

MINUTES OF THE ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7:15PM IN GOLANT VILLAGE HALL, GOLANT

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

2 members of the public.

Sue Blaxley (Clerk to the Parish Council)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:15pm.

Public Participation

Graham Estlick said that there had not been any significant parking issues on the village green over the summer. He commented that the sun has faded the parking permits issued by the parish council so that the text is no longer visible. He said that the cost of cleaning the toilets has increased considerably since April 2019. Councillor D Johns said that it may be prudent to ascertain why this is the case. Graham Estlick asked why the lock on the defibrillator cabinet had had to be replaced. Councillor S Phillis explained that a key lock had been fitted to the cabinet so that the defibrillator can be accessed if needed. Graham Estlick said that when the sundial was constructed in 1999, there was a surplus of funds of £500 and he is unsure where this surplus was deposited. The Chairman said that it would be in the parish council's bank account.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cornwall Councillor A Virr and from Councillor M Whell.

2. To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 23rd July 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23rd July 2019, having previously been circulated, were agreed as an accurate record subject to an addition to minute 4, paragraph 2, line 6 as follows "Councillor D Johns said that some of the money could be used to extend the concrete area alongside the Pill if GQU were in agreement".

3. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

None

4. Planning

To receive and consider the following planning application:

PA19/07567 – Application for single-storey extension at Mowhay Meadow, Church Hill, Golant

The Chairman explained that the proposed extension is to the rear of the dwelling and will not therefore be visible. It was noted that the flat roof will be the most visually pleasing design. Councillor D Johns asked for clarification that the development will not affect the status of the dwelling as an affordable dwelling. It was proposed by Councillor D Jenkinson and seconded by Councillor D Pugh-Jones that the application be supported provided that the status of the dwelling as being affordable is not affected. All Councillors voted in favour of the 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

Adjust spring on gate into the play area, affix rubber to base of swing posts and posts of agility trail, replace tread plate on agility trail - AVB/SP

It was noted that these matters have been actioned.

Research the Community Infrastructure Levy – MW

It was noted that this matter has not been actioned. Therefore, it was carried forward.

Paint rail to rear of car park - SP/AVB

It was noted that this matter has not been actioned. Therefore, it was carried forward.

Check the ball cock in toilet – AVB

Councillor S Phillis said that he has replaced the ball cock.

Write to Planning Officer to clarify matters concerning the footpath behind the Cormorant Hotel – DJ

The Chairman said that the deeds of the Cormorant Hotel clearly show that the footpath is in separate ownership to the hotel. He said that the matter is being pursued by Cornwall Council's legal team. It was noted that the proposed turning and parking areas for the development are within land owned by the hotel.

Councillor D Johns said that the parish council is of the opinion that the footpath should not be developed as the deeds show that it is not within the freehold of the hotel. However, he said that it is accepted that they have a right of way over the footpath. Councillor D Jenkinson said that the builder and the agent are adamant that the footpath is owned by the hotel. Councillor A Van den Broek suggested that it may be a good idea to write to the Ramblers Association and inform them that the footpath is being threatened. It was proposed by Councillor D Johns and seconded by Councillor S Phillis that the parish council restates its position to Cornwall Council and to Cornwall Councillor A Virr that the Cormorant Hotel do not own the footpath to the rear of the site and that the parish council will remain of this opinion unless the owners of the hotel can prove otherwise. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal. The proposal was therefore carried.

Write to Village Hall, Golant Pill Directors and Rowing Club to ask for their views as to listing their asset as being of community value – DJ

The Chairman reported that he had received a response from GQU to the effect that they believe that the enterprise that oversees the Pill is established as a non profit making enterprise so they do not envisage that the freehold could be sold outside their control and therefore, they do not consider that the Pill requires listing as an asset of community value. He said that the Rowing Club feel that their building is well protected as they are a Trust and therefore, they do not consider that the building requires listing as an asset of community value. However, he said that they have said that they will discuss the matter at their next meeting.

Ascertain cost of a sign asking people to take their boat rubbish home – SP

It was noted that Councillor S Phillis has erected a sign.

Ask builders to pick up material that falls from their dumper trucks onto the highway – MW

It was noted that this matter has been actioned.

Report loose paving slab outside pub to Cornwall Council - SP

It was noted that this matter has been actioned.

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

None

5. To receive the Chairman's Communications

- The Chairman said that he had received a request from Fowey River Canoe Club to use the village green as a boat “drop off” location when they hold their annual race on Sunday 20th October 2019. Councillor A Van den Broek said that this had worked well in previous years but that it would be a good idea to inform residents of the event beforehand, perhaps via “Maurie” mail or by erecting a sign at the entrance to the village. It was noted that cars will park at the nursery during the event. It was proposed by Councillor A Van den Broek and seconded by Councillor D Pugh-Jones that permission be given for the village green to be used as a boat “drop off” location on Sunday 20th October 2019. All Councillors voted in favour of the proposal. The proposal was therefore carried.
- The Chairman also said that, at the last meeting he had reported that several parishioners had complained that the footpaths in the parish are not clear enough. He said that he has now received emails saying that the footpaths are much improved now that they have been strimmed. He said that, next year, the parish council will have a more structured approach to strimming the footpaths.
- He said that a new couple will be moving into the village week commencing 21st October and had sought advice as to how to notify residents about the removal van and any “tips” for an efficient move.

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

None

8. To receive a report from the Clerk

None

9. To receive reports from -

a) Police

None

b) Cornwall Councillor

The Chairman explained that Cornwall Councillor A Virr had submitted a report which the Chairman summarised. He explained that Cornwall Councillor A Virr had met with Tasha Davies to discuss the highways schemes put forward by the parish council and the devolution projects. In respect of the latter, the devolution of the car park and toilets is fourth from the bottom of Cornwall Council’s devolution list which Cornwall Councillor A Virr considers disadvantageous to smaller projects. The Chairman said that he has questioned whether the parish council wants to include the art gallery in the devolution. Councillor D Jenkinson said that the lease for the car park is now at the end of its term and that he is

meeting Tasha Davis tomorrow to discuss the transfer of the toilets and car park to the parish council. In respect of highways schemes, he said that Cornwall Councillor A Virr said that the mobile speed cameras will not be going ahead. He also said that improvements to the Castledore crossroads is worthy of further investigation.

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

Mrs S Blaxley (16th July 2019 – 13th September 2019 salary/ expenses) - £443.04
Cornwall Council (Rent for Car Park August and September 2019) - £333.34
British Gas (Water for Toilets 1/5/19 – 31/7/19) - £75.98
Cormac Solutions (Toilet Cleaning June and July 2019) - £395.18
AED Locator EU Ltd (Replacement Lock for Defibrillator Cabinet) - £125.94
Cornwall Landscaping (Strimming and Hedge Cutting) - £416.00
AED Locator EU Ltd (Defibrillator Monitoring) - £33.60
Steve Phillis (Ball Cock/Sign) - £33.58

It was proposed by Councillor D Pugh-Jones and seconded by Councillor D Johns 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

- The Chairman said that he had received a “Community Governance Review” update. He said that Cornwall Council are now in stage 2 of the process which invites town and parish councils to review their submissions especially if neighbouring parishes have submitted comments. It was noted that Tywardreath and Par have not submitted any comments.

b) Others

- The Chairman said that he had received a lengthy email from Fowey Harbour Commissioners detailing the Fowey Harbour Revision Order pre-application consultation which he had forwarded to all councillors.

12. Finance Report

To receive a current financial statement of the accounts and to review income and expenditure against budget

The Clerk reported that, this month, income of £10 has been received from Graham Estlick to cover the cost of postage for the agendas and minutes he receives. She said that that the accounts balance at £12,742.56. The Clerk reported that the parish council has not received any money this season from AS

Parking from the car parking machine. The Clerk said that she had emailed AS Parking regarding this matter but had not yet received a response. The Chairman said that he would follow this up with a further email. The Clerk said there is a clear audit trail regarding the money removed from the car parking machine and it being deposited in the parish council's bank account.

13. Golant Car Park and Toilets

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

Councillor D Johns explained that three people now live on their boats on the river and park their cars on the highway which is a particular problem when the tide is very high as parking at these times is limited. It was noted that under the Harbour Office rules, living aboard a boat is not permitted. However, it was noted that they do not live aboard for 12 months of the year. Councillor S Harper questioned whether it would be against the terms of the mooring. Councillor D Jenkinson said that he would write to Paul Thomas regarding this matter. Councillor D Johns said that GQU would not be averse to painting diagonal "parking space" lines on the concrete area in front of the pub. It was agreed that the parish council do not have any objection to this.

14. Village Green

To receive and consider a request for a temporary car pass for the village green

The Chairman reported that he had received a request from the landlord of the pub asking if he could be issued with car parking permits so that his staff could park on the village green during periods of high tide. Councillor D Pugh-Jones commented that, on occasions, they do park on the village green. She said that if this is allowed, it may set a precedent for other business' staff to ask for temporary permits. Councillor S Harper commented that the pub is a village asset and that the parish council should be doing all it can to support the business. It was proposed by Councillor A Van den Broek and seconded by Councillor D Johns that two temporary permits be issued to the landlord of the pub for use by his staff on a trial basis to allow them to park on the village green during high tides and that these permits must be displayed in the vehicles concerned. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal. The proposal was therefore carried.

To consider quotations for works to the sundial on the village green

This matter was deferred until a future meeting.

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

Councillor S Phillis said that it may be a good idea to extend the village green by 20 – 30 m beyond the playground to make an additional parking area and to consider using the village pond for this purpose too. Councillor A Van den Broek said this could be done by raising the level of the ground utilising hardcore from the Cormorant Hotel site when work begins on the redevelopment next month. It was noted that GQU and the Environment Agency would need to be satisfied that the deposited material was acceptable in this location. Councillors A Van den Broek and S Phillis said they would investigate the matter further and report to the next meeting.

15. Neighbourhood Plan

To receive and consider any matters arising relating to the Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor S Harper thanked everyone for the feedback she had received on the draft NDP. She said that she updated the document and made some minor amendments. She reported that Cornwall Council has said that the document is not ready for public consultation as they consider that the policies in the plan are not clear policies. She said that she is awaiting feedback from them regarding this matter. In addition, she said that they have commented that some of the content should be incorporated as appendices as opposed to comprising text in the body of the document. Furthermore, Cornwall Council require the policies to be put into boxes in the document which she has now done. The Clerk said that she would put the most up to date version of the NDP on the website. Councillor S Harper said that the NDP is not “set in stone” but gives the parish council a baseline for communications.

16. Highways

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

Councillor D Pugh-Jones said that she had met with Rachel Tatlow regarding the parish council’s suggestions for highways improvements in the parish and will follow this up with her in due course, and especially examine the prospect of improvements at the Castledore crossroads.

19. Footpaths and Benches

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

Councillor A Van den Broek said that some of the benches on the middle path across the Downs should be removed as they are rotten and in a very poor state. It was agreed that Councillor A Van den Broek would attend to this matter

20. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the parish council will be on Tuesday 29th October 2019 commencing at 7:15pm in Golant Village Hall.

There was no further business and the meeting was closed at 8:30pm.

ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

24th September 2019

ACTION POINTS

<u>Minute Number</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>By Whom</u>
PP	Ascertain why the cost of cleaning toilets has substantially increased	SB
4	Research the Community Infrastructure Levy	MW/DJ
4	Paint rail to rear of car park	SP/AVB
12	Write to AS Parking regarding receiving money from car parking machine	DJ
13	Write to Paul Thomas regarding "live aboards"	DJ
15	Put latest version of draft NDP on website	SB
19	Remove rotten benches from middle path	AVB