

**MINUTES OF THE ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY, 29TH MARCH 2022 AT 7:15PM IN ST  
SAMPSON PARISH CHURCH, GOLANT**

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

Martyn Hardy for the public participation part of the meeting.  
Sue Blaxley (Parish Clerk)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:15pm.

**Public Participation**

Martyn Hardy spoke on behalf of the occupiers of The Fisherman's Arms, explaining that they consider that the parking situation in the village is becoming more and more of a problem. He said that they think this problem could be eased by better signage, double yellow lines against the raised path by the pill, parking at a 45 degree angle to the road alongside the river and improved communication with the Rowing Club, the Canoe Club, Paddle SUP, Boatwatch and Golant Quay Users. He said that they also want reassurance that the parking in the car park by the contractors working at the Cormorant Hotel site is a temporary arrangement and will cease on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

The Chairman acknowledged that useful points have been raised and said that the parish council is conscious of the need for more parking spaces in the village, hence the removal of four reserved bays in the car park. He said the temporary agreement with the contractors of the Cormorant Hotel **does** end on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. He explained that the parish council cannot paint white lines to delineate parking spaces on the highway, but that he will approach GQUA to ascertain if they would agree to 45 degree parking bays being delineated on the concrete strip adjacent to the highway.

**1. Apologies**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Councillors D Pugh-Jones and S Harper.

## **2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 22nd February 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 22nd February 2022, having previously been circulated, were agreed as an accurate record.

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

Councillor A Van den Broek declared an interest in item 4 on the agenda.

Councillor A Van den Broek left the meeting during discussion of the following item.

## **4. Planning**

**To receive and consider the following planning application:**

**PA22/02194 – Conversion of garage and store to holiday letting annexe including utility room and en-suite extension at 3 Riverview Terrace, Golant**

It was noted that planning permission has already been granted for the conversion of a garage on the site which has been built. This application is for extensions to the modified building, which is now to be a dwelling. Some discussion took place as to how close the proposed development will be to the boundary and whether a 1m gap is required? Councillor S Phillis said there will be no additional windows and therefore no issues with overlooking. It was noted that there are no objections from the neighbours. It was proposed by Councillor D Jenkinson and seconded by Councillor M Whell that the application be supported subject to reassurance by planners that the proposed development will not breach any boundary requirements. 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**

- Councillor D Johns said that he had removed the Bay 2-5 signs from the car park.
- The Chairman reported that he had spoken to Ian Laughton about the map display cabinet. He said that a lockable cabinet with an aluminium frame on metal legs with shatterproof glass would suffice and that he has sourced one for £566 including VAT. He said this will house a vinyl A0 size map and will be sited on the edge of the village green. It was proposed by Councillor D Jenkinson and seconded by Councillor S Phillis that the Chairman purchases this display cabinet. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal. The proposal was therefore carried. It was noted that Golant Heritage Group are proposing a lectern style display facing Island House, and therefore didn't need the reverse side of the display board for their use. The Chairman said that A3 paper copies of the map could be sent to parishioners. It was agreed that parishioners would be asked via Maurie Mail if they wanted a paper copy of the map. It was also suggested that a copy of the map be put on the website.

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

None

## **6. 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. Details and link received from a Parishioner about road closure requirements for the Queen's Jubilee. (item 20)

2. Numerous emails concerning the requirement to advise that cars should be removed in advance of double yellow lining (item18)
3. Email received about the high level of run-off from the Cormorant development site, running as far as the pill by the Rowing Club.
4. Request from a Parishioner about the amount of excavation still to be undertaken before the development site is complete. (item 12)
5. Copious emails regarding the lack of soap in the Wallgate Machine in the toilets. (item 15)
6. Numerous emails and phone calls about the proposed road closure of Water Lane.(item 18)
7. Email received from the Rowing Club to ask about village plans about the jubilee, as they would like to have a fund raising event at about the same time. (item20)
8. Email from a Parishioner confirming that a modest drain repair had been attempted in Water Lane, but that it was far less than was actually required. The greater job is on the “to do” list. In the same email was a request to see whether the 20 MPH could be better enforced, with a suggestion that at present the 20 mph was only advisory? (item 18)
9. Email received from a Parishioner with a link to potential funding opportunities.
10. Phone call and email received from a Parishioner offering to make contact with a local firm about possible funding support for the playground upgrade. (item 16)
11. Various emails from our solicitor about the devolvment activity with Cornwall Council. (item13)
12. Conversations held to discuss the options for a display board or boards on the village green for the village map and for heritage group information.

**7. To 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**

None

**b) Cornwall Councillor**

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

**Covid**

Currently Cornwall is experiencing its highest rates of Covid since the pandemic began. Thankfully the vaccine is effective in preventing serious illness. But it remains disruptive. Fowey Academy is particularly affected at the moment and our children are experiencing rolling year group closures. Please can I remind residents to consider wearing facemasks in crowded indoor spaces, the benefit of good ventilation and hand washing. A further Spring booster is being rolled out for the following groups:

those aged 75 and over

residents in older adult care homes

those aged 12 and over and who are severely immunosuppressed.

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

Mrs S Blaxley (15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022) - £634.90

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

Cornwall Pension Fund (Pension Contributions) - £112.44

Golant Village Hall (Hall Hire 2021) - £60.00

Stephens Scown (Search Fees) - £761.71

It was proposed by Councillor A Van den Broek and seconded by Councillor D Johns that all the above orders be authorized for payment. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal.

**11. Finance**

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

The Clerk reported that income of £50 has been received for a car

parking permit. She said that the accounts balance at £28,039.95.

Councillor Johns had been asked to look at recent modifications to the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, as some pages seem out of kilter? The Parish Clerk will provide another copy for examination to see what may need to be rectified. The Chairman noted that this was covered at last month's meeting when the above were "signed off," but that he had not seen any issues with them at the time?

## **12. Cormorant Hotel Site**

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

The Chairman said that he had been asked by a parishioner when the excavations on the site would be complete. He said that the developer has said that the last of the excavations would be finished by the end of March 2022. Councillor S Phillis said that he had received enquiries about the height of the pyramidal roof that has just been erected. Councillor D Johns said that the house at the far southern end of the site has had a staircase installed going into the adjacent woodland. The Chairman said that he would clarify with the developer if the owner of the house has acquired the neighbouring woodland and also check the height of the new roof.

## **13. 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 is no further progress as the legal team at Cornwall Council seem to be slow in responding to the parish council's solicitor. Meanwhile, we are now incurring legal costs including fees for undertaking searches, as identified in item 10 above. He said that he suspects there may not be a project leader at the moment, as a number of personnel at Cornwall Council have

been made redundant. He said that he would make Cornwall Councillor A Virr aware of this matter.

#### **14. Golant Car Park**

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

The proposal and objectives for upgrading the ticket machine to take debit and credit cards has been written and Councillor David Johns has agreed to be the lead on this project. The Chairman said that Councillor D Johns will obtain a quotation from Flowbird Smart City as to the current cost of upgrading the car park ticket machine. He said that Councillor D Johns will also arrange for WIFI to be installed into the Boatwatch Hut, to provide the signal to enable the machine to operate as intended. It was proposed by Councillor D Jenkinson and seconded by Councillor S Phillis that Councillor D Johns be authorised to have WIFI installed into the Boatwatch Hut at a cost of up to £40/month plus the connection fee. All Councillors voted in favour of the proposal. The proposal was therefore carried. There will also be a need to clarify how credit and debit card income is to be collected.

- Councillor A Van den Broek said that he had sprayed the weeds in the car park.
- Councillor S Phillis said that he was trying to obtain 3 quotations for the re-surfacing of the car park. Those potential suppliers had already voiced an opinion that the norther end of the carpark did not need re-surfacing at this stage. So the job will be restricted to the southern end beyond the Boatwatch Hut (towards the quay) and timed to co-incide with the completion of the Cormorant development. It was noted that the cost of “white lining” (which the Developer has offered to pay for) has been quoted at £700 plus VAT.

#### **15. Public Toilets**

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

The Chairman said there is still no soap in the hand washing machine and despite numerous emails with Cormac, no one seems to have the key to enable the soap to be re-filled. Cormac have been tasked with obtaining a key and rectifying the situation ASAP.

- Councillor A Van den Broek said that the area to the rear of the toilet block has been cleared.

## **16. Village Green and Playground**

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

The Chairman said that various avenues of funding are possibly available for the playground project which could include Imerys, which is being followed up by a Parishioner and the National Lottery. To clarify the full extent of the playground “footprint”, Councillor D Johns said that he would obtain the Land Registry Title documents for the playground, village green, car park and the area to the north of the playground, before we commence any work on the site.

## **17. Green Issues**

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

Councillor D Johns reported that he had attended Cornwall Council’s Ecological Emergency Summit. He said there are a lot of initiatives in Cornwall: Biomethane Pilot, Cornish Lithium and the Cornwall Spaceport. He said that the latter project is relevant in that it will enable satellites to be launched in a more eco friendly way as opposed to the current practise of launching satellites by energy inefficient rockets. He explained that satellites provide much of the information regarding green issues. He also said that Chacewater Parish Council has a community energy group and a sustainable energy advice forum on their website, which might be a model for us to consider?

## **18. Highways**



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

The Chairman said that a parishioner had asked him how long the road to Tywardreath would be closed but he said that, like the recent Water Lane road closure, there was no information available on Cornwall Council's website.

He said that the manhole in Water Lane has been patched, but it was accepted by the Cormac team that the repair was insufficient and a better repair was to be arranged.

## **19. Footpaths and Benches**

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

Councillor D Johns reported that he had cleared around some benches on the Downs Hill footpaths.

Councillor S Phillis said that he would clean the benches on the village green and that one of them required a minor repair. The Chairman proposed that should any picnic benches need replacing then there was a good local supplier (Llawnroc Furniture) in Par.

## **20. 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. He said that he had received 42 requests for trees and that he would send out a further Maurie Mail.

The Chairman reported that Caroline Davidson has offered to make 100 cupcakes for the celebration which will cost approximately £80 for the cakes, ribbons and decorations. It was proposed by Councillor D Johns and seconded by Councillor S Phillis that Caroline Davidson be authorized to make these cakes for the event. All Councillors voted in favour of the proposal. The proposal was therefore carried. Councillor D Jenkinson said that he and Fayre Hardy will complete the necessary paperwork for the road closure

alongside the pill.

**21. Date of next meeting**

**To confirm the date and venue of the next meeting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in St Sampson Parish Church**

The date of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022, commencing at 7:15pm in Golant Village Hall, Golant

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

**ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**29th March 2022**

**ACTION POINTS**

<b><u>Minute Number</u></b>	<b><u>Action</u></b>	<b><u>By Whom</u></b>
PP	Ask GQU about parking at 45 degrees alongside the river	DJ
12	Contact developer regarding height of roof of one of houses and the staircase into the adjacent woodland	DJ
13	Contact Councillor A Virr regarding speed of devolvement process	DJ
11	Provide copies of Standing Orders and .....SB Financial Regulations	SB