

St Martin – By - Looe Parish Council

MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT 7.30PM.
HELD ON THURSDAY 5th MARCH 2026 AT NO MAN'S LAND MEMORIAL HALL.

Attended by:

Vice Chair: Roberta Powley.
Parish Councillors: Barbara Reynolds, Louise Western,
David Keeble, Paul Matthews, Simon Lawes.
County Councillor, Mark Gibbons.
Charles Hyde, Parish Clerk & Proper Officer of the Council.
PCSO Dave Billing.

Public Question Time and Councillors Comments on Declared Interests:

Nothing raised or declared.

Agenda Item 1: Declarations of Interest:

None declared.

Agenda Item 2: Apologies for absence:

Chair: Robert Henly.

Agenda Item 3: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting:

3.1.1: Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th February 2026 It was proposed by Councillor Keeble, seconded by Councillor Matthews 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 (including a replacement sea wall).

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

Applicant: Mr Spencer Hicks, Orange Valley Resorts Ltd.

Grid Ref: 226832 / 54122.

Parish Councils Decision: **Approved** by delegated authority, following email consultation.

Update: The Parish Council has received a 5 day protocol from the Planning Officer.

The email has been shared with all Parish Councillors, and a meeting has also taken place with Councillor Lawes and the applicant, which has also been shared.

He respectfully requests that your Council consider the following options as set out within the Protocol for Local Councils:

1. Agree with my recommendation.
2. Agree to disagree.
3. Having made strong planning reasons maintain your objection for the proposal against my recommendation and request that the application is determined by the Planning Committee. In this circumstance it will be important for a representative from your Council to attend and speak at the

Planning Committee meeting to enable the Members to fully understand your Council's strong planning reasons for proposing a decision that is contrary to that of the case officer.

Parish Council's Response: The Parish Council approved option 1. To agree with the Planning Officers recommendation.

This was proposed by Councillor Lawes and seconded by Councillor Keeble. ALL AGREED.

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 24/02/2026.

Opening Bank Balances 1 st April 2025	£25,655.80
Income to date	£14,200.59
Expenditure to date	£12,661.95
Balance to date	£27,194.44

7.2: Accounts paid in February 2026.

Payment type	Organisation	Amount
BACS	CF Hyde – Clerks January 2026 Internet package.	50.00
BACS	Cornwall Council - Clerks Salary January 2026.	767.92
BACS	HP Instant Ink (Monthly subscription) (Paid by C Hyde).	6.49
SO	Bank Service Charges	4.25
BACS	Bleed Control – Annual Maintenance Charge	48.00
	Total	876.66

7.3: Income in February 2026.

None received.

It was proposed by Councillor Matthews, 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.

7.6: Financial Business.

None received.

7.7.1: Accounts to be paid in March 2026.

It was proposed by Councillor Western, seconded by Councillor Lawes that the following be authorised for payment. ALL AGREED.

Payment type	Organisation	Amount
BACS	CF Hyde – Clerks February 2026 Internet package.	50.00
BACS	Cornwall Council - Clerks Salary February 2026.	767.92
BACS	HP Instant Ink (Monthly subscription) (Paid by C Hyde).	6.49
SO	Bank Service Charges	4.25
BACS	Adobe – Annual subscription (Paid by C Hyde)	21.24
	Total	849.90

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

8.1.1: Millendreath Panning Application – Residents and owners are asking if any progress is being made to the Planning Application for the redevelopment of the holiday village. The Clerk will try to find out.

Revised application received and approved by delegated authority.

Discussed during 4.1.1.

8.1.2: Potholes on Bucklawren Road – between 3-4 large pothole need attention. The Clerk reported to Cormac, who inspected the potholes and stated they did not need attention at this time.

Update – some have been done, but many more will need attention.

8.1.3: Tregoad Hill – The new tarmac is lifting in several places, The Clerk to reported to Cormac, who claim to have made the road surface safe, however no further repair work is needed at this time.

8.1.4: Treveria Farm Lane – Unsuitable for vehicle signs. William Galssup has confirmed they will be erected once all the emergency repairs from the effects of three named storms has been completed.

Agenda Item 9: Business received after publication of agenda:

9.1.1: April Meeting Date – The Chair has asked if we would change the date to 9th April as he cannot attend on 2nd.

Discussion ensued and it was agreed to move the April meeting to the 9th April.

9.1.2: Copyright infringement – We have been sent a fine for copyright infringement for a picture used in an advertisement in the Winter 2023 and Spring 2024 Parish magazines. It is quite possible the Clerk made up the advertisement as sometimes he is asked to do that, on this occasion he cannot remember the circumstances around this advert.

The fine is for £510.

The Clerk has appealed the case as he is normally very careful with copyright issues, he has explained this is a community non-profit making publication and has asked for the fine to be reconsidered. He is currently awaiting the outcome of the appeal.

Discussions ensued and County Councillor Mark Gibbons advised The Clerk there are many scams around regarding Copyright Infringement and suggested we seek legal advice. He also asked for The Clerk to send him all documentation.

Agenda Item 10: New Business:

None received.

Agenda Item 11: Around the table:

Councillor Reynolds:

Bus Pass Issue – Resolved, following contact with the Ombudsman, who informed Cornwall Council to pay for the child's bus pass due to unsuitable walking routes and a bust A road.

Councillor Keeble:

Nothing raised.

Councillor Lawes:

May Lane flooding – Following the last storm May Lane was flooded and impassable for a few days, damaging and potentially writing off two cars and motorbikes, despite several attempts by Cormac to clear the gully it wasn't until heavy equipment was sent to the job that the gully was eventually cleared and the flooding ceased. This issue needs to be monitored more regularly than it currently is, and the gully cleared to prevent a recurrence.

Councillor Matthews:

Road Sweeper request – The road from Penvith to The Monkey Sanctuary could do with a visit from the road sweeper.

Councillor Western:

Police closure of the B3253 – The variation of the timings of the closure were not well advertised and chaos was caused, resulting in school children been left waiting for parents to collect them, and also confusion to all road users as to what, and when it was closed.

County Councillor Mark Gibbons said this issue has been raised with the Police who organised the closures.

Vice Chair Powley:

Nothing raised.

PCSO Dave Billing:

Police Report: February was quiet until the 14th when there were 7 assaults and 1 theft at Looe Bay Holiday Park.

Councillor Lawes asked PCSO Dave Billing about who is responsible for enforcing issues regarding, unauthorised private driveway parking, parking across driveways whether the garage door is open or closed. PCSO Dave Billing replied it is only a Police matter if it is causing an obstruction, which results in the property owner/ tenant being unable to get their vehicle in or out of their property.

County Councillor Mark Gibbons:

Cornwall Council Budget – Council passed a 3 plus years plan with reservations.

Government National Funding – It was identified rural areas like ours are affected more by funding shortfalls, which needs addressing.

Car Parks – Councillor Gibbons has written to the Portfolio holder responsible for car park charges to ask for them to reconsider reimplementing the 2-3 hour charge band, as this is having a serious financial effect on towns like Looe.

Seaton Beach, the smaller beachside car park is due to have the free parking in the winter abolished by Cornwall Council, there is an online petition to keep the car park free in the winter, however this sort of petition only counts as one vote, therefore individual submissions are encouraged.

B3253 Road Safety Strategy – launched with a plan to try to reach zero accidents in the future. There is a planned road closure scheduled between 6 -18 March.

Tamar Tag Consultation – This is now open to Tag users and Councillor Gibbons encourage anyone who uses a tag to take part in the consultation.

Date and Time of Next Meetings: 9th April 2026, **The 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 8.30pm.