

# St Martin – By - Looe Parish Council

MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM.  
ON THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 AT NO MAN'S LAND MEMORIAL HALL.

## Attended by:

Chairman: Robert Henly.

Vice-Chair: Roberta Powley.

Parish Councillors: Barbara Reynolds, Jill Spicer, David Keeble, Simon Lawes.

County Councillor Armand Toms.

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

PCSO David Billing.

## Public Question Time and Councillors Comments on Declared Interests:

Nothing raised.

## Agenda Item 1: Declarations of Interest:

4.1.2: Parish Councillor Simon Lawes                      Personal                      Neighbour.

## Agenda Item 2: Apologies for absence:

Parish Councillor : Andrea Lankston.

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

**3.1.1: Minutes for the Parish Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024** It was proposed by Councillor Reynolds, seconded by Councillor Keeble and agreed 5 – 0 (The Chairman did not attend this meeting therefore abstained), 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 Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024** To be decided at the October meeting due to in Councillor Lankstons absence as only 4 attended this meeting.

## Agenda Item 4: Planning Applications:

4.1.1: **Application No:** PA24/05923.

**Proposal:** Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land as a camping and caravan site.

**Location:** Penhale, St Martin, Looe, Cornwall.

**Applicant:** Heather Campbell Penhale Camping Looe

**Grid Ref:** 229014 / 55003.

**Parish Council's Decision:** Application refused. Proposed by Vice Chairman Powley, seconded by Councillor Keeble. 6 – 0 votes.

### **Comment to be submitted to Planning:**

1. Insufficient evidence of continuous use has been supplied by the applicant and the Parish Council have no recollection of the site being used by touring caravans and camper vans during the period specified by the applicant, who would need to supply clear evidence of use for at least 8 - 10 years. (The Parish Council would like to see this evidence).

2. The Parish Council supported Freedom Camping (2021) and Rural Roots (2023) in rejecting the applications from the applicant to be accepted as a suitable site for these organisations. They both agreed with The Parish Council and local residents that the highways leading to the site are an unsuitable 'Access Only' road and totally unsuitable for touring vans and camper vans.

4.1.2: **Application No:** PA24/05609.

**Proposal:** Use of land for the temporary siting of a portable building for use as a Cafe/Bar (Use Class E) for a further period of three years (renewal of planning permission PA21/04575).

**Location:** Millendreath Beach Resort, Millendreath, Looe, Cornwall.

**Applicant:** Mr. A Clark. Orange Valley Resort Limited.

**Grid Ref:** 226832 / 54122.

**Parish Council's Decision:** Application approved. Proposed by Councillor Keeble, seconded by The Chairman. 5 - 0 votes (councillor Lawes declared an interest therefore did not vote).

**Comments to be submitted to Planning:**

1. The Parish Council feel this should be the last extension to the planning permission due to the poor condition of the structure and surrounding decking.

The successful and popular business currently using the building are providing a much needed facility to the area and should be encouraged, however the current building and decking urgently requires some upgrading as it is looking quite shabby and in places potentially dangerous.

2. Litter on the beach from the café has been a problem and the parish council would like to see this issue addressed by the owners by maybe doing a coordinated litter pick throughout the day.

3. Lighting left on overnight and noise from the extraction system is disturbing nearby residents.

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

**5.1.1: Application No:** PA24/04612.

**Proposal:** Change of use of land to recreational uses in connection with the holiday park.

**Location:** Tregoad Caravan And Camping Park, St Martin, Looe, Cornwall.

**Applicant:** Tregoad Holiday Park Ltd.

**Grid Ref:** 227222 / 55940.

**Cornwall Council's Decision:** Approved with conditions

**Agenda Item 6: Planning Matters:**

None received.

**6.2: Correspondence:**

Forwarded by email where possible.

**7.1.1: Summary of Accounts.**

***Reconciled balances date 27/08/2024.***

Opening Bank Balances 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2024	£25,227.05
Income to date	£6,896.79
Expenditure to date	£4,762.10
Balance to date	£27,361.74

**7.2: Accounts paid in July 2024.**

Cheque No	Organisation	Amount
BACS	CF Hyde – Clerks June 2024 Internet package & expenses.	50.00
BACS	Cornwall Council - Clerks Salary June 2024.	722.93
BACS	Cornwall Council – Magazine printing	57.95
BACS	Western Webb – setting up email accounts for councillors	86.40
BACS	Business Services – Annual insurance Premium	424.58
BACS	HP Instant Ink (Monthly Subscription, paid by C Hyde)	5.49
BACS	Honorarium Audit Fee to be donated to the Monkey Sanctuary	100.00
	<b>Total</b>	1447.35

**7.3: Income in July/August 2024.**

30-Aug-24	Bond interest	£	54.88
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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.



**Seagull Sacks for the Holiday Village** – Residents and owners have asked for seagull sacks instead of the black bins, however Biffa have not supplied them. The Clerk to contact Biffa.

**Cliff Erosion** – Continues to be a concern as the garages in the cliff are now very near the edge. Concern over highway long term future, would welcome a report from William Glassup at Cormac. The Clerk to contact Will.

**Councillor Spicer:**

Nothing raised.

**Vice Chair Powley:**

**Sewage Smells coming from Looe Bay and the volume of tankers at the site** – Discussions ensued and County Councillor Armand Toms and Councillor Lawes both referred to the recent contact with South West Water. The pumping station at Plaidy is being upgraded with a view to connecting the holiday parks and village to the mains system.

**The Chairman.**

Nothing raised.

**County Councillor Armand Toms:**

**Saltash Tunnel and A38 closures** – County Councillor Armand Toms informed all present of the arrangements for the Saltash Tunnel upgrades which start in November 2024 and continue until Spring 2025. There will be significant delays in journeys across the river with the Highways Authority estimation upto 45 minute delays at peak times. No alternative arrangements have been put in place, EG: Park and Ride, additional trains (although Armand in discussions with GWR). Armand continues in his research as to handing over responsibility of the bridge to National Highways as the tolls are an unfair tax on the residents of SE Cornwall who rely on the bridge for essential services in Plymouth.

**Cornwall Housing Targets** – In order to meet the government housing targets Cornwall will have to build 4500 new homes over the next 5 years, this is a significant increase on what has already been achieved.

**PCSO Dave Billing**

**Police Report:** August was a quiet month with no reported crimes in the parish, it was also a quieter summer all round.

There is a new Inspector in Looe who is keen to meet everyone soon.

**Parked vehicles on Council verge** – At Bucklawren Road, is not a Police matter.

**Missing Person from Looe** – The gentleman in question is still missing.

**Councillor Lawes** – Asked the question of if its legal to remove a vehicle parked on a private driveway, as this has happened in Millendreath recently. He was informed this is a private matter and not for the Police to become involved.

**Councillor Keeble** – Reported vehicles parked on the verge down from the Monkey Sanctuary, possible overnight use? PCSO Dave Billing said he would keep an eye on the area.

Date and Time of Next Meetings: 3rd October 2024, **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.