

ST MERRYN PARISH COUNCIL

Ordinary Meeting Minutes of 20th November at 19.00 of the Council held at Amenities & Sports Pavilion St Merryn, on the above date.

1.11.25

Present: Cllrs Pollard (Acting Chair), Edwards, Brewer, Erskine, Kuhnack-Richards.
Also in attendance: Cornwall Cllr James O'Keefe

Apologies: Cllrs Gomm, Miller and The Clerk.

Members of the Public: 8

The Minutes were taken by Cllr Brewer in the Clerk's absence.

2.11.25

Declarations of Interest: None

3.11.25

To accept resignation of the current Chair of the Parish Council

Proposed Cllr Edwards **Seconded** Cllr Erskine and **resolved** to accept the Chairs resignation. All in favour.

4.11.25

Election of a new Chair

All in favour of deferring to December's meeting.

5.11.25

Election of a new Vice Chair

All in favour of deferring to December's meeting.

6.11.25

Newly Elected Chair too take the meeting: All in favour of deferring to December's meeting.

7.11.25

Potential candidate for Co Option did not show for the 2nd Month running.

8.11.25

Council Meeting Minutes: 16th October 2025:

Cllr Edwards noted:

- Cllr Erskine written as present when he wasn't at the meeting (re-read, this is incorrect).

- conversation ref play park/skate park finances were missing.

- correspondence ref St Merryn Christmas Lights funding missing.

Correspondence with Mr Budeax absent.

Proposed Cllr Edwards **Seconded** Cllr Brewer and **Resolved** with the addition of the points noted these were a true record of the meeting. All in favour - carried

9.11.25

Public Participation:

Presentation from Mr T Besterman, Mr C Bellison & Miss J Bellison from Berryfields Tearoom and Mrs J Prescott reference Porthcothan Yard PA25/06300, there comments can be viewed on the Cornwall Council Planning Portal.

Jerry from Cornwall Community Funding, spoke about his role in granting organisations in need throughout Cornwall with donations between £2000 and £4000. He is planning on discussing with Cllr Edwards about supporting the Youth group.

10.11.25

Cornwall Councillors report: Cllr O'Keefe reported that:

The Padstow & Wadebridge 2026 20 mph roll out plans will be available for viewing and approval on letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk between 1st - 24th December 2025. With the roll out of summer 2026.

Cllr O'keefe also spoke about the Lanivet community bus.

11.11.25

Planning Applications.

PA25/07379 Towan Farm.

Support - all in favour

PA25/07786 National Grid.

Support - all in favour

PA25/07786 Praze.

Comments - consideration to be taken to preserve hedges and mindful of wildlife.

Support- all in favour

PA25 08118, Harlyn Barton

Support - all in favour

PA25/07868 2 Peguarra Close.

Support - all in favour

PA25/07973 Higher Trevorgus.

Comments - could this be aesthetically improved, the design doesn't look in keeping with a listed building.

Support - all in favour

PA25/07974 Higher Trevorgus.

Return with no comment.

11.1.11.25

None

11.2.11.25

None

11.3.11.25

Playing field

Cllr Brewer arranged for Mr Simon Turvey from Creative Play UK to conduct zoom call in Januarys Council meeting to discuss designs and ideas for play park.

Cllr Brewer awaiting confirmation on a date to meet representative from Outdoor play people.

Cllr Edwards looking into skate park ideas

12.11.25

Youth Club - from Cllr Edwards - A number of adult volunteers are stepping down from the Youth Group.

The consensus is for the youth club to take a break for a period to re-group, gain more adult volunteers and promote to future young people to join.

The shelter is almost complete for the use of current Youth Club members and young people in the area, with a locked box containing games, bats and balls.

An outdoor table tennis table will also be provided.

Cllr Pollard suggested contacting local primary schools for those moving to Secondary Schools to gain new members and potential adult volunteers.

13.1.11.25

Finance:

Cllr Edwards noted an incorrect figure for Mrs J B Peskett total October salary (amended)

Ms J B Peskett	BACS	£1,441.52	£0.00	£1,441.52	Salary October 2025
Ms J B Peskett	BACS	£62.75	£0.00	£62.75	Expenses
Mrs S Carhart	BACS	£376.45	£0.00	£376.45	Toilet Cleaning October 2025
Waverley Garden	BACS	£3,020.00	£0.00	£3,020.00	Grass PF/TG plus Verges & FP
EDF	DD	£56.15	£2.52	£58.67	Electricity ASP
BG Business	DD	£30.77	£1.53	£32.30	Electricity Toilets
Rodney Cowling	DD	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00	Maintenance
DAISY	DD	£39.08	£7.82	£46.90	ASP Broadband
Core Synergy		£355.00	£71.00	£426.00	Domain name & add works
Core Synergy	DD	£15.00	£3.00	£18.00	Website and email Hosting

Proposed by Cllr Erskine Seconded by Cllr Brewer resolved payments be accepted by Parish Council, all in favour

13.2.11.25

None available .

13.3.a

Donation to the Christmas Lights Appeal.

Proposed by Cllr Edwards, Seconded by Cllr Kuhnack-Richards proposed to donate £200 to the St Merryn Christmas Lights, all in favour

13.3.b

Budget and precept 2026/27.

Proposed Cllr Edwards Seconded by Cllr Erskine approved all in favour to accept the proposal of no change to the Precept for the Financial year 2026/27.

14.11.25

Correspondence:

Cllr Pollard gave correspondence on benches. 1 bench to be located at Porthcothan to contact the national trust. 1 bench at Harlyn to contact Padstow Town Council.

From Mrs S Carhart, the bench at Constantine still needs installing.

- Bench to be obtained from Mr J Brooks and installation discussed at December's meeting.

15.11.25

Cllr Erskine - bought up the Porthcothan Yard Planning application
Cllr Pollard and Cllr Brewer declared an interest

Cllr Brewer later revoked this in Part 2 as the build is over 500m away and lives in one of the highest placed houses in the Parish, I'd have to almost declare everything

Part 2

Went into part 2 proposed Cllr Erskine Seconded Cllr Kuhnack-Richards all in favour

Staffing. - new Clerk appointment.

MUGA – defer to another meeting.

Came out of part 2 proposed Cllr Erskine Seconded Cllr Edwards

Meeting closed at 2105