

# St Martin – By - Looe Parish Council

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

**WORKING AGENDA, FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT 7.30PM TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021 at NO MAN'S LAND MEMORIAL HALL. (Face masks advised).**

**Public Question Time. IMPORTANT PLEASE READ NOTE BELOW.**

**Agenda Item 1:** Declarations of Interest.

**Agenda Item 2:** Apologies for absence.

**Agenda Item 3:** Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings of the 2<sup>nd</sup> September, and The Zoom Planning Meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**Agenda Item 4:** Planning Applications:

**Agenda Item 5:** Planning Decisions received by the date of the meeting.

**Agenda Item 6:** Planning Matters.

**Agenda Item 7:** Finance.

**Agenda Item 8:** Reports on Matters arising from the Minutes.

**Agenda Item 9:** Business received after publication of agenda.

**Agenda Item 10:** Information received from CC and other Authorities.

**Agenda Item 11:** New Business.

**Agenda Item 12:** Around the Table.

**Important - please note:**

***All requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting should be submitted in writing to the Clerk at the address below, at least 48 hours before the meeting.***

***This will enable the Parish Council to consider the request and respond accordingly. Failure to contact The Clerk may well result in the request to speak being refused.***

***COVID 19 restrictions enforced. Face coverings and hand sanitisers MUST be used if attending in person, restrictions on numbers may be in force.***

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**To All Members of the Parish Council.**

**WORKING AGENDA, THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT 7.30PM TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021 at NO MAN'S LAND MEMORIAL HALL.**

Chairman: Robert Henly.

Vice-Chair: Roberta Powley.

Parish Councillors: Barbara Reynolds, Andrea Lankston

Simon Lawes, David Keeble, Nigel Cummings.

Mr Charles Hyde, Clerk and Proper Officer of the Council.

County Councillor Armand Toms.

PCSO David Billing.

## **Public Question Time and Councillors Comments on Declared Interests:**

### **Agenda Item 1: Declarations of Interest:**

### **Agenda Item 2: Apologies for absence:**

### **Agenda Item 3: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting:**

**3.1.1: Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021.** It was proposed by \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ and agreed unanimously that they be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**3.1.2: Minutes of the Zoom Planning Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

It was proposed by \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ and agreed unanimously that they be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

### **Agenda Item 4: Planning Applications:**

None received.

### **Agenda Item 5: Planning Decisions received by the date of the meeting:**

#### **5.1.1: PA21/07075.**

**Applicant:** Mr Steve Endacott

**Location:** Penvith Cottage St Martin Looe Cornwall PL13 1NZ

**Proposal:** Removal of condition 5 of decision 596/1043/F dated 09/12/1996

Conversion and extension of piggery into two holiday units

**Parish: St. Martin-by-Looe**

**Cornwall council's Decision: APPROVED.**

### **Agenda Item 6: Planning Matters:**

#### **6.1.1: Neighbourhood Development Plans/ Parish Plans:**

Reply to The Clerks letter to Kate Kennally. Chief Executive. Cornwall Council (below):

Dear Mr Hyde

Thank you for your email regarding Neighbourhood Development Plans and St Martin by Looe Parish.

The need and benefit of producing a NDP will vary depending on what you are trying to achieve. For many places a Parish Plan which clearly expresses your priorities is a material planning consideration and will be sufficient to steer your ambitions. The government itself recognises that the preparation of a NDP is difficult and has set out a pilot to look at ways to make the exercise easier { <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/neighbourhood-planning-two-funds-to-support-greater-uptake/two-funds-to-support-the-uptake-of-neighbourhood-planning#fund-1-simpler-approach-to-neighbourhood-planning-pilot>}. However, it is true there is a clear distinction between the weight that can be applied in planning terms to a Parish Plan and the weight that can be applied to a 'made' Neighbourhood Development Plan and within that there are some policy stances such as principal residency conditions that can only be instigated through a full statutory NDP.

The best way to proactively highlight your Parish Plan is for it to be referenced in your planning responses so that officers are clearly directed to the relevant section and how you believe they should be applied to proposals in your area.

I note that you refer to holiday parks in your email and I am aware of the pressure that our communities face around the use of residential properties as second homes and 'Airbnb' properties. Over recent years some parts of Cornwall have used Neighbourhood Development Plans to put in place policies to only allow the occupation of new homes as 'primary residences' - i.e. to stop new homes being used as second homes. Such a policy needs careful consideration and must be based on evidence of the impact that second homes are having on the community (including impacts on the sustainability of maintaining facilities etc). Such a policy could only be brought forward through a Neighbourhood Plan based on robust evidence of the harm that potential second homes would cause or add to the sustainability of the community. St Ives was the first NDP in the country to introduce a 'primary residence' policy in 2016. Before that time there was no indication that such a policy could be introduced.

However, this is an angle that the Council is concerned about and our new administration is in discussions with the Government around other ways to control second home ownership more widely, including looking at various mechanisms to control second homes, for example through the planning and Council Tax system. In recent weeks you may have seen in the press that Government is considering proposals to give Councils greater control over the use of properties as holiday lets. These mechanisms may well have a greater impact than primary residence policies in Neighbourhood Development Plans. We would hope that further clarity on this may emerge over the next few months.

If you again wanted to reconsider whether or not to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan, Cornwall Council's Localism team are able to provide Parishes with all of the necessary information and background as to why a parish may wish to develop a plan. The team can explain proposed project timelines, how to engage the community and how to produce survey questions. If you would like to have a conversation with someone from the team, this can be arranged to explore the options you may have.

I note your comments about the closure of Council offices. All offices were closed as a result of the pandemic restrictions imposed by the Government, and as a Council we are carefully considering how we use our offices safely in the future, and particularly in the light of case numbers currently in Cornwall. All Planning Officers can be contacted by email or telephone, or indeed via online meetings. Our area planning teams are happy to facilitate a virtual meeting with you to discuss collective issues – please contact Davina Pritchard ([Davina.pritchard@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:Davina.pritchard@cornwall.gov.uk) - 01579 341417)

**6.2: Correspondence:**

Forwarded by email where possible, information pack has been reinstated for publications etc.

**Agenda Item 7: – Finance.**

**7.1.1: Summary of Accounts.**

***Reconciled balances date 28/09/2021***

Opening Bank Balances 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	£20,729.08
Income to date	£16,042.32
Expenditure to date	£5,593.08
Balance to date	£31,178.32

**7.2: Accounts paid in September 2021.**

Cheque No	Organisation	Amount
BACS	CF Hyde – Clerks July expenses.	50.00
BACS	CF Hyde – Clerks August expenses	70.02
BACS	Clerks Salary July 2021	649.98
BACS	Clerks Salary August 2021	649.98
BACS	Nigel Cummings – Website Hosting and maintenance, July.	20.00
BACS	Nigel Cummings – Website Hosting and maintenance, August.	20.00
BACS	CALC Annual Membership	236.42
DD	Information Commissioner Date Protection	35.00
	Total	1731.40



## 8.1.2: Highways Issues –

### 1. Millendreath 30MPH sign missing:

Reply from William Galssup

*I've checked my notes from the meeting and I can't find the 30mph sign, sorry. Can you mark on a map the issue or report it on this online defect reporting system?*

The Clerk supplied a map and has been informed the work has been completed.

### 2. Holland Road closure delay.

Reply from William Glassup.

*The diversion route for this unfortunately conflicts with the Sandplace Road, Looe diversion. Cornwall Council Streetworks cancelled the closure until Sandplace road is open.*

### 3. Looe Hill Stability Survey Results.

Reply from William Glassup.

*I will ask the Labs about Looe Hill; this is not something I am involved with.*

**8.1.3: Gateway into a field on the B3253 –** A new gateway has been cut into the hedge on the B3253 near No Man's Land, concerns were raised as to if permission has been sought for this gate and it's potential to create further flooding problems on the road at No Man's Land.

The Clerk contacted Morval Parish Council.

**8.1.4: B3253 Speed reduction –** The Clerk wrote to Sheryll Murray MP asking for help to get the speed reduced on the B3253. Letter below:



Sheryll Murray MP

Mr Charles Hyde – Parish Clerk  
St Martin by Looe Parish Council  
8 Trelawny Road  
Menheniot  
Liskeard Cornwall  
PL14 3TS

24 September 2021

Our Ref: ZA60563

*Dear Mr Hyde*

**Re: Traffic Calming**

Further to your contact with my office, please find below an extract of an email I have received from Cornwall Council, in respect of the above.

*"Thank you for the email from St Martin Parish Council.*

*There is currently no funding stream in place to review speed limit reduction requests from the local Parish Councils.*

*The area does not meet the national and Cornwall Council guidance for a reduction in the speed limit. The pedestrian refuge island was installed to national specification, this includes the design for forward facing visibility.*

*I will however raise this again when funding becomes available, I would actively encourage the Parish Council to pursue funding through the Community Network Panel."*

I appreciate you taking the time to contact me on this matter and should I be of any further assistance in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Kind regards

*Sheryll Murray*

Sheryll Murray MP  
Your local Member of Parliament

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**Agenda Item 9: Business received after publication of agenda:**

None received.

**Agenda Item 10: Information received from CC and other Authorities:**

**10.1.1: Cornwall Council.**

**Communities and Devolution team** – Newsletters and Special Bulletins and Notices.

**10.1.2: Other Authorities.**

**CPRE** – Campaigns Update – September 2021.

**Cornwall CRCC** – The Inclusion Matters Service in Cornwall, information and leaflets.

**Agenda Item 11: New Business:**

**Agenda Item 12: Around the table:**

***Councillor Reynolds:***

***Councillor Lankston:***

***Councillor Keeble:***

***Councillor Lawes:***

***Councillor Cummings:***

***Vice-Chairman:***

***The Chairman:***

***County Councillor Armand Toms:***

***PCSO Dave Billing:***

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm The **Parish Council Meeting** at the No Man's Land Memorial Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at