

## St Mabyn Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting of St Mabyn Parish Council held in St Mabyn Peace Memorial Hall, St Mabyn, on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 commencing at 7.30pm.

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

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

There were two members of the public present.

Item No		Action By
1	<b>Apologies.</b> Apologies received from Cllr A Fynamore for absence.	
2	<b>Declarations of Interest.</b> a) <b>Agenda Items.</b> None declared. b) <b>Gifts.</b> None declared.	
3	<b>Consideration of written requests for dispensation.</b> None received.	
4	<b>Unitary Councillor's Report.</b> Cllr Moorcroft said that he had nothing new to report. Cllr Smith said that he still has the VAS in his garage and Cllr Moorcroft will chase Highways for its installation.	
5	<b>Public Participation.</b> A member of the public introduced himself; a resident of Longstone. He is a keen wildlife gardener and has taken an interest in the area where the Ash trees were in Longstone, for which he thanked the Parish Council for felling and said that the local residents were grateful for this action. There are a significant amount of logs left from the felling from which he intends to create a habitat for insects and small mammals. A rabbit hutch is to be turned into a bug hotel and he has refurbished a bench which will be situated on the site. The brush will be cleared next week and he asked the Parish Council for a contribution to the cost of two half barrels that will be planted up and put either side of the bench. The Head of the School then spoke about the recent securing of funding for the new classroom project and it is hoped that the work will be completed during the summer holidays. There are now ten children in the Nursery and the school is definitely growing in numbers.	
6	<b>Response to Public Participation.</b> See following items which, with the permission of the Members were brought forward on the agenda.	
14	<b>Longstone.</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the half barrels will be purchased and the invoice sent to the Clerk for reimbursement, a total cost of £200 for which funding from the Community Chest will be sought after April 1 <sup>st</sup> . <b>Proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Bray with all in favour.</b>	
11	<b>St Mabyn School Project.</b> The Clerk has sent an official application form for the grant which has been completed this evening. The Clerk asked the Head if the schoolchildren would like to create a logo for the Parish Council. Cllr Smith will speak to the schoolchildren about this idea. The Clerk also asked if the school would like to be part of the celebrations for D-Day 80 on Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June. It was confirmed that they would love to take part with bell ringing, there is a hand bell ringing group, and the reading of the official poem at 11.00am on that day. The Clerk will send more details to the school.	GS  Clerk

7	<b>Chapelfield Update.</b> Jon Groves has reported to the Clerk that the footpath is useable. There has been positive feedback about the team digging the trenches in the road for the sewage pipes.	
8	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>a) <b>Planning applications received before the agenda was finalised: None</b></p> <p>b) <b>Planning applications received after the agenda was published: None</b></p> <p>c) <b>Planning decisions received from Cornwall Council:</b>  <b>PA24/00006</b>, Pippins, Rectory Lane, St Mabyn. Works to remove a Lime tree – <b>Approved</b>  <b>PA23/08858</b>, Barn to the Northeast of Littlewood Farm, Under Lane, St Mabyn. Submission of details to discharge condition nos. 5, 6 and 8 in respect of decision notice PA22/04822 dated 20/09/23. <b>Discharge of conditions not all conditions agreed.</b></p> <p>d) <b>Cornwall Council Housing Representative and S106 money.</b> The purchase of the house for affordable rent is proceeding well.</p> <p>e) <b>Other planning matters.</b> It would appear that the Glebe land may be developed. There was a discussion around resurrecting the work done on the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Moorcroft said that, as part of the new Local Plan, parishes can form a Neighbourhood Statement. The Clerk will look into the detail of this. Cllr Aston will look at the notes from the work done so far on the NDP.</p>	Clerk RA
9	<b>Minutes from the meetings held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024.</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the above Minutes are a true record of the meeting, <b>proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr G Martin with all who had been present at the meeting in favour.</b>	
10	<b>Matters Arising from the above Minutes.</b> None brought forward	
11	<b>St Mabyn School Project. Already discussed.</b>	
12	<p><b>D-Day Beacon.</b></p> <p>Enquiries will be made about local in D-Day. The Clerk has registered the Beacon and has received a certificate for the Parish Council's interest. The school is going to be involved. St Mabyn Inn will be offering traditional fish and chips as part of its food menu for the day. Cllr Bray will find what celebrations the RBL is planning.</p>	CB
13	<p><b>Village Hall.</b></p> <p>The works are progressing well. Cllr Masters has an estimate for the sanitary ware, £1619.83 plus VAT. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Parish Council will purchase this at this price, <b>proposed by Cllr G Martin, seconded by Cllr Bray with all in favour.</b></p>	
14	<b>Longstone. Already covered.</b>	
15	<b>King George V Playing Field.</b> Cllr Ashton will cut the grass again when weather clears.	
16	<p><b>Cemetery.</b> The Clerk has been in contact with the Diocese regarding the disabled access to the Lawn Cemetery through the field and this is progressing. There will need to be further discussion with the PCC.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that she is drawing up policies etc. for the maintenance of the memorials in the cemetery and is hoping to have an official inspection carried out in May, after advertising. This is necessary to comply with legislation. Policy is to be adopted at the next PC meeting. The Clerk will circulate the papers.</p>	Clerk Clerk Clerk
17	<p><b>Footpaths.</b> Cllr R Martin asked if it is permissible to fence off a footpath in one of his fields to protect the public from cattle. The Clerk will ask the Countryside Access team at Cornwall Council.</p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to purchase a green metal finger post for the permissive footpath to the school from the car park at a cost of £325, <b>proposed by Cllr G Martin, seconded by Cllr Daniels with all in favour.</b></p>	Clerk Clerk

18	<p><b>Highway Matters.</b> The dog bin at Watergate Lane has been removed. The Clerk will ask Cornwall Council about this. Cllr Martin said that there have been complaints about the smell of sewage near the Memorial. This coincides with heavy rainfall. It would appear that the pumping station in Greenwix Parc is not working adequately; the system was not improved when the second phase of development was built. Cllr Smith will bring some information to the next meeting about the EA. It was reported that the surface of the pavement in Station Road is breaking up and needs reporting.</p>	Clerk  GS Clerk
19	<p><b>Car Park and Toilets.</b> a) EV Charging Points. There is no further update at this time. b) Gates and signs. The Clerk has ordered a 'No Parking' sign for the gate to the overflow car park. Signs regarding parking at the vehicle owners own risks are required for both car parks. The Clerk will attend to this.</p>	Clerk  Clerk
20	<p><b>Correspondence</b> a) Police Report (circulated). <b>Noted.</b> b) MHA request for funding. <b>Noted.</b> c) D-Day flag of Peace. <b>Noted.</b></p>	
21	<p><b>Finance</b> a) <b>Payments. (circulated schedule)</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to make the payments for February <b>proposed by Cllr G Martin, seconded by Cllr Bray with all in favour of the following:</b> Online – L Coles, Clerk’s February salary, office and expenses Online – HMRC, Clerk’s February PAYE and Employer NIC Online – B McNary, February toilet &amp; bus shelter cleaning - £130.00 Online – Corserv Limited, purchase of six salt bins -£1796.04 Online – St Mabyn Peace Memorial Hall, hire of hall for February - £18.00 <b>RECEIPTS – None</b> b) <b>Bank Reconciliation (Circulated to Members).</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the bank reconciliations for February <b>proposed by Cllr G Martin, seconded by Cllr C Bray with all in favour</b> c) To <b>RESOLVE</b> the transfer of £7000 from the Parish Council deposit account to its current account to cover costs until the precept is received in April. <b>Proposed by Cllr G Martin, seconded by Cllr Daniels with all in favour.</b></p>	
22	<p><b>Any Other Business.</b> The Clerk has successfully secured a free, framed portrait of the King to be displayed in the Memorial Hall. Cllr Masters reported that the Parish Clock has stopped and he will check it before possibly contacting Smiths of Derby. The next phase of the lights switch off will be in St Mabyn between the hours of midnight and 5am.</p>	Clerk
23	<p><b>Items for the next agendas.</b> Nothing brought forward.</p>	
24	<p><b>Date of next meeting.</b> The next meeting of St Mabyn Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 in the Peace Memorial Hall, St Mabyn, and will commence at 7.30pm</p>	
25	<p><b>Closed Session. Deferred until next meeting</b></p>	

There being no further business to transact the Chair closed the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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

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