

Sancreed Parish Council Meeting

Venue: Sancreed Village Hall, Sancreed, Penzance TR0 8QS

Date: 19th October 2021 at 7.30pm

Minutes

Present

Councillors: Hilary Harris (Chairman), Robert Eddy, Mark Hawkins, Ivor James, William James, Paul Nicholson and Stuart Thomas.

Others: Brian Clemens (County Councillor), Cassandra Crisp (Clerk) and 11 members of the public.

Chairman's Welcome

Hilary Harris welcomed everyone to the meeting and commented on the recent murder of elected MP David Amess – no-one should be cut down in their prime for doing their job.

Apologies

Michael Harvey & Kate Goodman – accepted

Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the Sancreed Parish Council meeting held on 21st September 2021 having been previously circulated, should be signed as a true and correct record.

Declarations of Interest

None

Public Participation

There were several representations from residents of Drift concerned about speeding on the A30 through the village. Comments were wide ranging and included; crossing the road is dangerous, the residents can't take it anymore, 20+ people have attended informal meetings arranged by the residents, safety is of utmost importance, there is a duty of care from the authorities, Highways are aware of the issue and are working on a plan with a target date of March 2022 and the village would like to be involved in the feedback process of any plans made by highways. Documents handed to the Clerk for distribution to the Councillors. **Action: Clerk to copy and forward the information / documents.**

Brian Clemens commented that he would like to see average speed cameras, he has already brought up the Drift speeding issue with Councillor Desmonde and the Police including PCSO Tonkin. We have tried to get a camera van but the road is not approved / calibrated yet. There is a meeting scheduled with Rupert Spencer (Cormac) and he will be shown the issues at Drift.

Hilary Harris thanked the residents for coming to the meeting to explain the issues, this will help the parish council help the residents – but probably the residents will not get all of the answers that they would like. Any information should be sent to the parish council via the Clerk.

Stuart Thomas commented that there is planting etc near the crossroads and Govail which should be removed to help with visibility along the A30.

Chairman's Comments

Thanked Stuart Thomas and the Clerk for the hours of work put into the risk assessment. Disappointed that less than a third of the Councillors contributed to the risk assessment.

Risk assessment discussed and unanimously agreed to adopt.

Councillors Comments

None

Cornwall Councillors Comments

Firstly, I would like to apologise for my absence at meetings recently, a clerical error that has now been sorted. With regards the council housing policy, things are changing daily with officers and portfolio holders using delegated powers to move the delivery of new and refurbished purchased housing stock forward faster. On Wednesday last week I got to view the new housing pods at County Hall, although these are only a stop gap for the most vulnerable, they have proved to be very effective at helping get people off the streets and enabling some to gain employment or get placements on retraining programs. Also this past week the portfolio holder has requested matched funding to provide 150 charging points for electric vehicles across the County. With regards to the 20 is plenty campaign, many town and parish councils are wanting to have this implemented and the highways portfolio holder is having meetings with the highways managers and the legal team to see what can be implemented once the government have committed to the scheme. As you can imagine, the legal department is very focussed delivering the councils housing policy and trying to deliver the housing need is paramount to the council. This will no doubt impact the delivery of other schemes, which I know will be frustrating many, but at this time housing and the climate must be prioritised. Sadly, the network panel meetings will have to remain on Teams until the New Year as at present there is a review taking place as how the network panels will operate in the future. My preference is that we return to face to face meetings as soon as possible, a view shared by all the members of our panel. With regards to the residents meeting at Drift, having spoken with the Chair and Vice-chair I gave my reason for not attending. While I appreciate the concerns raised, having contacted the Highways team and the Police I could not see what else I could add. I have made them aware of the actions taken by myself on their behalf. I feel it is important to point out that I do not and will not attend meetings

outside of Council without first checking with the Council what their view on the matter is. Network panel highways scheme has a 5% increase of money allowed per member, this would give us £68,796 instead of £50,000. A shift in how the streets and highways are funded and run including building on the 20 is plenty zoning policy, also a more joined up thinking approach to better deliver services including bus and train timetables and smart ticketing between bus and train services. We are looking into the possibility of reinstating recycling centres.

Clerk's Comments

As a result of the risk assessment and for good order - a recap of income so far this financial year:

- 08/04/2121 - £3,491.91 – Precept
- 13/07/2021 - £2.90 – Wayleave
- 13/07/2021 - £5.80 – Wayleave
- 06/09/2021 - £349.90 - Precept

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

None

New Items for the Agenda

- Proposed letter to MP and County Council regarding housing policy – approved. **Action Clerk to send letter accordingly.**
- Venue hire over winter – agreed to change venue as per previous years to the Mary Williams Memorial Hall over the winter months.
- Risk assessment – discussed and approved earlier in the meeting.
- Jubilee – preference not to have memorial cups, Councillors to think about alternatives and whether we want to get involved in the Beacon project.
- Accounts to end September – previously circulated accounts approved as a true and correct record.
- Vision zero funding - proposal to apply for a second VAS for Drift – approved. **Action Mark Hawkins to apply for the funding – Complete)**

Footpaths and Highways

Drift reservoir carpark – update (ref 101005698691) – in summary the area is a public highway lay-by car park for the recreational use as a picnic area and viewpoint - it therefore cannot be utilised as a chargeable car park or for any other purpose. Proposal to approach the county council with a view to purchasing the car park for a nominal amount – approved. **Action: Clerk to approach Cornwall Council accordingly - Complete.**

Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS): summary of VAS data given including 85k vehicles travelling in easterly direction, highest speed was 69 mph and 24% were travelling at over 35 mph.

Speed camera signage – update (ref 101005664325) – highways unable to install the speed camera signage in association with the VAS as this is not the prescribed use of this signage. This type of signage can only be used where there is speed camera enforcement either permanently or temporary as an agreed enforcement site. **Action: Clerk to contact the county council to see whether the area is now an approved site (as the police van has been in attendance in the area)**

Mirror on A30 near Drift – update (ref 101005698655) – Cormac do not support the erection of a mirror for pedestrian use at this location, they believe that the utilisation of a mirror would detract from the required care being applied, and would result in over-reliance of the mirror, ultimately causing an increase in risk to highway users and pedestrians alike.

Footpath committee update. **Action: Clerk to write to the PLP to ask what funding / grants are available. Action: Clerk to arrange a meeting of the footpaths subcommittee.**

Caer Bran Hill Fort. **Action: Clerk to find out what enforcement action is taking place (Linda Holloway is the Enforcement Officer looking into this issue for Cornwall Council).**

20 mile speed restriction Sancreed – no update.

Mill Lane – update - as there is no right of way the council do not recognise Mill Lane and therefore will not name it. If there was a process to recognise Mill Lane they would have it join Drift Close beyond Mill House - so the address of Mill House would not change. The council accept that Drift Close where it joins the A30 may have previously been recognised as Mill Lane but as it has been recognised as Drift Close since at least 2007 it is now too late to challenge it. The name Drift Close can be changed to Mill Lane - but there would have to be a consultation including all the residents of Drift Close and they would have to agree to change the name.

Higher Grumbla speeding – agreed that Higher Grumbla should be including in any 20 mph zone. **Action: Clerk to write to James Hardy to let him know and to advise the resident accordingly.**

Planning

Applications:

- None

Decisions:

- None

Any other matters:

There was a planning application that the parish council had supported but was rejected by the county council. **Action: William James to contact Brian Clemens with the details.**

Potential planning breach near Lower Grumbla. **Action: Clerk to forward the details to Brian Clemens.**

Finance

Payment of accounts:

- Venue hire – Sancreed Village Hall - £240 – agreed

- Salary (Clerk) – C Crisp - £298 – agreed
- Training (Chair) – CALC - £24 – rejected – training on 11/08 was cancelled, 24/09 was the new date, 23/09 email sent to advise couldn't attend. **Action: Clerk to contact CALC accordingly.**

Other finance:

Bank accounts – proposal to close savings and cricket club accounts – unanimously agreed. **Action: Clerk to arrange accordingly.**

Electronic banking – proposal to use electronic banking – agreed. **Action: Clerk to arrange accordingly.**

External Meetings

Police Liaison Group – 14th October – report from Hilary Harris – Inspector Rebecca Lecheminant opened the meeting and advised us that she was leaving after 2 years in post and Sarah Price will be taking over on 1st November. She then introduced the guest speaker Steve Curtis who works for the team dealing with cyber crime. He then gave his presentation explaining that with technology the crime is a 'faceless crime' and hackers rely on anonymity. He then had a Q & A session to round off his talk. Inspector advised that County Lines is on the increase in our area and investigations are ongoing. General concerns were expressed by Councillors of what is happening in their areas ie Hayle concerns with youths in Ellis Park and recreation ground, cameras have been damaged etc. Also drug dealing and use of drugs meant that Neighbourhood Beat teams were deployed there along with Tri Service officers. Also concerns regarding noisy motor bikes in early hours of the morning in Marazion and Gwithian Towans. Again speeding cyclists were a concern in Marazion! Confirmed with James Hardy that Sancreed is on the list for '20 is plenty' and they are also looking at parish boundaries for inclusion of all small villages. Neighbourhood teams are increasing and due soon will be recruitment of Penzance Cadets for ages 13-18 and Specials will be recruited also. Meeting closed 19.20. **Action: Stuart Thomas to bring up the Drift reservoir car park issue at the next meeting.**

Details of upcoming external meetings:

- West Penwith Community Network Panel – Thursday 18th November 2021 @ 19:00
- West Penwith Community Network Panel – Thursday 20th January 2021 @ 19:00
- West Penwith Community Network Panel – Thursday 17th March 2021 @ 19:00
- West Penwith Community Network Panel – Thursday 19th May 2021 @ 18:00
- West Penwith Community Network Panel – Thursday 21st July 2021 @ 18:00

Any other business

Website advertising local services – discussion including need for a disclaimer that we are not recommending any particular advertiser. **Action: Clerk to add to the agenda for next month.**

Risk assessment / inspection table. **Action: Clerk to add to the agenda for next month.**

Items for next meeting agenda

None

Next meeting

Tuesday 16th November at 7.30pm in Mary Williams Memorial Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.51pm.

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Chairman

16th November 2021