

SANCREED PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF
 SANCREED PARISH COUNCIL AT SANCREED VILLAGE HALL
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Press & Public were invited to attend the above meeting.		
WELCOME: The Chair welcomed Members and public attendees. The Meeting commenced @19:00		
AGENDA REF.	DESCRIPTION	TO ACTION
23-09/1	PRESENT: Cllr Hawkins (Chair); Cllr W James (Vice-Chair); Cllrs Bottrell, Freeman, Goodman, Haigh, Harvey, P James, Nicholls, and Nicholson CLERK: Victoria Burton-Davey ALSO PRESENT: Cornwall Cllr Brian Clemens APOLOGIES: none PUBLIC ATTENDEES: 3	
23-09/2	MEMBERS DECLARATIONS a. Pecuniary/Registrable Declarations of Interests Cllr W James declared an interest for PA23/06760, PA23/06759, and PA23/06364 b. Non-Registrable Interests Cllr P James declared an interest for PA23/06760, PA23/06759, and PA23/06364 c. Declaration of Gifts - none No dispensations requested	
23-09/3	PUBLIC FORUM Speaker 1 spoke to Agenda item 23-09/11 to let attendees know that there would be a Harvest Supper at Mary Williams Hall on Friday 13 th October at 6.30pm.	
23-09/4	APPROVAL OF MINUTES To RESOLVE that the Minutes of the full Council Meeting (FCM) of Sancreed Parish Council (SanPC) held on 18th July 2023 having been previously circulated be taken as read, APPROVED , and signed. Proposed: Cllr W James Seconded: Cllr P James Abstained: Cllr Haigh All In Favour (AIF): YES	CLERK
23-09/5	MATTERS ARISING Cllr P James asked a question about the Environmental Policy relating to Japanese Knotweed and herbicide use: he was reassured that Cornwall Council (CC) were responsible for the treatment and not SanPC.	
23-09/6	CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT Cllr Clemens reported that when the Local Government Association (LGA) had recently held their AGM, nearly 9 in 10 Local Authorities feared that Nursery closures could affect them in the near future. Cornwall Council had offered bus travel at a reduced cost over the last twelve months in an attempt to encourage more people to use public transport.	

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	<p>82% of councillors who responded to a recent survey said they felt at risk some or all of the time while carrying out their role. The number of councillors who said they have suffered abuse has doubled in the last twelve months.</p> <p>The LGA reported that increasing number of Councils are keen to introduce Hybrid meetings. One in ten councils said they had lost at least one member since the return to face-to-face meetings. However, this would need a change in the law.</p> <p>The LGA had identified a funding gap of £3 billion needed to bring service levels back to pre-cut levels.</p> <p>This year had seen the levelling up funds rolled out in Cornwall: Cllr Clemens recommended producing a robust application and business plan when applying for funds.</p> <p>The Community Area Partnerships had facilitated sub-groups for the funding bids and Highway schemes. He personally thanked those members that had taken up the challenge.</p> <p>He had recently attended the quarterly meeting of the Cornwall Youth Council as a Councillor Advocate and was very impressed with the progress made since our last meeting. Some of the group attended the last full council meeting and have decided to follow a similar format with regards the meetings they hold, Although they were less than impressed with the way some members conducted themselves in the chamber, so have made it clear that they will not tolerate such behaviour.</p> <p>An extra £9.1M that had been secured by the Council for Highway improvements across the county and some of this extra funding had been earmarked for the Penwith CAP.</p> <p>Following two successful stage two appeal hearings for school transport were won on behalf of local students the school transport committee have reversed the decision to axe sixteen concessionary routes in Cornwall. There would be a review following the consultation. The portfolio holder had been invited to walk the routes in advance if this.</p> <p>Cllr Clemens answered questions about the Youth Council and about funding of housing provision in Cornwall. He explained that just over 4% of CC revenue came from Council Tax and the rest came from Central Government who had consistently underpaid Council's throughout the Country to the point where many, such as Birmingham City Council, were on the verge of bankruptcy. Cllr Clemens offered to share the LGA website address with Councillors so they could be better informed.</p>	BC
23-09/7	NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS and PRE-APPLICATIONS	
a)	<p>PA23/06466</p> <p>Location: Church Of St Credan Sancreed Road Sancreed Penzance Proposed: Works to trees subject to a tree preservation order (TPO) Reduce Sycamore (495) lower laterals by up to 2 metres. Reduce trees spread from 10-8 metres.</p> <p>Councillors (Cllrs) had made a site visit. A tree report had been circulated. They reported that the proposed cut was conservative and the tree surgeon's remarks on treatment were noted.</p>	

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	<p>Sancreed Parish Council RESOLVED to SUPPORT PA23/06466 at the Full Council Meeting on 19/09/2023</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Bottrell Seconded: Cllr Nicholson AIF: YES</p>	CLERK
WJ and PJ stepped out at 19:18	<p>b) PA23/06760 Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for existing use for the construction and continued use of an agricultural building Location: Trannack Mill Farm Sancreed Penzance Cornwall</p> <p>Cllrs had made a site visit. The site and use were discussed.</p> <p>Sancreed Parish Council RESOLVED to SUPPORT PA23/06760 at the Full Council Meeting on 19/09/2023</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Harvey Seconded: Cllr Nicholls Abstained: Cllrs P James, W James, Bottrell, and Goodman Rest IF: YES</p>	CLERK
	<p>c) PA23/06759 Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for existing use for the siting of two storage containers Location: Trannack Mill Farm Sancreed Penzance Cornwall</p> <p>Cllrs had made a site visit. Time limits on siting were discussed.</p> <p>Sancreed Parish Council RESOLVED to SUPPORT PA23/06759 at the Full Council Meeting on 19/09/2023</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Nicholson Seconded: Cllr Harvey Abstained: Cllrs P James, W James, Bottrell, and Goodman AIF: YES</p>	CLERK
	<p>d) PA23/06364 Proposal: Erection of general purpose agricultural building Location: Trannack Mill Farm Sancreed Penzance Cornwall</p> <p>Cllrs had made a site visit. The information included in the application was identified as inaccurate. The need for the building was discussed. Possible issues with the access were discussed.</p> <p>Sancreed Parish Council RESOLVED to OBJECT to PA23/06364 at the Full Council Meeting on 19/09/2023 on the grounds that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information provided in the application was inaccurate: the site field size is smaller than stated at 7.5 acres and other details are also questioned. • The increased traffic at the access to the site constitutes a potential danger to road users and should be brought to the attention of the Highways Officer. 	CLERK

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	<p>Sancreed Parish Council request details of the actual acreage currently farmed and reasoned need for the agricultural building (especially in light of capacity allowed through support of PA23/6760 and PA23/06759), as well as an evaluation of the access by the Highways Officer.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Hawkins Seconded: Cllr Goodman Abstained: Cllrs W James, P James and Nicholson Objected: Cllr Haigh Rest In Favour: YES</p>	
23-09/8	PLANNING DECISIONS were noted	
WJ and PJ stepped back in at 19:29	<p>PA23/03047 Location: Treganhoe Farm Sancreed Penzance Cornwall TR20 8RH Proposal: Listed building consent for alterations to existing barns. Decision: APPROVED with conditions 20/07/2023</p>	
	<p>PA23/01986 Location: Treganhoe Farm Sancreed Penzance Cornwall TR20 8RH Proposal: Conversion of barns into four residential units Decision: APPROVED 20/07/2023</p>	
	<p>PA23/03900 Location: Trannack Farmhouse Trannack Newbridge Penzance Cornwall TR20 8PN Proposal: Extension and alterations to house and the replacement of the garage/workshop. Decision: APPROVED with conditions 31/07/2023</p>	
	<p>PA22/09524 Location: Lower Tregerest Newbridge Penzance Cornwall TR20 8QB Proposal: Renovation and extension to existing converted barns and conversion of outbuildings Desiosion: APPROVED with conditions 03/08/2023</p>	
23-09/9	Other Planning Matters were noted	
	<p>Section 73 PA23/06300 Location: Land South Of Boskyydu Sancreed TR20 8RL Proposed: Reserved Matters application for (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) details following outline consent PA20/06302 dated 21/10/2020 for up to two dwellings' with variation of condition 1 of decision PA23/02931 date 21/06/2023 Comment submitted: 17/08/2023 after email consultation: Sancreed Parish Council have no concerns over the design details on the dwellings, but we OBJECT to PA23/006300 on the grounds that:</p> <p>*the removal of the farm track appears to have removed access to the agricultural land behind the development</p> <p>*adding a further exit/entrance onto the main road increases the potential for accidents as traffic emerges from the now 2 exits. The exits are close to a national speed limit sign, so approaching vehicles could be traveling at a speed greater than that of the exiting traffic.</p>	

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	<p>We would like the Highways Officer to be alerted to the potential dangers we have highlighted and their assurance that the variation to conditions do not constitute a hazard.</p> <p>We would like assurance that provision for alternative access to the agricultural land behind the development has been made.</p>	
	<p>Possible breach of planning conditions – an environmental and public health issue had been reported to CC, and a possible planning contravention had been reported to CC. These were NOTED as being dealt with by Enforcement.</p>	
23-09/10	<p>Amenities</p> <p>a) Playground and b) Playground consultation: Cllr Goodman reported that a flyer was being prepared with choices of play equipment identified as suitable and within budget was being prepared for consulting residents. This was also to include a SanPC email mailing list sign up form. Sustainable rope options had been considered but were believed to be unsuitable for the damp location. The Clerk confirmed that Public Liability Insurance was in place given that SanPC use suitably experienced volunteers to help with installation.</p> <p>SanPC RESOLVED to spend up to £50.00 on printing leaflets for distribution by Councillors.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr W James Seconded: Cllr Nicholls Rest In Favour: YES</p> <p>c) A Memorial Tree and seating to commemorate a young resident who had recently died were discussed. The Council and Cllr Clemens expressed their condolences to the family for the loss.</p> <p>SanPC RESOLVED to support the purchase and planting of an apple tree, and the provision of ‘rustic’ seating’.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr W James Seconded: Cllr Nicholson Rest In Favour: YES</p> <p>Cllr Clemens offered the remaining funds in his Community Chest (in the region of £250.00) to support the Council in the provision of this local amenity for which he was thanked.</p>	<p>KG/CLERK ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>BC CLERK</p>
23-09/11	<p>Communications & Outreach</p> <p>The colour theme on the website has been updated in line with SanPC’s branding. There had been issues with delay in support from the provider due to two lots of two-week absences in the last two months.</p>	

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	<p>a) A Communications & Outreach Working Group (WG) was now set up. Katrina Taylor was welcomed to the team. The WG's first job would be the playground consultation and Nature Recovery talk advertisement.</p>	C & O WG
23-09/12	<p>Environment</p> <p>a) A Nature Recovery Network talk was arranged for Thursday 12th October in the Village Hall from 7pm to 8.30pm. It was to include a talk and information sharing on how local Councils could act on Nature Recovery, followed by a Question & Answer session. All Councillors were asked to attend.</p>	ALL
23-09/13	<p>Highways</p> <p>a) The Infra 22-070 Countywide 20mph Speed Limits consultation was discussed. A variety of views were aired. It was AGREED that Cllrs would make individual responses.</p> <p>b) The Clerk had been in discussion with St Just Town Council who had expressed an interest in purchasing the surplus VAS signs.</p> <p>c) Car parking charges in the County were discussed. The detrimental effects on resident's ability to easily access local shops and amenities was noted, as well as the negative effect on businesses.</p> <p>SanPC RESOLVED to write to the CC transport portfolio holder to communicate issues to residents, and present some mitigating solutions (such as the reintroduction of the 4pm free parking period and free parking for Christmas shopping).</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Haigh Seconded: Cllr Nicholson AIF: YES</p> <p>d) Issues with the size of buses used on local public transport, and ineffectual routes were discussed. The Chair allowed comments from the public attendee: who disagreed with Councillors and let them know that the larger busses used were often almost full at busy times and the provision was well used.</p>	CLERK
23-09/14	<p>Public Rights of Way (PRoW) WG</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the request to CC to upgrade Silver Path 117/27/1 to Gold had been sent. The response was that SanPC would suffer a 'loss of [around] £42.89 per annum from the LMP payment if they chose to redesignate. This didn't seem to make sense, as Gold path payment allocations were for two cuts.</p> <p>The Chair invited SanPC's LMP contractor to speak: he let the Meeting know that several Gold paths in the Parish had been left off the LMP cutting schedule and these needed to be brought to the attention of CC. He offered to email the Clerk with details and copy of an earlier report.</p> <p>It was AGREED the Clerk would write to CC to question the costings and the missing Gold paths.</p>	CLERK CLERK

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	<p>a) Cllr Nicholson reported that a substantial amount of voluntary footpath maintenance had been done in the Parish. The Council thanked volunteers for their hard work. Several local PRow were blocked or overgrown with woody growth which the landowners were responsible for clearing.</p> <p>SanPC RESOLVED to contact local landowners regarding PRow maintenance, and if needed to serve them with Highways Act 1980 Section 130A notices if they failed to act.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Nicholson Seconded: Cllr W James AIF: YES</p>	CLERK
23-09/15	<p>Policy Reviews and Councillor details</p> <p>a) Environmental Policy 2023</p> <p>SanPC AGREED to review at the above policy October Meeting.</p>	
23-09/16	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>a) The Meeting RECEIVED and NOTED the bank reconciliations as at the 31st July 2023 and 31st August 2023</p> <p>b) The Meeting RECEIVED and RESOLVED to APPROVE the September 2023 payment schedule</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Nicholson Seconded: Cllr Goodman AIF: YES</p> <p>c) The RFO reported:</p> <p>Confirmation and receipt of £1000.00 from Cllr Clemens' Community Chest was gratefully received</p> <p>The remittance advice for second half of the precept was received £3,631.58</p> <p>Payments in July 2023 £ 334.20 Receipts in July 2023 £ 1000.00</p> <p>Payments in August 2023 £ 547.20 Receipts in August 2023 £ 0.00</p> <p>The first HMRC payment of £68.40 plus £0.86 interest was now made</p> <p>d) Grants/Funding – none received</p>	

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23-09/17	<p>Clerk’s Report and Correspondence</p> <p>a) The Clerk reported: The June and July draft Minutes were posted to website and noticeboard. Completed Register of Interest forms had been sent to Electoral services. Cllr Haigh’s was outstanding but now in hand. The FCM Minutes 18/07/2023 and Agenda for September meeting had been drafted and posted. A new SanPC Facebook page had been set up and was in use. The Clerk was monitoring the website service – several leave periods and delayed responses to requests so far. The recent SSSI notice was on the website. Corrsopndence was up to date. She had updated, circulated and publish Cllr Portfolios. Newly adopted policies were posted to the website. She had sourced a Solid State Drive and actioned the July Payment Schedule.</p> <p>b) Correspondence received: St Just Mayor’s Sunday invitation – Chair and Vice-Chair unavailable to attend. Councillor contact details request – these were already in process and now posted in Parish. The tree risk assessment had been circulated A CC Standards Committee vacancy had been circulated Code of Conduct training and planning training booked Healthwatch – request for the Council to resolve that:</p> <p>“This Council believes a 24/7 Urgent Treatment Centre at West Cornwall Hospital is vital to the people of West Cornwall and the many thousands of visitors to the area each year, and also to relieve pressure on an already overstretched Emergency Department at Royal Cornwall Hospital in Truro. We call on the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Integrated Care Board and Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust to reinstate the night service at the Urgent Treatment Centre at West Cornwall Hospital as a matter of urgency.”</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Harvey Seconded: Cllr W James AIF: YES</p> <p>Clerk to write to the above board and to CC Councillor Clemens and Derek Thomas MP</p>	
23-09/18	<p>Training and Meetings Attended To RECEIVE information, DISCUSS and RESOLVE a course of action if appropriate:</p>	
23-09/19	<p>Diary Dates: The following meeting dates were confirmed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Code of Conduct Training 2nd October 2023 b) Community Area Partnership 6th October 2023 c) Next FCM 17th October 2023 d) CALC AGM 24th October 2023 e) CALC Introduction to Planning Course 8th November 2023 	
	<p>The open meeting ended @20:29</p>	

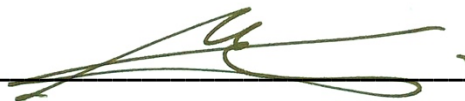
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23-09/20	<p>EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC SanPC RESOLVED that in accordance with s.1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Press and Public were excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following business owing to the confidential nature of that business.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Freeman Seconded: Cllr Haigh AIF: YES</p>	
23-09/21	<p>Amenity acquisition The Members discussed to possibility of acquiring a plot of land and how residents might benefit from the acquisition. Plans of the available amenity were shared and ideas for use discussed.</p> <p>SanPC RESOLVED to write to the relevant parties with their expression of interest.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Haigh Seconded: Cllr Hawkins AIF: YES</p>	CLERK
23-09/22	MEETING CLOSES@20:41	

Signed: Chair of Meeting



17/10/2023