

Sancreed Parish Council Meeting

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

Date: 21st December 2021 at 7.30pm

Minutes

Present

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

Others: Brian Clemens (County Councillor), Cassandra Crisp (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

Chairman's Welcome

Hilary Harris welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies

Ivor James, accepted.

Action: Clerk to send a letter to the Councillor who has missed the previous four meetings.

Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the Sancreed Parish Council meeting held on 16th November 2021 having been previously circulated, should be signed as a true and correct record.

Declarations of Interest

None

Public Participation

A member of the public had kindly supplied (delicious) refreshments for after the meeting.

Chairman's Comments

Acknowledged concerns of councillors regarding physical meetings during period of high local Covid infection rates – items that are not currently time critical will be moved to the next meeting.

Councillors Comments

Village Hall – Councillors agreed there was no requirement to restrict bookings of the village hall over the jubilee weekend.

Cornwall Councillors Comments

As you will be aware the staff cuts at Cornwall Council are severe to say the least and will make the way we all work much more difficult and will impact the way we run our local councils.

One proposal is that town and parish councils use the casework assist program that we as local members are supposed to use this is in my opinion slow a best and not as effective as the way we work and aid local councils at present.

Any help regarding the request made recently regarding a letter of support to maintain as many network managers as possible would be greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank Councillor James for the offer of help with the enforcement case at Caer Bran.

I am still waiting for the date of the meeting regarding the A3071 consultation, the issue is apparently due a delay with land purchase.

You will no doubt be aware that the administration are looking to stop providing any service that is not an obligation is leading to a lot of concern to users of these services, the outdoor centres are now being advertised as going concerns including devolution of the service and a capital receipt in the form of selling the buildings to the successful bidders.

As with the leisure centres many feel this the wrong decision but cuts will have to come from somewhere unless the much talked of levelling up process happens sooner rather than later.

I would like to take tis opportunity to wish you all a happy festive season.

Clerk's Comments

None

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

- Footpaths committee – request to PLP regarding funding and survey - awaiting update.
Action: Clerk to write to Cllr Jim McKenna Chair of PLP to request support to get some information / action.
- Drift car park antisocial behaviour – to be brought up at next Police Liaison meeting (there hasn't been a meeting this month).

New Items for the Agenda

- Drift VAS – funding for new VAS was approved but Cornwall Council have requested that this funding be incorporated into proposed wider works at Drift – we would still receive the grant

money if the wider scheme did not go ahead for some reason – agreed to allow incorporation into proposed wider scheme. Chairman thanked Mark Hawkins for all his efforts in this regard.

- Drift car park – SORNed Land Rover – to be pushed to the next meeting.
- Drift car park – signage - agreed to replace the out of date part of the sign with “All vehicles parked here must to Taxed and have an MOT. Sancreed Parish Council accepts no responsibility for vehicles parked here. Email sancreedparish@gmail.com” **Action: Clerk to arrange accordingly.**
- Climate Change – Environmental policy – to be pushed to the next meeting
- Community Network Panel – possible loss of – agreed that a letter requesting the retention of the Link Officer should be sent to Simon Mould, Karen Mould, Kate Kennally and Linda Taylor. **Action: Clerk to send letter accordingly (complete).**

Footpaths and Highways

Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS): summary of Drift VAS data given including 55k vehicles travelling in westerly direction, highest speed was 58 mph and 33% were travelling at over 35 mph. Speed watch members will be obtaining data from Newbridge VAS from now on.

Footpath committee update – no update (see Action points from previous meetings).

Planning

Applications:

- None

Decisions:

- None

Any other matters:

PA21/11002 – Heathlands Road from Lower Grumbla Road to Sancreed Road Sancreed TR20 8QP – Construction of Self Build Eco Dwelling House and Associated Works – application was received after the last meeting but required feedback prior to this meeting, an objection was sent following discussion with Councillors.

Finance

Payment of accounts:

- Salary (Clerk) – C Crisp - £298 – agreed
- Expenses claim – S Thomas - £98.97 - Christmas trees – agreed
- Parish Maintenance – Pip Morse - £3,290 – footpaths & grass cutting – agreed
- Parish Maintenance – R J Services - £280 – tree cutting / removal & van removal

Other finance:

Electronic banking requests have been made for four signatories.

External Meetings

West Penwith Community Network Panel – discussion regarding virtual vs physical meetings, a hybrid meeting type will be trialled. **Action: Stuart Thomas forward report of the meeting to the Clerk.**

Details of upcoming external meetings:

- West Penwith Community Network Panel – Thursday 20th January 2022 @ 19:00
- West Penwith Community Network Panel – Thursday 17th March 2022 @ 19:00
- West Penwith Community Network Panel – Thursday 19th May 2022 @ 18:00
- West Penwith Community Network Panel – Thursday 21st July 2022 @ 18:00

Any other business

Drift traffic calming – Council very supportive of the proposals. **Action: Clerk to write to Highways giving some minor feedback points and thanking them for the opportunity for informal consultation.**

Items for next meeting agenda

- Jubilee – trees
- Jubilee – beacon
- Footpaths
- Environmental policy

Next meeting

Tuesday 18th January at 7.30pm in Mary Williams Memorial Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.29pm.

H. Harris

Chairman

18th January 2022