

Minutes of the Meeting of St Just in Roseland Parish Council held on Monday 7th August 2023 in the St Just Institute. The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

Councillors Present: R Giles, P Salter, R Baylis, C Williams, *S Goldsmith, A Fordham, K Warren, A Marchant

Also present: J German (Cornwall Councillor), H Couch (Parish Clerk), R Fordham (Parish Administrator) and six members of the public

1. To accept apologies for absence – Cllr Andrew, Cllr Balthazar-Rogers

2. Declaration of Interest:

- a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interest – None declared
- b) Non-Registerable Interest – None declared
- c) Of gifts to the value of more than £25 - None declared
- d) To consider requests for dispensation on items on the agenda – None declared

3. Public Participation

Tall Ships Festival 2023

The organiser of the St Mawes parking and the Lookout evening event updated the councillors. It was confirmed that spaces for approximately 1000 cars, would be provided for all three days of the Festival. There will be a one-way system in operation, with the entrance at the road up to the allotments, and exit onto Upper Castle Road. Eight marshalls will be in place. The arrangements for the ticketed event for the Parade of Sail were explained, with set up and breakdown being organised to minimise disruption to neighbours. The event will start at 12.30 and finish at 10.00pm.

The Community Bus will be doing a continuous loop on the one-way system throughout the day, dropping off and picking up at the main car park in St Mawes and the field parking at the top of the village.

The one way system will be in place from 09.00 hrs to 18.00 hours. A concern was again noted about the inadequate signage for Armed Forces Day in June, the length of time it took to get the signs removed afterwards, and the damage this had caused to permanent signs in the village. This was all reported to Cormac and it is hoped that they will do a more efficient job for Tall Ships.

The gate in the playground in St Just in Roseland through to the field has been fixed, and shrubs cut back. It was also noted that the bin had finally been emptied by Churchill, after repeated requests. The new noticeboard surface was commended as much easier to use.

Concern was noted by residents about the continuing problem of speeding on Windmill Hill and enquired about progress into getting speed awareness signs installed. (See Item 11 – Parish Issues and Concerns for full discussion)

4. Confirmation of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd July 2023.

The Council **RESOLVED**, by a show of hands by those who had attended that the said minutes be approved. All in favour and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising:

Update on the Gardening – Entrance to St Mawes by Waterloo Close

A quote has still not been received – Clerk to chase

Signage – Dog poo and BBQ

New signs have been put up around the village reminding dog owners to pick up after their dogs, and also banning BBQ's in the Coppice over Summers Beach, and the picnic area below Brooklyn Flats.

Armed Forces Day feedback

A concern was noted about access to the shops in St Mawes when the one way system is in place. However it was agreed that the Road Closed sign was best placed by the Watch House to avoid traffic congestion further along Kings Road.

The problems with signage have been mentioned earlier (see Item 3 – Public Participation)

Cabling update for St Mawes Car Park

The works by the National Grid to lay the upgraded electric cable will start on October 30th 2023 and continue for two weeks.

To note St Just in Roseland new bus stop next to phone box

The installation of a new bus stop on the St Mawes bound side of the road in St Just in Roseland was noted.

RSPG – Blood Pressure Monitor

The Clerk confirmed that the RSPG is putting a bid together to purchase a 24 hour blood pressure monitor for Roseland Surgeries.

5. Cornwall Councillor Report

Update on Upper Castle Road Highways work

Councillor German noted that this has been pencilled in for the fourth quarter of this year, but is subject to budget constraints.

Update on Community Area Partnerships

Following up from the email sent by the Clerk about the new Community Area Partnerships, Cllr German noted the name change to Roseland and Truro Community Area Partnership.

A new Climate Ecology working group has been set up to enable easy communication between parish councils on environmental issues.

Cllr German is in the process of setting up a training workshop to enable groups to apply for grant funding up to £25,000 and will provide further information when available.

6. Clerks Report

Update on Churchill Services

The Clerk reported that Churchill are now in serious breach of their contract regarding the street cleansing in St Mawes. This was reinforced by the unprecedented amount of litter in the village on the Monday morning following the Carnival, as there was no cleaning service provided over the weekend. Many complaints were received. The Clerk is meeting with the Churchill South West Area Manager this week to discuss the situation and the breach of contract. It was suggested that the scope of the Churchill contract is too broad, and it might be useful to change and reduce to core services such as bins and cleaning the toilets; and try to employ a local person to carry out additional jobs such as weeding and street sweeping.

A vote of thanks was given to those members of the public who helped tidy up the litter and empty bins on the Monday morning following the Carnival.

7. External Committees & Local Representatives

Cllr Fordham to join the Car Park Committee

Cllr Giles proposed to co-opt Cllr Fordham as a member of the Car Park Committee. Seconded by Cllr Salter. All in favour.

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Cllr Goldsmith reported that the Roseland Community Action Plan was in the process of being written.

Roseland Centre

Cllr Goldsmith reported that new flooring is to be installed. Insulation and double glazing were next on the list to be completed.

Heritage Group

Cllr Williams showed the meeting a child's English and Maths workbook from the nineteenth century which had been discovered in an attic, together with a music book. The child was a resident of St Just in Roseland.

St Just Institute

Congratulations were offered on a successful Summer Fete. The bad weather meant that most of the stalls were inside the Institute, but an excellent community spirit meant that a good time was had by all, with many people pitching in to help.

8. Correspondence

A letter was received from a member of the public who for the last 25 years has very kindly tidied up areas on Tredenham Road and Sam's Bank, saying that she was no longer in a position to do this. A diseased tree was noted which the Clerk has actioned. A letter of thanks will be sent to the member of the public from the Parish Council.

It was noted that the blackthorn bushes by the railings on the steps down to Summers Beach were growing over the railings and making it difficult to hold on. Clerk to action.

9. Accounts and Finance

The Council was asked to approve the following payments:

The Bacs were approved	£1,161.66
Direct Debits/Debit Card/ Standing Orders shown as paid in July	£16,522.04
Salaries for July	£4,386.79
Income shown as received during July	£43,005.11

The car park income for July was noted.

	Pay & Display	Pay & Display	Permits	Permits	Total
	Monthly	Cumulative	Monthly	Cumulative	Cumulative
July-21	39,220.15	111,180.85	3,699.00	38,100.00	149,280.85
July-22	35,002.85	114,399.10	600.00	38,207.33	152,606.43
July-23	38,835.45	118,660.90	750.00	31,445.86	150,106.76
July 2023 comparable with 2022	3,832.60	4,261.80	150.00	-6,761.47	-2,499.67

This includes £33,311.40 (gross) taken on card payments.

Approval of the payments of accounts was proposed by Cllr Baylis and seconded by Cllr Salter. All in favour by a show of hands. **RESOLVED** by the Council.

The Council was asked:

- To note Finance Meeting held on Monday 10th July and approve recommendations:
 - St Mawes Recreational Ground - £1,130 tennis provision for children. Cllr Baylis proposed, seconded by Cllr Williams. All in favour.
 - Gerrans and St Mawes Football - £1,500 changing rooms. Cllr Giles proposed, seconded by Cllr Goldsmith. All in favour.
 - To note Barclays ATM Contract - £2,000 for next 5 years. Cllr Giles proposed, seconded by Cllr Warren. All in favour.

It was noted that our IT company Tanist has been taken over by Acronyms and that our current contract stands until it is time to renew.

It was noted that the leak allowance from South West Water was £10,906.98 which was for the leak at St Mawes Toilets.

10. Note Committee Meetings held since last Full Parish Council Meeting

- Car Park Committee – meeting held on Monday 10th July 2023
Cllr Salter noted the discussions about siting a container for the Kay Bain Charity Shop in the Car Park which are ongoing. He also confirmed that the Idle Rocks will have their car park spaces reduced by two next year, from 12 to 10, and that we have not yet received a reply from Cornwall Council concerning the parking consultation.
- Planning Committee – meeting held on Monday 17th July 2023

11. Parish Issues/Concerns

Tall Ships Event & Boutique Festival – 18th August 2023

See Item 3 - Public Participation.

Clerk to contact Police to confirm presence in St Mawes during the Festival.

Options for litter in The Square, St Mawes

A discussion was held about the problem of increased litter during the summer season. It was decided that a sub-committee should meet in the autumn to discuss ways to mitigate this next year. The food outlet businesses in the village would be involved, as this is a community problem, and the litter does reflect on their reputation. Other solutions suggested were bigger and more bins, and the possibility of adopting a no bin policy as is in effect around the harbour in Mevagissey,

Cllr Goldsmith requested that the bins were re-painted as they were looking shabby and dirty. A discussion took place and Cllr Goldsmith offered to paint them herself a blue colour. Councillors were appreciative of her offer but felt this should be completed professionally, Clerk to investigate.

The proliferation of weeds in streets and on pavements around the village was noted, as was items that are rusting and unsightly. Parish administrator to action removal of the old telescope and investigate removal of the old water pump.

*Cllr Goldsmith left the meeting.

Options for an additional footpath in St Just in Roseland for safety

The possibility of creating a footpath in St Just from Hill Top to the Church Lane turning was discussed; but will be deferred for six months while data is obtained and collated from speed calming devices which will be installed in St Just and St Mawes.

To note the lease from Cornwall Council for woodland to the west of St Mawes Car Park, St Mawes

The lease has been received from Cornwall Council and is being reviewed.

Costings for flashing speed limit signs for the Parish to provide Cornwall Council with traffic data

Clerk to obtain costings for different types of sign, including ones that record number plates information. It was noted that we are still waiting for the results from the proposed 20mph for St Just in Roseland and St Mawes consultation carried out by Cornwall Council. The residents of St Just in Roseland are very keen to progress a Community Speedwatch group – clerk to liaise with Police and Speedwatch.

Benches in the parish and a future order

The Clerk stated that the new benches had been delivered and were in place in Sam's Bank. It was noted that a bench at the top of Hillhead is deteriorating and needs replacing, and a request for new benches for the Triangle was made. It was also decided to turn around the bench on the green at St Just in Roseland to face the road.

Action taken on Alberts Lane, re drainage

It has been confirmed that there is no blockage in the drain on Alberts Lane. Metrorod have stated that in their opinion it is a leak from a private property.

12. Future Meeting Dates

- Planning Committee – Monday 14th August @ 6.00 pm

13. Any other business that the Chairman considers to be of urgency

The Clerk confirmed that the current vacancy for the Parish Council was being advertised.

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There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.12pm

The next meeting is on Monday 4th September 2023 at 7.00 pm

Signed as a true record.....Chairman Cllr Giles