

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 February 2025 commencing at 7.30pm.

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

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

There were 3 members of the public present.

Item No		Action By
1	Apologies. Apologies from Cllr J Bellringer	
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. The Clerk had received one application from a resident new to the Parish, who does not meet the criteria of residing in the Parish for 12 months.	
5	Unitary Councillor's Report. Cllr Moorcroft said that there are flooding issues at Dinhams and Cross Hill which have been reported to Highways. The new Jubilee Bin has been installed by the Community Shop. Cllr Moorcroft has met with Jon Groves, Chapelfield, who will attend the March PC meeting. There is a scheduled Levelling Up funding meeting with the Community Shop and the Village Hall. Regarding the S106 money for Affordable Housing, Cornwall Council has vetoed the purchase of two of the Chapelfield properties for social rent. At the recent CAP meeting a talk was given by Community Transport.	
6	Public Participation. Two members of the public, from St Breward, spoke about the Community Bus that comes through St Mabyn three times a month, and takes passengers to Trago, Truro and Wadebridge. It is a very important community service but is running at a loss because the number of passengers has diminished. There are also less people volunteering to drive the bus. The Committee for the bus is asking for help in increasing the number of people from St Mabyn using the bus – advertising etc. The Committee would also like to add a representative from St Mabyn Parish Council. The Chairman said that this is something that can be considered after the May elections. A third member of the public wished to answer questions, if any, about planning application PA25/00516 on the agenda. With the permission of the Members the Chairman brought Item 9 forward.	
7	Response to Public Participation. Not applicable	
9	Planning a) Planning applications received before the agenda was finalised: None b) Planning applications received after the agenda was published: PA25/00516, Burlerrow, Wadebridge Road, St Mabyn, Bodmin. Roofing of existing	

	<p>cattle feed barn. This is a retrospective planning application to replace an old building. The plans had been circulated and, following discussion, it was RESOLVED to support the application, proposed by Cllr G Martin, seconded by Cllr Chadwick with all in favour.</p> <p>c) Planning decisions received from Cornwall Council: None</p> <p>d) Cornwall Council Housing Representative and S106 money. Already covered.</p> <p>e) Other planning matters. None</p>	
8	<p>Chapelfield.</p> <p>Cllr Ashton asked about the Environment Agency situation. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to all agencies, including the MP Ben Maguire and Dan Rogerson. Cllr Moorcroft will ask the EA for an update.</p>	Clerk RM
10	<p>Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd December 2024.</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, but the Clerk pointed out that a bank statement (2001) for the old Neighbourhood Watch Scheme had been handed to her. The Clerk will make enquiries as to whether this account is still live.</p>	Clerk
12	<p>Village Hall. Now at the stage of planning for the new meeting room. It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council will pay for the submission of the planning application, proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Bray with all in favour.</p>	Clerk
13	<p>Longstone. The Clerk reported that the Telephone Kiosk has received a coat of paint and will have a second coat in the Spring.</p>	
14	<p>King George V Playing Field. The Clerk has made enquiries with Wicksteed Leisure about a tyre swing and is still waiting for a quote but has also contacted Kompan Play who has said it will quote for a replacement.</p> <p>The mower has had a new battery.</p> <p>The Chairman said that the Council is not going to be moved on a decision about the Lime tree, which the Tree Report supports is in good condition. It was reported that some branches have already been taken off without permission and these are lying in the field. It was agreed that the ground surrounding the area of the Lime tree is in a dreadful state and the Clerk will write and ask that this is reinstated , to its former state as soon as possible, as per the agreement and permission for the soak away works.</p> <p>Cllr Bray asked for an update on the Netball/Basketball Hoop and was told that this is in hand.</p>	Clerk Clerk
15	<p>Cemetery.</p> <p>The Clerk has made contact regarding the disabled access and this is being escalated. It is hoped to have more information at the next PC meeting.</p>	Clerk
16	<p>Footpaths. It was reported that the footpath at Chapelfield is open and accessible. Tim Pitt has reported that the Service has cut one of the footpaths and there is bracken etc. which needs to be taken away, asked if the farmer would be willing to help with this. The Clerk will ask Tim for the location of the debris (what3words).</p>	Clerk
17	<p>Highway Matters. It was reported that the signpost for the Crossroads needs a final paint and then volunteers needed to help put it back up next week.</p> <p>The signpost at Highgates is leaning and will be put upright with postcrete.</p>	
18	<p>Car Parks and Toilets.</p> <p>Several cars have been parked in both car parks for a long period of time and have not been used or moved, although on checking, they are taxed. This will be looked into.</p>	

	The Clerk will make enquiries about EVs for the main car park. Cllr Masters has installed the hand driers in the public toilets.	Clerk
19	VE Day 8th May 2025. The Clerk will inform the Pageant Master that the Parish Council intends to light a Lamp of Peace at St Mabyn Inn and there will be a celebration.	
20	Correspondence a) Police Report. Noted b) St Mabyn Peace Memorial Hall Newsletter. Noted c) Consultation on Cornwall Interim Policy Position Statement. Noted d) Email from SWW re tankering increases in St Mabyn. The Clerk will ask why, if only two houses are occupied, tankering needs to be done. A more specific plan is required. e) It was agreed to apply for the field behind the school to become a Community Asset.	Clerk Clerk
21	Finance a) Payments. It was RESOLVED to ratify the December 2024 payments for the Clerk's salary and HMRC, proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr G Martin with all in favour. It was RESOLVED to make the payments for January 2025 proposed by Cllr G Smith, seconded by Cllr G Martin with all in favour of the following: Online – L Coles, Clerk's January salary, office and expenses Online – HMRC, Clerk's January PAYE and Employer NIC Online – St Mabyn Village Hall, salary for cleaner etc. - £385.00 Online – St Mabyn Village Hall, Hire of hall - £40.00 Online – St Mabyn Village Hall, cleaning materials for toilets - £34.19 Online – D Masters, second hand drier for public toilets - £54.87 Online – Glasdon UK Ltd, new jubilee bin for village - £564.77 Online – WesternWeb Ltd, Annual renewal for website etc. - £96.00 Online – Masons Kings, new battery for mower - £85.12 Direct Debit – Monthly account charge, Unity Trust Bank - £6.00 b) RECEIPTS – R J Bray & Son, cemetery fees, £900. Noted. c) Bank Reconciliation (Circulated to Members). It was RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliations for December 2024 and January 2025 proposed by Cllr R Martin, seconded by Cllr Bray with all in favour.	
22	Any Other Business. None	
23	Items for the next agenda.	
24	Date of next meeting. The next meeting of St Mabyn Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 4 th March 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 8.55pm.

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

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