

St Mabyn Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of St Mabyn Parish Council held in St Mabyn Peace Memorial Hall, St Mabyn,
on Tuesday 4th March 2025 commencing at 7.30pm.

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

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

There were 15 members of the public present.

Item No		Action By
1	Apologies. Not applicable	
2	Declarations of Interest. a) Agenda Items. None declared. b) Gifts. None declared.	
3	Consideration of written requests for dispensation. None received.	
4	Casual Vacancies. Not applicable	
8	Chapelfield. With the permission of the Members the Chairman moved this item up the agenda. Jon Groves reported that three open market properties have been handed over and five of the affordable units (Westward Housing) will be signed off on Friday. The site has been fenced off for safety and the footpath signs are in situ; the stile at the bottom of the site has been cleared and made safe to walk through. Another two open market properties will be completed in the next few months and more affordable units will be ready in the next 4-5 months. Hoping to be near completion of the site by the end of this year. The materials from the units that have been pulled down are still in situ and the best way of removing them from the site is being looked at.	
6	Public Participation. A member of the public requested information about the site emptying drain water down the road. JG said that this was due to the heavy rainfall recently and will not happen once all the soak away drains are cleaned out. Regarding the tankers being used to take sewage etc from the site, JG said that the water system has been connected where SWW instructed them to do so. Until the mains water system is sorted out, tankers will be used to empty from the site; all the valves etc. down to Watergate Lane have been shut off. Once the site is fully occupied it is expected that two tankers a day will be required. Currently, SWW tankers are coming in on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week. JG said that he has not heard anything about an emergency planning application being submitted by SWW. Cllr Bray said that a Rep from SWW and the local MP should be invited to a meeting after the elections to explain the situation. The road is closed now ready to be tarmacked and a virtual pathway in red will be installed. Cllr Moorcroft has asked the Case Officer, Cornwall Council Planning, re PA22/03898 about the foul water treatment arrangements as discussed as part of that application. There was a second site visit from the Environment Agency in mid-January.	

	<p>There are flooding issues from the site because of it is blocking the ability for water to disperse and this is affecting the footpath and the stile at the top end of the field; people cannot walk through this area.</p> <p>Regarding the waste that is on site and deemed to be contaminated, JG said that because it is on the land and not buried it is not considered to be of any danger. JG said that he has taken people's concerns and comments on board and will speak with his bosses to see what solutions there are and then he will come back to a PC meeting, hopefully with some answers.</p> <p>Cllr Ashton said that SWW and the EA have failed the village of St Mabyn.</p>	
7	<p>Response to Public Participation.</p> <p>The Clerk will write to SWW and demand an immediate explanation regarding the water treatment and the EA regarding the contaminated waste. A Press Release will be issued and BBC Spotlight are to be contacted. The Parish Council is appalled that the situation has been allowed to reach this point.</p>	
5	<p>Unitary Councillor's Report.</p> <p>Cllr Moorcroft said that the posts at the cemetery have been concreted in. The main item on the agenda for Cornwall Council meeting is the re-budget.</p>	
9	<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. This will be an agenda item for the first PC meeting after the elections.</p> <p>e) Other planning matters. None</p>	
10	<p>Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 4th February 2025.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the above Minutes are a true record of the meeting, proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr G Martin with all who had been present at the meeting in favour.</p>	
11	<p>Matters Arising from the above Minutes. None.</p>	
12	<p>Village Hall.</p> <p>The planning application for the new meeting room has been paid for by the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council.</p>	Clerk
13	<p>Longstone. No update.</p>	
14	<p>King George V Playing Field.</p> <p>It was agreed to let the contractor reseed and take a view on how things look afterwards. The grass has been cut and the field is looking good. Cllr Ashton is waiting for quotes for re-staining and repairs.</p> <p>The Clerk is still waiting to hear from Kompan regarding the tyre swing.</p>	Clerk
15	<p>Cemetery. No update.</p>	
16	<p>Footpaths. The Clerk has received an email about a missing sign post. The Clerk will reply and ask for details with a view to the PC replacing it.</p>	Clerk
17	<p>Highway Matters. There was some discussion regarding purchasing another flashing speed sign or possibly moving the existing one around.</p>	
18	<p>Car Parks and Toilets.</p> <p>The Clerk will make enquiries about EVs and funding from Cornwall Council for the main car park.</p> <p>Cllr Masters said that a KW counter will be installed for the hand driers in the toilets. An area of the car park is to be cordoned off while the ramp for the meeting room is installed.</p>	Clerk

19	Correspondence a) Police Report. Noted b) Letter from Bluestone stating that there is no debt with EDF and the matter is closed. Noted	
21	Finance a) Payments. It was RESOLVED to make the payments for February 2025 proposed by Cllr Bray, seconded by Cllr G Martin with all in favour of the following: Online – L Coles, Clerk’s February salary, office and expenses Online – HMRC, Clerk’s February PAYE and Employer NIC Online – Savills, rent for car park. - £160.72 Online – R M Bray, wood for Sign Post - £150.00 Online – John Tandy, painting of telephone kiosk at Longstone - £170.00 Online – St Mabyn Village Hall, Hire of hall - £20.00 Online – L Coles, reimbursement for payment of planning app. for hall -£216.50 Online – R Moorcroft, postcrete reimbursement -£21.06 Direct Debit – Monthly account charge, Unity Trust Bank - £6.00 b) RECEIPTS – None. Noted. c) Bank Reconciliation (Circulated to Members). It was RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliations for February 2025 proposed by Cllr G Martin, seconded by Cllr Bray with all in favour.	
22	Any Other Business. None	
23	Items for the next agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South West Water 	
24	Date of next meeting. The next meeting of St Mabyn Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 1 st April 2025 commencing at 7.30pm, in the Peace Memorial Hall, St Mabyn.	

There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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

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