

St Mabyn Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of St Mabyn Parish Council held in St Mabyn Peace Memorial Hall, St Mabyn,
on Tuesday 1st April 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 2 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	Unitary Councillor's Report. Deferred	
5,6,7,8	<p>With the permission of the Members the Chairman moved these items, 5/6 Public Participation; 7 Chapelfield and 8 South West Water, up the agenda.</p> <p>The Parish Council had resolved that it would publicise the issues with the sewerage at Chapelfield. Cllr Ashton read out a letter from SWW to Ben Maguire, MP. SWW have pledged £100k to upgrade the plant at Rectory Lane. SWW has said that the cost is too high to connect to the waterworks at St Tudy Road. SWW has said that it was unaware of the increase in the size of the development at Chapelfield but were very involved in the second phase of the development and therefore must have been aware of the first phase and the number of dwellings overall. The Parish Council has been raising concerns since the Chapelfield development started. Cllr Ashton has contacted other Agencies who are very interested – Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace etc. Ben Maguire, MP, is solidly on board with the issues. The Chairman asked for ideas from the Members on how the Parish Council can push this forward. The Chairman said that the PC should push for a proper connection to the main treatment works which would also give SWW an opportunity to resolve the problems at Green Wix Parc. The main capital investment must come from SWW. It was agreed that an objection will be lodged with the Environment Agency against the application by SWW for an upgrade to Rectory Lane. Cllr Masters said that the Littlewood Plant is already at capacity and Cllr Chadwick concurred with this. Another plant needs to be built at Rectory Lane, to be set up in the lower fields. The PC therefore will inform the EA that it objects to the current SWW proposals, and the EA needs to carry out the proper testing and block any permit. The Chairman suggested that alternative plans need to be put forward by SWW and long term solutions need to be worked up; £100k is not sufficient funding for a proper solution. The PC will draw attention to the factual errors in the letter to the MP. The Chairman thanked Cllr Ashton for raising the profile of the issue in the Media. Cllr Moorcroft said that the application was always for 13 and then 14 dwellings on the Chapelfield development, and asked what the licence covers and what are the permits for?</p>	Clerk

5	Public Participation. Already covered.	
6	Response to Public Participation. Covered	
7	Chapelfield. Already covered.	
8	South West Water. Covered above	
9	Planning a) Planning applications received before the agenda was finalised: None b) Planning applications received after the agenda was published: None c) Planning decisions received from Cornwall Council: None d) Cornwall Council Housing Representative and S106 money. This will be an agenda item for the first PC meeting after the elections. e) Other planning matters. None	
10	Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 4th March 2025. It was RESOLVED that the above Minutes are a true record of the meeting, proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Bray with all who had been present at the meeting in favour.	
11	Matters Arising from the above Minutes. Community Asset. Cllr Moorcroft has spoken to Sarah Sims, CLO, and the Clerk will contact her to talk about an adverse possession order. EV Chargers – no reply from CC TPO's, no reply from CC	Clerk
12	Village Hall. Groundwork is done for the meeting room, just waiting for the planning application to be approved. The roof is booked in for the end of May. There will be a joint project with the Community Shop for solar panels.	Clerk
13	Longstone. Cllr Moorcroft cut the grass last week.	
14	King George V Playing Field. Cllr Ashton cut the grass and said that soil is needed to level off the area where the soak away was installed before it is reseeded. It was agreed that the Clerk will inform the resident that the Parish Council will allow three months for the grass to be restored to its former state or it will hire a contractor to carry out the work and pass the cost on. Cllr Ashton will get a price for a new tyre swing as the Clerk has heard nothing from the companies that she has contacted. Cllr Ashton will chase up the installation of the concrete for the new Netball/Basketball Hoop.	Clerk
15	Cemetery. No update.	
16	Footpaths. It was reported that the church wall is falling to pieces now that the ivy has been removed. The Clerk will write to the Church pointing out the dangers to the footpath users.	Clerk
17	Highway Matters. The road markings at the Cross Roads was discussed and a virtual footpath.	
18	Car Parks and Toilets. It was agreed that larger directional signs are needed for the car park and the public toilets. The vandalism will be monitored at the toilets.	Clerk

19	Correspondence a) Police Report. Noted	
20	Finance a) Payments. It was RESOLVED to make the payments for March 2025 proposed by Cllr Bray, seconded by Cllr G Martin with all in favour of the following: Online – L Coles, Clerk’s March salary, office and expenses Online – HMRC, Clerk’s March PAYE and Employer NIC Online – Duchy Defibrillators, annual monitoring for shop defib. - £246.00 Online – R M Bray, repair to sign post - £60.00 Online – Cornwall ALC Ltd, annual subscription - £393.52 Online – St Mabyn Village Hall, Hire of hall - £20.00 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 March 2025 proposed by Cllr R Martin, seconded by Cllr Bray with all in favour.	
21	Any Other Business. The Chairman thanked everyone for the last four years, particularly Cllr Masters who is not standing for election. He will be sorely missed. Thanked Cllr Moorcroft and wished him luck in the forthcoming elections.	
22	Items for the next agenda. • None	
23	Date of next meeting. The next meeting of St Mabyn Parish Council will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Meeting and the monthly Parish Council Meeting and will be held on Tuesday 13 th May 2025 commencing at 7.00pm, in the Peace Memorial Hall, St Mabyn.	

There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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

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