

**MINUTES OF THE ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY, 24TH MAY 2022 AT 7:50PM IN GOLANT  
VILLAGE HALL, GOLANT**

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

Fayre Hardy  
Sue Blaxley (Parish Clerk)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:50pm.

**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. It was noted that the Clerk is pursuing this matter. Fayre Hardy said that it might be useful to consider listing the Golant Pill and village hall.

**1. Apologies**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Harper.

**2. Election of Chairman**

It was proposed by Councillor D Pugh-Jones and seconded by Councillor D Johns that Councillor D Jenkinson be elected as Chairman. No other nominations were received. All Councillors voted in favour of the proposal. The proposal was therefore carried.

**3. Election of Vice Chair**

It was proposed by Councillor D Pugh-Jones and seconded by Councillor D Johns that Councillor A Van den Broek be elected as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations and the proposal that Councillor A Van den Broek be elected as Vice Chair was carried unanimously.

#### **4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th April 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th April 2022, having previously been circulated, were agreed as an accurate record.

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

The Chairman declared an interest in items 6 and 7 where it relates to the noise complaints regarding the music event held at South Torfrey Farm.

#### **6. 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.

Councillor D Jenkinson, having previously declared an interest, left the meeting during discussion of the following item.

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

It was noted that the Chairman had received two letters and two telephone calls regarding the noise emanating from the recent music event held at South Torfrey Farm. Councillor A Van den Broek read out a letter from the occupiers of a neighbouring residential property. It was noted that an Officer from Environmental Health will be visiting the site when the next event takes place to monitor the sound level and that the Chairman has been invited to have a conversation with the event organiser. Furthermore, it was noted that the parish council are powerless to object to a Temporary Events Notice. Councillor D Johns said that the use of the venue for music events seems to be gathering momentum which is of concern if it creates a noise nuisance. He said that this is very different to the occasional use of a small building for music events which, whilst the music may be able to be heard off-site, may be tolerable. It was noted that the planning

permission for the site is for occasional use for events such as this. Councillor A Van den Broek said that the music stops at 11am which is in accordance with the licence. Councillor M Whell said that the parish council should acknowledge that this is a good diversification of a redundant silo being undertaken by young people. It was proposed by Councillor D Johns and seconded by Councillor D Pugh-Jones that the Clerk writes a letter to the owners of the site asking them to clarify the likely frequency of music events, the permitted noise levels and the conditions of the licence to hold music events and any measures they may put in place to reduce the noise levels. All Councillors voted in favour of the proposal. The proposal was therefore carried.

Councillor D Jenkinson returned to the meeting.

## **7. 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. Telephone complaint re: excessive noise from a music event at South Torfrey Farm on the 22nd April.
2. Request for an update on the list of village actions required, provided by Martyn Hardy.
3. Link provided to the Cornwall Council web site, to show the various Community Assets Right to Bid, listing.
4. Confirmation from a Parishioner that a complaint had been lodged with reference to: 11 of PA18/11399 re keeping the highway clean.
5. Confirmation received from Highways that a yellow backing will be provided to the "water floods at high tide" sign at the bottom of Water Lane, on the corner.
6. Confirmation received from Highways that potholes WILL be filled in as per the existing CC policies until the road (Water Lane) is resurfaced.
7. Confirmation received that Carol (Gabb) will be organising the Street Party on behalf of the Village Hall.
8. Email received highlighting the plan by Prince Charles to support the regeneration of more ancient woodland as part of the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

9. Request for contact details for Openreach, to determine the potential noise from “works overnight” on Water Lane.
10. Email received from Tecker, to prove that they used the car park ticket machine (as requested by the PC) when doing work for SW Water.
11. Email received from a Parishioner who has received confirmation that Imerys are willing to grant money toward the refurbishment of the Playground project.
12. Emails received concerning the need to consider alternative arrangements for those Parishioners who would not be able to attend the Jubilee Picnic.
13. Email received asking about the signage at the top of Water Lane which would suggest a complete road closure on May 23rd.
14. Email received about minor damage to a hedge and wall on Water Lane.
15. Email received asking about the Policy on Local Government Pension Schemes.
16. Confirmation received that a letter of complaint had been sent to Cornwall Council (Environmental Protection Officer) by a Parishioner.
17. Letter of complaint (re: noise from music event) sent to Chairman for receipt by the PC.

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

None

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

None

**10. To receive reports from -**

**a) Police**

None

**b) Cornwall Councillor**

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

## Highway Schemes

Funding is available for the Parish Council for Highway safety improvements. This has been successfully used in Golant in previous years to extend the yellow lines on Water Lane and for a children crossing sign, also on Water Lane. I would be delighted to hear about other ideas from residents or councillors. Water Lane is in a poor state. Highways are fully aware of this and a resurfacing scheme is planned in the near future. In the interim, any potholes should be reported for patch repair.

## Covid

The pandemic has once again significantly impacted on the lives of our residents. Schools have been disrupted, businesses have been stretched and tragically lives have been lost. Thankfully rates are now dropping, and life is returning back to normal.

## Villages Flourishing

There is much to celebrate in Golant with a thriving pub, a well-attended church, water based activities and community groups. Much thanks should be given to the countless volunteers and community minded individuals who enrich the lives in this parish.

## Thanks to Councillors

Thanks to the Parish Councillors who have worked tirelessly for your communities over the past year. Once again, I continue to be grateful for the leadership of the Chair to take on issues and getting them sorted. I am always happy to support the Parish Council where needed.

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

Mrs S Blaxley (Salary and Expenses) - £572.01  
Cornwall Council (Rent for Car Park – May 2022) - £166.67  
Cornwall Pension Fund (Pension Contributions) - £95.62  
Source for Business (Water for Public Toilet) - £61.17  
HMRC (PAYE) - £51.88

Western Web (Annual webspace renewal) - £96.00

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

## **12. Finance**

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

The Clerk reported that the first half of the precept had been received in the sum of £1,979.99 and that the accounts balance at £25,688.20.

## **13. Cormorant Hotel Site**

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

The Chairman said that he had met with the developer and builder and explained the parish council's concerns regarding contractors' vehicles parking in the car park without a valid parking ticket. The developer said that many of the contractors are parking out of the village. The Chairman asked the developer to explain (to the new residents moving in) that their belongings will have to be unloaded from a large vehicle into a small vehicle in the layby near the Church. He said that he will provide 12 village maps for the new residents. He reported that the developer has said that it will be necessary to dig a trench from the gratings outside the Art Studio to the bottom of the lane leading to the Cormorant site to install the necessary broadband cables as the fibre is currently only in place up to the Art Studio.

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

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

The Chairman said that the conditions of transfer of the assets will be that the car park and the existing public toilet will have to remain in those uses but the remainder of the toilet building can be used

however the parish council sees fit. The Chairman said that a condition survey was undertaken on the toilet block in 2015 which identified that there may be problems with the electrics, the flooring and the water management and that the soffits at the front of the building may probably contain asbestos. He said that Cornwall Council should have an asbestos report, which the solicitor is asking for.

## **15. Golant Car Park**

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

The Chairman said that Alliance Parking have confirmed that, at the start of the charging season, they issued PCNs to some builders and since then, they have visited and issued further PCNs to other users of the car park.

Councillor D Johns said that, in order to install a new cashless parking machine, there are 3 organisations that he has to liaise with: BT for the telephone line and broadband (the approximate charge for their service will be £24/month); Flowbird who will provide the machine (they will charge a gateway fee of 14p/transaction for contactless payments and £850 to install the machine); card processing company (they charge a fixed fee of 8p/transaction or 5p/transaction plus a 0.2% or 0.02% charge plus a minimum monthly fee of £20 - £30). Councillor D Johns said that the latter charges amount to approximately 10-12% of the car park income. He said that, in time, phone apps will replace car parking machines.

## **16. Public Toilets**

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

The Chairman said that it was suggested at the last meeting that Paddle SUP could be asked if they would be interested in cleaning the public toilet. The Chairman said that the Clerk had advised that they would have to undertake this role on either an employed or self-employed basis and that if the latter was the case, quotations from at

least two other cleaners would have to be sought. The Chairman said that the cleaner has filled the Wallgate machine with soap.

### **17. Village Green and Playground**

**To consider applying to the National Lottery Community fund for a grant towards the new play equipment and to consider applying to the CIL fund for a grant towards the new play equipment**

It was proposed by Councillor D Jenkinson and seconded by Councillor A Van den Broek that Councillor S Harper and the Clerk be authorised to apply to the National Lottery Community fund and to the CIL fund for a grant towards the new play equipment. All Councillors voted in favour of the proposal. The proposal was therefore carried.

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

Councillor D Pugh-Jones asked if the grass on the village green will be cut prior to the Jubilee celebrations. Councillor A Van den Broek said that he would ask Chris Taylor to tidy the area as necessary. The Chairman thanked Councillors S Phillis and A Van den Broek, on behalf of the parish council, for erecting the notice board. It was agreed that the map would be displayed in the board on the day before the Jubilee picnic. It was noted that the glass appears to mist up. Councillor A Van den Broek said that this was probably due to the ingress of moisture before it was erected and that he anticipated that it would dry out.

### **18. Green Issues**

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

Councillor D Johns said that Cornwall Council has a Nature Recovery programme and part of this programme involves the re-introduction of species: pole cat, red squirrel, water vole, beaver, wild boar and wild cat.



## **19. Highways**

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

The Chairman said that he has received notice of an intention to close the road just up from Sky Cottage, on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022. This is to enable Openreach to undertake some works. He said that Rachael Tatlow has not yet erected the yellow board behind the sign warning of flooding. Some discussion took place about the notices that could be erected along the pub wall warning people that the road floods at high tide and also inviting people to park at an angle. The Chairman said that he had asked Rachael Tatlow if she would send someone to Golant to look at all the jobs listed on Martyn Hardy's list but she responded saying that each job has to be reported separately on the website.

## **20. Footpaths and Benches**

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

Councillor D Johns said that he would cut the top Downs path and Tinneys Lane. The Chairman said that he had received an email from a parishioner suggesting that a viewing platform could be erected at the north end of the Pill to enable people to have views of the river. It was suggested by some councillors that there is a view of the river from the quay. Councillors expressed their reservations about such a platform saying that it would be complicated to construct and maybe slippery when wet as well as taking up part of the turning area used by boat owners. The fact that the area floods at high tide would also add to the complexity of such a project.

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

### **To authorize the funding of the supply of boxed and delivered Jubilee afternoon tea boxes to those that would otherwise be unable to attend the village jubilee celebrations and to authorize the funding of two presentation jubilee mugs**

It was proposed by Councillor D Jenkinson and seconded by Councillor A Van den Broek that the funding of the supply of boxed and delivered Jubilee afternoon tea boxes to those that would otherwise be unable to attend the village jubilee celebrations and the funding of two presentation jubilee mugs be authorised. All Councillors voted in favour of this proposal. The proposal was therefore carried. It was noted that a beacon will be lit to celebrate the jubilee.

## **22. Pensions Discretions Policy**

### **To approve the Pensions Discretions Policy**

The Clerk had emailed a draft policy to all councillors prior to the meeting. Councillor D Johns said that he thought it may be unnecessarily complicated when compared to other similar policies he had seen elsewhere. He said that he would look at the draft document and the matter would be discussed at the next meeting of the parish council.

## **23. Date of next meeting**

### **To confirm the date and venue of the next meeting on Tuesday 28th June 2022 in Golant Village Hall**

The date of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022, commencing at 7:15pm in Golant Village Hall, Golant.

There was no further business, and the meeting was closed at 9:10pm.

## **ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**24th May 2022**

### **ACTION POINTS**

| <b><u>Minute Number</u></b> | <b><u>Action</u></b> | <b><u>By Whom</u></b> |
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- 6 Write letter to owners of Bar Silo Clerk
- 7 Ask Chris Taylor to tidy grass on village green AVB
- 20 Cut the top Downs Path & Tinneys Lane D.Johns