

St Mabyn Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of St Mabyn Parish Council held in St Mabyn Peace Memorial Hall, St Mabyn,
on Tuesday 12th May 2026 commencing at 7.16pm.**

Present: Cllrs: R Martin, Chairman, J Bellringer, G Smith, N Campbell, P Sandy, G Martin and R Chadwick

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

There were 10 members of the public present.

Item No		Action By
1	<p>Apologies. Apologies received from Cllr C Bray, Cllr R Ashton, and Cllr M Slater for absence.</p> <p>Apologies received from Cllr R Chadwick and Cllr R Moorcroft for being late to the meeting</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of Interest.</p> <p>a) Agenda Items. None declared.</p> <p>b) Gifts. None declared.</p>	
3	<p>Consideration of written requests for dispensation. None received.</p>	
4	<p>Unitary Councillor’s Report. Cllr Moorcroft not present item deferred.</p>	
5/7	<p>Public Participation/ Chapelfield. These items were taken together with the Members permission.</p> <p>A member of the public said that Chapelfield has continued to carry out burning toxic waste 3 or 4 times a week. Robert Baxter, Environment Agency (EA), has been dealing with the developer. The materials being burnt are banned and very toxic and the proximity of the burning to neighbouring flammable materials is of grave concern. The site has a D& Exemption Certificate which enables it to burn untreated timber and any tree branches that are removed due to overhang, but only on a small scale. The Developer was told by the EA last Wednesday to put out the fires and desist and none have been lit since that time. The Developer is also burying a lot of waste material and the video evidence of this has been handed to the EA. The Developer has been warned that the next stage will be prosecution. Cllr G Martin has contacted the HSE.</p> <p>The Clerk will ask the EA what actions will be taken if the Developer breaches the rules again. The Clerk will also write to the Developer and point out that the Parish Council is concerned and unhappy about the burning and also to Cornwall Council and the MP, Ben Maguire.</p> <p>A member of the public asked what the residents of Chapelfield feel about the state of affairs because they are living with it. It was reported that a resident of the Crescent had their smoke alarm go off; such was the severity of the smoke and fumes. There are concerns regarding residents with respiratory health problems and young babies and children breathing in the toxic fumes. People are unable to have their windows open. Cllr Smith put forward congratulations to Christine for her sterling efforts in pursuing this matter with</p>	Clerk

	<p>the EA. The Chairman said that the Parish Council is trying to protect and support the whole community including the residents of Chapelfield. The Clerk will write to the Developer and ask who the point of contact for the site is. The Clerk will also ask the various bodies how and what action enforcement will take. It was said that one of the toxins being burnt is the same as that used on Grenfell Tower in London.</p> <p>The Clerk handed the Chairman an invitation to a Round Table meeting with Ben Maguire, MP, and Cornwall Council, in Bodmin on 29th May, which she had received today. Cllr R Martin will attend and raise the subject of Chapelfield at this meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>RM</p>
6	<p>Response to Public Participation. See above.</p>	
7	<p>Chapelfield. Already covered</p>	
8	<p>South West Water. Council discussed the application by Cornwall Council for a Local Development Order, PA26/01068, for upgrading septic tanks and small sewage treatment plants within the River Camel Special Area of Conservation. Details of the sewage trading credit scheme can be found on the Cornwall Council website.</p>	
4	<p>Unitary Councillor's Report. The rollout of the 20mph speed limit will take place from September/November. This has been circulated. There is a forum with CORMAC in Bodmin on 11th June. As of the 6th May, 2034 potholes had been reported which is down from 4072, previously reported, but still 500 over the normal average of 1500; so it is reducing.</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: PA26/01068, Cornwall Council, River Camel Catchment Area, Local Development Order – Upgrading septic tanks and small sewerage treatment plants within River Camel Special Area of Conservation. It was RESOLVED to object on the grounds that the parameters are not clear and appear to be open ended for future developments to be added to the small sewage treatment plant at Rectory Lane. Cllr Moorcroft will gather more information on this so that the Council can make a more informed response; to be circulated by the Clerk before being submitted. PA26/02592, Ramshackle Cottage, 7 Station Road, St Mabyn, Bodmin. Provision of ancillary accommodation to the dwelling via first floor extension and rear single storey extension to existing garage. It was RESOLVED to support this application, proposed by Cllr G Martin, seconded by Cllr N Campbell with all in favour.</p> <p>c) Planning decisions received from Cornwall Council: PA26/01179, 8 Wadebridge Road, St Mabyn, PL30 3BH. Proposed a two storey extension. APPROVED</p> <p>d) Cornwall Council Housing Representative and S106 money. The Clerk will make some further enquiries.</p> <p>e) Other planning matters. Survey for the Diocese. Ends on 17th May – no update.</p> <p>f) NPS. Deferred until the next meeting to enable the Clerk to gather the information needed.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

10	<p>Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 14th April 2026. 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	Matters Arising from the above Minutes. None	
12	Village Hall. No update.	
13	Longstone. Update on VAS. Cllr Moorcroft will ask Highways when the VAS will be fitted.	
14	<p>King George V Playing Field</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Kompan has installed the new play equipment. b) Cllr Ashton is dealing with the purchase of the new goal nets. c) The Clerk reported that Playsafety has carried out the ROSPA Report for 2026. d) Member of the public asked if the playing field could be used for Shark a Tag; a movement that helps to engage and coach local youngsters. He has an enhanced DBS so is able to work with young people and he is the Coach. It was agreed that the playing field can be used for this initiative and more details will be emailed to the Clerk. 	<p>RA</p> <p>RA</p>
15	<p>Cemetery The Clerk is mapping the new path for the disabled access which is hoped can run beside the wall of the extension churchyard from St Tudy Road. The Clerk will contact the Diocese informing it of the Parish Council's intention to install a disabled access at this point. Cllr Campbell asked if the PCC is aware of the fallen wall that was knocked by the tanker and it was pointed out that this is the responsibility of the Church PCC and not the Parish Council but the Clerk will write and make them aware.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
16	<p>Footpaths Cllr G Martin said that Community Pay Back has said that it is happy to carry out the cutting. No other tenders have been received. The Clerk will contact Tim Pitt and discuss the details of the LMP.</p>	Clerk
17	<p>Highway Matters There is to be a forum with CORMAC on 11th June, the Clerk will circulate the details to the Members. Cllr Moorcroft said that the double yellow lines at the crossroads are at the public consultation stage.</p>	Clerk
18	<p>Car Park and Toilets The Clerk will ask Dave Masters for an update on the receipt of the scalplings for the car park.</p>	Clerk
19	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Police Report. Noted b) Invitation for Chairman to attend a Round Table Meeting with MP, Ben Maguire, and Cornwall Council. Accepted. Clerk to notify. 	Clerk
20	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Payments. It was RESOLVED to make the payments for April 2026 proposed by Cllr G Martin, seconded by Cllr R Martin with all in favour of the following: Online – L Coles, Clerk's salary, office and expenses for April Online – HMRC, Clerk's April PAYE and Employer NIC Online – St Mabyn Village Hall, Hire of hall - £20.00 	

	<p>Online – St Mabyn Village Hall, cleaning of toilets, March and April - £259.00</p> <p>Online – WesternWeb, audit of website - £54.00</p> <p>Online – SLCC, Clerk’s training seminar June 2026 - £51.00</p> <p>Online – Edyvean Printers, printing of surveys for Diocese- £221.00</p> <p>Online – Trevelver Farm Ltd, scarifying of football pitch - £360.00</p> <p>Online – ROSPA, Playsafety, ROSPA Report 2026 - £138.00</p> <p>Online – Kompan Limited, new play equipment - £10,107.49</p> <p>Direct Debit – Monthly account charge, Unity Trust Bank - £7.00</p> <p>b) RECEIPTS – Precept, Cornwall Council - £24,500</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Memorial Fee - £120.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Memorial Fee - £120.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Burial Fee - £200.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">HMRC VAT Reclaim for 2025/26 - £2007.85</p> <p>c) Bank Reconciliation (Circulated to Members). It was RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliations for April 2026 proposed by Cllr G Martin seconded by Cllr Chadwick with all in favour.</p> <p>d) It was RESOLVED to pay the Clerk monthly for charges incurred from BT for Broadband and telephone which are both used for Parish Council business, proposed by Cllr G Martin, seconded by Cllr R Martin with all in favour.</p>	
21	Any Other Business. No matters brought forward.	
22	Items for the next agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Vice Chairman • AGAR Papers 	
23	Date of next meeting. The next meeting of St Mabyn Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 2 nd June 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 8.35pm.

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

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