

St Martin – By - Looe Parish Council

MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT 7.30PM, HELD ON THURSDAY
9th JANUARY 2025 AT NO MAN'S LAND MEMORIAL HALL.

Attended by:

Chairman: Robert Henly.

Vice-Chair: Roberta Powley.

Parish Councillors: Barbara Reynolds Jill Spicer, Simon Lawes, David Keeble.

County Councillor Armand Toms.

Charles Hyde, Parish Clerk & Proper Officer of the Council.

Public Question Time and Councillors Comments on Declared Interests:

Matt Way – Tregoad Update – Bookings ahead of last year, swimming pool and spa redevelopment going well, Recruitment Events due, February, March and April, 4 additional permanent staff now on the team which now consists of a team of 23, with seasonal staff numbers can rise to 80. Additional NI costing the Waterside Group an additional £300k. An additional £90k of additional work completed and planned for the Tregoad site.

Agenda Item 1: Declarations of Interest:

4.1.1: Parish Councillor Jill Spicer

Prejudicial, Park Owner.

Agenda Item 2: Apologies for absence:

Andrea Lankston. PCSO David Billing (report sent by email).

Agenda Item 3: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting:

3.1.1: Minutes for the Parish Meeting held on 5th December 2024 It was proposed by Councillor Vice Chairman Powley, seconded by Councillor Lawes 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:

4.1.1: Application No: PA24/09814.

Proposal: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use of Looe Country Park Caravan and Campsite, as outlined in red on the accompanying Site Location Plan, as a caravan site continuously in breach of Condition 2 of planning permission Ref 5/74/0760.

Location: Looe Country Park Caravan and Campsite, Bucklawren Road, No Mans Land, Looe.

Applicant: Ms Jill Spicer.

Grid Ref: 228135 / 55846.

Parish Council's Decision: Approved. Proposed by Councillor Keeble, seconded by Councillor Lawes, agreed 4 – 1.

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

5.1.1: Application No: PA24/08146.

Applicant: Mrs. E Elford.

Location: Bay View Farm, St Martin, Looe, Cornwall, PL13 1NZ.

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

Cornwall Council's Decision: APPROVED.

Agenda Item 6: Planning Matters:

None received.

6.2: Correspondence:

Forwarded by email where possible.

7.1.1: Summary of Accounts.

Reconciled balances date 05/1/25.

Opening Bank Balances 1 st April 2024	£25,227.05
Income to date	£13,520.72
Expenditure to date	£9,583.06
Balance to date	£29,164.71

7.2: Accounts paid in December 2024.

Cheque No	Organisation	Amount
BACS	CF Hyde – Clerks November 2024 Internet package & expenses.	50.00
BACS	Cornwall Council - Clerks Salary November 2024.	722.93
BACS	HP Instant Ink (Monthly subscription) paid by C Hyde	5.49
BACS	Western Web – Domain change charge Re: .gov.uk	126.00
BACS	Western Web – Annual Hosting fee	96.00
	Total	1000.42

7.3: Income in December 2024.

Date	Description	£
20-Dec-24	Tregoad AD REVENUE	20.00
9-Dec-24	k9 Style AD REVENUE	15.00
31-Dec-24	Bond interest	23.49
	Total	£ 58.49

It was proposed by Councillor Reynolds, 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: 2025/2026 Precept – The agreed precept of £13.063 has been submitted by the Clerk to Cornwall Council.

7.7.1: Accounts to be paid in January 2025.

It was proposed by Councillor Lawes, seconded by Vice Chairman Powley that the following be authorised for payment. ALL AGREED.

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BACS	Cornwall Council - Clerks Salary December 2024.	722.93
BACS	HP Instant Ink (Monthly subscription) paid by C Hyde	5.49
BACS	St Martins Village Hall Trust – Hall Hire	176.00
BACS	K Johnson – Paths Maintenance	180.00
BACS	Cornwall Council – Magazine Printing	72.66
	Total	1207.08

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

None.

Agenda Item 9: Business received after publication of agenda:

None received.

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:

11.1.1: No Confidence Vote in Cornwall Council Planning and Enforcement Department – Request from Marazion Town Council for our support. (Sent by email to all Parish Councillors). Discussions ensued and it was agreed to support Marazion Town Council.

11.1.2: A38 Saltash Tunnel – date confirmed for start of overnight closures.

We're carrying out a major £25million technology upgrade of the A38 Saltash Tunnel. The works will help keep journeys safe, reliable and reduce the risk of unplanned closures.

Upcoming works

Starting Monday 13 January - Overnight tunnel closures

Starting on Monday 13 January, the overnight tunnel closures will begin as we start working to modernise the A38 Saltash Tunnel.

From Monday 13 January until the end of February 2025, the eastbound carriageway of the tunnel will be closed on weeknights (8pm to 6am) to enable works in and around the tunnel.

To limit disruption, our initial closures will only affect eastbound traffic. Westbound traffic will be able to use the tunnel as usual.

Eastbound traffic will use local diversion routes. The tunnel will be open as normal during the day and at weekends. By closing the tunnel only at night, we can reduce the impact on the local community and drivers.

At the end of February, the full overnight closures will begin in both directions. We will provide further updates in due course. The overnight tunnel closures will continue until Winter 2025 / 2026.

Diversions

From 13 January until the end of February 2025, eastbound traffic will be diverted overnight from Carkeel roundabout via the B3271 and North Road. Occasionally, our works may generate some noise for which we apologise.

We understand that overnight works can be frustrating, but we thank you for your continued understanding while these essential works take place. Please plan ahead and allow extra time for your journeys.

As with any complex scheme, dates are subject to change. As we move through the scheme, dates will be announced and kept up to date on our dedicated webpage. Please check online for the latest information. You can also sign up via the webpage to receive notifications when new information has been added. In addition, you can also check our daily closures page or find live travel information on our Traffic England website.

We continue to work closely with a wide range of stakeholders while we confirm the full programme of works for next year. We will share this information with you once it becomes available.

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused but thank you for your continued understanding.

Agenda Item 12: Around the table:

Councillor Reynolds:

South West Coast Path – A Parishioner has reported to Councillor Reynolds that the SW Coast Path has had substantial upgrades done and is of a very high standard.

HGV's Using Bindown Road – Despite the signage large HGV's are using Bindown Road again, The Clerk to let PCSO Dave Billing know.

Councillor Keeble:

Nothing Raised.

Councillor Lawes:

Millendreath Defibrillator – Has come to the end of its four year lifespan and need substantial funds to keep it up to the required standard, the community have so far raised £600. Councillor Lawes asked if the Parish Council would agree to contribute to the cost using the Parish Magazine Advertising profits which should can only be used for the good of the community. The Clerk has arranged a meeting with Duchy Defibrillators to see if The Parish Council could contribute to the cost of installing the same unit as we currently have at No Man's Land, and if agreed to take on the annual maintenance costs to prevent the community having to fund raise to keep this vital equipment maintained to a high standard. Councillors Lawes, Reynolds, Vice Chairman Powley and The Clerk will attend the meeting at 9.45am on 20th January 2025 at Millendreath Beach Café.

Councillor Spicer:

Nothing Raised.

Vice Chair Powley:

Nothing Raised.

The Chairman:

No Man's Land Village sign at Holland Farm – Has been reinstalled after it was ripped from its supports by a large vehicle.

Widegates Children's Playpark – Currently under construction and very large,

County Councillor Armand Toms:

Cornwall Council Budget – Has a serious shortfall and cuts to staff and services look inevitable, Adult Social Care is a worry as the spend it anticipated to be 32% higher then last year.

B3253 Resurfacing – Work due to start on 24th February to 7th March with road closures 9.30am to 4pm daily 7 days a week. Diversion will be put in place and access maintained where possible. Drainage reconfiguration at No Man's Land has been completed with further works planned before the resurfacing. 40MPH now in place on the B3253 at No Man's Land.

Housing Targets – the Council is expected to deliver 4500 new homes in the county in the next year, up from 3000 in 2024.

PCSO Dave Billing

Please pass my apologies for not being able to attend tonight's meeting. I will be able to attend the meeting in February. First of all, a very Happy New Year to you all.

During the month of December there were no crimes reported to the Police that were in the public domain.

We have now been joined on the Neighbourhood Team by a Tri Service Safety Officer, her name is Kate Bourn, she works with the Police, Ambulance Service and Fire Service, I will be showing her around the Parish next week and hopefully she will be able to attend a meeting with me soon.

If there are any issues raised at tonight's meeting that need Police intervention, please email me the details.

Date and Time of Next Meetings: 6th February 2025, **Parish Council Meeting** at 7.30pm at the No Man's Land Memorial Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.13pm.