal relating to this application. He reminded councillors that when the previous submission was considered, the parish council supported the application but asked for an informative to be put on any planning permission granted to the effect that any parking on the village green should be under licence from the parish council. Councillor D Jenkinson commented that the Flood Risk Assessment has not yet been undertaken. The Chairman reported that a FRA from 2012 had now been added to the proposals and he was not aware that these were time limited. Councillor D Johns commented that the proposed development includes the installation of steps along the entire southern boundary of the site to allow for access and exit in the event of flooding. Councillor D Pugh-Jones said that she thinks that there should be no parking of vehicles at all on the village green by the tradesmen undertaking works on this development. It was proposed by Councillor D Johns and seconded by Councillor R Anderson that the application be supported subject to an informative being imposed that any parking on the village green should be under licence from the parish council. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal. The proposal was therefore carried.

5. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

To receive and consider reports on the action points from the previous meeting

Purchase yellow paint and re paint yellow lines opposite the car park and in the turning circle – AVB

It was noted that this matter is outstanding. Councillor A Van den Broek said that painting on the yellow tape may be problematic.

Replace vertical posts on fence in village green - AVB/SP

It was noted that this matter is outstanding.

Obtain new play bark for play area – RA

Councillor R Anderson said that this matter has been actioned in that he has ordered 10 x 70 litre bags of play bark which he will deposit accordingly. He said that consideration may be given in the future to using granulated rubber on all high-risk areas at an approximate cost of £200.

Fill salt bins with salt - AVB

It was noted that this matter has been actioned.

To receive and consider reports on any other matters arising from the previous meeting

The Chairman reported that a decision by Cornwall Council on the planning application for the Cormorant Hotel has been deferred until 29th March 2019. He said that the Land Contamination report has now been undertaken.

6. To receive the Chairman's Communications

The Chairman said he had attended a recent excellent CNP meeting which included some very interesting presentations. There was a presentation by Oceans Housing, a group of three companies working together to provide high quality affordable housing in Cornwall. Over the next five years they will develop over 1000 new homes for affordable rent, shared ownership and open market housing in Cornwall, and will provide 3,000 new homes by 2030. He said that they are house builders who sell some houses on the open market and use the profit from the sales to build affordable units. There are no principal residence conditions attached to their open market sales. He said that they aim to build 50% of their provision as affordable units in this area and that they are doing the £12 million project to re-develop Polgreen Place, a very run down area of St Blaisey. The Chairman said that there was also a presentation from "Shaping our Future", the Integrated Health and Social Care Partnership for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. One part of their engagement plan is work around the future of Fowey Hospital. In addition, he said there was some discussion regarding highways as well as looking at updates regarding devolution. He said that in terms of the latter, Cornwall Council is in the process of scoring the devolution projects and we have requested to know if our project has been scored yet.

At this point in the meeting, Councillors R Anderson and A Van den Broek left the meeting during discussion of Camelia Cottage - PA19/00220.

Councillor D Johns took the Chair. He explained that the Planning Officer was minded to refuse the application. Councillor D Jenkinson said that he does not consider the parish council to be suitably qualified to comment on the professional views expressed by the Conservation Officer in respect of this application. He said that the parish council supported the application because they thought it was appropriate and should therefore agree to disagree with the views of the Planning Officer. Councillor D Pugh-Jones said that she considers

that the parish council should continue to support the application as it is a small extension on a little cottage. Councillor D Johns said that he agreed with this view and that many old properties in Golant have had new additions. He said that he hopes that the Applicant has contacted the owners of the immediate neighbouring property as he suggested at the last meeting of the parish council. It was proposed by Councillor D Pugh-Jones and seconded by Councillor D Jenkinson that the parish council continues to support the application as it is considered that the proposed development will not have a detrimental effect on the chapel and that other old properties in Golant have had modern extensions. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal. The proposal was therefore carried.

Councillors R Anderson and A Van den Broek returned to the meeting.

The Chairman said that the CNA has a new SOS scheme similar to the car and housing programmes on TV whereby volunteers assist with tackling identified local problems. He had circulated details via email to all councillors prior to the meeting. He said that if any projects are considered suitable for the scheme, they can be put on the agenda and discussed at the next meeting of the parish council. He commented that the village hall booking form needs to be completed by the Clerk. He said that the Village Hall has yet to raise an invoice for the room hire for meetings. Councillors agreed that they had seen the Village Hall Fire Risk Assessment, the Health and Safety Assessment and the inventory. In addition, he said that the village hall Hiring Agreement has to be signed annually by the parish council. He confirmed that the parish council's assets are insured and that the parish council has adequate public liability insurance.

The Chairman said that a Tree Preservation Order has apparently been put in place for the whole of Penquite Wood. He had received no correspondence on this at all but had simply seen a notice placed on the church noticeboard – the actual TPO title wording is miss-spelt and refers to “Golan”, without the letter “t” at the end.

7. To answer any questions from Councillors, previously notified to the Clerk

None

8. To receive a report from the Clerk

The Clerk read out an email from the Chairman which read as follows: “A vacancy will arise for a councilor at St Sampson Parish Council with effect from Tuesday 26th March 2019 at conclusion of business as Robin Anderson will chair that meeting and then stand down. This will give councilors a month to recruit a new councilor and also consider candidates to chair the April meeting and thereafter. Robin wishes councilors to note his thanks for their work on behalf of

parishioners and wishes them well as they take forward the many good deeds which need to be done”.

9. To receive reports from -

a) Police

None

b) Cornwall Councillor

None

10. To authorise the signing of orders for payment, including -

Mrs S Blaxley (16th January 2019 – 19th February 2019 salary/ expenses) - £490.20

Cornwall Council (Rent for car park – February 2019) - £166.67

Liz Anderson (Picnic Table for Golant quay) - £498.00

AS Parking (Refund of overpaid car parking income) - £2010.50

R Anderson (Playbark) - £109.99

It was proposed by Councillor D Johns and seconded by Councillor A Van den Broek that all the above orders be authorized for payment. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal. The proposal was therefore carried.

11. To receive correspondence from:

a) Cornwall Council

None

b) Others

None

12. Finance Report

To receive a current financial statement of the accounts, to review income and expenditure against budget and to consider the precept for 2019/20

The Clerk reported that income of £8,503.95 had been received from A S Parking from the car parking machine although £2010.50 of this was being refunded to AS Parking as it has been overpaid. She said that the accounts balance at £19,591.33. The Chairman signed the cash book.

13. Golant Car Park and Toilets

To receive and consider any matters arising relating to the toilets and car park

It was noted that a large white dumpy bag has been attached to Network Rail's fence at the end of the car park in which rubbish which has been pulled from the river has been deposited. Councillor D Johns said that if someone is collecting rubbish from the river, they should be asked to remove it too. In addition, it was noted that there are large orange parking barriers in the car park which have also been pulled from the river. It was agreed that these would be placed in the toilet building. It was agreed that Councillor A Van den Broek would speak to the person who is collecting the rubbish from the river and ask for a disposal plan.

It was agreed that there were no reported problems with AS Parking during last season. It was proposed by Councillor R Anderson and seconded by Councillor A Van den Broek that the Clerk asks AS Parking to commence enforcing the parking charges from 1st March 2019. The Chairman said that resident parking permits need to be applied for and displayed by 1st April 2019 and asked councillors to remind anyone who uses these. Copies were in the noticeboard outside the hall. A reminder was in the Pill magazine. It was agreed that the public toilet facility is functioning well and the facility is clean.

14. Village Green

To receive and consider any matters arising relating to the village green

The Chairman emphasized that councillors must undertake a weekly check of the parish council's assets and inform the Clerk that the check has been done. Councillor D Jenkinson circulated photographs that he had taken during his weekly check. The Chairman said that using galvanized rubber play bark may be a good alternative to play bark. He said that the former is virtually impermeable and whilst it is more expensive than the bark, it has longevity and is not harmful to animals. Councillor D Pugh-Jones said that there is a hole in the goal net. The Chairman said that he would investigate the matter.

15. Neighbourhood Plan

To receive and consider matters arising relating to the neighbourhood plan

The Chairman explained that he had received notification from Cornwall Council that there is a new key contact for NDPs - her name is Gemma Hankins and he had circulated her details. Cornwall Council will hold a training surgery for those preparing NDPs on 15th March 2019. He reported that Councillor J Pomeroy has sent a copy of the draft NDP to a solicitor advocate to ascertain the cost of receiving her advice on the NDP. He said that he has also asked for a quotation from Palace Printers for the cost of printing 160 copies of the NDP. He said that

the method of distribution of the document will need to be considered at a later date. Further developments will be reported via email regarding the costings we have asked for. He said that seven people had met as the NDP Steering Group and that we had usefully discussed NDP progress outside the confines of Parish Council debate. He was unable to identify any consensus as to the way ahead and invited those who were present to contribute their thoughts. Councillor D Jenkinson highlighted the case of the Cormorant Hotel regarding principal residence conditions, if it went ahead without us having a plan there would be a huge impact on our village as all the homes might be second homes. Councillor D Pugh-Jones stated that she was not happy with relying on the 2015 questionnaire results and we might need a new questionnaire. A powerpoint presentation handout from the Steering Group meeting was given to two councillors who had not been able to attend the meeting.

16. Highways

To receive and consider a request for reduced street lighting in Golant

The Chairman reported that some parishioners are claiming that the street lights are too bright and would like them turned off at night or dimmed more than they are dimmed now which is dimmed to 75% between 2200 and dawn. He said that Cornwall Council does have a street lighting policy which essentially states that street lights are provided where highways' needs require them and in accordance with the Dark Sky status of the area. He said that parishioners may be happy with the street lights being dimmed to 75% between 2200 and dawn or they may prefer to have them dimmed to 50% during this time but he did not feel that we as a Parish Council really knew what the views of other residents were now. Councillors had not received any other complaints about the issue. Councillor D Jenkinson questioned whether there would be some liability incurred if the parish council insisted that the street lights be dimmed contrary to Cornwall Council's policy. Councillor S Phillis said that a comment could be made to Cornwall Council to the effect that parishioners do not consider that the street lights are being dimmed to 75% and ask them to check that this is being done and also ask them if dimming to 50% is possible or whether it is possible to dim the street lights from dusk to dawn as opposed to after 2200 hours. Councillor D Johns considered that the lights could be turned off completely over night. Councillor D Pugh-Jones said that she does not consider that the provision of the street lights in Golant impacts on the Dark Sky Status and that she would not want them turned off completely for health and safety reasons. She said that 75% dimming would be acceptable or even dimming to 50%. The Chairman said that he did not consider there to be a consensus of opinion from parishioners regarding this matter and that having no street lights over night might cause problems particularly for visitors to the village. It was proposed by Councillor S Phillis and seconded by Councillor R Anderson that enquiries be made of Cornwall Council as to whether the lights do dim to 75% and whether it is possible for them to be dimmed to less than 75% - **perhaps to 50%** - should we request that. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal. The proposal was therefore carried.

To receive and consider any other matters arising relating to highways in the parish

The Chairman said that there had been complaints to the Parish Council regarding the new Downs Hill road sign. He said that the parish council has not been involved in this decision and we could not be blamed or praised for this. He would therefore advise the complainants that we would leave the matter to be resolved by the parties concerned unless a different course was requested by councillors.

The Chairman said that he was in receipt of extensive correspondence from Jim Russell complaining about the lack of replies from Cornwall Council to his emails and the fact that he considers that Cornwall Council Highways Department is responsible for cutting the trees in the embankment in Water Lane and that they have not been cut. It was noted that a specialist inspection of a large dead tree at Torfery and a specialist inspection of the embankment in Water Lane had been requested by the Parish Council on grounds of road safety but the outcome had not yet been forthcoming. He said that Jim Russell had made a formal complaint to Cornwall Council regarding their lack of communication and action but was not aware of any response from Cornwall Council as yet.

The Chairman said that there were two abandoned cars in the village, both of which have now been removed. He said that abandoning cars in the parish needs to be discouraged. He said that the yellow lines in the turning circle are obscured by leaves. It was proposed by Councillor R Anderson and seconded by Councillor D Johns that Ollie Reed be asked to clear the yellow lines – on a basis of £60 for the work plus one dumpy bag for removal. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal. The proposal was therefore carried. Councillor D Pugh-Jones said the slipway is slippery. It was noted that this was GQUA property and it had now been cleaned. The Chairman raised the issue of progress on traffic calming work in the village and undertook to send our minutes covering this to Highways and Councillor Andy Virr.

17. Footpaths and Benches

To receive and consider any matters arising relating to footpaths and benches in the parish

It was agreed that the Clerk would add the new bench to the asset register.

18. St Sampson Parochial Church Council

To receive and consider a request for financial assistance towards the new steps at the churchyard

Councillor D Jenkinson stepped out. It was noted that a copy of the request from

St Sampson PCC for some financial assistance towards the new steps in the churchyard had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Chairman said that the total cost was approximately £4,000. He said that the parish council has no statutory power to pay for these works and that the amount that can be donated is limited under Section 137 payments which is a defined amount multiplied by the number of electorate: $189 \times £7.86 = £1,485$. He said that £50 has already been donated to the British Legion Poppy Appeal during this financial year. Councillor S Phillis stated that a previous request for on financial support for on-going maintenance at the church had been turned down as a specific project would more likely to be funded and he thought this was a strong case for our support. Councillor A Van den Broek stated that the work needed doing and would be a considerable improvement. Councillor D Pugh-Jones expressed her support for the improvement. Councillor D Johns commented that historically, the Church has raised its own money and that the £595 it raised for St Petroc's could have been used towards the new steps. However, he said that a request for financial assistance towards contractual maintenance was refused on a previous occasion by the parish council and that St Sampson PCC was told that financial assistance may be forthcoming for specific projects. It was proposed by Councillor D Johns and seconded by Councillor D Pugh-Jones that a donation of £1,400 be given to St Sampson PCC towards the steps in the churchyard. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal. The proposal was therefore carried.

19. Date of next meeting

To confirm the date and venue of the next meeting on Tuesday 26th March 2019

The date of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 26th March 2019, commencing at 7:15pm in Golant Village Hall.

There was no further business and the meeting was closed at 8:55pm.

ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

26th February 2019

ACTION POINTS

Minute Number	Action	By Whom
5	Purchase yellow paint and re paint yellow lines opposite the car park and in the turning circle	AVB
5	Replace vertical posts on fence in village green	AVB/SP
6	Complete village hall booking form	SB
13	Put large orange parking barriers in toilet building	RA/AVB
13	Request disposal plan for rubbish collected from river	AVB
13	Ask AS Parking to commence enforcing the parking charges from April 1 st 2019	SB
14	Repair hole in goal net	RA
16	Ask Cornwall Council if the street lights do dim to 75% and if it is possible for them to be dimmed to less than 75%	RA
16	Send minutes re traffic calming to Highways and Councillor A Virr	RA
16	Ask Ollie Reed to clear yellow lines in turning circle	RA
17	Add new bench to asset register	SB