

# St Martin – By - Looe Parish Council

MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD BY ZOOM AND TELEPHONE ON THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 7.30pm.

**Attended by:**

Chairman: Robert Henly.  
Vice-Chair: Roberta Powley.  
Parish Councillors: Barbara Reynolds, Andrea Lankston,  
David Keeble, Lynne Burt, Simon Lawes.  
Mr Charles Hyde, Clerk and Proper Officer of the Council.

**Agenda Item 1: Declarations of Interest:**

None declared.

**Agenda Item 2: Apologies for absence:**

County Councillor Armand Toms.  
PCSO David Billing.

**Agenda Item 3: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting:**

**3.1.1: Minutes for the Parish Council ZOOM Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020.** It was proposed by Vice Chairman Powley, seconded by Councillor Lawes and agreed 6 – 1 (Councillor Lawes did not attend this meeting) that they be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**3.1.2: Minutes for the Parish Council Planning ZOOM Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020.** It was proposed by Councillor Burt, 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:**

None received.

**Agenda Item 6: Planning Matters:**

None received.

**6.2: Correspondence:**

Forwarded by email where possible.

**Agenda Item 7: – Finance.**

**7.1.1: Summary of Accounts.**

***Reconciled balances date 28/08/2020***

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Opening Bank Balances 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020 | £27,306.28 |
| Income to date                                   | £6,399.29  |
| Expenditure to date                              | £3,340.11  |
| Balance to date                                  | £30,365.46 |

## **7.2: Accounts paid in July 2020.**

| Cheque No | Organisation   | Amount |
|-----------|--|--------|
| BACS      | CF Hyde – Clerks June expenses.                                  | 50.00  |
| BACS      | Clerks Salary June 2020  | 632.82 |
| BACS      | Zoom subscription May and June 2020 (£14.39 per month)           | 28.78  |
| BACS      | Complete Weed Control – Weed spray Millendreath and Holland Road | 96.00  |
| BACS      | Caroline Hyde - Audit  | 50.00  |
|           | Total  | 857.60 |

## **7.3: Income in July/ August 2020.**

|           |  |   |        |
|-----------|--|---|--------|
| 13-Jul-20 | VAT Refund                             | £ | 81.03  |
| 14-Jul-20 | Looe Develop SW Covid 19 Hardship fund | £ | 199.99 |
|           | Total                                  | £ | 281.02 |

It was proposed by Vice Chairman Powley, seconded by Councillor Keeble 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: Wild Futures, Monkey Sanctuary** – Appeal for emergency funding. Decided by delegated decision after the August Planning meeting. Proposed by Vice Chairman Powley, seconded by The Chairman. (see Minutes page 1118).

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

### **7.5.1: Email received from The Monkey Sanctuary – Below:**

Dear Charles,

Thank you so much for the generous donation given by St Martin by Looe Parish Council, we are extremely grateful for your support, it means a lot to us all. Also thank you for offering us 4 full page adverts in the Parish magazine free of charge as well, that would be really wonderful and such a help to us. We've been really bowled over with the support that we have received from people and I want to say thank you to everyone at the Parish Council for helping us, it really does make a difference to the monkeys lives.

Thank you again and I look forward to speaking to you again soon.

Kindest regards,

Sarah Hanson. Supporter Relations and Office Manager' Wild Futures

## **7.6: Financial Business.**

### **7.6.1: Accounts to be paid in August 2020.**

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

| Cheque No | Organisation                               | Amount  |
|-----------|--|---------|
| BACS      | CF Hyde – Clerks Expenses                  | 50.00   |
| BACS      | Clerks Salary July 2020                    | 632.82  |
| BACS      | Clerks Salary August 2020                  | 632.82  |
| DD        | Information Commissioner – Data Protection | 35.00   |
| BACS      | Zoom Subscription - July                   | 14.39   |
| BACS      | Wild Futures - Donation                    | 50.00   |
|           | Total                                      | 1415.03 |

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

**8.1.1: Dog Waste Bins** – Request made to Environmental Services, Ref: UEO0K2V8. The Clerk has received a quote from Biffa:

Installation 2x £60 plus VAT = £120 plus VAT.

52 weeks service cost for two bins £11pw plus VAT = £572 plus VAT.

Bin purchase 2x £130 plus VAT = £260 plus VAT.

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT – YEAR 1 = £952 plus £190.40 VAT = £1142.40.

YEAR 2 and thereafter £572 plus £114.40 VAT = £686.40.

Following a telephone conversation yesterday it was suggested monthly collections in all but June, July and August which would reduce annual costs to £242 plus VAT.

Discussions ensued and the Clerk informed Members that he had agreed with Looe Country Park and The Monkey Sanctuary that they would be prepared to service the bins as required, disposing of the waste in their normal waste collections. Looe Country Park have also agreed to install the bin on the new gate post at their rear entrance. Councillor Keeble agreed to install the bin by The Monkey Sanctuary, The Chairman also offered to help.

The Clerk suggested a small payment be made to the businesses as a token of thanks. This was discussed and it was agreed to look again at this next year.

**8.1.2: Bus Shelter Project** – Phone call received from Tom Currah, MD, Wanless PK, project to start on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 (Subject to weather conditions).

**8.1.3: Speeding car – and Looe and taxi driver** – Both issues reported to PCSO Dave Billing, a registration number really would help to contact the drivers involved, he will however visit the taxi company to discuss our concerns.

**8.1.4: Finger post at Windsworth** – Complete and installation to be arranged.

#### **Agenda Item 9: Business received after publication of agenda:**

**9.1.1: Website Accessibility** – The Clerk has received instructions via CALC that a plan to make out website accessible needs to be in place by 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020.

The Chairman, Clerk and Parishioner Nigel Cummings have been discussing how this it to be carried out, any cost implications will be brought to the Council as soon as they have been identified. A further meeting is planned after this meeting.

#### **Agenda Item 10: Information received from CC and other Authorities:**

##### **10.1.1: Cornwall Council.**

**Communities and Devolution team** – Newsletters and Special Bulletins and Notices. All circulated by email during the current lockdown.

##### **10.1.2: Other Authorities.**

All Circulated by email during the current lockdown.

#### **Agenda Item 11: New Business:**

**11.1.1: Local Nature Recovery Strategies** – Raised by Parishioner Nigel Cummings as a possible Parish initiative.

See story attached.

Discussions ensued and it was agreed to Contact Councillor Edwina Hannaford to inform her of interest in the project in the Parish.

**11.1.2: Parish Magazine** – Should this resume? Can it be delivered?

Discussions ensued and it was agreed the Parish Magazine should resume publication and that everyone was happy to deliver their supply.

The Clerk will start work on the next edition next week.

**Agenda Item 12: Around the table:**

***Councillor Reynolds:***

**Condition of the road outside 3&4 Bucklawren Road** – Rubbish and dog mess make walking this road unpleasant. The Clerk has reported this to Cornwall Council and it has been referred to Biffa.

**Condition of the road opposite The Piggary, Bucklawren Road** – Mud and loose gravel.

The Clerk has reported this to Cornwall council and it has been referred to Biffa, however, Councillor Reynolds was approached by Paul Allen from Cormac who was doing a site visit and she was asked about field ownership, it is planned to drain the road into the field opposite.

***Councillor Keeble:***

Nothing raised.

***Councillor Lawes:***

**May Lane** – Has been swept again, 7 times so far this year.

***Councillor Lankston:***

Nothing raised.

***Councillor Burt:***

Nothing raised.

***Vice-Chairman:***

Bindown Road – Width restriction required. Large lorries are using this road and it is causing quite a lot of congestion as the road is too narrow. The Clerk to contact Morval Parish Council and Councillor Richard Pugh.

***The Chairman:***

Nothing raised.

Date and Time of Next Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020, **Parish Council Meeting** at 7.30pm by Zoom.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.08pm.

## Five local authorities announced to trailblaze England's nature recovery pilots

Five pilot areas will test how the recovery of England's landscapes and wildlife can be driven locally

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[Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs](#), [Natural England](#), and [Rebecca Pow MP](#)



LNRS pilots will help kick-start the creation of over a million acres of habitats for wildlife and people. Cornwall, Buckinghamshire, Greater Manchester, Northumberland and Cumbria local authorities have been selected by the government today [Friday 14 August] to help kick-start nature recovery on a countrywide scale.

The selected authorities will receive a share of £1 million of funding to set up 'Local Nature Recovery Strategies' (LNRS) pilot studies to help map the most valuable sites and habitats for wildlife in their area and identify where nature can be restored. This could see the creation of wildflower habitat for pollinators, green spaces for people, or new woodlands and wetlands which are important for both healthy communities and in the fight against climate change.

The pilots will enable local authorities to set out their local priorities for restoring and linking up habitats so species can thrive, and agree the best places to help nature recover, plant trees, restore peatland, mitigate flood and fire risk, and create green spaces for local people to enjoy.

The forthcoming Environment Bill will go even further – requiring all areas in England to establish LNRSs. This will help bring a broad range of groups together – from farmers to businesses to local communities – to deliver priorities for nature recovery at a local and national level. The pilots will also help kick-start the creation of over a million acres of habitats for wildlife.

Environment Minister Rebecca Pow said:

Coronavirus is shining a light on the importance of our natural world, and the positive impact nature can have on our health and well-being.

These first pilots will be a key part of our green recovery and help kick-start the creation of over a million acres of joined up habitats that people can enjoy across the country.

Natural England Chair Tony Juniper said:

If we wish to have rich and abundant wildlife, more carbon captured in trees, soil and hedges, better protection from extreme weather and enough places for people to gain the wellbeing benefits of good quality green spaces, then we must invest in Nature's recovery, and at scale.

National ambitions for Nature's recovery will need to support local action and today is a significant milestone in doing just this. We look forward to working with our partners in these five areas to create bigger, better and more connected natural places to halt and then reverse the decline in our environment.

Defra is investing around £1million in the five pilots which will be run in collaboration with Natural England. Each LNRS pilot will:

- develop a set of maps which show most valuable existing sites and habitats for wildlife
- use these maps to identify opportunities for recovering nature – for wildlife, for people, and as a contribution to tackling climate change and improving the environment
- bring a broad range of groups of people together to identify and agree priorities for restoring nature.

The LNRSs will underpin the new Nature Recovery Network (NRN) – a flagship element of [the Government's 25 Year Environment Plan](#). The NRN will benefit people and wildlife by increasing, improving and joining-up wildlife-rich places across England. It will create or restore 500,000 hectares of wildlife habitat outside protected sites, more effectively linking existing protected sites and landscapes, as well as urban green infrastructure (such as trees, hedgerows, parks, fields, forests) and urban blue infrastructure (such as rainwater tanks, bioswales, rivers, canals, ponds, wetlands, and floodplains).

This landscape-scale approach to restoring nature was recently demonstrated by Natural England's recent designation of the [Purbeck Heaths National Nature Reserve \(NNR\)](#) in Dorset.