

Sancreed Parish Council Meeting

Venue: Mary Williams Memorial Hall, Sancreed, Penzance TR0 8QS

Date: 16th November 2021 at 7.30pm

Minutes

Present

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

Others: Brian Clemens (County Councillor), Cassandra Crisp (Clerk) and 10 members of the public.

Chairman's Welcome

Hilary Harris welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded the members of public present that any comments they would like to make should be clear and concise as their participation will be limited to three minutes.

Apologies

None.

Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the Sancreed Parish Council meeting held on 19th October 2021 having been previously circulated, should be signed as a true and correct record.

Declarations of Interest

None

Public Participation

Residents commented on issues in Drift:

- Speeding is still an issue
- Junction sign is now more visible
- Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) is in the wrong location
- Fatalities being mentioned are out of context and disrespectful to the victims, their families and the drivers involved – recent fatality was not in the 30 zone, earlier fatality was before

the speed limit was reduced to 30 and the victim unfortunately fell into the path of an oncoming vehicle.

Brian Clemens gave an update on Drift speeding issues which was recapped later in the meeting – for the purpose of the minutes the comments will be recorded in the Councillor Comments section.

A resident referred to planning application PA21/10747 and commented that the access was inappropriate and there are bats in the barn.

Chairman's Comments

Reminded the councillors of the Nolan principles – Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty & Leadership and that they are part and parcel of the Code of Conduct. Requested that the councillors be clear and concise so that meetings do not run on too long.

Councillors Comments

Drift speeding – a graph was produced which showed that speeding in Drift is still happening after holidaymakers have left indicating that the issue is primarily local drivers – and that therefore we are spending resources slowing ourselves down. **Action: Mark Hawkins to produce a version of the graph which can be uploaded to the website (complete).**

Village Hall – thanks received for settling the outstanding fees.

Climate change – we do not have an environmental policy, other councils have Climate change as a regular agenda item. **Action – Kate Goodman to produce a draft policy (complete).**

Flooded road Brane to Lesbew. **Action – Clerk to report to Cormac (complete).**

Residents at Drift – should the council encourage residents to stay for the entire meeting – decided that the agenda is published and the residents should make their own decisions and are welcome to leave or stay as they wish.

Cornwall Councillors Comments

Since we last met, I have had a meeting with Rupert Spencer regarding the highways scheme at Drift which is at the design stage and should be completed in the spring next year.

I have also had a meeting with James Hardy at Drift to action a complaint regarding a land dispute following an enforcement case that seems to have run for many years and not been resolved, this will involve three departments at Cornwall Council and bearing in mind the issues around staff at the moment meaning many will be attending meetings regarding job losses it may take longer than usual.

With regards Caer Bran Hill Fort I have asked the enforcement team to liaise with the Clerk.

Having spoken with the Vice-Chairman I have left the enforcement team to look at the reported planning breach at Lower Grumbla.

At the Network Panel on Thursday the 18th November we will be having an update on the future for network panels and the revised funding structure model that has been set by the portfolio holder for the highway scheme.

Those of you who attended the Police Liaison meeting will know we have a new Inspector Sarah Price who took up her post at the beginning of the month, she has a background with CID and will be taking control of the meetings going forward.

We would like any small highway schemes submitted as soon as possible ready for James to start collating in the new year.

Clerk's Comments

None

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

- Footpaths committee – request to PLP regarding funding and survey - awaiting update – member of staff has been off sick.
- Drift car park antisocial behaviour – to be brought up at next Police Liaison meeting.

New Items for the Agenda

- Christmas trees – purchase of three trees approved, **Action: Stuart Thomas to purchase (complete).**
- Precept – increase of 4% proposed by Stuart Thomas and unanimously agreed. **Action: Clerk to apply for the Precept accordingly (complete).**
- Website – decision not to pursue selling advertising space.
- Platinum jubilee – purchase of trees to be considered further. **Action: Clerk to look into and report on options.**
- Localism act – decision not to support the petition.
- Risk assessments / inspection – agreed to add a section to the agenda each month. **Action: Clerk to add to the agenda accordingly (complete).**

Footpaths and Highways

Drift reservoir car park – update from Cornwall Council that the parish council can not purchase the land.

Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS): summary of VAS data given including 63k vehicles travelling in easterly direction, highest speed was 69 mph and 24% were travelling at over 30 mph. Discussion regarding siting of the VAS – decision not to move the location at this time.

Speed camera signage – update (ref 101005664325) – does not currently reach the criteria for the requested signage.

Footpath committee update – no update.

Planning

Applications:

- PA21/10747 – unanimously agreed to object basis not enough information to consider fully and concern over bats in the area and no bat survey included. **Action: Clerk to object accordingly (complete). Action: Brian Clemens to contact the case officer to give her our concerns / request more information.**

Decisions:

- PA21/05433 – noted
- PA21/06434 - noted

Any other matters:

None

Finance

Payment of accounts:

- Salary (Clerk) – C Crisp - £298 – agreed
- Salary – contractual additional payment (Clerk) – C Crisp - £100 - agreed

Other finance:

None.

External Meetings

Stuart Thomas to attend next meeting instead of Paul Nicholson.

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

Drift car park:

- Vehicle - van SORNed and without an MOT has been left in the car park. Quote from RJ Services for vehicle removal agreed. **Action: Mark Hawkins to put a notice on the vehicle (complete). Clerk to contact DVLA (complete).**

- Tree – Quote from RJ Services for cutting and clearing the rotten tree agreed. **Action: Stuart Thomas to arrange accordingly (complete).**

Items for next meeting agenda

None

Next meeting

Tuesday 21st December at 7.30pm in Mary Williams Memorial Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.53pm.

H. Harris

Chairman

21st December 2021