

St Martin – By - Looe Parish Council

MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AT 7.15PM.

HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd APRIL 2025 AT NO MAN’S LAND MEMORIAL HALL.

Attended by:

Chairman: Robert Henly.

Vice-Chair: Roberta Powley.

Parish Councillors: Barbara Reynolds, Andrea Lankston, Jill Spicer.

Simon Lawes, David Keeble.

Mr Charles Hyde, Clerk and Proper Officer of the Council.

County Councillor Armand Toms.

The Annual Parish Meeting.

Agenda Item 1: Apologies for absence.

PCSO David Billing.

Agenda Item 2: Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting.

2.1.1: Minutes for the Annual Parish Meeting held on 4th April 2024.

Approved at the 9th May 2024 meeting.

Agenda Item 3: St Martin by Looe Parish Council - Chairman’s Report 2025.

The highlight of the year is that the 40mph speed limit through the village of No Mans Land on the B3253 has been finally introduced. This has taken years of lobbying and hopefully will slow the traffic down and make it much safer for pedestrians and other road users. The only regret is the shortness of the length of road covered and a return to a 50mph limit before the next bad corner where several accidents have occurred. We will continue to lobby for the extension of the 40mph speed limit all the way to Looe.

The road surface improvements have now been completed on the B3253 from Tregoad Hill through to No Man’s Land along with drainage improvements in No Man’s Land. The next period of heavy rain will show the effects of these improvements! The road markings have been re-done on the new surfaces including ‘dragon’s teeth ‘at either end of the speed restrictions. Both Bus Stops have also now been re-marked.

There are continuing problems with potholes and flooding on the roads in the parish. If you can let the Clerk know an exact location, he will report it to Cormac, and they usually attend fairly promptly. There have also been several incidences of fly tipping.

Millendreath. The new owners of the resort attended our February 2025 meeting and presented their proposals for redeveloping the site over the next few years. No planning applications have yet been made so watch this space. There are continuing concerns about the erosion of the cliff face undermining the road at the eastern side of the beach. Councillor Lawes and Cornwall Councillor Armand Toms have been monitoring the situation. The council are still very concerned about the lack of adequate toilets but hopefully this will be resolved when the proposed developments are carried out.

A Service of Remembrance was held in the Memorial Hall in November, and I laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

My thanks to PCSO Dave Billings for his attendance and regular updates of crime levels in the parish at council meetings. Thankfully reported crime levels in the parish remain low.

My thanks go to my fellow Councillors for their support over the year. I know many of you are seeking re-election at the upcoming elections and I wish you every success. My thanks to Councillors Lankston and Spicer who are standing down for their input into council decision making.

A very special thank you to County Councillor Armand Toms who is retiring at the upcoming election. Armand has been a tremendous support to us in this parish, the town of Looe and the

wider SE Cornwall community. He has given a voice to South East Cornwall in Truro and keeps them aware of the problems at this end of the county where we often feel forgotten. He has campaigned tirelessly over road improvements to the A38 and the added costs to the community of the Tamar Bridge Tolls. He will be greatly missed, and he richly deserves his retirement. He will be very hard act to follow!

Finally, I extend a very big thank you on behalf of myself and all the councillors to our Clerk Charles for all his hard work to ensure the smooth running of the council, for his work in producing the quarterly newsletters for the parish and his efficiency in running the website. Robert Henly 03/04/2025.

Agenda Item 4: Reports from other organisations in the Parish:

No Man's Land Village Hall Chairmans Report - We have had another busy year at the Hall, Jumble sales, Bingo, Flower show and our monthly produce sales. We have had some new events, amongst them a Games Night, which was well attended, and we are always open to suggestions from residents for anything they would like to see at the Hall. (just contact a committee member). We welcomed Rob as a new committee member, and we are delighted to have a small team of volunteers we can also call upon. We are still popular for regular and private bookings; all the allotments are taken up and we still get an income from residents using our car park. We are hoping for a return visit from 'The Burraton Boys' and our big charity Jumble sale in the autumn is in aid of a small, but amazing, charity called Refuge for Pets, they help to foster out pets whose owners are escaping domestic abuse. We have formed a small 'shadow committee' to cover absences by the main Committee officers, this ensures the smooth running of the Hall. We continue to keep up a regular schedule of maintenance to keep the Hall in tip-top condition. On a personal level, I would like to give a heartfelt thankyou to the hardworking Committee as without them the Hall would cease to be. The Hall is a vital community hub and is run by volunteers. We ask only for support from the community, and we would welcome anyone to join us. Kind regards Tracy Chudleigh Committee Chairman No Man's Land Village Hall.

Agenda Item 5: Matters raised by Parishioners for further discussion and possible Action:

Nothing raised.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.23pm.

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Attended by:

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Vice-Chair: Roberta Powley.
Parish Councillors: Barbara Reynolds, Andrea Lankston.
Simon Lawes. David Keeble & Jill Spicer.
County Councillor Armand Toms.
Charles Hyde, Parish Clerk & Proper Officer of the Council.

Public Question Time and Councillors Comments on Declared Interests:

Mark Gibbons - Independent Candidate for the East Looe Constituency in the Cornwall County election introduced himself.

Agenda Item 1: Declarations of Interest:

None declared.

Agenda Item 2: Apologies for absence:

PCSO David Billing.

Agenda Item 3: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting:

3.1.1: Minutes for the Parish Meeting held on 6th March 2025 It was proposed by Councillor Reynolds, seconded by Councillor Lawes and agreed unanimously that they be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Agenda Item 4: Planning Applications:

None received.

Agenda Item 5: Planning Decisions received by the date of the meeting:

5.1.1: Application No: PA25/00080.

Proposal: Proposed construction of a self-contained annexe.

Location: Trefrome Cottage, St Martin by Looe, Cornwall.

Applicant: Ms. Lucia Ratcliffe.

Grid Ref: 228016 / 54609.

Cornwall Council's Decision: Application withdrawn.

Agenda Item 6: Planning Matters:

None received.

6.2: Correspondence:

Forwarded by email where possible.

7.1.1: Summary of Accounts.

Reconciled balances date 26/03/25.

Opening Bank Balances 1 st April 2024	£25,227.05
Income to date	£13,846.18
Expenditure to date	£13,352.55
Balance to date	£25,720.68

7.2: Accounts paid in March 2025.

Cheque No	Organisation	Amount
BACS	CF Hyde – Clerks February 2025 Internet package & expenses.	50.00
BACS	Cornwall Council - Clerks Salary February 2025.	722.93
BACS	HP Instant Ink (Monthly subscription) paid by C Hyde	5.49
BACS	A Chudleigh – Grass cutting, weeding, bus shelter tidy up	700.00
		Total
		1478.42

7.3: Income in March 2025.

5-Mar-25	B Reynolds HANDMAN AD REVENUE	April	£	30.00
26-Mar-25	Bank Interest	April	£	38.69
26-Mar-25	Bank Interest	April	£	3.81
		Total	£	72.50

It was proposed by Councillor Keeble, seconded by Councillor Lankston that Items 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3 are ratified. ALL AGREED.

7.4: Requests for Funding received by date of meeting

None received.

7.5: Receipts and letters of thanks received by the date of the meeting.

None received.

7.6: Financial Business.

7.6.1: Annual Audit – Certificate of Exemption – Signed by the Chairman and will be returned to the Auditors after this meeting, and before the deadline of 30th June 2025.

7.7.1: Accounts to be paid in April 2025.

It was proposed by Vice Chairman Powley, seconded by Councillor Lankston that the following be authorised for payment. ALL AGREED.

Cheque No	Organisation	Amount
BACS	CF Hyde – Clerks March 2025 Internet package & expenses.	101.50
BACS	Cornwall Council - Clerks Salary March 2025.	722.93
BACS	HP Instant Ink (Monthly subscription) paid by C Hyde	5.49
BACS	CALC Annual Subscription	270.28
BACS	Jason Jay – Millendreath Defib donation	300.00
BACS	Bleed Control – Annual Maintenance Contract	48.00
BACS	McAfee Live Safe Premium Plus Subscription	129.99
BACS	Adobe Systems Acrobat Export PDF (needed for magazine adverts)	21.14
BACS	Cornwall Council – Magazine Print cost	72.66
		Total
		1671.99

Agenda Item 8: Reports on Matters arising from the Minutes.

8.1.1: Bucklawren Road Flooding – In the exceptional heavy rain the road has flooded again, work to clear field pipes is needed. The Clerk reported this to Cormac who agreed work needed to be carried out. Ref W252112760. The Clerk reported again and has been informed the work has been completed.

Discussions ensued, and Councillor Reynolds informed the Clerk that the field drains have not been cleared, she will send photos to the Clerk the next time the road floods.

8.1.2: Holland Road Potholes – Opened up again by the hall. The Clerk reported to Cormac who agreed work needed to be carried out. Ref W252112759.

Work has now been carried out, (see 9.1.1).

8.1.3: Kilmartin – 150 tons of soil have been removed from the site to create a soakaway, however concerns have been raised that the proposed plan will lead to water draining onto the road and cliff, possibly speeding up erosion of the cliffs.

The Clerk has spoken Will Glassup from Cormac who is revisiting the plans to ensure no breaches have taken place that could cause run off onto the highway.

Agenda Item 9: Business received after publication of agenda:

9.1.1: Holland Road, resurfacing – The roads in the Holland Road estate will be resurfaced on 14th April 2025.

Agenda Item 10: New Business:

None received.

Agenda Item 11: Around the table:

Councillor Reynolds:

Potholes forming on the way to the Monkey Sanctuary – Not deep enough yet but has asked Councillor Keeble to monitor as they are close to his home.

Councillor Lawes:

Defibrillator serviced – and in good working order. Training was well attended. With the surplus funds raised a new Life Ring and Float has been purchased.

Road Drains – All cleaned but no suction was used.

Councillor Keeble:

Monkey Sanctuary Closed to the public – It would be useful if the brown signs and the sign from the B3253 stated the closure.

The Clerk to contact The Monkey Sanctuary.

Councillor Spicer:

Nothing raised.

Councillor Lankston:

Nothing raised.

Vice Chair Powley:

Nothing raised.

The Chairman:

Pothole outside Pethick Farm – The Clerk will report to Cormac.

County Councillor Armand Toms:

Has been in office since 2005 – It's been a pleasure to serve the community. The Chairman presented Councillor Toms with a retirement gift.

Date and Time of Next Meetings: 15th May 2025, **Annual Parish Meeting** at 7.15pm followed by **The Parish Council Meeting** at 7.30pm at the No Man's Land Memorial Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.