

**MINUTES OF THE ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY, 26TH APRIL 2022 AT 7:15PM IN GOLANT  
VILLAGE HALL, GOLANT**

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

Fayre Hardy  
Sue Blaxley (Parish Clerk)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:15pm.

**Public Participation**

Fayre Hardy said that The Fisherman's Arms was listed with Cornwall Council as a community asset over 5 years ago and that this listing needs to be done again. She asked the parish council to consider if there are any other assets that they might consider listing, such as the Golant Pill.

She asked what age group the re-development of the playground is aimed at. It was agreed that the target ages are between 2 and 12 years. The Chairman said that the parish council has not yet pursued the replacement of the play equipment because other issues, (such as devolvement), have taken priority both in terms of time and priority expenditure.

Fayre Hardy asked if the contractors from the Cormorant site are paying to park in the car park. It was agreed that payment by any contractors was ad hoc. Having said that, and by arrangement, quite a few vehicles are daily parked at South Torfrey. The Chairman said that he would email Alliance Parking and remind them to visit the car park to undertake more checks.

She said that Martyn Hardy (following a request from the Chairman) had provided a list of 60 jobs in the parish that need to be done. The Chairman said that he and the Councillors will re-visit the list and bring it up to date. She also said that the road closure has been approved for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and that Carol Gabb will be leading the event on behalf of the village hall committee.

Fayre Hardy said that at the construction site next to Mr/Mrs Gabbs' property, cement and concrete had been discharged onto the highway. So, she had asked the contractor to clean the highway.

She said that the debris and mud on the roads in the village (because of the Cormorant development) remains a problem and that she will be writing to the developer and Highways to that effect. She said that the planning conditions are not being complied with in this respect and that the action the parish council has taken has not achieved the desired effect. The Chairman explained that the parish council is not the enforcing authority but that he and Councillor A Van den Broek will meet the contractor again and explain the concerns raised. It was pointed out that a breach of planning conditions HAD already been raised with Cornwall Council. It was suggested that parishioners who are concerned about the mud and debris on the roads should report the matter on Cornwall Council's website, which may achieve a quicker response from an enforcement officer.

### **1. Apologies**

None

### **2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 29th March 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 29th March 2022, having previously been circulated, were agreed as an accurate record.

### **3. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda**

The Chairman declared an interest in item 13 of Chairman's communications where it relates to the recent music event held at South Torfrey Farm.

### **4. Matters Arising from the previous meeting**

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

The Chairman reported that all the action points are covered by items on the agenda. He said that he had spoken to GQUA to ascertain if they would agree to 45 degree parking bays being delineated on the concrete strip adjacent to the highway. However, he said that they did not welcome this idea but that the dialogue is ongoing. The issue seems to be the potential “legal” responsibility should anyone park within painted lines and then suffer a flooding. Would GQUA become liable? This is being followed up to assess what liability (if any) might exist and could that be covered by the Parish Council?

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

None

**5. To receive the Chairman’s Communications**

The Chairman emailed the following communications in advance of the meeting and where necessary, they are covered under specific agenda items:

1. Email confirming searches organised by solicitor following receipt of funds (Agenda item 12)
2. An email received asking about the loss of a couple of trees on the development site and the subsequent reply from the developer (Agenda item 11)
3. Offers received from three parishioners to tend to the floral display in the old boat by the green. (Agenda item 15)
4. Contact with Paddle Cornwall about a “chained” trailer along their fence. Resolved satisfactorily.
5. Enquiry about the licence for South Torfrey Farm Silo business. Licence received by the Parish Clerk.
6. Meeting to discuss final amendments to the proposed Village Map. (Agenda item 15)
7. Various emails concerning the original lease document for the carpark. Retrieved from filing. (Agenda item 12)
8. Email received from TECKER (contractors for S W Water) confirming a re-scheduled scheme planned for 28th April. (Agenda item 13)

9. Email received from the Developer advising that Openreach will be working (overnight) on the 2nd to 5th May. Also, Western Power will be doing work at the bottom of the Cormorant Drive between 3rd and 5th May. (Agenda item 11/17)

10. Email received confirming the recent vote by Cornwall Council AGAINST Tim Smidt's Gillyflower development in the Fowey River Valley.

11. Email received from the village hall treasurer enclosing the various legal documents confirming the Road Closure of Water Lane for the street party for the Queens Jubilee celebrations. (Agenda item 19)

12. Various emails concerning lack of keys for Wallgate Machine (Agenda item 14)

13. Complaint received about a music event at South Torfrey Farm on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022

**6. To any questions from Councillors, previously notified to the Clerk**

None

**7. To receive a report from the Clerk**

None

**8. To receive reports from -**

**a) Police**

None

**b) Cornwall Councillor**

A report (see below) was read out at the meeting:

Highways have provided the following update regarding Water Lane: "Water Lane is held on the surfacing treatment list, for prioritisation against all other roads across the county requiring treatment. The road is currently on the provisional list for the 2023/24 year.

However, in the meantime, hazardous defects will be identified and made safe via the routine safety inspections or following reports through the Council's defect reporting system."

I have spoken with Cornwall Council's Solicitor who is supporting the devolution of the assets to St Sampson Parish Council. I passed on the frustration with the delays and how vital it is that the ownership is rapidly transferred to the Parish. A detailed update was provided to the Parish Chair. I am expecting more progress now and am happy to support if further delays occur.

I am still awaiting a response from the Cornwall Environment team regarding the missing key for the Wallgate machine soap dispenser. I will chase.

- The Chairman said that he would email Cornwall Council Highways Department about repairing potholes in Water Lane.
- He said that he has had extensive email communication regarding the key for the Wallgate machine in the public toilet and that Senior Officers are progressing the matter. However, he said that we still await a satisfactory outcome.

#### **9. To authorise the signing of orders for payment, including -**

Mrs S Blaxley (24th March 2022 – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022) - £525.02

Cornwall Council (Rent for Car Park – April 2022) - £166.67

Cornwall Pension Fund (Pension Contributions) - £86.65

Cornwall ALC (2022/23 Subscription) - £217.45

Source for Business (Water for Toilet) - £45.64

Fowey Harbour Commissioners (Electricity for Boatwatch Hut) - £53.57

BHIB (Insurance Premium 2022/23) - £636.71

HMRC (PAYE) - £109.55

Playsafety Ltd (Play Equipment Inspection) - £88.20

Andrew van den Broek (Post for Village Green) - £31.86

David Jenkinson (Notice Board and Village Maps) - £616.40

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

Councillor D Johns said that he had tidied up the standing orders and financial regulations. The Clerk said that she would put these documents on the website.

## **10. Finance**

### **To receive and consider a current financial statement of accounts**

The Clerk reported that the accounts balance at £26,286.23.

## **11. Cormorant Hotel Site**

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

The Chairman said that he had contacted the developer regarding the height of the roof of one of houses and the staircase into the adjacent woodland. The developer said the height of the roof is correct and the staircase is to facilitate access into the adjacent woodland by the new owner who has purchased the house next to the woodland *and* the woodland. It was suggested that planning permission would be required to change this woodland into a domestic garden. He said that the developer has removed two ash trees due to ash die back, (in agreement with the house owner and Network Rail) as they were considered to be a danger to the railway. They have agreed to re-plant four trees in their place.

## **12. Devolving Assets from Cornwall Council**

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

The Chairman said that Cornwall Councillor A Virr has been chasing the legal team at Cornwall Council as they seem to be slow in responding to the parish council's solicitor. He said that he has received a letter from Stephens Scown which he will circulate to all councillors. Councillor D Johns said that he will read the specific

searches and the covering letter and raise any queries where necessary.

### **13. Golant Car Park**

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

Councillor S Phillis said that he had obtained quotations from three contractors who are interested in re-tarmacing part of the car park. All contractors had suggested that the north end of the car park was ok, but that the southern end was in need of resurfacing and white lining. He said that this is a task to be undertaken off season and that more accurate prices can be obtained from these contractors nearer the time. Councillors questioned whether National Lottery funding might be available for these works?

Councillor D Johns had circulated information to all councillors prior to the meeting in respect of quotations from Flowbird Smart City as to the cost of changing the car park ticket machine to accept debit and credit cards, (a plan which has been previously agreed). He explained that the existing machine is 10 years old, but it can be upgraded to accept debit and credit cards (but not Apple or Google pay) and be contactless and take cash at a cost of £2782.00 plus VAT. He said that to provide a machine to take Google and Apple pay too (and take cash), would cost £3,980.00 plus VAT. He said that a new machine would cost £3,245.00 plus VAT which is a **cashless machine**. He said that this machine would not take cash so is unlikely to be vandalised. Also, it is less likely to malfunction as it normally stops working when the machine is full of cash and needs emptying. All the money from the cashless payments would go directly to the parish council's bank account. It was noted that there is a 3% and a 10p transaction fee and a £10/month back-office charge. To enable the machine to operate, Councillor D Johns is arranging with BT for wifi to be installed into the Boatwatch Hut. It was proposed by Councillor D Pugh-Jones and seconded by Councillor S Phillis that the car park machine be changed for a new cashless machine to be sited in the same location as the existing machine. If deemed appropriate, the new machine could be sited alongside the existing machine until the new one was ready. All

Councillors voted in favour of the proposal to purchase a new machine. The proposal was therefore carried.

#### **14. Public Toilets**

##### **To receive and consider any matters arising relating to the public toilets**

The Chairman said that he had received an email from Corserv Facilities (Cormac) explaining that the cleaning charges will increase by 5.5% in 2022/23. Councillor D Johns asked if Paddle SUP might be interested in cleaning the facility? The Parish Clerk is to consider how this arrangement might operate and if found to be in order, then the Chairman said that he would email Paddle Cornwall SUP to gauge their interest.

The debacle over the missing key for the Wallgate machine is almost at an end, in that Cormac have now ordered keys for their operative and will provide an emergency spare to the parish Council.

#### **15. Village Green and Playground**

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

- The Chairman showed everyone a copy of the new village map which has been produced and which will be displayed inside a new notice board on the village green. Thanks must go to Ian and Sarah Laughton for producing the finished end result! Councillor A Van den Broek said that he and Councillor Phyllis would erect the display cabinet that has now been delivered. It was noted that smaller A3 maps are being printed and will be available to be collected from the pub and the village hall.
- The Chairman said that the flower boat on the village green is now being replenished by two volunteers.
- Some discussion took place regarding the provision of new play equipment, and it was agreed that the original concept of a wooden play boat was still a good idea. However, Councillor D Johns said there is some excellent wooden play equipment, of a simple design, at Cardinham Woods which may be worth



considering. A budget of approximately £15,000 was agreed to be a level of spend that might be acceptable to the village, from existing resources (and without additional funding). The Chairman said that various avenues of funding are available for the playground project which already includes Imerys (courtesy of a dialogue between a Parishioner and Imerys for some funding) the Cormorant Developer, National Lottery and SITA (provided the latter has a waste disposal site in the area). Councillor A Van den Broek said that he has been approached by some parishioners who are interested in being involved in the playground project. It was agreed that they could be invited to consider fundraising opportunities. It was noted that the RoSPA play safety inspection had been circulated to all councillors and whilst there were no “red” issues identified, there were a number of areas of concern, which serve to underline the need for upgrading the equipment.

The Chairman said that he would contact the original project leaders (now they are back in the UK) to see if they would consider remaining with the project?

## **16. Green Issues**

### **To receive and consider any matters relating to green issues in the parish**

Councillor D Johns said that he is still considering working on some of the proposals put forward by Chacewater Parish Council via their community energy group and the sustainable energy advice forum on their website.

## **17. Highways**

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

The Chairman said that he had received notification that works in Water Lane will be given priority, but they will not be undertaken immediately. He said that he had contacted Rachel Tatlow regarding additional signage on the river frontage in respect of cars flooding at very high tides. She suggested mounting a yellow board behind the

existing signs to make them more visible and has suggested signs on the low wall by the pub. It was proposed by Councillor D Jenkinson and seconded by Councillor M Whell that these additional measures, as suggested, should be put in place. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal. The proposal was therefore carried

### **18. Footpaths and Benches**

#### **To receive and consider matters relating to footpaths and benches in the parish**

Councillor A van den Broek said that he would obtain quotations for cutting the footpaths in the parish.

### **19. Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

#### **To consider the arrangements for celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

- Councillor D Johns said that he had sent out a Maurie Mail asking parishioners if they would like a fruit tree to plant for the Jubilee, following an idea put forward by a Parishioner. He said that he had received over 70 requests for trees. He said that 70 different species may be planted. The Parish Council will fund 70 trees and any additional trees would be self-funded.
- The Chairman confirmed that Caroline Davidson has offered to make 100 cupcakes for the celebration. The Chairman said that the road closure alongside Golant Pill (in front of the pub) has been approved.
- It was noted that beacons are being lit across the country and that one will be lit at Beacon Field.

### **20. Date of next meeting**

#### **To confirm the date and venue of the next meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022 in Golant Village Hall**

The date of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022, commencing at **7pm** in Golant Village Hall, Golant. This will be the **Annual Parish meeting** and will be followed by the Annual General meeting of the parish council.

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

## **ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**26th April 2022**

### **ACTION POINTS**

| <b><u>Minute Number</u></b> | <b><u>Action</u></b>                                                  | <b><u>By Whom</u></b> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| PP                          | Email Alliance Parking regarding more frequent visits to the car park | DJ                    |
| 8                           | Email Highways regarding potholes in Water Lane                       | DJ                    |
| 14                          | Email SUP regarding toilet cleaning                                   | DJ                    |
| 15                          | Email the original project leaders of the playground upgrade          | DJ                    |