

St Martin – By - Looe Parish Council

MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT 7.30PM HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd JULY 2025 AT NO MAN'S LAND MEMORIAL HALL.

Attended by:

Chairman: Robert Henly.

Vice Chairman: Roberta Powley.

Parish Councillors: Barbara Reynolds, Louise Western,

David Keeble, Paul Matthews, Simon Lawes.

Charles Hyde, Parish Clerk & Proper Officer of the Council.

County Councillor, Mark Gibbons.

Public Question Time and Councillors Comments on Declared Interests:

Property owner of The Spinney, Re: Millendreath Beach Resort, Application.

The Parish Council were made aware of the potential access issues the Millendreath Beach Resort planning application could have on their property due the siting of seven units next to their property, The Spinney. They have been in conversation with the developers and discussions continue. This was confirmed by Mr. Spencer Hicks GM from Valley Resorts who has attended this meeting.

Millendreath Beach Resorts Planning Application.

Valley Resorts – Mr. Spencer Hicks was invited by The Chairman to take to the floor to update the Parish Council on the progress of the Planning Application for Millendreath Beach Resort.

Items discussed related to:

Residents Parking – Discussions currently taking place with Cornwall Council and a promise of funding for a Residents Parking Scheme.

Ongoing ecological surveys – Some still to be completed.

Extension to the Planning decision – to allow time to continue working with the Environment Agency.

South West Water – talks ongoing to agree a timeline for the start and completion of the development. Agreement has been reached in principle for the upgrades of the sewage systems covering the area. This was also confirmed by Mr. Matt Way, General Manager of Tregoad Holiday Park who are also dealing with and have paid considerable sums of money to SWW for a connection upgrade which will now take place in December 2025 after a 2 ½ year wait.

South West Coastal Footpath – some concerns have been raised that the path is to be rerouted, this is not the case, only a small change will be made to the river crossing moving it upstream by approx. 2m.

Beach Parking – there will still be 100 spaces for beach users in the scheme, these will be chargeable as they are now, and additional signage is planned to try to prevent parking on the double yellow lines. A disabled car park will be placed where the beach café currently stands which should prevent blue badge users parking on the yellow lines.

Reopening of the bridleway No 630/1/1 to Bodigga Cliff – this has been agreed in principal and it is hoped to get agreement to reroute the path to avoid the blockage at the Summercourt cottages end of the path.

Jetty repairs and cliff netting – To be carried out to make the beach safer.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Hicks for the update.

Agenda Item 1: Declarations of Interest:

4.1.1.	Councillor Lawes	Personal	Resident.
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Agenda Item 2: Apologies for absence:

PCSO David Billing. (Report sent by email).

Agenda Item 3: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting:

3.1.1: Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th June 2025 It was proposed by Vice Chairman Powley, seconded by Councillor Reynolds 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:

4.1.1: Application PA25/03028.

Proposal: Re-development of existing beach resort to create new flood alleviation channel, replacement of 103 units of holiday accommodation (existing and extant) and the addition of up to 87 units of holiday accommodation. Construction of a restaurant building, a central facilities building, a tennis court, car parking, passing places, re-alignment of the coastal path, hard and soft landscaping, fixed surface infrastructure and other associated works.

Location: Millendreath Holiday Village, Millendreath, Looe, Cornwall.

Applicant: Mr. Spencer Hicks, Orange Valley Resorts Ltd.

Grid Ref: 226832 / 54122.

Parish Council's Decision: Discussion ensued, including the status of the already approved three planning applications, following which the application was **Approved 6 – 0**. Proposed by The Chairman, Seconded by Councillor Matthews. Agreed 6 – 0 (Councillor Keeble abstained).

With the following conditions

A section 106 be included to protect the well-being of the existing residents of the valley, particularly on the East side of the valley.

1. There needs to be a 'Residents Only Parking Scheme' funded by the developer on the east side of May Lane from the current properties to the beach. The West side double yellow lines need to be policed; this is essential for access to emergency vehicles particularly in the summer season. This should be in place before any development takes place.
2. No construction work within the woodland shall take place until all the ecological studies/surveys have been completed and any recommendations implemented.
3. The badly damaged and dangerous outfall jetty needs to be repaired and the eroding cliffs netted to protect beach users.
4. The existing properties on the East side need the sewage arrangement to continue without disturbance, during the construction and connection to the upgraded Plaidy pumping station at no cost to them.
5. The South West Coast Path should continue on its existing route with only minor changes to allow safe crossing of the stream slightly further down.
6. The bridleway No 630/1/1 needs to be reinstated on the East side of the valley from Millendreath to Summercourt Cottages, with a possible reroute through or around Bay View Farm to avoid the blockage caused by buildings constructed in the past. This would help reduce vehicle usage as another safe footpath to the beach would be welcomed.
7. The Spinney on May Lane needs to have its access routes protected from parking caused by the 7 units to be constructed at that end of the woodland.

All of these items have been discussed and agreed by the applicants and have been included in the Parish Council Minutes for June 2025 and July 2025.

4.1.2: Application PA25/04171.

Proposal: Change of use application for the change from 'Holiday Accommodation' to permanent 'Domestic Accommodation' for residential use.

Location: Brambles, Kellow, Looe, Cornwall.

Applicant: Mr. Graham Parr.

Grid Ref: 226644 / 54220.

Parish Council's Decision: **Approved. 7 – 0**. Proposed by Vice Chairman Powley, seconded by Councillor Keeble.

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

None received.

Agenda Item 6: Planning Matters: None received.**6.2: Correspondence:**

Forwarded by email where possible.

7.1.1: Summary of Accounts.**Reconciled balances date 25/06/2025.**

Opening Bank Balances 1 st April 2025	£25,655.80
Income to date	£7,000.59
Expenditure to date	£3,544.76
Balance to date	£29,111.63

7.2: Accounts paid in June 2025.

Cheque No	Organisation	Amount
BACS	CF Hyde – Clerks May 2025 Internet package & expenses.	50.00
BACS	Cornwall Council - Clerks Salary May 2025.	767.92
BACS	HP Instant Ink (Monthly subscription) paid by C Hyde	6.49
SO	Bank Service Charges	4.25
BACS	Ansvar Insurance (Annual Premium)	470.76
BACS	WesternWeb (Email hosting annual fee)	86.40
	Total	1385.82

7.3: Income in June 2025.

17-Jun-25	R Bray AD REVENUE		£	45.00
12-Jun-25	S Griffiths AD REVENUE		£	60.00
16-Jun-25	Moon and Bean AD REVENUE		£	30.00
9-Jun-25	Ashley Bowen AD REVENUE		£	20.00
25-Jun-25	Bank Interest		£	18.48
		Total	£	173.48

It was proposed by Councillor Reynolds, seconded by councillor Lawes 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.**7.7.1: Accounts to be paid in July 2025.**

It was proposed by Councillor Keeble, seconded by Councillor Matthews that the following be authorised for payment.

Cheque No	Organisation	Amount
BACS	CF Hyde – Clerks June 2025 Internet package & expenses.	50.00
BACS	Cornwall Council - Clerks Salary June 2025.	767.92
BACS	HP Instant Ink (Monthly subscription) paid by C Hyde. Additional pages needed in June.	13.49
SO	Bank Service Charges	4.25
BACS	Cornwall Council Magazine Printing	72.66
BACS	Western Web Email domain 2 years subscription	30.00
	Total	938.32

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

8.1.1: B3253 raised manhole covers – BT Manhole covers have not been reinstated properly. The Clerk reported to Cormac. Reference: W252124941.

The Chairman informed the Council these are still a problem – The Clerk to contact Cormac.

Agenda Item 9: Business received after publication of agenda: None received.

Agenda Item 10: New Business: None received.

Agenda Item 11: Around the table:

Councillor Reynolds:

Parking at No: 6 Bucklawren Road – This has started again causing visibility issues. The Clerk to contact PCSO Dave Billing.

Field Gate layby – the farmer has filled this area again to prevent parking blocking the gate.

CAP Meeting – attended by Councillor Reynolds and Vice Chair Powley. Disorganised and difficult to follow.

Councillor Western:

Nothing raised.

Councillor Keeble:

Nothing raised.

Councillor Lawes:

May Lane – overhanging trees causing the lane to be like a tunnel, these need cutting back. The Clerk to report to Cormac.

Councillor Matthews:

Nothing raised.

Vice Chair Powley:

Nothing raised.

The Chairman:

Nothing raised.

County Councillor Mark Gibbons:

Updated Members as to his appointments to various committees in Cornwall Council, including The Sustainable committee and Vice Chair of the East Cornwall Planning committee.

The next full Cornwall Council meeting is due in July.

Sandplace Road repairs – pilling is required to stabilise the road, this will take much longer than at first planned, as a result a traffic management scheme with traffic lights will continue to be used until the work is completed.

PCSO Dave Billing

Police Report: - Please will you pass on my apologies for not being able to attend the meeting on Thursday, due to other commitments during the day. I shall attend the meeting in September as I am on a late shift.

During June 2025 there were three crimes reported to the Devon and Cornwall Police within the Parish, these were:

2 x Burglary dwellings. 1 x Residential which is still under investigation and the other on Looe Bay Holiday Park which has been closed.

1 x Common Assault.

We have carried out several patrols of the Parish including some on foot.

I am looking at holding a surgery within the parish soon, this will be for anyone to attend if they have issues or simply want to say hello. When dates are known I shall advertise them on Looe Police Facebook page.

If any issues are raised at the meeting that require Police involvement, please send me the details.

Date and Time of Next Meetings: 4th September 2025, **The Parish Council Meeting** at 7.30pm at the No Man's Land Memorial Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.38pm.