

**St Mabyn Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of St Mabyn Parish Council held in St Mabyn Peace Memorial Hall, St Mabyn,**  
**on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 commencing at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs: G Smith, Chairman, G Martin, D Masters, and J Bellringer.

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

There were 3 members of the public present.

Item No	Cllr R Martin (Vice Chairman) chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chairman	Action By
1	<b>Apologies.</b> Apologies from Cllr R Martin, Cllr Bray, Cllr Ashton and Cllr Chadwick	
2	<b>Declarations of Interest.</b> <b>a) Agenda Items.</b> None declared. <b>b) Gifts.</b> None declared.	
3	<b>Consideration of written requests for dispensation.</b> None received.	
6	<b>Public Participation. With the agreement of the Members, the Chairman brought this item forward on the agenda.</b> Mike Ashwin showed a video clip of the Christmas lights at Longstone and was thanked by the Parish Council for a job well done. MA thanked the PC for its contribution to the fairy lights. Jon Groves, Chapelfield, gave an update on the site. It is close to handover of three plots before Christmas. Five of the affordable units have been signed off by Building Control. The PROW will be completed hopefully before Christmas but certainly by early January. All four of the condemned plots have been taken down. There is a delay on the timber frames for the houses that have still got to go up. There will be a slight delay to the completion of the site as a result of this and now looking at end of June 25 rather than March 25. There are a lot of contractors on site now and it is hoped to handover another 5 plots by the end of January. The street lights will be on within the next two weeks. Questions were asked about the sewage and JG said that all sewage pipes go into Watergate Lane pumped from the site with back up pumps should these fail. There will be a Management Company looking after the system. The Chairman noted thanks to Jon Groves for the update. JG will attend the March meeting with a further update. The Chairman has been in talks with Cornwall Council and Westward Housing regarding the S106 funding that is to be spent on affordable housing in the Parish. It has been put forward that the money will go towards two of the affordable units at Chapelfield, for affordable social rent only. The Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to agree to this in principle, <b>proposed by Cllr Martin, seconded by Cllr Masters with all in favour.</b> The Chairman will contact the relevant parties and inform them of Council's decision.	<b>GS</b>
7	<b>Response to Public Participation.</b> Not applicable.	
8	<b>Chapelfield Update.</b> It was reported that the Environment Agency visited the site in September and have closed the case. The waste that is there is reusable and so does not fall under its jurisdiction. The members of the public left the meeting.	

5	<p><b>Unitary Councillor's Report.</b> Cllr Moorcroft said that he has had a communication from Gemma Hall and Go Cornwall Bus services have made the decision to withdraw its evening service to St Mabyn. Safety concerns around the turning in Station Road and a lack of use have brought about this decision. Cllr Moorcroft will ask whether the service could come in from Longstone and turn at Lane End and then return the same way.</p>	RM
4	<p><b>Casual Vacancies.</b> There have been no applications and it was agreed to push this for the February meeting.</p>	
9	<p><b>Planning</b>  <b>a) Planning applications received before the agenda was finalised: None</b>  <b>b) Planning applications received after the agenda was published:</b>  <b>PA24/08508</b>, Trevisquite Barn, Trevisquite Lane, St Mabyn, Bodmin. Self build development including demolition and rebuild of barn and construction of two storey and single extensions with associated landscaping and access improvements. The plans were passed around the table and, following discussion, it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to support the application, <b>proposed by Cllr Masters, seconded by Cllr G Martin with all in favour.</b>  <b>c) Planning decisions received from Cornwall Council: None</b>  <b>d) Cornwall Council Housing Representative and S106 money.</b> Already covered.  <b>e) Other planning matters.</b> None</p>	
10	<p><b>Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024.</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the above Minutes are a true record of the meeting, <b>proposed by Cllr G Martin, seconded by Cllr Bellringer with all who had been present at the meeting in favour.</b></p>	
11	<p><b>Matters Arising from the above Minutes.</b> None</p>	
12	<p><b>Village Hall.</b> Building Control has signed off the new work. Quotes for the new meeting room are being looked at but nothing will be done before the new year.</p>	
13	<p><b>Longstone.</b> Already covered under item 6.</p>	
14	<p><b>King George V Playing Field.</b> The Clerk has had no luck with Schoolscapes/Rhinoplay regarding the tyre swing. It appears that because the company went under the Parish Council has lost its money, even though it returned the cross tyre set sent in error of the tyre swing before the company went into receivership. The Clerk suggested that this company is not one to deal with in the future. The Clerk has made enquiries with Wicksteed Leisure about a tyre swing and is waiting for a quote. The grass has been cut and the playing field is looking good.</p>	Clerk
15	<p><b>Cemetery.</b> The Clerk will get a quote from Drew Memorials for the works that are needed to make the monuments safe. It has been reported to the Clerk that the matter of the disabled access has been escalated by the Arch Deacon.</p>	Clerk Clerk
16	<p><b>Footpaths.</b> The Clerk will chase Tim Pitt again for an update.</p>	Clerk
17	<p><b>Highway Matters.</b> The Clerk asked for the grit bins to be inspected so that she can order refills if needed.</p>	All
18	<p><b>Car Parks and Toilets.</b> The bin is on order and will be delivered to Cllr Masters. It was reported that the car park gets full every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday when there is a coffee morning. The Clerk will chase Wildanet regarding the proposed work behind the bus shelter/small car park.</p>	Clerk

19	<b>VE Day 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025.</b> The Clerk will inform the Pageant Master that the Parish Council intends to light a Lamp of Peace.	
20	<b>Correspondence</b> a) Police Report. <b>Noted</b>	
21	<b>Finance</b> a) <b>Payments.</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to make the payments for November 2024 <b>proposed by Cllr G Smith, seconded by Cllr G Martin with all in favour of the following:</b> Online – L Coles, Clerk’s November salary, office and expenses Online – HMRC, Clerk’s November PAYE and Employer NIC Online – C Bray, Remembrance Sunday Wreath- £20.00 Online – St Mabyn Village Hall, salary for cleaner etc. - £123.97 Online – St Mabyn Village Hall, Hire of hall - £20.00 Online – Savills, Rent for car park - £160.72 Online – D Masters, first hand drier for public toilets - £61.74 Online – M Ashwin, Christmas fairy lights for Longstone - £39.99 b) <b>RECEIPTS</b> – None c) <b>Bank Reconciliation (Circulated to Members).</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the bank reconciliations for November <b>proposed by Cllr G Martin, seconded by Cllr Smith with all in favour.</b> d) <b>Budget and Precept.</b> The Clerk had circulated the budget and precept papers for consideration at this meeting of the Parish Council. Following discussion it was agreed to amend some of the proposed expenditure to prevent a large increase in the Precept. Council will only be able to agree much smaller grants in the next financial year whilst managing its budget prudently, as ever and rebuilding its Reserves. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that a 5% increase will be put on the Precept making this a request for £47,250, <b>proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Bellringer with all in favour.</b> e) To <b>RESOLVE</b> to pay the Clerks December salary and PAYE, to be circulated by email and approved. (No meeting in January) <b>Proposed by Cllr Smith seconded by Cllr G Martin with all in favour.</b> f) To <b>RESOLVE</b> to pay D Masters £118.05, invoice for hand driers in public toilets. <b>Proposed by Cllr Bellringer seconded by Cllr G Martin with all in favour.</b>	
22	<b>Any Other Business.</b> None	
23	<b>Items for the next agenda.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Casual Vacancies</li> <li>• VE Day</li> </ul>	
24	<b>Date of next meeting.</b> The next meeting of St Mabyn Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 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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