

Sancreed Parish Council Meeting

Venue: Sancreed Village Hall

Date: 20th July 2021 at 7.30pm

Minutes

Present

Councillors: Hilary Harris (Chairman), David Haigh, Kate Goodman, Michael Harvey, Mark Hawkins, Ivor James, William James and Paul Nicholson.

Others: Cassandra Crisp (Clerk) and eight members of the public.

Chairman's Welcome

Hilary Harris welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded the public that they could speak at the appropriate part of the meeting for three minutes each.

Apologies

Brian Clemens, Robert Eddy and Stuart Thomas.

Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the Sancreed Parish Council meeting held on 15th June 2021, having been previously circulated, should be signed as a true and correct record.

Declarations of Interest

Paul Nicholson regarding Caen Bran Hill Fort.

Public Participation

A member of the public asked what had happened to the money that was given by the parish council to be used on the common outside Beacon estate. **Action: Kate Goodman to check the records and advise at the next meeting.**

A member of the public talked about the dangers of the road through Drift, the difficulty getting onto the A30 from the car park, lack of signage and that on the approach from Lands End the houses can not be seen until the last moment. There was a specific request for a mirror to help access to the A30 – the member of the public was happy to fund the cost of the mirror. Hilary Harris advised the matter would be discussed further during the Highways part of the meeting.

A member of the public talked about planning application PA21/05698, the site sits just outside the parish in St Just and the applicants live in St Just, they have a 13 acre smallholding using traditional farming methods and skills, there were no buildings on the site when the applicants purchased it. They have applied for a well thought out scheme, with buildings that they believe are in keeping with the area and are sustainable. High clearance is required for tractors, there is a ventilation ridge. Another member of the public enquired whether produce would be sold directly from the site to the public – and was advised that this would not be the case.

A member of the public commented on Drift crossroads, if any vehicle was travelling over 30mph there wasn't enough time to turn out safely onto the A30, 25% of drivers are on their phones as they pass the junction and the road markings have worn away.

Chairman's Comments

We have started to get up to date with paperwork. Appraisal of the Clerk will be completed for the first time. Code of Compliance training must be completed by all councillors.

Councillors Comments

None

Cornwall Councillors Comments

None

Clerk's Comments

Wayleave payments - 15 years worth of wayleave payments have been claimed and paid. Sums involved are very small.

Action points from previous meeting (if not covered elsewhere in Agenda)

- Register of Interests – all now complete
- Election expenses – all now complete
- Code of Conduct training – two not confirmed. **Action: Clerk to send a link to the you tube training video (complete).**

New Items for the Agenda

- Clerk contract of employment – unanimously agreed to sign
- Delegation of Authority for the Clerk – unanimously agreed limit at £50
- Staffing committee – unanimously agreed would be comprised of the Chairman and Vice Chairman
- The Glebe – unanimously agreed to sign the lease

- Standing orders – unanimously agreed to move this item to the next meeting and also for any suggestions to be shared prior the next meeting.

Footpaths and Highways

Drift reservoir carpark – Cornwall Council are considering taking on the car park.

Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS):

Drift

- 89k vehicles, 55% are speeding over 30 mph, 22% are speeding at over 35 mph. The 167mph reading meant the report was widely read but it is considered an erroneous reading which can happen if the radar bounces off one vehicle onto another vehicle.
- There was a query regarding whether we could have a speed camera at Drift – Mark Hawkins explained Drift is one of 350 speeding area issues within Cornwall – priority comes down to deaths – we have had one.

Newbridge

- Hilary thanked Mark for assisting with obtaining the data from the camera. **Action: Clerk to upload the data to the website (complete).**

Drift speed reduction – Highways have a plan to try and reduce the speed through Drift, currently this plan is in discussion and further details will be given once formalised and agreed.

Speed camera signage – the cost of signs is approx £50 each – unanimously agreed that we should approach Highways for support – **Action: Clerk to contact Highways.**

Footpath maintenance – Pip Morse gave an update:

Pip has been the contractor for three years, the biggest issue in Sancreed is that there are more Gold paths than Silver although often the Silver paths are in more frequent use. There is a stile on the Gold path that is not listed on the schedule. We have an opportunity to spend the money on the paths more effectively, we could open more paths if we changed the cutting frequency of some of the other paths. If there is a complaint from a member of the public then Pip will respond to it. The council should have an up to date survey of the paths – they were last surveyed in 2016/17. The survey includes all fixtures and fittings ie gates / stiles etc. Some footpaths run alongside tracks, but the tracks are not cut. There has been changes of ownership of some land. There has been increased usage of some paths. The Glebe should have 10 cuts per year (twice a month in the growing season). Pip should have a contract of employment.

Hilary thanked Pip for the update and his help with invoices.

Actions:

- **Working group to be setup (Paul Nicholson, William James, Pip Morse and the Clerk).**
- **Contract of Employment to be agreed.**

Caer Bran Hill Fort:

Paul Nicholson left the meeting whilst this item was discussed.

William James gave an update:- The land was previously owned by two people but has now been bought by one person. The half of the site nearest Brane is open access land, the other half nearer Sancreed is registered common land – both designations allow walking but not horse riding or camping. There is no legal footpath across the middle of the site. On the far side there is a footpath with a dead end, there was a gate put up in the 80's, the gate is not currently padlocked, nor is there a stone blocking the gate. Civil proceedings for horse riding can be made via Cornwall Council.

Actions:

- Clerk to write to Countryside access team giving our concerns
- Clerk to invite the owners to attend the next parish council meeting to give details of their plans for the site
- William James to provide coordinates of the areas of concern and photos

Sancreed Beacon – William James gave an update – currently horses are allowed, gates are being left open and this is creating a hazard as horses escape onto nearby roads.

20 mile speed restriction Sancreed – agreed to join the 20 is plenty campaign – **Action: Clerk to notify James Hardy that Sancreed would like to be involved in the project (complete).**

A3071 – was an item at the CNP meeting – will be covered later in the meeting.

Community speed watch – there is an attempt to get this up and running again.

Vehicle abandoned in Drift car park – Silver Audi which was left without MOT, tax or insurance was moved after a Councillor left a note on it advising it would soon be towed at the owner's expense, it has now been left in St Buryan.

Planning

Applications:

- PA21/05433 – support – unanimously agreed
- PA21/06598 – support – unanimously agreed
- PA2/05698 – Kate Goodman and William James left the meeting whilst this item was discussed – support – one Councillor remaining abstained
- PA21/05687 – support – unanimously agreed

Decisions:

- PA21/02948 – noted

Any other matters – a Councillor asked whether we have an affordable housing plan? **Action: Clerk to add to the agenda for the next meeting (complete).**

Finance

Payment of accounts:

- Training (Benchmarking) – CALC - £24 – agreed
- Salary (Clerk) – C Crisp - £745 – agreed

Other – updated banking mandate not received in time for this meeting so postponed until next meeting.

External Meetings

Police Liaison meeting – 24th June 2021 via Teams

Report from Stuart Thomas (read by the Clerk):

First off, we gave the usual introductory stuff and the meeting was well attended. Then followed an interesting talk by a tri service officer who gave a full account of his role and a guide to the various types of call outs. He then explained about the training they do and the fact that they are trained to the same standards as the fire service and first responders. Following the talk was a question and answer session which I missed as I had to check a cow calving and I came back to the usual round up of problems in the area most of which were standard things apart from the representative from Marazion who had issues with youngsters making too much noise in the playing area and kicking balls around which annoyed the neighbours! Also in Marazion there seems to be a speeding problem with cars going up to 50 mph! Personally, I can't get faster than a good jogging pace through the town but the Police are going to park up and have a look.

Community Network Panel meeting – 15th July 2021 via Teams

Report from Hilary Harris:

PHE are concerned with low take up for Covid vaccinations, so are organising more 'pop-up' centres, where no booking is required. Take up very low for males under 30. Sancreed was mentioned as one of the areas giving concerns. Social media will be used for getting the message out, and using younger men ie Rugby club members in advertising. Also need to encourage people to support local businesses to keep them viable.

A3071 scheme discussed. Permanent VAS in Newbridge, junction of Bodinnar Lane to be improved. Consultations with parishes will take place in September. Hoping for completion first quarter of next year!

20 is plenty is being taken up by towns and parishes. Scheme starting in Penzance next week in readiness for Tour of Britain.

Cycling and walking infrastructure to be reviewed.

Still gathering info for councils to be part of VAS signs (mobile signs will be shared).

Resume given by Helen Salmon of work of 'Together for Families', this is an early help hub to help vulnerable families in their parenting, financial matters etc, before things get too out of hand, and warranting social worker intervention.

Estates ie what properties belong to CCC are being rationalised, to get best use of them. Contrary to popular opinion St John's Hall is not being sold off, and hopes of it getting back to being used again by September.

Tour of Britain, September 5th, details will be sent out soon as to what is involved, and what traffic management is required. Organisation similar to Tour de France.

Concerns expressed about no enforcement on parking where yellow lines. Group to get together to try to resolve lack of enforcement.

Any other business

Training – Finance for Councillors – approved for Hilary if she would like to attend.

Sancreed Village Hall access – no further update at this time.

Items for next meeting agenda

None (covered elsewhere in meeting)

Next meeting

Tuesday 17th August at 7.30pm in Sancreed Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

Chairman

17th August 2021

H. Harris