

MINUTES OF THE ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25th MARCH 2025 AT 7:15PM IN GOLANT VILLAGE HALL, GOLANT

Present: Councillors D Jenkinson, (Chairman), D Johns, C Taylor, A Van den Broek and D Bonsall.

Fayre Hardy
Sue Blaxley (Parish Clerk)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:15pm.

Public Participation

Fayre Hardy asked the parish council if there was any progress contacting Wildanet to supply broadband to the village hall. The Chairman said that he had contacted Wildanet but the person he spoke to was not in a position to confirm a contract arrangement at the moment. Fayre said that the village hall does not currently have a contract in place with BT to supply broadband to the village hall but will come under pressure to sign up or lose that connection. The chairman said that he would contact Wildanet again.

1. Apologies

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

2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th February 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th February 2025, having previously been circulated, were agreed as an accurate record.

3. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

Councillors C Taylor and A Van den Broek declared an interest in item 9 on the agenda.

4. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

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

- Councillor A Van den Broek reported that he has fitted the hydraulic gate closer to the gate to the play equipment. He said that he had purchased the metal goal hooks and that Councillor C Taylor will fit them.
- Councillor A Van den Broek said that he has filled the potholes on the Village Green car park, and he has “backed” the steps on the slide to improve safety, and has painted it. He also said the fencing is complete around the playground.
- The Chairman said that he had emailed Alliance Parking and asked them to add Just Park to the contract with them but he has yet to receive a formal acknowledgement.
- The Chairman said that he has contacted Cornwall Council Highways regarding the bank collapse on Water Lane and indicated the potential for it to be considered as a “cutting” in a sunken Lane.

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

Any notes on other matters are to be covered in AGENDA items below.

5. To receive the Chairman’s Communications

The Chairman emailed the following communications in advance of the meeting:

1. Email reminder that a salary review for our Parish Clerk will be due soon.
2. Numerous emails to CC re’ collapsed bank on Water Lane
3. Communication received from a resident about the quality of the resurfacing work carried out on Water Lane
4. Contact with Highways Head to find a new contact point for Wildanet?
5. Local resident informed the PC of a letter from S.W.Water about a road closure, but that no work had actually been undertaken?
6. Email received from the VH seeking permission to use the Village Green for various functions and events during the year ahead.
7. Email from Highways confirming that Amanda Pennington (Wildanet) no longer works for them. And that all resurfacing works will be inspected by the Council’s Streetworks Inspector and any workmanship issues will be

addressed.

8. Email from a resident appealing a parking fine because the permit was not visible on the front windscreen.
9. Emergency Plan issued via Maurie Mail and lodged on the PC website and made available in the village hall.
10. Arrangements put in place to upgrade the router in the Golant Boatwatch Hut, to meet “business” arrangements as opposed to “domestic” arrangements.
11. Email confirming that some road closed signs had gone, but that green marks had appeared on the tarmac in various places.
12. Emails concerning the drafting of storage ‘rules’ for the kayak store.
13. Advice received from CALC (Cornwall association of Local Councils) re: basic requirements for kayak storage rules.
14. Confirmation that Alliance Parking had modified the car park signage, to include new tariff and “Just Pay” details.
15. Email from a resident concerned about another bank slippage with water leaking from the other side of Water Lane.
16. Receipt of quotation for renewal of contract for the toilet arrangements. (it will be an AGENDA item)
17. Email by Highways (via Andy Virr) advising of immediate closure of the B3269 for emergency repairs.
18. Email from Cornwall Landscaping about possible disruption up Tanhay Lane because of hedge trimming.
19. Update on Playground project sent to Cornwall Council.
20. Update from Highways about their action to do with the bank slippage on Water Lane. They say the local landowner has been contacted.
21. Confirmation by Councillor that the new router has been installed in the Boatwatch Hut.
22. After our contact with Highways, I was re-assured that it is normal practice to contact the adjacent landowner but that they will keep the matter under control and report back in due course.
23. Invitation to send items for the AGENDA at the forthcoming PUG (Port Users Group) meeting in Fowey.
24. A councillor reported that the flush chain had become broken in the village toilet but that there was soap in the

Wallgate Machine.

25. Email from a resident seeking resurfacing of Church Hill. The resident was informed that this request has been sent several times already. The project is 'ON THE LIST' but will take place in priority order.

26. Email from a resident concerned that permit prices are too high.

27. After an explanation of the detailed debates that the Parish Council enter over pricing of the car park and permit prices, the resident above replied positively about the explanation, which "made perfect sense."

28. Email reminder about copy date for The Pill, being Wednesday 28th March.

29. Request for additional information about the planned work (identified back in December) up Tanhay Lane. Copy of original "intention notice" sent to the resident.

30. Resident confirmed that she had contacted the contractor.

31. Email correspondence with a resident to seek clarification on previous description of the roadway called Water Lane and any impact on responsibility for bank maintenance. (i.e. Highways or resident)

32. Invitation from Cornwall Area South for a climate skills course.

33. Email query about St Sampson individual precept at 13.3 % reduction.

34. Response from Parish Clerk with an explanation from Cornwall Council.

35. Confirmation that "election packs" will be issued at the forthcoming Parish Council meeting. They will need to be received by no later than 2nd April to the Council Offices in St Austell (in person) for anyone wishing to stand as a local Parish Councillor.

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

None

7. To receive a report from the Clerk

The Clerk explained that, although the parish council had requested a 5% increase in the precept from Cornwall Council, the invoices sent to

residents show a decrease in the precept of 13.3%. She said this related to the increase in the parish council's taxbase which is largely as a result of the 100% council tax premium on second homes. She explained that the parish council charge each year is calculated by dividing the precept set by the taxbase (expressed at a Band D level). As the taxbase for 2025/26 has increased from 160 to 190, this has resulted in a decrease in the parish council's tax to individual tax payers.

8. To receive a report from Cornwall Councillor A Virr

There was no monthly report from Cornwall Councillor A Virr. The Chairman said that he had sought advice from Cornwall Councillor A Virr regarding the development at Sunnyside where works to erect a dwelling seem to have ceased. Cornwall Councillor A Virr said that work has commenced on the site so the planning permission will remain in effect, and it was likely that the plot and building would be sold at some time in the future.

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

Mrs S Blaxley (Salary and Expenses (20/02/25 – 19/03/25) – £561.33
Cornwall Pension Fund (Pension Contributions) - £130.20
Source for Business (Water for Toilet 05/02/25 – 03/03/25) - £22.26
Flowbird Smart City (Upgrade to Parking Machine) - £314.40
Flowbird Smart City (Car Park Charges) - £31.42
Andrew Van den Broek (Works to Playground) - £561.39
Andrew Van den Broek (Works to Playground) - £717.56
C T Garden and Property Management (Grass Cutting) - £204.00
Cornwall ALC (Annual Subscription) - £242.98

It was proposed by Councillor D Jenkinson and seconded by Councillor Johns that all the above orders be authorized for payment. All Councillors voted in favour of the proposal, except for Councillors C Taylor and A Van den Broek, who having previously declared an interest, abstained from voting. The proposal was therefore carried.

10. Finance Report

To receive and consider a finance report

The Clerk said that, as at 29th February 2025, the accounts balance at £12,542.02 with income of £290 for parking permits, £394.50 from the

car parking machine and £40 from the kayak store having been received.

11. Car Park

To consider action to be taken in respect of the railings to the rear of the car park

Councillor A Van den Broek said he would cut off the pipes below ground, fill the holes with concrete and tarmac over the concrete and remove the posts and railing. This proposal was agreed as the best route to proceed and to remove the unsightly railings, which otherwise would need considerable work to remove rust and overpaint on an annual basis.

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

None

12. Public Toilet

To receive and consider the quotation for cleaning the public toilet for 2025/26

It was noted that the price for cleaning the public toilet for 2025/26 has increased by 10% to £2767.05. It was proposed by Councillor D Jenkinson and seconded by Councillor A Van den Broek that this quotation be accepted. All councillors voted in favour of the proposal. The proposal was therefore carried.

To receive and consider any other matters arising relating to the public toilet

It was noted that the soap dispenser has been re-filled. Councillor A Van den Broek said that he had repaired part of the flushing mechanism. It was agreed that the refurbishment of the public toilet would take place in the off season but in the meantime, Councillor A Van den Broek said that he would repair and paint both exterior doors.

13. Kayak Storage Facility

To receive and consider the contract for users of the kayak store

Councillor D Johns read out a contract he had drafted for users of the kayak store. It was agreed that this covered the points as suggested by Cornwall ALC. He said that he will display the contract by means of notices in the kayak store and he will email the document to all users of the store. It was noted that paying to use the kayak store means agreement to the conditions as set out.

To receive and consider any other matters arising relating to the kayak storage facility

None

14. Village Green and Playground

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

It was noted that the slide has been re-painted and made safe and the fencing around the playground is finished.

The Chairman thanked the following parishioners, on behalf of the parish council, for filling the potholes in the village green car park: Andrew Van den Broek, Paul Meredith, Neil Smith, Steve Phillis and Ian Barker.

Councillor C Taylor said that he will undertake the first grass cut at the beginning of April. He said there are 5 benches and 7 picnic tables on the village green. It was agreed that this is sufficient and that they were in acceptable order.

15. Green Issues

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

None

16. Highways

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

The Chairman said that he has received notification of an intention for the temporary prohibition order for Church Hill, Tanhay Lane and Water Lane. He said that he does not receive confirmation after these notices of intention are sent out.

He said that has contacted Cornwall Council's Highways department regarding the bank collapse in Water Lane, and, in accordance with their method of operation, they have contacted the land owner. It was agreed that if Water Lane is a sunken lane, and a cutting, repairs to the bank could be the responsibility of Cornwall Council Highways department. Some discussion took place regarding the purchase of a sign that could be deployed at the top of Water Lane to inform drivers that the road is closed when there is a hazard.

Councillor D Bonsall commented that the road between the Church and Bodrigan is full of potholes. The Chairman suggested that the only system to repair potholes is to go onto the Cornwall Council web site and to report them.

17. Footpaths and Benches

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

- Councillor D Johns said that he has contacted Cornwall Council three times regarding the LMP grant but has not yet received a response.

18. Date of next meeting

To confirm the date and venue of the next meeting on Tuesday 22nd April 2025 in Golant Village Hall.

The date of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 22nd April 2025 in Golant Village Hall commencing at 7:15pm.

There was no further business, and the meeting was closed at 8:20pm.

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ACTION POINTS

Minute Number	Action	by Whom
PP	Email Wildanet regarding supply of broadband to the village hall	DJ
5	Install new goal hooks	CT
11	Repair and paint exterior doors to toilet	AVB