

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of St Mabyn Parish
held on Tuesday 2nd May 2023 commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllr G Smith (Chairman), Cllr Mrs C Daniels, Cllr Mrs C Bray, Cllr G Martin and Cllr D Masters

In attendance: L Coles (Parish Clerk)

Cllr R Moorcroft, Cornwall Councillor, was present.

There were no members of the public present.

Item No		Action By
1	Apologies Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Chadwick,	
2	Welcome The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting	
3	Chairman's Report The Chairman had circulated his report – Appendix 1 to these Minutes – and it was resolved to accept it as read, proposed by Cllr G Martin, seconded by Cllr Daniels with all in favour.	
4	Public Forum There were no matters brought forward	
5	Close There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.03pm	

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

APPENDIX 1

ST MABYN PARISH COUNCIL **Annual parish meeting, 2nd May 2023** **Chairman's report**

Although this is supposed to be the chairman's annual report, I have been chairman of St Mabyn parish council for only six months. My report will therefore be brief!

I would like to thank our former chairman, Mark Grigg, for serving the parish council for many years with great distinction. His wisdom and guidance are missed.

I would also like to thank our clerk, Linda Coles, for keeping us always on the right side of the law and reminding us, when necessary, that we cannot always do everything we might like to.

Thanks, too, to my fellow councillors – we are all volunteers, giving time and energy for the good of the parish.

Many years ago, as a volunteer on a working party, I described the King George V playing field as the Jewel in the Crown of St Mabyn parish. I still think that. The parish council continues to maintain the playing field, numerous benches, road signs, the parish cemetery, the toilets and even the church clock – all with the minimum of fuss and maximum value for money.

In recent years and months we have introduced a speed limit sign at Longstone, a proper car park for St Mabyn and we've added another defibrillator for public use. I anticipate that in the year ahead the parish council will be closely involved in the refurbishment of the village hall.

Also, I hope within the next 12 months, we will make significant progress in deploying the Section 106 monies we have for affordable housing. It really is a case of use-it-or-lose it. And although it isn't much, we do now at least have a plan that would allow us to make some contribution to helping St Mabyn people live in St Mabyn parish.

All of these things we have done, and plan to do, against a background of general price inflation currently running at more than 10%. And yet we seem to have pulled off the economic miracle of doing all these things without putting up the St Mabyn precept for council tax.

I doubt that this is a trick we will be able to pull off again next year. We might have to start watching the pennies so that the pounds can once again take care of themselves.

I promised I would be brief. Thank you for listening.

Graham Smith, Chairman, St Mabyn parish council, 2nd May 2023