

MINUTES OF THE ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY USING ZOOM ON TUESDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY 2021

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

Sue Blaxley (Clerk to the Parish Council)

Public Participation

None

1. Apologies

None

2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th January 2021

The minutes of the meeting held virtually using Zoom on Tuesday 26th January 2021, having previously been circulated, were agreed as an accurate record.

3. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

None

4. Planning Applications

To receive and consider the following planning applications:

PA21/0616 - Side extension to create dining area - Decision Number: PA20/04320 Dated: 03/12/2020 Removal of Condition 2 and variation of Condition 3 at Penquite Old Barn, Golant

The Chair explained that the original proposal required a planning consent to permit the demolition of an historic wall as part of the development, but the demolition of the wall has now been removed from the proposal. Therefore, he said that the application seeks to remove condition 2 of the original proposal relating to the wall. It was proposed by Councillor D Jenkinson and seconded by Councillor D Johns that the application be supported. All Councillors voted in favour of the proposal. The proposal was therefore carried.

PA21/1195 - Listed Building consent for the replacement of existing concrete floors in ground floor living room, hallway and bathroom at Orchard Cottage, Water Lane, Golant

The Chair explained that the proposal is for the removal of a substandard concrete floor, the installation of a damp proof membrane, new footings and a new floor. He said there would be little impact from a heritage viewpoint and a substantial improvement to the building. It was proposed by Councillor D Jenkinson and seconded by Councillor D Johns 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

The Chair said these will be dealt with under the relevant items on the agenda.

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 received the following communications:

- an email from Alison Fogg containing an extensive report about concerns relating to the proposed development of a "holiday park" (as described by AF) on the former golf course in Lostwithiel, by Tim Smit. The Chair said that he would forward the report to all councillors.
- an email regarding the potential development of a plot of land next to Robins Hill for housing. He said the interest had now been withdrawn.
- correspondence saying that the village hall is operating a soup delivery service which is being very well received.
- an email from Golant Heritage Group stating that they are hoping to provide talking book posts in the village and that they may be seeking some funding for the proposal from the parish council in the next financial year.
- an email saying that the hedges on Tinny's Lane are overhanging the paths. He said the developer and the new owner of the property concerned had attended to this matter.
- a letter from St Sampson PCC thanking the parish council for their generous donation towards the new shed in the lower graveyard.

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

None

8. To receive a report from the Clerk

The Clerk explained that there will be parish and town council elections in May 2021. She said that all councillors will have to stand down and complete the necessary paperwork to be re-elected should they wish to do so. The Clerk said she would guide councillors through the process.

9. To receive reports from –

a) Police

None

b) Cornwall Councillor

A report from Cornwall Councillor A Virr was circulated in advance of the meeting, which expressed his upset at the outbreak of Covid 19 at a care home in Tywardreath. He also said that he is going to put pressure on the Highways Department to repair potholes in Water Lane, whilst acknowledging that “highways” have scheduled a resurfacing scheme in the future, at a date to be confirmed.

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

Mrs. S Blaxley (20th January 2021 – 17th February 2021) - £399.33

HMRC (PAYE) - £123.52

Cornwall Council (Rent for Car Park – March 2021) - £166.67

Cornwall Pension Fund (Pension Contributions – February 2021) - £69.07

Cormac Solutions (Repairs to Wallgate Machine) - £115.20

South West Water (Water for Toilets December 2020 and January 2021) - £50.88

Western Web (Renewal of website domain) - £30.00

It was proposed by Councillor D Jenkinson 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.

12. Finance Report

The Clerk reported that income of £6,775.05 has been received from the car parking machine. She said that the accounts balance at £28,750.81. It was agreed that the Clerk would make enquiries with Lloyds regarding online banking.

13. Cormorant Hotel Site

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

The Chair said that he had communicated the comments of the parish council to Stephen Kirby - Planning Case Officer – regarding the proposed minor amendments to the development which were discussed at the extraordinary meeting of the parish council on 16th February 2021. He said that John Orris and Will Gelston had wanted to attend the meeting but were unable to do so. So, a meeting was held (via ZOOM) immediately afterwards to run through the various points raised at the previous Parish Council meeting. He said that they had read the minutes of the last parish council meeting and so they were aware of the issues raised by councillors relating to the development. He confirmed that they will re-paint the white lines in the car

park. And that they do make every attempt to deal with issues as they occur. But said that they were not willing to commit to a weekly road clean (with the street cleaning vehicle) as sometimes it is not necessary but will do so when required. He confirmed that the sales details refer to electric points for charging cars which will be provided in the central parking area and that they will be linked to each dwelling on the site. He said that he would also ask the developers about the provision of solar panels on the dwellings.

The developer was reminded that the planning agreement was that no vehicles would use the main car park, and that some of their vehicles had made use of the current Covid situation to abuse that planning agreement. My Orriss agreed this would stop.

14. Devolving Assets from Cornwall Council

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

The Chairman reported that there is no further update regarding the devolution of the toilets and car park, which are understood to be on our "list."

15. Golant Car Park and Toilets

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

The Chairman reported that, following the parish council's decision to upgrade the car parking machine, he has contacted SRS Digital who are looking at the cost and possibility of installing broadband to the car parking machine from the Boatwatch Hut. He said that they are also looking at the possibility of improving the wi-fi signal from the quay to the pub garden as well as the installation of CCTV in the area in tandem with Boatwatch. Councillor D Johns said that a wi-fi signal is also needed for electric charging points for cars. Councillor D Pugh-Jones asked if the Boatwatch Hut will be demolished or repaired. The Chairman said that it will have a new roof and the external walls will be re-rendered. He said that SRS Digital will also speak to the developer of the Cormorant Hotel site to ascertain if the broadband installations to their site and that to the Boatwatch Hut could be linked together? He said that once the new car parking machine is installed, the parish council will review the car parking charges. The Chairman asked if councillors could investigate the parking charges in other areas before the next meeting of the parish council.

Councillor A Van den Broek said that if payment by mobile phone for car parking is to be undertaken, a good mobile phone signal is definitely needed. Councillor D Pugh-Jones said that AS Parking should not be commenting on the parking charges or saying that those parking there deliberately do not pay. She said that excess charges are usually incurred because those parked in the car park return late to their vehicles because they have been delayed on the river or they do not pay enough for the time period they are parked. She said that Cornwall Council was discouraging the use of private companies, such as AS Parking, to enforce car parking charges. Councillor D Johns said that AS Parking have been excellent at emptying the car parking machine free of charge and repairing it when it goes wrong. It was noted that the car parking permits for the 2021/22 season needed to be issued by the Clerk as soon as possible as the current permits expire on 28th February 2021.

The Chair said that the Wallgate machine in the toilet is not working again and that prices from Cormac for a replacement machine are currently awaited. Some discussion took place about replacing the machine with a second hand Wallgate machine from another source or revert to a sink and a tap. Councillor Phillis commented that even a simple sink and tap can be a problem. In future, the carpark and toilet block will be discussed under separate agenda headings.

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

The Chairman said that the playground project is being progressed well, with some useful feedback from Joe Cocker and Gillian Murphy, who are leading the project. They have identified two potential suppliers – Earthwrights and Timber Play. He said they are attempting to put a proposal together based on the available space. He said that the aim is to have “natural looking” play equipment that will fit into the environment. He said the costs are, as yet, unknown but the price could be reduced if the old play equipment was de-constructed before the new installation took place and/or the play equipment was on a supply only basis. Councillor A Van den Broek said that a new fence would also be needed around the new play equipment. Any new installation would need to comply with RoSPA regulations.

Councillor D Pugh-Jones said that the chain between two of the posts on the village green had come down, so vehicles had been parking on the village green which had churned up the mud. Councillor S Phillis said that he would have a look and re-attach the chain.

17. Neighbourhood Plan

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

Councillor S Harper said that the NDP referendums have been deferred until May 2021 due to Covid 19. She said that the NDP is now in consultation for 10 weeks after which the NDP will be allocated an examiner which will be paid for by Cornwall Council to ascertain if the document is legally compliant.

18. Highways

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

The Chair reported that a parishioner had identified a number of potholes in Water Lane which they had reported to Cornwall Council on many occasions. However, they were advised that as Water Lane will be re-tarmaced in the future, the potholes are not deemed to be emergency repairs. He said that Cornwall Councillor A Virr has also asked Cornwall Council to fill potholes in Water Lane this week. Councillor

S Harper said that as Highways deem that it is not a safety hazard, the works will not be prioritised. Councillor S Phillis said that Gumms Lane is to be re-tarmaced on 19th, 20th and 21st April 2021 (a private arrangement with local residents) so those who usually park there will be seeking alternative parking on those days. The Chairman said that it may be a good idea to have the 10m strip of the village green entrance (as far as Mr and Mrs Laughton's garage) re-surfaced at the same time and he would follow up with appropriate contractors to that end.

19. Footpaths and Benches

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

None

20. Corona Virus

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

None

21. Date of next meeting

To confirm the date and venue of the next meeting on Tuesday 23rd March 2021

The next meeting of the parish council will be a virtual meeting held using Zoom and will take place on Tuesday 23rd March 2021 commencing at 7:00 pm. The link will be on the Homepage of the Parish Council web site.

The meeting finished at 8:20pm.

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ACTION POINTS

<u>Minute Number</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>By Whom</u>
6	Forward Alison Fogg's email to all councillors	DJ
12	Make enquiries regarding online banking	SB

