

St Mabyn Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of St Mabyn Parish Council held in St Mabyn Peace Memorial Hall, St Mabyn, on Tuesday 7th November 2023 commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs: G Smith (Chairman), R Martin (Vice Chair), R Ashton, G Martin, D Masters, J Bellringer, R Chadwick and Mrs C Daniels.

In Attendance: Mrs L Coles, Parish Clerk, Cllr R Moorcroft, Cornwall Councillor

There were 4 members of the public present.

Item No		Action By
1	Apologies. Apologies received from Cllr Mrs C Bray and Cllr Finnamore for absence.	
2	Declarations of Interest a) Agenda Items. None declared. b) Gifts. None declared.	
3	Consideration of written requests for dispensation. None received.	
4	Unitary Councillor's Report. Cllr Moorcroft said that he will be unavailable between the 16 th November and the 2 nd December. He has been working on the signage at Helland and this has been installed on both sides. He had a meeting with Highways last week and was asked for an update on the salt bins for St Mabyn. The Clerk will contact Oliver Jones and ask for the agreed locations of the bins and then make the purchase. Cllr Moorcroft highlighted a poster for Wadebridge asking for residents' opinions on what they would like to see in the town. There is a QR code on the poster which can be scanned so that people can go online and make a comment. It was reported that Helland is asking for funding from the CAP. There was a discussion on the Government funding for Leisure Centres which has been awarded 100% to GLL.	Clerk
5	Public Participation. Jon Grove, Chapelfield site, said that there are a lot more people working on the site now. He has requested road closure dates for February 2024 so that the foul water and sewerage systems can be installed. All of the necessary applications have been submitted to Cornwall Council, who was reported as being very helpful. On the site there is a lot of infrastructure work being carried out, roads etc. Internal work will start in the next week or so with a programme to finish the houses that have already been erected. Things are moving forward and it is hopeful that the site will be completed by the summer of 2024. Cllr Smith spoke about the negative publicity surrounding the site. Jon Groves said that Plots 10, 11 and 25 will have to be demolished but advice is being sought on Plot 7, the Manager is requesting a second opinion on its structure but none of this will affect the end date of summer 2024. The first people will hopefully move in to properties by the end of March/beginning of April 2024 but the foul water connections must be completed first. The pumping station will be installed before Christmas 2023. Jon said that his details are on the signage and the applications for the site and people can contact him directly with any questions. King George V Playing Field – it was reported that the parents from the school are concerned about what is happening with the playing field and what equipment is being	

	<p>installed potentially. It is felt that adult gym equipment is not the way forward as it is considered a waste of time, money and space. It was said that it is a shame that the tennis court was removed and some would like to see it reinstated, possibly as an all weather court. The grass cutting is under control with the volunteers working on this, and they are happy to be involved. The Chairman thanked them for their hard work and said that they are doing a brilliant job and the playing field is looking excellent. The Clerk had emailed the contract for the Probation Service but some Members said that they had not received it. The Clerk will email this round again and wait for comments before she contacts the Service.</p>	Clerk
6	Response to Public Participation. Not applicable. The members of the public left the meeting.	
7	Chapelfield Update. This has been covered under item 5. PP, and the update is noted. Cllr Moorcroft said that he has spoken to Building Control at Cornwall Council and a company has been appointed but there has been no contact.	
8	<p>Planning</p> <p>a) Planning applications received before the agenda was finalised: None</p> <p>b) Planning applications received after the agenda was published: None</p> <p>c) Planning decisions received from Cornwall Council: None.</p> <p>d) Cornwall Council Housing Representative and S106 money. Cornwall Council is looking at purchasing a property at Longstone for affordable rent and this is a work in progress. Further information will hopefully be available for the next meeting.</p> <p>e) Other planning matters. The Clerk reminded the Members about the link for the forthcoming Planning training.</p>	Clerk
9	<p>Minutes from the meetings held on Tuesday 3rd October 2023. It was RESOLVED that the above Minutes are a true record of the meeting, proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Daniels with all who had been present at the meeting in favour.</p>	
10	Matters Arising from the above Minutes. The Chairman reported that he has been in direct contact with EDF Energy regarding the saga of the supply for the public toilets and it is reaching a conclusion and is likely to be a good outcome with no money owing because it has been on a metered supply for the last 5 years.	
11	Village Hall. The committee is still fund raising. A new disabled toilet is being installed as a necessity. The committee has enrolled a lady to look after the finances for the project and a new secretary has also been appointed.	
12	<p>Longstone. Two quotes have been received for the removal of the trees at Longstone; the third has not provided a quote. It was RESOLVED to accept the quote from Bees Trees, proposed by Cllr Daniels, seconded by Cllr Masters with all in favour. The Clerk will advise.</p>	Clerk
13	EDF Energy. Already covered.	
14	<p>King George V Playing Field.</p> <p>a) Outdoor Adult Fitness Equipment. The Clerk has been advised that the application for funding to Awards for All has been unsuccessful. It was agreed to shelve the idea of adult equipment for the time being.</p> <p>b) Toddler Springers, the Clerk will try again to chase up the funding as offered for these.</p> <p>c) Other Matters. The Clerk will consider the training programme for the grass cutting, possibly in spring 2024.</p>	Clerk Clerk
15	Cemetery. The Clerk reported damage to a Memorial in the cemetery, the photos of	

	<p>which were passed round for consideration. The grass cutter has not caused this damage with his ride-on-mower, and there is no damage to any other Memorials. The Clerk was instructed to reply to the family that there is no evidence that the Parish Council is liable for the damage done to their Memorial.</p> <p>The Probation Service is willing to undertake the maintenance of the cemetery. Clerk to contact.</p> <p>The disabled entrance is ongoing and the PCC has applied for a faculty for the handrail.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
16	Footpaths. It was reported that some footpaths have received attention.	
17	Highway Matters. VAS has been delivered to the Chairman. There was a discussion on the position of the poles within the 30 mph limit in Station Road. Cllr Moorcroft said that he can discuss this with Dave McKellar, Highways Steward.	<p>Clerk</p> <p>RM</p>
18	<p>Car Park and Toilets. Cllr Masters has fitted a new lamp in the disabled toilet. The Clerk reported that the Ladies toilet is locked; Cllr Masters said that this was to enable the leak to dry out but it should be opened now and he will investigate.</p> <p>The Clerk will purchase the bags of ready-mix tarmac for the small car park, as agreed at the October meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
19	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>a) Police Report (circulated). Noted.</p> <p>b) Email invitation from Cornwall Council with link to planning training. Noted.</p>	
20	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) Payments. (circulated schedule) It was RESOLVED to make the payments for September, proposed by Cllr Daniels, seconded by Cllr Smith with all in favour of the following:</p> <p>Online – L Coles, Clerk’s October salary, office and expenses</p> <p>Online – HMRC, Clerk’s October PAYE and Employer NIC</p> <p>Online – B McNary, September toilet & bus shelter cleaning - £250.00</p> <p>Online – WesternWeb, renewal of domain for 2 years - £66.00</p> <p>Online – Elan City Ltd, purchase of Evolis Vision VAS - £2807.99</p> <p>RECEIPTS – Drew Memorials - £120.00</p> <p>b) Bank Reconciliation (Circulated to Members). It was RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliations for October proposed by Cllr Daniels, seconded by Cllr Smith with all in favour</p> <p>c) Budget and Precept (papers circulated).</p> <p>The Clerk had circulated papers for consideration of the budget and precept for 2024/2025. Following discussion, it was RESOLVED to accept the budget and set the precept at £45,000 for 2024/2025 which will allow for Reserves to be maintained and for the Parish Council to enable funding for the new public toilets that will be built at the Memorial Hall. Proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Daniels with all in favour.</p>	
21	Any Other Business. The Clerk will discuss with Bees Trees what trees could be planted to replace those at Longstone. The Forest for Cornwall Have free trees available.	<p>Clerk</p>
22	Items for the next agendas. No specific items brought forward.	
23	Date of next meeting. The next meeting of St Mabyn Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 5 th December 2023 in the Peace Memorial Hall, St Mabyn, and will commence at 7.30pm	

There being no further business to transact the Chair closed the meeting closed at 9.21 pm.

Signed.....Chairman. Date.....

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