

St John Parish Council

Minutes of St John Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 30th Sept 2021 at 7.30pm St John Village hall.

Those present : Mr D Richards (Chairman), Mr R Hoskin (Vice Chairman), Mr H Everard , Mr B Crane , Mr J Tanner, Mrs J Hirst, Cllr Ewert (Cornwall Councillor) and Mrs Allen Clerk to St John Parish Council.

39.21 Apologies for absence. None.

40.21 Declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda. Cllr Richards declared that he is a Trustee of St John Village hall.

41.21 The Minutes 20th May and 15th July 2021 were reviewed and approved.

42.21 County Councillor report.

“Double yellow lines at Withnoe Terrace, having been scrubbed out to only have one line – I am investigating with Highways.

Freathy Chalets and Antony Estate, ongoing discontent with the new leases.

Military Rd junction – line of site issues, especially with parking. Hopefully this will be rectified with the proposed speed limit changes and double yellow lines.

Speed limit through St John – would the PC like for the village to be put forward for the 20 is plenty scheme?

Millbrook PC have agreed to a feasibility study on Hounster Hill/West St narrows that will look at potential weight/size limits, if this is the case I would want to push for these across the entire peninsula, I don't want to push the issue up to the cliffs which we know aren't able to take them.

Looe to Cremyl cycle scheme – Roy attended the briefing with Alexis on the project so far, I will let him tell you about the proposals for St John specifically, but I believe they are quite positive.

I have had contact with the owner of Ganges about their planning app for a porch and am meeting with the planning officer on Monday to discuss.

There will be a CNP focus event likely on 11th November looking at Health and Social Care in the area, an invite will come out soon.

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We have recently been told that Saltash Leisure Centre is under threat of closure, there is a current consultation ongoing that I would encourage members to complete, but also would encourage to PC to complete on behalf of residents as well. Local schools use the pool for swimming lessons, as well as many residents. I do not see that Liskeard Pool would be able to cope with the extra users adequately.

Councillors that supported a motion to full Cornwall Council asking for a housing emergency to be declared were invited to a briefing with the housing portfolio holder regarding the new administrations plans for dealing with the crisis. I'm pleased to report that they are hoping to do everything that we have asked for, including pushing government for better devolution for Cornwall that will allow us to better control 2nd homes and holiday lets, build new council housing and enforce existing covenants on ex-RTB council properties. We have been asked to ask PCs if they can identify any potential sites for building Council Houses as well.”

43.21 Matters arising from the previous meetings.

43.21 a 22.21 a 5.21 a 19.20 a 5.20 a 43.19 c 29.19 j 18.19 c **Rut on Picture hill.**

Action: Cllr Richards to organise a St John Parish walkthrough with Will Glassup and Cllr Ewert now Covid restrictions have eased.

43.21 b 22.21 b 5.21 b 9.20 b 5.20 d 43.19 g 35.19. **Benskins wood signage.** **Action:** Cllr Everard to follow up now Covid restrictions have eased.

43.21 c 22.21 c 5.21 d 19.20 d 5.20 h 70.19 a **Antony junction update.** No further update.

43.21 d 22.21 d 5.21 e 19.20 e 6.20 a **Military Road parking issues.** The consultation is still being undertaken. The police do not want double yellow lines on both sides of the road. Additional signage for the Car park at Tregantle has been erected.

43.21 e 22.21 e 5.21 f 9.20 f 13.20 a **Gravestone repair in St Johns cemetery.** The work has completed to a very high standard and the account settled. The Church committee had expressed their thanks.

43.21 f 22.21 f 13.21 **St John Highway issues and road closure by South west water on 11th Oct.** **Action:** Cllr Richards liaise with SWW to hopefully ensure access for residents.

43.21 g 33.21 **Freathy bus shelter.** Due to fuel shortages the bus shelter has not been erected. **Action:** Clerk to follow up.

43.21 h 35.21 **Clearway signs** on Military Road with the relevant dates on have not been erected.

43.21 i 36.21 **Wildlife signage board at the Ford in St John.** Cllr Everard has provided the clerk with a full quote. **Action:** Clerk to apply for Community chest funding.

43.21 j 28.21 a **Gooseyford lane telegraph poles.** The BT equipment has been moved but Western power have not removed the old posts yet. **Action:** Clerk to follow up.

43.21 k 28.21 b **Withnoe Terrace parking** issues on Military road. Advice was given to the resident by clerk. Resolved.

43.21 l 28.21 c **Electric Car charging points.** Cornwall council funding is minimal and concentrating on train and bus stations in urban areas. **Action:** Cllr Hirst to talk to Antony Estates about installing charging points.

44.21 The planning report was reviewed and approved.

Planning Applications St John Parish	2021/22		Application	Application	Comments
			Validated	Decision	
PA21/02654	Stone farm	Freathy	08/04/2021	Approved	
PA21/06106	Maker view 53	Freathy	06/07/2021		Withdrawn
PA21/05981	Kroonstad	Freathy	02/07/2021	Approved	
PA21/05788	Beverley	Freathy	08/07/2021	Approved	
PA21/08314	The Rectory	St John	19/08/2021		

It was noted that Maker view 53 has not submitted a new application yet. **Action:** Clerk to follow up.

Cllrs discussed planning application PA21/05788. Members felt that the decision by Cornwall council to approve this application was unwise given the instability of the cliff in this area.

45.21 Policies. None.

The Councillors discussed a proposal made by Cllr Ewert that had been raised at the Maker with Rame environmental forum that the NDP could be amended to approve its green credentials. Members were not receptive to this proposal as the previous plan had taken 7 years. A review could cost between £30,000 - £40,000.

46.21 Network cluster update. Cllr Hoskin reported that the police have recruited 12 new police for SE Cornwall. In 2020-21 there were 270,000 999 calls alone to SE Cornwall police. Ambulance attendance times are often up to 4 hours and the police have to stay in situ until the situation is resolved.

47.21 Finance 2021/22.

47.21 a The Payments schedule was reviewed and approved by the full PC.

Payments approved Sept 2021			Gross	Vat	Net
C Allen clerking June 2021	100821	Clerking	£181.08		£181.08
C Allen clerking July 2021	100822	Clerking	£195.72		£195.72
Freathy youth and social community hall	100823	Rent	£20.00		£20.00
R Dolton Land registry	100824	R Dolton land registry	£24.00		£24.00
C Allen clerking Aug 2021	100825	Clerking	£161.33		£161.33
C Allen clerking Sept 2021	100826	Clerking	£163.13		£163.13
H G Stacey	100827	Gravestone repair	£300.00	£50.00	£250.00
Millbrook PC	100828	Ndp hosting fee	£20.00	£3.33	£16.67
Euroshell	100829	Bus shelter	£5,838.00	£973.00	£4,865.00
Total			£6,903.26	£1,026.33	£5,876.93
Election fees 2021 estimate £1,012			£1,200.00		
Clerking Oct 2021 Subject to invoice					
Christmas tree			£250.00		

Members agreed to approve £250 for Christmas tree purchase for 2021.

Action : Cllr Everard to place the order.

47.21 b Asset Register was reviewed and approved by the full PC.

**St John Parish Council
Asset Register as 22/09/21**

**Purchase
Value**

Bus shelter purchased 2008 W/Off	
Noticeboard purchased 2016	£1,075
Signage purchased May 2018	£153
Memorial Bollards St John purchased Nov 2018	£1,610
Phone box Freathy purchased Nov 2018	£1
Grit bins x 4 purchased pre 2016	£600
Signs purchased 2018	£600
Signs purchased 2018	£410
Road cones purchased 2018	£21
Freathy Noticeboard purchased June 2019	£1,040
Road signs purchased Apr 2019	£85
Neighbourhood watch signs 2019	£20
Lights 2020	£266
Bus shelter purchased Sept/ Oct 2021	£4,865
TOTAL	£10,746

47.21 c The Solar benefit fund report 30/09/2021 was reviewed and approved by the full PC..

**ST JOHN
COMMUNITY
FUND REPORT
as at 30/09/2021**

Payments St John Freathy Total

16/04/2021	St John village Hall windows		£2,000	£2,000		£2,000
16/04/2021	Freathy sports and social club		£1,042		£1,042	£1,042
	Total		£3,042	£2,000	£1,042	£3,042

	Funds unspent *					
	Church floodlights	£702.92		£703	£0	£703

47.21 d The Bank Reconciliation report 30/9/2021 was reviewed and approved by the full PC.

BANK RECONCILIATION	CHEQUE	Payments	Receipts	Combined
Payee and details		Dr	Cr	Bank balance
Funds bfwd 31/3/2020				£9,869.72
C Allen wages March	100809	£168.33		£9,701.39
Calc subscription	100810	£241.04		£9,460.35
C Allen clerking April 2021	100811	£214.80		£9,245.55
Freathy youth and social community	100812	£1,042.00		£8,203.55
St John village hall	100813	£2,000.00		£6,203.55
Precept			£3,033.47	£9,237.02
Freathy youth and social community	100814	£20.00		£9,217.02
Business web solutions	100815	£208.00		£9,009.02
K Heald Audit	100817	£90.00		£8,919.02
Calc books	100816	£29.57		£8,889.45
Zurich Insurance	100818	£250.66		£8,638.79
C Allen clerking May 2021	100819	£253.51		£8,385.28
Freathy youth and social community	100820	£20.00		£8,365.28
C Allen clerking June 2021	100821	£181.08		£8,184.20
Interest			£0.07	£8,184.27
C Allen clerking July 2021	100822	£195.72		£7,988.55
Freathy youth and social community	100823	£20.00		£7,968.55
R Dolton Land registry	100824	£24.00		£7,944.55
Clerking August 21	100825	£161.33		£7,783.22
C Allen clerking Sept 2021	100826	£163.13		£7,620.09
H G Stacey	100827	£300.00		£7,320.09
Precept			£3,033.47	£10,353.56
Interest			£0.02	£10,353.58
Millbrook PC NDP hosting	100828	£20.00		£10,333.58
Euroshell bus shelter	100829	£5,838.00		£4,495.58
TOTAL		£5,434.84	£6,067.03	

Bank Statement 04/08/2021	Current	£7,285.56
Bank Statement 06/09/2021	Savings	£703.01
Uncleared cheques/ Income received		-£3,492.99

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE 30/9/2021	£4,495.58
Solar benefit funds available 30/9/2021	£702.92
PARISH COUNCIL FUNDS AVAILABLE 30/9/2021	
(Excluding Solar Community benefit fund)	£3,792.66

47.21 e The Management Report 30/9/2021 was reviewed and approved by the full PC.

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 2020/21 as 30/9/2021

2020-21		2021/22		2021/22
Including Community Benefit Funding				
Auditted		Budget	Actual	%
£	RECEIPTS	£	£	
£7,497	Brought Forward	£9,701	£9,701	
£6,000	Precept	£6,000	£6,000	100
£63	CTS Grants	£63	£67	106
£1	Interest	£1	£0	0
	Bus shelter grant	£5,000	£0	0
	Community chest grant	£250	£0	0
£457	VAT refund	£100	£0	0
£3,083	Community Benefit funding	£3,083	£0	0
£9,604		£14,497	£6,067	42
PAYMENTS				
£378	VAT	£100	£1,065	1,065
£1,522	Clerk Salary	£1,600	£876	55
£333	Clerking expenses	£350	£206	59
£199	Subscriptions CPD	£250	£234	94
£1,053	Grass control/ Footpaths	£1,250	£0	0
£1,000	Community benefit projects and donations	£6,828	£3,042	45
	Bus shelter	£5,000	£4,865	97
£100	Hall Rent	£180	£60	33
£461	Misc wreath xmas tree	£250	£41	16
£0	Election	£1,000	£0	0
£0	Graveyard repairs	£250	£250	100
£1,500	Freathy road markings	£0	£0	0
	St John wildlife sign	£500	£0	0
£242	Website	£300	£208	69
£75	Audit fee	£100	£90	90
£100	Computer	£100	£0	0
£100	Section 137	£500	£0	0
£249	Insurance	£260	£251	96
£87	Printing Postage and Stationery	£110	£85	77
£7,399	TOTAL	£18,928	£11,273	60
£2,205	Profit/ (Loss)	-£4,431	-£5,206	
£9,702	Cfwd	£5,270		
Represented by:-				
Deposit Account Bank statement			£703.01	
Current Account bank statement			£7,285.56	
(less O/s cheques/ O/s Income)			-£3,493	
TOTAL			£4,496	
Community Benefit Fund			£703	
Total Funds excluding CB fund			£3,793	

47.21 f Bank mandate forms. Cllrs Tanner and Crane to be added as signatories to the bank account are awaiting ID verification.

48.21 Church floodlights. Cllr Richards reported that this project would have to be scaled down due unforeseen administrative issues. It is now proposed that the church will be lit up during the Christmas period only.

49.21 . Looe Valley cycle route. Cllr Hosking briefed members on the proposed Looe – Cremyll cycle route. Its aim is to regenerate S.E Cornwall and increase tourism. It may also involve reducing the speed limit in the parish.

50.21. Memorial garden St John maintenance. Cllr Richards briefed the members on a product that would improve the grass quality in the memorial garden area in St John.

Motion proposed Cllr Richards, seconded Cllr Hirst.

Action: Clerk to set up an annual contract of £120 to employ Green thumb to manage this area of grass.

51.21 AOB.

51.21 a Gooseford lane turning space near the ford, needs stabilising and upgrading.

Action: Cllr Everard to establish the ownership of this land. Any improvements could be funded from the Community benefit fund in future years.

51.21 b St John Noticeboard requires remedial work. **Action:** Cllr Everard to varnish it.

51.21 c Register rights of way. Members discussed the Don't lose your way campaign.

52.21 Date of next meeting. 18th Nov 2021.

53.21 Meeting closed at 9.25pm.