

MINUTES OF THE ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7:15PM IN GOLANT VILLAGE HALL, GOLANT

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

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 in the draft NDP, one of the maps shows Peter Williams, Boatbuilder. He questioned whether Mr Williams builds boats in the village. Councillor S Harper said that she used google maps and this is the only version of the map of the parish that is available. Graham Estlick congratulated the parish council in their success at ensuring that the traffic control system that was put in place at the beginning of the month worked effectively. Siobhan Harper thanked the developers of the Cormorant Hotel for looking at the damage being caused to hedges and walls by the drivers of the vehicles going in and out of the village. She said that whilst they did not accept liability for the damage, they were employing a stone mason to repair the wall. She said that the developers undertaking the development in Tinny's Lane seem to have damaged the large wall in that some of it has been stripped of vegetation. Councillor A Van den Broek said that the wall is safer than it was. The Chairman said that he would mention it to the builder.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor D Pugh-Jones and Cornwall Councillor A Virr.

2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th January 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th January 2020, having previously been circulated, were agreed as an accurate record.

3. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

None

4. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

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

Identify a date for village photograph – DPJ

The Chairman said that a date in June had been suggested. However, he said that Friday May 8th 2020 was now a bank holiday to celebrate VE Day, 75 years on, and that the parish council should consider acknowledging this. He said that a street party could be held and the photograph be taken on the same day. Councillor A Van den Broek said that Saturday May 9th 2020 would be likely to attract more people.

Follow up ownership transfer of Boatwatch Hut with Paul Thomas – DJ

The Chairman said this would be discussed under item 12 on the agenda.

Ascertain via The Golant Pill and Maurie Mail, if anyone is able to help with a new village map – DJ

The Chairman said that he had not received any responses. He said that Sue Reardon has suggested waiting until the two new developments are complete before a new village map is produced.

Inspect potholes in village green parking area and report back with recommendation – AVB

Councillor A Van den Broek said that there are some large potholes alongside Waters Edge which he said he would fill. It was agreed that the remaining potholes would be left at the present time as there may be an issue with a sewage pipe laid across the area.

Fill empty grit bin with salt/grit – MW

Councillor M Whell said that he had filled the grit bins with salt/grit. He said that one of them is full of water so he will rectify this by drilling holes to let the water out.

Ascertain to whom an application for funding for improvement works to the B3269 road junction should be made - DPJ

The Chairman said that there has been an exchange of emails regarding this matter and the conclusion is that the parish council is more likely to be successful in securing funding through the CNP in year 3.

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

- The Chairman said that Gail Parsons wanted to erect the latest posters relating to dog fouling but these were only available to trial areas. However, he said that she has printed some of them herself and erected them in the village.
- The Chairman said that the existing contract for the defibrillator ends on 2nd March 2020 and that the only company supplying a service to it is Duchy Defibrillators. He said that the cost of their service will be £160 plus VAT for the annual maintenance and £125 plus VAT initial set up fee.

5. To receive the Chairman's Communications

- The Chairman said that he had received an email from someone who has a voucher for use at the Cormorant Hotel and who was trying to locate the previous owner. It was agreed that the parish council cannot share this information with him.
- Councillor Johns also said that there are two orange barriers which need removing. One of these is in the river and the other is outside the toilet building. The Chairman said that he would contact Fowey Harbour Office and ask them to remove them, if they are theirs? Failing that, we will contact Network Rail, or Highways.

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

None

7. To receive a report from the Clerk

The Clerk said that she has issued the parking permits commencing 1st March 2020 for those who have applied.

8. To receive reports from -

a) Police

None

b) Cornwall Councillor

The Chairman said that Cornwall Councillor A Virr has emailed saying that the three highways improvements requested - Children Playing sign alongside the Pill, extension of double yellow lines by St Sampson's Terrace and improved

20mph speed limit signage on the road at the top of the village – have all been agreed. He said that Cornwall Councillor A Virr also reported that there has been an alleged breach of planning control at the Cormorant Hotel site regarding the failure to impose wheel washing on vehicles leaving the site. The Chairman said this matter has been rectified as the contractors are now steaming mud off the wheels and the vehicles. Councillor A Van den Broek said the parking area at the Cormorant Hotel site has now been cleared and cleaned to enable builders' vehicles to park.

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

Mrs S Blaxley (21st January 2020 – 16th February 2020) - £387.54
Cornwall Council (Rent for Car Park – February 2020) - £166.67
Cormac Solutions (Toilet Cleaning November 2019 - March 2020) - £861.78
Siobhan Harper (NDP booklets and brochures) - £69.88
Duchy Defibrillators (Defibrillator maintenance) - £342.00
South West Water (Water for toilets) - £21.29

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

10. 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, she has not received a bank statement.

11. Cormorant Hotel Site

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

The Chairman said that the street cleaner was cleaning the roads in the village and had met other vehicles which had caused a few issues. He reported that the demolition of the hotel is complete although some earth needs removing from the site which will be undertaken in the next two weeks. He said that the developers are focusing on wheel washing to reduce the mud on the roads. He said the developers thanked the parish council for ensuring that the vehicle that was blocking the road was moved and for clarifying the issues about the tarmac around the manhole. In this respect, the Chairman said that he would contact South West Water. The developers have agreed to suggestions to erect some signs saying "Caution – Construction Traffic" in the hope that drivers will park sensibly so that construction traffic can access the Cormorant hotel site without obstruction.

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 there was no further report. He said that he had contacted Paul Thomas regarding the Boatwatch Hut and that it is owned by Network Rail and that Fowey Harbour Commissioners rent it from Network Rail for approximately £850 per year. He said that FHC gifted it to Boatwatch and the electricity for it is paid for by the parish council. It was agreed that Councillor D Johns would look at the lease and that the matter would be discussed again at the next meeting of the parish council. The Chairman said that the devolved asset list includes the slip in front of the rowing club but this is not in the ownership of Cornwall Council and this has been proven. He said that Cornwall Council need to update their records.

We are awaiting an update from Tasha Davis, from a meeting held in February about devolving Cornwall Council assets.

13. Climate Change

To receive and consider matters relating to climate change

Councillor D Johns explained that he had attended a Cornwall Council Climate Change meeting in St Austell when all parish councils who attended were asked what they were doing in respect of climate change. He said that many of them are doing a great deal of work in this respect. He said that Cornwall Council declared a climate change emergency one year ago and he thinks the parish council should do something in this respect. He said that there is a link to a website called low carbon neighbourhood planning which details what should be included in the NDP relating to climate change. He said it includes matters such as sustainable transport, renewable energy, biodiversity, flooding and a low carbon economy. It was proposed by Councillor D Johns and seconded by Councillor S Phillis that the parish council acknowledges that Cornwall Council has declared a climate change emergency and that the parish council supports them in their efforts for Cornwall to be carbon neutral by 2030. To complement this "call to action", the parish council will develop its own Climate Action Plan which will also address issues specific to the parish. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal. The proposal was therefore carried.

14. Golant Car Park and Toilets

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

None

15. Village Green

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

The Chairman reported that he had received an email from Clair Connibeer asking for permission to use the village green for parking for a maximum of four hours if the car park is full as she runs a mobile paddle business and it is essential that she has access to parking by the waterfront as this is how she transports her equipment. If this is not possible, she has asked if the number of reserved bays in the car park could be increased and that she would pay the annual fee of £100 for the use of one of them. She said that the draft NDP refers to economic development through improved infrastructure for small businesses and, in particular, to parking. Councillor A Van den Broek said that the area for parking on the village green could be extended and whilst GQU have a number of concerns about this, the parish council could consider overcoming these concerns. Another suggestion was that parking charges could apply to parking on the village green. It was agreed that this matter would be considered by all Councillors, in advance of the next meeting when hopefully agreement can be reached about this specific request and in carparking on the village green in general. The Chairman said he would contact Clair and advise her of the ongoing discussion.

16. Neighbourhood Plan

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

Councillor S Harper reported that the public meeting in respect of the final draft NDP was held in the village hall on 15th February 2020 from 2pm until 4pm. She said that some parishioners attended and had made comments as follows: the Church, pub, rowing club, canoe club, upper Saints Way footpath and the Downs Hill footpaths and the slipway and Golant Quay should be included in the NDP as village assets; there should be a strengthening of climate change in the NDP such as a referral to charging points in new developments; some changes from “should” to “will” in the policy wording should be addressed and there were some queries about the definition of “affordable development”. She said there was also a query raised about second home ownership. She said that some of the statutory consultees had responded saying that reference should be made to SW Marine Plan and to Natural England’s magic map. In terms of projects for the village, she said that charging points for electric cars in the car park was favoured. She said that, in addition, it was suggested that some funds could be spent on a nature reserve and/or bird hide at the north end of the Pill.

17. Highways

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

The Chairman said that he had received a complaint that there are brambles protruding from hedges in Water lane and Church Hill. Councillor M Whell said that he would ask a contractor to trim the hedges.

18. Footpaths and Benches

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

Councillor A Van den Broek reported that Tinny's lane and the top path across the Downs need cutting at the end of May and in mid July. He said that Cornwall Landscaping has quoted approximately £530 for these works. It was proposed by Councillor D Johns and seconded by Councillor S Harper that this quotation be accepted. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal. The proposal was therefore carried. Councillor D Johns said that the middle path across the Downs needs cutting on occasions. It was agreed that this could be undertaken by volunteers. It was noted that the bridge by the Sawmills is broken?

19. Date of next meeting

To confirm the date and venue of the next meeting on Tuesday 24th March 2020

The next meeting of the parish council will be on Tuesday 24th March 2020 commencing at 7:15pm in Golant Village Hall.

There was no further business and the meeting was closed at 8:50pm.

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26th February 2020

ACTION POINTS

<u>Minute Number</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>By Whom</u>
4	Drill grit bin that is full of water	MW
5	Contact FHC & Network Rail about orange barriers	DJ
11	Contact South West Water regarding tarmac around manholes	DJ
12	Examine lease for Boatwatch hut	DJs

- 15 Respond to Clair Connibeer regarding parking DJ
- 17 Ask contractor to trim hedges MW