

St Martin – By - Looe Parish Council

MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT 7.30PM. HELD ON THURSDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2024 AT NO MAN'S LAND MEMORIAL HALL.

Attended by:

Chairman: Robert Henly.
Vice-Chair: Roberta Powley.
Parish Councillors: Barbara Reynolds,
David Keeble, Andrea Lankston (by Teams).
County Councillor Armand Toms.
Charles Hyde, Parish Clerk & Proper Officer of the Council.

Public Question Time and Councillors Comments on Declared Interests:

None raised or declared.

Agenda Item 1: Declarations of Interest:

None declared.

Agenda Item 2: Apologies for absence:

Parish Councillors: Simon Lawes, Jill Spicer.
PCSO David Billing.

Agenda Item 3: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting:

3.1.1: Minutes for the Parish Meeting held on 25th July 2024 It was proposed by Councillor Reynolds, seconded by Councillor Vice Chairman Powley and agreed 4 – 0 votes (Councillors Spicer, Keeble and Lawes did not attend this meeting) that they be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3.1.2: Minutes for the Parish Meeting held on 3rd October 2024 Unable to ratify as insufficient number of Councillors present, hold until December meeting.

Agenda Item 4: Planning Applications:

4.1.1: Application No: PA24/08146.

Proposal: Variation of condition 1 (occupation of caravan/siting of tents on site between 31st October and 1st March) to read 'no static caravan/mobile home on the site shall be occupied and no touring caravan or tent shall remain on the site between 6th January and 6th February in any one year' (appeal reference APP/K0805/C/06/2013599 refers). without compliance with Condition 1 of Decision Notice 09/01143/FUL dated 20th October 2009.

Location: Bay View Farm, St Martin, Looe, Cornwall.

Applicant: Mrs. E Elford.

Grid Ref: 227363 / 54410.

Parish Councils Decision: Approved. Proposed by Councillor Reynolds, seconded by Vice Chairman Powley, All agreed.

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

5.1.1: Application No: PA24/05609.

Applicant: Mr A Clark.

Location: Millendreath Beach Resort, Millendreath, Looe, Cornwall, PL13 1PE.

Proposal: Use of land for the temporary siting of a portable building for use as a Cafe/Bar (Use Class E) for a further period of three years (renewal of planning permission PA21/04575).

Cornwall council's Decision: Approved with conditions.

Agenda Item 6: Planning Matters:

None received.

6.2: Correspondence:

Forwarded by email where possible.

7.1.1: Summary of Accounts.

Reconciled balances date 07/11/24.

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| Opening Bank Balances 1 st April 2024 | £25,227.05 |
| Income to date | £13,301.84 |
| Expenditure to date | £6,708.12 |
| Balance to date | £31,820.77 |

7.2: Accounts paid in October 2024.

| Cheque No | Organisation | Amount |
|-----------|--|--------|
| BACS | CF Hyde – Clerks September 2024 Internet package & expenses. | 50.00 |
| BACS | Cornwall Council - Clerks Salary September 2024. | 722.93 |
| BACS | HP Instant Ink and paper (Monthly subscription) paid by C Hyde | 8.98 |
| BACS | Cornwall Council – Magazine printing (new rate) | 80.17 |
| BACS | Royal British Legion – Poppy Wreath (Paid by C Hyde) | 19.99 |
| | Total | 882.07 |

7.3: Income in October 2024.

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| 22-Oct-24 | Weatherproof Systems AD REVENUE | £ | 20.00 |
| 23-Oct-24 | Naomi Turner AD REVENUE | £ | 10.00 |
| 24-Oct-24 | Angela Cornwall AD REVENUE | £ | 15.00 |
| 25-Oct-24 | Tregoad AD REVENUE | £ | 20.00 |
| 2-Oct-24 | Purely Cornish AD REVENUE | £ | 30.00 |
| 30-Jul-24 | Bond interest | £ | 27.17 |
| 4-Nov-24 | Robert Stead AD REVENUE | £ | 30.00 |
| 4-Nov-24 | Cornish Homestead AD REVENUE | £ | 15.00 |
| | Total | £ | 167.17 |

It was proposed by Vice Chairman Powley, seconded by Councillor Keeble that Items 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3 are ratified. ALL AGREED.

7.4: Requests for Funding received by date of meeting.

None received.

7.5: Receipts and letters of thanks received by the date of the meeting.

None received.

7.6: Financial Business.

7.6.1: Clerk's Annual Salary Review – Currently paid SCP 27, £15.00 per hour, 11 hours per week, =£165.00. (NALC recommended rate for SCP 27 in 2023/24 £18.53 per hour, 11 hours per week, = £203.83). Plus £600 per year office rental and energy allowance and £50.00 per month telephone and internet package.

NALC recommended rate for SCP 27 in 2024/25 £19.20 per hour, 11 hours per week, = £211.20. Discussions ensued and The Clerk recommended a freeze on his salary for this year as he feels the job is well paid. This was then proposed by Councillor Keeble, seconded by The Chairman, ALL AGREED.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for agreeing to hold his salary at this level and for all his hard work throughout the year.

7.6.2: Training Budget – The Clerk suggests that due to constantly changing rules and regulations and planning policy the Parish Council should consider setting a budget in the next Precept to pay for Parish Councillors and Clerk Training courses arranged by CALC. Discussions ensued and it was agreed to include a £300 budget in the next precept.

7.7.1: Accounts to be paid in November 2024.

It was proposed by Councillor Reynolds, seconded by Councillor Keeble that the following be authorised for payment. ALL AGREED.

| Cheque No | Organisation | Amount |
|-----------|--|---------|
| BACS | CF Hyde – Clerks October 2024 Internet package & expenses. | 50.00 |
| BACS | Cornwall Council - Clerks Salary October 2024. | 722.93 |
| BACS | HP Instant Ink and paper (Monthly subscription) paid by C Hyde | 8.98 |
| BACS | Office Rental and Energy Costs (Annual Charge) | 600.00 |
| BACS | CPRE Annual Subscription | 36.00 |
| BACS | Microsoft 365 Annual Subscription | 59.99 |
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| | Total | 1477.90 |

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

8.1.1: The road from the B3253 to Holland Farm – Holland Farm side, hedgerow has been damaged causing loose crocks to fall onto the road, with possibly more to follow. The Clerk reported to Cormac who inspected the damage and have said it does not require attention.

8.1.2: Flooding on Bucklawren Road due to blocked field pipes – Reported directly to William Glassup, Cormac, to date no reply received.

The Clerk to contact William again.

8.1.3: 3&4 Bucklawren Road – Concerns raised about the condition of the properties and grounds. The Clerk to contact Cornwall Housing and suggest a visit.

The Clerk reported this to Cornwall Housing, however despite several attempts to talk with the Housing officer, the Clerk has not heard back from Cornwall Housing.

Agenda Item 9: Business received after publication of agenda:

9.1.1: Lloyds Bank changes to Account Status – The Treasurers account is to change to a Community Account with a monthly fee of £4.25 plus variable fee for every transaction. (100 electronic transactions will be free).

The Clerk has looked into changing banks, but it looks like all banks will be doing this shortly.

9.1.2: Domain change – We are being encouraged to change to a .gov.uk domain for our website, this will cost £105 plus VAT plus £55 every two years.

Discussion ensued and it was agreed to budget for this change in the precept.

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

10.1.1: Newsletters and Special Bulletins and Notices sent by email.

Agenda Item 11: New Business:

None received.

Agenda Item 12: Around the table:

Councillor Reynolds:

Rubbish pile at 6 Bucklawren Road – Has now cleared.

Christmas ‘Light Up’ – Saturday 7th December with refreshments and entertainment from the group NobZ. All welcome.

Councillor Keeble:

Parking Fines at Millendreath – A lady has contacted Councillors Keeble and Toms regarding an unfair parking fine whilst staying at a villa in Millendreath, the lady paid the fine, however when she investigated it further, she was not even on site on that day, she has contacted Premier Parking and the British Parking organisation to protest. Days later Premier Parking cancelled the fine and refunded the lady, stating the cameras were malfunctioning on that day – how many more people got unfairly fined? Valley Resorts were also contacted, however, to date no response has been received. The clerk to talk with Councillor Lawes on his return.

Councillor Lankston:

Nothing raised.

Vice Chair Powley:

Drain outside No 7 Holland Road – Still bubbling with fresh water, it looks like a burst pipe underground. The Clerk to report again.

The Chairman:

Nothing raised.

County Councillor Armand Toms:

Central Government Funding for the County – Over the last 12 months County Councillor Armand Toms has been looking into the funding received from Central Government, Cornwall received £22 per head of population less than similar parts of the UK, rural communities on average receive £34 million less than urban areas. Social Care is also underfunded in comparison to other parts of the Country, County Councillor Armand Toms has asked for a meeting with all concerned to discuss the underfunding for the county.

Polperro Road, Looe Closure – Attending a meeting next Friday, to discuss the effect on the town, 8 businesses are closing up for the winter this year which is unheard of and a sign of how seriously trade is being affected.

Land Train accident at Tregoad – Pleased to report everyone has left hospital now, no life changing injuries however the incident has caused much trauma and will take some time to recover from. The H&S Executive are investigating the incident.

Vote of Confidence regarding the leader of Cornwall Council – Has taken place and the vote was lost, and the leader remains in her position.

Date and Time of Next Meetings: 5th December 2024, **Parish Council Meeting** at 7.30pm at the No Man's Land Memorial Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.29pm.