

St Martin – By - Looe Parish Council

MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT 7.30PM HELD ON THURSDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 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.

PCSO David Billing.

Public Question Time and Councillors Comments on Declared Interests:

None received.

Agenda Item 1: Declarations of Interest:

None declared.

Agenda Item 2: Apologies for absence:

All present.

Agenda Item 3: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting:

3.1.1: Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting held on 3RD July 2025 It was proposed by Councillor Reynolds, seconded by Councillor Keeble, 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: PA25/03104.

Location: Looe Country Park Caravan & Campsite, Bucklawren Road, No Mans Land, Looe.

Proposal Certificate of lawfulness for proposed stationing of additional static caravans for year-round occupation in place of touring caravans across the whole of Looe Country Park Caravan and Campsite

Applicant: Jill Spicer

Cornwall Council Decision: Refused.

Agenda Item 6: Planning Matters:

None received.

6.2: Correspondence:

Forwarded by email where possible.

7.1.1: Summary of Accounts.

Reconciled balances date 27/08/2025.

Opening Bank Balances 1 st April 2025	£25,655.80
Income to date	£7,076.63
Expenditure to date	£5,302.25
Balance to date	£27,430.18

7.2: Accounts paid in July 2025.

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

7.3: Income in July/August 2025.

14-Jul-25	Tregoad AD REVENUE		£	20.00
30-Jul-25	West Looe Bookshop - Maps for RNLI		£	10.00
27-Aug-25	Bank Interest		£	46.04
		Total	£	76.04

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

7.4: Requests for Funding received by date of meeting

7.4.1: Cornwall Air Ambulance – Annual appeal (Last year we gave £100).

Discussions ensued and it was proposed by The Chairman, seconded by Vice Chairman Powley to donate £100 again this year. ALL AGREED.

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

None received.

7.6. Financial Business

7.6.1: External Auditor Report – Audit complete and no issues raised other than a small carried forward error on the Asset Register which does not affect its accuracy.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for completing the Audit on time and for its accuracy.

7.7.1: Accounts to be paid in August/September 2025.

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

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SO	Bank Service Charge	4.25
DD	Information Commissioner – Data Protection annual fee	47.00
BACS	Honorarium External Audit Fee - to be donated to a Wildlife Charity	100.00
BACS	Cornwall Air Ambulance - donation	100.00
	Total	1911.32

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

8.1.1: May Lane Trees overhanging – reported and work carried out.

Agenda Item 9: Business received after publication of agenda:

None received.

Agenda Item 10: New Business:

10.1.1: No Man's Land Housing site – request for a Teams meeting with Chairman and Vice Chairman from Alexandra Carr, Community Animateur, Cornwall Rural Community Charity, this request came after the Clerk submitted the site for consideration.

Discussions ensued and it was agreed to ask for a face-to-face meeting, the Clerk to contact Alexandra Carr.

10.1.2: Road Closure - Location: B3253 From Junction South of Cleese Farm to St Martins Road, St Martin.

Timing: 8th October 2025 to 9th October 2025 (09:30 to 15:30).

10.2.3: Needs Budget for Cornwall – Refer to the leaflet supplied and discuss.

What they would like us to do:

- 1) Disseminate the attached leaflet to every member of your council; - Done.
- 2) Put "Needs budget for Cornwall" on your next agenda; - Done.
- 3) Consider formally supporting this campaign; - Not at present, will consider the information supplied further and revisit if required.
- 3) Send a delegation to the lobby at County Hall, Truro on September 16 (8.30am). – No.

Agenda Item 11: Around the table:

Councillor Reynolds:

Buses – reliability – Councillor Reynolds was informed by a parishioner that on a recent trip back from Plymouth the bus left the city over an hour late. County Councillor Mark Gibbons explained the was probably due to running late on its previous journey.

Mark continued to inform members present that he has had extensive talks with GoBus and the Portfolio Member responsible for transport at Cornwall Council about the rerouting of the 73, Unfortunately GoBus will not change their mind as they continue to say it is not financial viable to run on the route through No Man's Land and that it was only running on that route on a temporary basis anyway.

Mark discussed the parishes coming together to arrange a Community Bus service, maybe once or twice a week, with possible sponsorship arrangements with local businesses / holiday parks helping with the cost.

Councillor Western:

Passing Places on Bucklawren Road – Spaces are getting smaller as the road width reduces.

The Clerk explained this is an ongoing problem due to the roads not being ploughed out anymore or the drains cleared properly, this is due to cuts in the road maintenance budget, the Clerk will however report to Cormac.

Councillor Keeble:

Nothing raised.

Councillor Lawes:

Millendreath – An eventful summer, parking horrendous all summer, newspaper article and additional signage has helped, but also hindered residents, who have now been offered free parking by Valley Resorts if space available.

Entertainment at the Café and Pizza Bar has at times been overbearing with extremely loud music going on all day up to 10pm. Valley Resorts stepped in following complaints and cancelled the film showings and have had volumes reduced.

Sadly, the only working toilet for the beach, Café, Pizza Bar is a single port-a-loo as the facilities in the café have not been maintained.

Kilmartin – the new house is being constructed, the roof design specified by Cornwall Council is overbearing and does not fit with the existing architecture in nearby buildings.

In conclusion, attempts to control parking and reduce noise has upset some residents and as a result malicious rumours have been circulated amongst the community.

Councillor Matthews:

Nothing raised.

Vice Chair Powley:

Holland Road Estate roads – The unfinished roads on the estate are now turning into mini lakes, the Clerk to contact Cormac.

Community Garden - Appeal for funds to continues maintaining the gardens. Top soil, manure and compost all needed and both benches to be treated and repainted.

Discussions ensued and County Councillor Mark Gibbons suggested the community apply to his Community Fund for a donation. The Clerk to email Mark.

The Parish Council have agreed to donate £32 towards the bench maintenance, £26 plus VAT.

The Chairman:

Manhole by No: 1 Bucklawren Road – The manhole cover is sinking into the road and is now causing problems – The Clerk to report to Cormac.

Christmas Light up – Councillor Reynolds said it is planned for the first Saturday in December, which is the 6th December.

County Councillor Mark Gibbons:

Community Fund – It looks like this is the last year for the Community Fund.

Cornwall 5th Nation – Cornwall Council is pursuing its application for Cornwall to be given its own nation status; this could result in increased funding for the county as currently Cornwall falls well behind most of the country.

Saltash Tunnel – The work is entering its most disruptive stage, GWR are running additional trains to Plymouth from Saltash during this time.

South West Water Upgrades – Hessenford will see road closures and traffic controls and some disruption during these works.

A387 – The stabilisation works are starting in October; there will be disruption to traffic in the Looe area throughout the works.

Extraordinary Weather – The heavy rainfall has resulted in a lot of flooding and road contamination, Downton was particularly hit hard with flooding and property damage.

PCSO Dave Billing:

Police Report – A peaceful summer was had in Looe with very few issues, much quieter now the school holidays are over.

Within the Parish during August there were two crimes reported, criminal damage and an assault.

Date and Time of Next Meetings: 2nd October 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 8.32pm.