

St Martin – By - Looe Parish Council

MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT 7.30PM.
HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd JULY 2026 AT NO MAN'S LAND MEMORIAL HALL.

Attended by:

Chair: Robert Henly.
Vice Chair: Roberta Powley
Parish Councillors: Barbara Reynolds, David Keeble,
Louise Western, Paul Matthews.
Charles Hyde, Parish Clerk & Proper Officer of the Council.

Public Question Time and Councillors Comments on Declared Interests: None declared.

Agenda Item 1: Declarations of Interest: None declared.

Agenda Item 2: Apologies for absence:

Parish Councillor Simon Lawes. County Councillor, Mark Gibbons.
PCSO Dave Billing.

Agenda Item 3: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting:

3.1.1: Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th June 2026 It was proposed by Councillor Matthews, seconded by Councillor Keeble and agreed 5 – 0 (Councillor Western did not attend the meeting) 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: 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 24/06/2026.

Opening Bank Balances 1 st April 2026	£26,334.62
Income to date	£7,160.27
Expenditure to date	£4,881.35
Balance to date	£28,613.64

7.2: Accounts paid in June 2026.

Payment type	Organisation	Amount
BACS	Clerks May 2026 Salary (not including PAYE or NI)	677.68
BACS	HMRC PAYE (Paid quarterly)	266.60
BACS	HMRC Employers NI (Paid quarterly)	79.09
BACS	HP Instant Ink (Monthly subscription) (Paid by C Hyde).	6.49
SO	Bank Service Charges	4.25
BACS	Western Webb – Cloud email renewal	92.40
BACS	CAS Insurance Services – Annual Renewal	508.85
BACS	R Powley – Community Garden £50 Grant, £6.65 from PC	56.65
	Total	1692.01

7.3: Income in June 2026.

24-Jun-26	Bank Interest	£	13.42
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It was proposed by Vice Chair Powley, 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. None received.

7.5: Receipts and letters of thanks received by the date of the meeting. None received.

7.6: Financial Business.

7.7.1: Accounts to be paid in July 2026.

Payment type	Organisation	Amount
BACS	Clerks June 2026 Salary (not including PAYE or NI)	677.68
BACS	HMRC PAYE (Paid quarterly)	266.60
BACS	HMRC Employers NI (Paid quarterly) £79.09 covered by Government Employment Allowance.	
BACS	HP Instant Ink (Monthly subscription) (Paid by C Hyde).	6.49
SO	Bank Service Charges	4.25
BACS	B Reynolds Community Garden Grant Money	16.00
	Total	971.02

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

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

8.1.1: South West Water - Motion set to be introduced (CARRIED FORWARD FROM LAST MONTH) - Mael Garrec will bring the campaign motion to Penryn Council at its next meeting, with other councillors expected to take it forward in places including Falmouth, Helston, Camborne, Perranzabuloe and St Ives.

The motion describes a “systemic failure” by South West Water (SWW) to manage Cornwall’s sewage system, stating that despite record bills and government intervention, raw sewage continues to affect the environment and public health.

It calls for parish councils to support a collective letter to the Secretary of State, demanding that ownership and management of water and sewage services be transferred to a publicly owned organisation run as a public service.

Mael added:

“This isn’t just a protest; it’s an eviction notice. Cornish rivers and seas are the lifeblood of our economy and our identity. We will no longer stand by while they are managed into decline for the sake of shareholder dividends.”

Discuss – do we support?

Discussions ensued and it was proposed that the Clerk write directly to SWW stating our concerns and asking to be kept informed as to the work in the parish by SWW and plans for the future.

The Parish Council decided not to support the motion proposed by Mael Garrec.

Agenda Item 9: Business received after publication of agenda:

9.1.1: CALC EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING: THURSDAY 23RD JULY, 10AM, ONLINE. (forwarded to all Parish Councillors this week). The Clerk to attend.

Agenda Item 10: New Business:

None received.

Agenda Item 11: Around the table:

Councillor Reynolds:

B3253 and Bucklawren Road Junction – Visibility seriously impaired by vegetation, needs a cut.
The Clerk to report to Cormac.

Councillor Keeble:

Pothole by Monkey Sanctuary Entrance – The Clerk to report to Cormac.

Councillor Matthews:

Nothing raised.

Councillor Western:

Hedgerow failing – On Bucklawren Road in unofficial passing space. The Clerk to report to Cormac.

Vice Chair Powley:

Nothing raised.

The Chair:

Nothing raised.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 3rd September 2026, **The Parish Council Meeting** at 7.30pm at the No Man's Land Memorial Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.55pm.