

MINUTES OF THE ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7:15PM IN GOLANT VILLAGE HALL, GOLANT

Present: Councillors S Reardon (Vice Chairperson), J Luddington, S Ratchford, S Fitzgerald and R Anderson.

Sue Blaxley (Parish Clerk)
PC Lloyd Paynter for part of the meeting
Tasha Davies, Community Link Officer

2 members of the public

In the absence of the Chair, the vice chairperson opened the meeting at 7:15pm.

Public Participation

Graham Estlick commented that the payments listed on this month's agenda amount to £1,599.71 which seems to be a lot of money. He asked what the £567 payment to CORMAC was for. The Clerk explained that this was the charge for the electrical and water tests in order to open the toilet. He said the donation for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal is normally £25 not £15 as detailed in the agenda. He commented that Water Lane has not yet been cut. He also asked what the Golant Village Guide is. The Chair explained that it is the pamphlet that is sold in the Church. He also asked if there was any response from Mr and Mrs Wallace Jones to our letter regarding Riverbank Cottage. The Chair said there was not. He said that the parish council had resolved not to do any repair works to the village green until works at Riverbank Cottage are complete. He commented that the village green is already very grotty with dirt and mud. The Chair said the parish council is keeping a watching eye on it. Councillor R Anderson said that Roger Tabb had reported that 3 axle tipper lorries were reversing on the green but that Ian Carter, the builder for Riverbank Cottage, had assured him that any damage would be repaired. Graham Estlick said he was concerned that site safety is not as it should be. The Chair reiterated that the parish council is keeping a watching eye on it. Councillor S Fitzgerald reported that she had spoken to Cornwall Council regarding the poor state of the road into Golant and had requested that the potholes be repaired and the road swept as the fallen leaves on the road surface are hazardous.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors C Hunter and M Whell and from Cornwall Councillor David Hughes.

2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th October 2015 and the extra ordinary meeting held on Monday 2nd November 2015

The minutes of the meetings held on the 13th October 2015 and 2nd November 2015, having previously been circulated, were agreed as accurate records.

3. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

Councillor R Anderson declared a prejudicial interest in item 18 on the agenda.

4. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

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

Follow up payment for damage to village green (JL)

Councillor J Luddington said the area had been re seeded.

Email photograph to Clerk for inclusion on parish council website (SB/SF/W)

The Clerk reported that this matter had been actioned.

Respond to Dave Luck regarding extended charging period for car park and the decision regarding the continued use of AS Parking (CH)

The Clerk said she would remind the Chairman to action this matter.

Inform Penny Parsons and Peter Williams that a polite notice regarding parking on the highway will be put in the Golant Pil by the Chairman (SB)

The Clerk reported that she had actioned this matter.

Inform Andrew Holden of decision regarding use of green during Hasler Race (SB)

The Clerk reported that she had actioned this matter.

Installation of new salt bin (MW)

The Clerk said she would remind Councillor M Whell to action this matter

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

The Chair asked if Andrew Van den Broek had marked the benches. Councillor J Luddington said that this has not yet been done. The Chair also asked if the letter to Mr and Mrs Maxwell Jones, as agreed at the extra ordinary meeting on 2nd November had been sent. The Clerk reported that it is in the hands of Nalders.

5. To receive the Chairman's Communications

The Chair read out an email from Anne and Davis Bonsall thanking the parish council for their copy of the Golant Heritage calendar. She also read out an email from Andrew Holden thanking the parish council for their help with the parking arrangements for the Hasler Race in October and for the generous donation. In addition, she read out a letter from Punch Taverns saying that a request for a wi fi service at the Fishermans Arms has been given due consideration and that they have been working towards a resolution. The letter went on to say that Punch Taverns do not own the current internet line and they have been advised that the ports are locked down and can only be used for public access wi fi. The letter says they have asked for the ports to be unlocked, without success. They say they would be happy to fund and facilitate the installation of a separate line to service the defibrillator but question why the defibrillator needs an internet connection to operate efficiently. Councillor R Anderson said that he thinks the letter has been superseded by events as the defibrillator is up and running. He explained that it requires an internet connection as it is a high specification piece of equipment which automatically notifies the ambulance service if it is in use so that they can send paramedics to the casualty without delay. It was agreed that Councillor S Reardon would check if the landlord is happy with the existing arrangement and if so, the Clerk would write a letter to Punch Taverns thanking them for their support and explaining that the problem has now been solved.

6. To answer 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

PC Lloyd Paynter said that there was no crime to report. He said that a decision regarding local policing is expected after the government's Autumn Statement. He said there are many scams circulating especially attacking the vulnerable and the elderly and he advised everyone to refer to the Devon and Cornwall website in this respect.

b) Cornwall Councillor

There was no report from Cornwall Councillor David Hughes. However, Tasha Davies, Community Link Officer, was in attendance. She explained that her priorities are the devolution programme, neighbourhood planning and working with town and parish councils.

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

Mrs S Blaxley (7th October 2015 – 17th November salary/expenses) - £455.60
Cormac Solutions (Toilet cleaning – September 2015) - £195.77
Cornwall Council (Rent for car park) - £166.67
British Gas (Electricity for toilets) - £31.32
Cormac Solutions (service of wallgate machinery, electrical testing and water risk assessment for toilets) - £567.00
Glenn Humphries Landscaping (grass cutting) - £78.00
South West Water (water for toilets) - £90.35
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - £15.00
Glenn Humphries Landscaping (grass cutting) - £78

It was proposed by Councillor R Anderson and seconded by Councillor J Luddington that all of the above orders be authorised for payment. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal. The proposal was therefore carried. It was proposed by Councillor J Luddington and seconded by Councillor S Fitzgerald that an additional £10 be donated to the British Legion Poppy Appeal. . All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal. The proposal was therefore carried.

10. To receive correspondence from :

a) **Cornwall Council**

b) **Others**

There was no other correspondence reported in addition to the emails previously circulated by the Clerk.

11. Finance Report

To receive a current financial statement of the accounts

The Clerk reported that, this month, income of £829.75 had been banked from the car park and we have received a grant of £700 from Cornwall Council to assist with the implementation of the paperless planning consultation system. She said the accounts balance at £27,606.99.

12. Golant Car Park and Toilets

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

The Clerk reported that the CAT has been submitted to and approved by Cornwall Council and is in the programme for 2016/17. She explained that currently the car park operates under the Cornwall Council Parking Order but the parish council will have to have its own parking order. She said the relevant department of Cornwall Council will be contacting the parish council in due course regarding this matter. The Clerk also reported that currently, the bins outside the toilets and in the car park are under a Cory contract for emptying until 2020. However, from that date, the cost of emptying them will come to the parish council. She said the issue of the electricity sub station being on the site of part of the land within the CAT will be addressed at a later date.

The Chair said new refuse bins have been installed throughout Golant and thanked the Clerk for arranging this. Councillor R Anderson reported that the car park was full at the weekend with camper vans but they did not cause any problems.

13. Village Green

To receive and consider matters arising relating to the village green

Councillor J Luddington reported that she had walked around the village green and the playground is looking very tired. She said the chains on the swings are rusty and some of the wood appears rotten. She said the playground needs to be looked at in conjunction with the village green and she recommended that parish councilors meet and assess the works that are required. It was agreed that this would be done on Saturday 28th November 2015 commencing at 11am.

14. Neighbourhood Plan

To receive and consider matters arising relating to the neighbourhood plan

Councillor S Reardon explained that the neighbourhood plan second questionnaires have been returned and some statistical analysis undertaken. She said that, as a thank you for returning the questionnaire and as an encouragement to return them, the parish council had agreed to three cash prizes, one of £100, one of £50 and one of £25. The Clerk drew the winning tickets with the £100 prize being won by James Russell, the £50 prize being won

by Donna Hayes and the £25 prize being awarded to Golant Village Hall as the winner was a questionnaire which had been returned anonymously.

Councillor R Anderson reported that the Cornwall Local Plan will have the Examination in Public in 2016 and the neighbourhood plan will fit into this. He said 103 out of 200 questionnaires had been returned which was a very good return rate. He said that he has undertaken some statistical analysis of the results and emphasized that the relevant figures are big numbers not minor differences. He said that the next task is to analyse the written sections of the returned questionnaires. Councillor R Anderson detailed the main data: 16 % of respondents chose to remain anonymous; 38 % of respondents were in the age group 46 to 64 years of age; 51% were in the age group 65 to 84; 91% of respondents live here permanently; 88% of respondents own their own home here; 62% of people are fully retired from paid employment; only 10% of people think that a family member is likely to want a home in the Parish in the next five to ten years; 90% of people agree or strongly agree with the aim of devolving decision making down from central government; 94% of people think it is important or very important that planning decisions take account of local views; 59% of people moderately or strongly support more new housing; 31% of people oppose or strongly oppose more houses; 56% of people moderately or strongly support more commercial development; 28% of people oppose or strongly oppose more commercial development; 90% of people think it is important or very important that development is sympathetic to the size and character of the Parish; 76% of people are in favour of or strongly in favour of a café; 77% are in favour of or strongly in favour of a general shop; 78% are in favour of or strongly in favour of a farm/community shop; 57% of people think it is important or very important that we create or encourage local employment; 52% think that parking provision for residents was inadequate or very inadequate; most people are reasonably content with the roads down to and in the village; 64% think the access road down from the B3269 was adequate or more than adequate; 62% of people think the roads in the village were adequate or more than adequate; 54% of people think that bus/train/road/taxi links were inadequate or very inadequate; 51% of people were supportive or strongly supportive of infilling development in the existing Golant village area/brown field sites; 49% of people were unsupportive or strongly unsupportive of housing development in greenfield sites in extension of Golant village area; 54% were unsupportive or very unsupportive of development in greenfield sites at the top of the village in the Torfrey area; 43% of people were unsupportive or very unsupportive of development in greenfield sites in the wider parish; 51% were supportive or strongly supportive of commercial development in the wider parish; 82% of people think that ridge heights on new builds or re-development should be consistent with surrounding buildings; 75% of people think that new build or re-development should be in keeping with the character of the village; 78% of people think that new builds or development should not reduce existing views of neighbours or block light; 64% of people think that a change of use must provide sustainable benefit for the neighbourhood ; 69% think that we have too many second homes; 49% think that there is not enough housing provision for elderly

or supported people; 95% of people think the Village Green and the Village Hall are important or very important; 85% of people think the playground is important or very important; 90% think that free access to the Pill/river/slipways/quay is important or very important; 83% think that St Sampson Church is important or very important; 88% think that the public car park is important or very important; 86% think that reserved parking for residents is important or very important; 93% think that the public toilet is important or very important; 92% think that the Downs are important or very important; 87% think that the Saints Way and other public footways are important or very important; 41 % of people think that more should be done for teenagers and young adults and also the less able bodied, those who are visually impaired and those in poor health; 67% of people think that small scale solar panels on or near buildings are important or very important; 67% of people think it is unimportant or very unimportant to support large arrays of solar panels; 54 % think that it is unimportant or very unimportant to support small scale private wind turbines; 78% were similarly opposed to large array wind farms; 67% support the idea that developments should minimize fossil fuel and natural resource use; 71% were in favour of having an environmental management plan for the Downs; 73% of people would like more to be done regarding abandoned /dilapidated boats/ wrecks; 38% would like semi derelict/dilapidated buildings to be improved. The stand out “good bits” are: great community; peace and tranquility and river views. The stand out dislikes were: dog poo; lack of public transport and parking problems. The “other issues” boxes included: criticism of Nimbies in the parish, need to retain a balanced demographic and parish councilors are important and valued.

15. Highways

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

Councillor S Fitzgerald said that it is important to bear in mind that Cornwall Council’s resources are limited but that the leaves on the road into the village are hazardous as is the mud on the road to Milltown between Golant and Lantyn and the section of road which is falling way either side of the brook.

16. Footpaths and Benches

To receive and consider quotations for the management of the Saints Way footpaths

Councillor R Anderson said that there is another bench hidden in the bracken on the Saints Way which needs exposing so it can be used. He reported that he had obtained three quotations for the works to clear the scrub in front of two benches on the Saints Way and to clear the area so the third can be exposed. He said that Derek Heywood had quoted £250 for all the work, Glenn Humphries Landscaping had quoted £300 plus VAT for all the work and Cornwall Landscaping had quoted £150 for all the work. It was proposed by Councillor J Luddington and seconded by Councillor S Fitzgerald that Cornwall Landscaping,

being a local company with a good reputation, be employed to undertake the works. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal except for Councillor R Anderson who abstained from voting. The proposal was therefore carried.

17. Expenditure 2016/17

To receive and consider the priorities for expenditure and to consider setting a precept for 2016/2017

The Clerk reported that she had circulated details of the income and expenditure up to 31/3/2015 together with the actual and anticipated expenditure and income up to 31/3/2016. She highlighted that there is anticipated to be significant expenditure over income at the year end so the current bank account balance of circa £27,000 will decrease by £3,000 to £4,000. She explained that best practice suggests that parish councils should not have more than three times their precept held in a bank account plus earmarked reserves. She emphasised the need to justify setting a precept and the amount of the precept. Councillor S Ratchford said that whilst there is £27,000 in the bank account, this will soon diminish with expenditure on the toilets and car park. Councillor S Fitzgread said she agreed. Councillor J Luddington said that the expenditure over income at the year end will be approximately £3,000 and there is still a lot to be done in the parish. Councillor R Anderson said that to reduce the precept or to not set a precept would be foolish given the uncertainty of the costs involved with the car park and toilets. He said that if £5,000 was set aside for unanticipated, expenditure, and expenditure on projects such as the playground, broadband for the village hall, the Saints Way footpaths, the toilets and car park and the uncertainty surrounding Cornwall Council's finances, setting a precept could be justified. Councillor S Reardon said the parish council has a general framework for expenditure in place and if a precept is not set this year, it will be difficult to justify setting a precept next year. It was proposed by Councillor S Ratchford and seconded by Councillor R Anderson that a precept of £3,758.30 be set which is the same as 2015/16. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal. The proposal was therefore carried.

It was agreed that the priorities for expenditure would be: the built environment and caring for it; care for the natural environment, support for voluntary groups, looking after our people, promoting parish life and a sense of community, improving connectivity and operating effectively. It was proposed by Councillor S Fitzgerald and seconded by Councillor S Ratchford that funds would be allocated according to these priorities as the needs arise. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal. The proposal was therefore carried.

18. Golant Village Guide

To receive and consider a request for funding for the reprint of Golant Village Guide

Councillor R Anderson said that a parishioner, Mrs Gillie Harris has asked that the parish council consider funding a reprint of the booklet "A Short Guide to the Village of Golant". He explained that this small 20 page colour booklet which was produced in 2008 at a cost of £954 was written by John Jenkin with additional text and photos by Gillie and Mike Harris and another parishioner Alastair Barr. It was funded as a joint venture by The Pill Magazine, St Sampson Church and Golant Village Hall. He said that 346 copies have been sold to date at £3 per copy. The proceeds are divided between the three organisations with annual accounts published by Gillie which show the breakdown of funds distributed. The booklet is currently on sale in the church and also at Encounter Cornwall. It was never intended as a money making venture but sale proceeds were intended to recover costs. He said that the booklet is a comprehensive local document of record and although the title refers to the village of Golant, its scope covers much of the Parish. He reported that supplies have now dwindled to 20 copies remaining so the organisers would like to have a reprint. They have obtained a quotation from Palace Printers of £150 for 200 copies. He said the organisers are therefore asking that the parish council might pay for the reprint.

At this point in the meeting, Councillor R Anderson, having previously declared an interest, left the room and took no further part in the discussion. It was proposed by Councillor J Luddington and seconded by Councillor S Fitzgerald that the parish council would fund the reprint. 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 January 2016

The date of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 26th January 2016, commencing at 7:15pm in Golant Village Hall.

There was no further business and the meeting was closed at 9pm.

ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

24TH NOVEMBER 2015

ACTION POINTS

<u>Minute Number</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>By Whom</u>
4 (page 2)	Respond to Dave Luck regarding extended charging period for car park and the decision regarding the continued use of AS Parking	CH
4 (page 2)	Installation of new salt bin	MW
5 (page 10)	Write a letter to Punch Taverns thanking them for their support and explaining that the problem has now been solved.	SB