

MINUTES OF THE ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY USING ZOOM ON TUESDAY, 23RD JUNE 2020

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

Sue Blaxley (Clerk to the Parish Council)

Public Participation

None

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor D Johns.

2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th May 2020

The minutes of the meeting held virtually using Zoom on Tuesday 26th May 2020, having previously been circulated, were agreed as an accurate record.

3. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

None

4. Planning

To receive and consider the following planning application:

PA20/04320 – Construction of dining room at Penquite Old Barn, Golant

It was agreed that the proposed development would be a sympathetic addition to the host property. It was proposed by Councillor D Jenkinson and seconded by Councillor D Pugh-Jones that the application be supported. 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

Drill grit bin that is full of water – MW

This matter has not yet been actioned and will be carried forward.

Examine lease for Boatwatch hut - DMJ

This matter has not yet been actioned and will be carried forward. The Chairman said that he would post the lease to Councillor D Johns to enable him to action this matter.

Place hook the back of the door to the toilet - SP

Councillor S Phillis said that this matter has been actioned.

Arrange for contractor to fill in potholes on village green and re-seed where necessary - AVB

Councillor A Van den Broek reported that the pot holes in the car parking area require filling with hardcore. He said that he had inspected the village green and could only see small potholes. The Chairman said that he thought there were more than that. Councillor A Van den Broek said that he would have another look. He also said that Councillor D Johns said that one of the screws is broken on the public toilet and that he would replace the screw.

Seek clarification from GQU regarding the approximate cost of removing derelict boats from the Pill – DJ

Councillor A Van den Broek said that he thought that some of the wooden derelict boats would be taken away free of charge for use as projects. He said that Peter Edwards thought this was a solution that was worth pursuing although he did not consider that GQU are currently in a legal position to implement this. The Chairman commented that the boat owners possibly find it cheaper to pay the annual rent for mooring their boat in the Pill rather than sort out their derelict boat. He said that Peter Edwards is hoping to change the legal process so that the owners of derelict boats pay higher mooring fees. He said that Peter Edwards estimates that it might cost £1,000 per boat for their removal. The Chairman said that the use of the boats as projects, as planters and possibly as items of play equipment maybe worth pursuing. Councillor S Phillis asked if there were any derelict boats without owners that could be disposed of immediately. The Chairman said that he would ask GQU.

Examine spending plan to ascertain the parish council's progress - SB

The Chairman reported that the Clerk had sent him a copy of the four-year spending plan which expired in 2019. He said that the intention of the spending plan was to recognise that the capital held was more than was seen as reasonable and to identify areas for expenditure. He said that the aim was to reduce the amount of capital that the parish council holds. He said that the parish council now has more money, with the recent CIL payment, but there are more projects in the pipeline. He said that approximate costs need to be identified for the projects. Councillor D Pugh-Jones asked if any progress had been made towards obtaining costings for the conversion of the toilet block. The

Chairman said he was a little nervous about doing this in case the parish council does not actually acquire the asset and if they do, at what cost. Councillor D Pugh-Jones said that other parish and town councils have acquired public toilets and have renovated them for various uses. She said that the toilet block at Ready Money Cove has been converted into a shop. The Chairman said that he would write to Fowey Town Council and ask them how much money they paid for the asset. Councillor A Van den Broek said that creating a car parking area at the far end of the Pill would be worth pursuing in order to increase the number of parking spaces and to improve this unkempt area. Some discussion took place as to the merits or otherwise of charging for parking in these spaces. The Chairman said that the benefits for the majority have to be considered when reaching such decisions. Councillor S Harper said that creating parking spaces at the far end of the Pill complements the removal of the derelict boats in order to make it a more attractive area.

Ask developer to reinstate stonework around Tinney's Lane well – DJ

The Chairman said that the developer commented that the damage to the stonework was probably not caused by them but that they will ask their stonemason to have a look at the damage.

Email Cornwall Council highways department and ask them when the filling of potholes will resume – DJ

The Chairman said that, the day after the last parish council meeting, the potholes in Church Hill and the road leading to the church past Bodrigan, were filled in. Councillor A Van den Broek said that the potholes in Water Lane need filling in. The Chairman said that he would email Cornwall Council highways department and ask them to fill in the potholes in Water Lane and thank them for filling in the potholes in Church Hill. Councillor S Harper reported that SWW have cleared the drain in Water Lane but it did not solve the problem and the water is eroding the road. Councillor A Van den Broek said that the drain probably needs jetting. Councillor S Harper said that she would contact SWW again regarding this matter.

Ascertain works needed to trim vegetation next to the two seats on Saints Way path – SP

Councillor S Phillis reported that he had cleared the vegetation so that there was a clear view from one of the benches.

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

None

6. To receive the Chairman's Communications

The Chairman reported that he had invited parishioners to offer their comments on how the CIL payment should be spent. He said that he had received one response and that was to update the sundial. Councillor D Jenkinson said that he did not think that works undertaken in the parish should always be reliant on parish councillors undertaking the tasks on a voluntary basis as contractors could be employed who need the work and there are sufficient funds to pay contractors.

He said that a parishioner had queried whether the trees on the potential development site at Riverside are protected by Tree Preservation Orders. The Chairman said that he would ask Cornwall Council.

The Chairman said that he had received a comment to the effect that the Upper Downs path is starting to look overgrown. Councillor A Van den Broek said that Cornwall Council trim the middle path - Saints Way - and Cornwall Landscaping will be cutting the upper downs path again very soon. He said that Cornwall Landscaping could also trim the cut through path.

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

The Chairman said that each update from the Police (and especially in relation to Corona Virus legislation and enforcement issues), is being shared via "Maurie Mail". He said that the Police have issued a statement that there is a person that they are very keen to find and that if he is seen, an emergency call should be made.

b) Cornwall Councillor

The Chairman said that the parish council is being regularly provided with the very latest updates on the Corona Virus policies and procedures from Cornwall Council and that Cornwall Councillor Andy Virr is now also receiving "Maurie Mail." He said that Cornwall Councillor A Virr was at the recent CNP which Councillor D Jenkinson also attended and praised the parish council for opening

the public toilets.

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

Mrs S Blaxley (19th May 2020 – 15th June 2020) - £329.98
Cornwall Council (Rent for Car Park – June 2020) - £166.67
Cornwall Pension Fund (Pension Contributions – June 2020) - £57.26
Cormac Solutions (Toilet cleaning August and September 2019) - £395.16
Cormac Solutions (Toilet cleaning April and May 2020) - £209.08
Glenn Humphries Landscaping (Grass cutting - May 2020) - £180.00
Cornwall Landscaping (Footpath strimming) - £264.30
David Jenkinson (Zoom subscriptions) - £28.68

It was proposed by Councillor D Pugh-Jones and seconded by Councillor S Harper that all the above orders be authorized for payment. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal. The proposal was therefore carried.

11. Finance Report

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

The Clerk reported that, since her last report, income of £4,450.10 has been received from Cornwall Council as the CIL payment. She said the accounts balance at £19,477.05. The Chairman said that the spending plan which was drafted by the previous Chairman ended in 2019 and was a medium-term financial strategy identifying seven general spending areas. He said that the intention was to spend £10,000 over 4 years which has not been fully achieved. He said that the parish council needs to decide, on behalf of parishioners, how to spend the money. Councillor S Harper asked if work can be done to the toilet block if the parish council does not actually own it. The Chairman said that he would ask Tasha Davies. He said that he would present a shortlist of suggestions for expenditure to the next meeting of the parish council. But it would be important to “ring fence” money that will be spent on specific projects going forward, like communication, the playground, the toilet block and so on. But without knowing the potential cost of acquiring the car park, it was difficult to know how much to put on one side and a request had been made to the portfolio holder (in Cornwall Council) for clarification on potential costs in this area.

12. Cormorant Hotel Site

To receive and consider matters arising relating to the Cormorant Hotel site

The Chairman said that work on the Cormorant Hotel site has stopped until September. The developer has confirmed that the development in Water Lane is due to be completed in July.

13. Devolving Assets from Cornwall Council

To receive and consider matters arising relating to the devolution of assets from Cornwall Council

It was noted that an email from Tasha Davies was circulated prior to the meeting, explaining that devolving the carpark and toilet block was still on the table but behind other projects.

14. Golant Car Park and Toilets

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

The Chairman said that Councillor D Johns thinks that people parking in the car park are not buying tickets. Some discussion took place as to whether the parish council should be putting a polite notice on the windscreens of vehicles that do not appear to have a valid parking ticket. It was suggested that Councillor D Johns might action this? There was some uncertainty as to whether AS Parking are fully operational. Councillor D Jenkinson said that he would email them and ask. The Chairman said that the painting of the rail to the rear of the car park could be undertaken by a contractor. Councillor S. Phillis and A Van den Broek said that they have the paint and would rather gather a group of volunteers together to undertake the painting. They said that the money could be saved for bigger projects.

15. Village Green

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

The Chairman said that he considers that about a one square meter area of the village green may need re-seeding.

16. Neighbourhood Plan

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

Councillor S Harper said that she now has the terms of reference to submit to Cornwall Council as part of the consultation document. She said that she would submit the document although Cornwall Council has said that it will not be looking at it, until March 2021.

17. Highways

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

There were no matters in addition to the action points.

18. Footpaths and Benches

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

None

19. Corona Virus

To receive and consider any matters arising relating to the corona virus pandemic

The Chairman said that Maurice Parsons in his role as the Covid 19 co-ordinator had worked well as had the list of volunteers. He said that as we enter a riskier time, everyone needs to exercise caution. Councillor S Harper said that as the pub is now going to re-open, the rules on social distancing may mean that people will spill onto the road with their drinks and possibly onto the village green. Councillor S Phillis said that plastic glasses will be used outside. It was agreed that the parish council wish to support the pub and that if asked about customers spilling out on to the road or village green, the parish council has no objection.

19. Date of next meeting

To confirm the date and venue of the next meeting on Tuesday 28th July 2020

The next meeting of the parish council will be a virtual meeting held using Zoom and will take place on Tuesday 28th July 2020 commencing at 7:15pm.

ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

23rd June 2020

ACTION POINTS

<u>Minute Number</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>By Whom</u>
5	Drill grit bin that is full of water	MW
5	Examine lease for Boatwatch hut	DMJ

5	Inspect village green for potholes and re-seed where necessary	AVB
5	Replace broken screw on public toilet	AVB
5	Ask GQU if any of the derelict boats do not have owners and can be removed?	
DJ		
5	Ask Fowey Town Council how much they paid For the toilet block at Readymoney Cove	DJ
5	Email Cornwall Council highways department and ask them to fill in the potholes in Water Lane and thank them for filling in the potholes in Church Hill	DJ
5	Ask SWW to clear the drain in Water Lane	SH
6	Ascertain if the trees on the potential development site at Riverside are protected by a TPO	DJ
11	Ask Tasha Davies if works could take place On the public toilet prior to ownership	DJ
14	Polite notices to be put on vehicles not displaying a valid parking ticket	DMJ
14	Ascertain if AS Parking are operational	DJ