

ST MERRYNS PARISH COUNCIL

Ordinary Meeting Minutes of 16th April Meeting of the Council immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting at 19.00 held at Amenities & Sports Pavilion St Merryn, on the above date.

01.04.26

Present: Cllrs. M.Pollard (Chair), C. Edwards (Vice-Chair), C. Brewer, P. Elderfield, P. Miller, R. Erskine, J.P. Kuhnzack-Richards.

Also in attendance: Cornwall Cllr James O'Keefe, and the Clerk.

Apologies: None.

Members of the Public: Five members of the public were in attendance.
The meeting is being recorded.

02.04.26

Declarations of Interest and granting of dispensations:

None.

03.04.26

Council Meeting Minutes: 19th March 2026:

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the St Merryn Parish Council held on the above date, having been previously circulated, be taken as read approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr P. Miller, seconded by Cllr C Brewer, all in favour.

Matters Arising: None.

04.04.26

Public Participation:

To receive comments from Members of the Public. This gives Members of the Public an opportunity to comment on items on the agenda. Maximum time allowed is 10 minutes.

- Dan Hutton of the RNLI attended to request permission to place a container on Parish Council land adjacent to the toilet block at Constantine. The container is currently on land at Treyarnon. Based at Tregloss hotel, the boat is driven down to Constantine but the truck is not really suitable to be on the road. The RNLI is appealing to the Parish Council for support.
The issues to be resolved:
There is a septic tank in that area of land. We need to know where it is exactly and how thick the concrete is. Clerk to contact Mr Gartrell to find out who empties the septic tank and if they have this information.
The Councillors do not want a container there but could be amenable to a wooden garage type structure that would be more in keeping with the area. Cllr JP Kuhnzack-Richards has offered to draw up plans and Cllr P Miller has offered to assist with the construction, if this is required.
A public meeting may be required to assess if a structure like this would be acceptable to residents.
- Sam Fuller from Lawrence Associates spoke in support of his client's application PA16/00018 for an affordable led housing scheme of up to 14 dwellings at Constantine Bay.

05.04.26

Cornwall Councillors report: Cllr O'Keefe reported on the following:

- Cllr O'Keefe updated the Council on the CIL grant funding applications and why St Merryn wasn't successful in its bid for funding for the play park. There were 401 applications for £750k (later increased to £2M). The total ask amounted to £27m. 43 applications were asked to go forward with their bids. 4 of these were for parks/youth projects. It was very disappointing that St Merryn weren't successful. Cllr O'Keefe will ask for justification as to why for example Wadebridge is getting another skatepark when it already has two. Further explanation will be welcome.
- Cllr O'Keefe confirmed that he tries to include any road closures on Facebook so people can easily access the information.
- Cleaner rivers and seas. This initiative is gaining momentum. The kits for real time testing of the water have been tested and work well.
- Pothole numbers are gradually coming down.
- Highways issue at Towan – Cllr O'Keefe will report this to Oliver Jones at Cornwall Council Highways.
- Cllr O'Keefe also explained in detail the decision regarding PA26/01580, which Councillors had objected to but which the planning officer had approved. One of the issues that came up was the minimum density policy. It would be useful to look into this aspect of planning in greater detail.
- The proposal by Cornwall Council to reintroduce Glyphosates when carrying out weed treatment – this will be by droplet method rather than spray. It is proposed to have a 3-year programme with 2 applications a year. There is an opt out option.

06.04.26

To consider any applications for Co Option: There are currently two vacancies on the Parish Council. Four people have been in contact since December to express their interest in joining the Parish Council but so far only one has been in contact and has asked to attend the June meeting. Emails were sent to the other three people who have expressed an interest reminding them of the dates of the next meetings but no other replies have been received.

07.04.26

Planning Applications: To receive the following applications and respond to the local planning authority accordingly:

[PA26/01760](#) Higher Trevorgus Sanders Hill St Merryn Padstow Cornwall PL28 8JY.

Siting of mobile sauna.

Validated: Thu 02 Apr 2026 Status: Pending Consideration

Cllr C Brewer proposed support, seconded by Cllr P Miller, all in favour.

[PA26/00018](#) Land Adj To Cheyney Trevoze Estate Constantine Bay Padstow Cornwall PL28 8JG

Outline application for the construction of Affordable Led Housing Scheme for up to 14 residential dwellings (6 open market, 8 affordable) including access, layout and scale (all other matters reserved)

Validated: Thu 02 Apr 2026 Status: Pending Consideration

Cllr P Miller proposed support, seconded by Cllr JP Kuhnack-Richards, all in favour with the comment as follows: The St Merryn Parish Council supports this application on condition that the stated number and mix of housing is retained and that the affordable houses are truly affordable for this area and with a 106 in perpetuity.

[PA26/00510](#) 2 Trevean Lane St Merryn Padstow Cornwall PL28 8PR. The reconfiguring of the ground floor, extending the entrance porch and extending to the rear, incorporating the floor area of the existing annex building. The extension will allow the remodelling of the property to create a warm, sustainable family home suitable for 21st-century living.

Validated: Tue 10 Feb 2026 Status: Pending Consideration

Cllr P Miller proposed support, seconded by Cllr JP Kuhnack-Richards, all in favour.

[PA26/02104](#) Gateways Harlyn Bay Road Harlyn Bay Padstow Cornwall PL28 8SQ
Refurbishment and extension of a 1990s house.

Validated: Wed 08 Apr 2026 Status: Pending Consideration

Cllr C Edwards proposed support, seconded by Cllr C Brewer, majority in favour.
Councillors felt this application was an improvement on the previous application.

07.1.04.26

To make comment on any planning applications received after the date of this agenda, if applicable.

PA26/01766 Barn South Of Watersplash House Craigmorrack St Merryn Padstow PL28 8LZ
Alterations and extensions to proposed conversion of barn to dwelling - self build (prior approval granted PA24/01186)

Validated: Tues 14 Apr 2026 Status: Pending Consideration

The St Merryn Parish Council would like the solar panels for this application to be placed on the roof of the property rather than on the ground. Providing that this condition is complied with, the Parish Council can support this application. Proposed by Cllr P Elderfield, seconded by Cllr C Edwards. All in favour.

07.2.04.26

To receive details of planning determinations (for information only):

[PA26/02344](#) Street Record St Merryn Padstow Cornwall. Electricity Act 1989: Overhead Lines (Exemption)(England and Wales) Regulations 2009

Validated: Tue 07 Apr 2026 Status: Decided 07 Apr 2026

Closed – advice given

[PA26/00690](#) Merrow Gwidden St Merryn Padstow Cornwall PL28 8NR. Construction of a self-build dwelling

Validated: Tue 07 Apr 2026 Status: Decided

Approved

[PA26/01761](#) Higher Trevorgus Sanders Hill St Merryn Padstow Cornwall PL28 8JY

Listed Building Consent for siting of mobile sauna.

Validated: Mon 23 Mar 2026 | Status: Decided

Withdrawn

[PA26/01029](#) Greystones Constantine Bay Padstow Cornwall PL28 8JL. Non-material amendment in relation to decision notice PA24/09412 dated 10.02.2025 for updated consented elevations and energy strategy

Validated: Tue 24 Feb 2026 | Status: Decided

Approved

[PA26/00197/PREAPP](#) Gateways Harlyn Bay Road Harlyn Bay Padstow Cornwall PL28 8SQ
Pre application advice for refurbishment and extension of existing building.

Validated: Tue 10 Feb 2026 Status: Decided

Closed – advice given

[PA26/00139/PREAPP](#) Lowlands Constantine Bay Padstow Cornwall PL28 8JJ

Pre application advice for replacement dwelling

Validated: Tue 27 Jan 2026 Status: Decided

Closed – advice given

[PA26/00311](#) Penmor Beach Road Constantine Padstow PL28 8JJ.

Proposed erection of detached self-build dwellinghouse with variation of condition 2 of decision notice PA25/02035 dated 10.06.2025.

Validated: Mon 02 Feb 2026 Status: Decided

Approved

08.04.26

To Consider the request from the RNLI to site a container/possible alternative for RNLI boat storage at Constantine Beach.

Cllr P Miller proposed and Cllr C Edwards seconded to not have a container here. All in favour. It was proposed instead to have a timber building, which would be more in keeping with the area.

Await information on the septic tank location and concrete thickness before taking any further action.

09.04.26**To Consider the renewal of the RNLI Licence (Licence was due to be reconsidered in 2024)**

It was agreed to re issue the licence for 2026 going forward.

Cllrs P Elderfield and JP Kuhnzack-Richards left the meeting.

10.04.26**Consider the issue of Overnight Parking at Constantine Bay / no camping sign**

It was agreed that someone needs to go and have a look to ascertain if this needs any action. Cllrs P Miller and R Erskine will go and look and report back at the May meeting.

11.04.26**Consider the request to repaint the parking bay lines at Constantine Bay Car Park.**

To consider at the May meeting. To add to the May agenda.

12.04.26**Consider the request from Kelly's re cutting back the brambles at their site.**

It was agreed to notify Kelly's that they can carry out any necessary trimming of the brambles themselves.

13.04.26**Consider the Insurance Renewal.**

To obtain another quote for insurance, if possible, for comparison purposes.

14.04.26**Consider whether to have in post lockers in the Parish.**

To leave for the moment, and revisit at a later date.

15.04.26**Consider the CALC annual subscription renewal.**

It was agreed to renew the subscription.

16.04.26**Playing Field update**

To **Receive** information and **resolve** on any action.

It was noted that the playing field bin needs emptying. Clerk to report this to Mr R Cowling.

ASP update

No updates this month.

17.04.26**Youth Club: To receive information and resolve a course of action if appropriate.**

No further updates.

18.04.26**To AGREE the appointment of the Internal Auditors for the 25/26 Audit and consider the independence of the appointed auditors**

Proposed by Cllr P Miller, seconded by Cllr C Brewer to engage Aalgaard Renshaw again as our internal auditors. All in favour.

19.04.26 Finance:**19.1.04.26 To receive and approve the schedule of payments.**

Ms J Wilson	BACS	£971.91	£0.00	£971.91	Salary March 2026
Ms J Wilson	BACS	£26.00	£0.00	£26.00	Expenses March 2026
Mrs S Carhart	BACS	£376.45	£0.00	£376.45	Toilet Cleaning March 2026
CALC Subs	BACS	£620.44	£122.09	£722.53	26/27 Subs

Rodney Cowling	BACS	£90.00	£0.00	£90.00	Works done re playing field
SW Hygiene inv 356072	BACS	£98.88	£19.78	£118.66	Annual charge re rental service for sanitary bin disposal unit 01/04/26-31/03/27
Philip Frith	BACS	£250.00	£50.00	£300.00	Annual Charge inv 28047
HMRC	BACS	£927.58	£0.00	£927.58	REF 470PA001423352612
EDF	DD	£99.58	£4.98	£104.56	ASP Electricity 28/01-27/02/26
BG Business	DD	£29.63	£1.48	£31.11	Electricity Toilets 02/03-02/04/26
DAISY	DD	£35.86	£7.17	£43.03	ASP Broadband
Core Synergy	DD	£15.00	£3.00	£18.00	Website and email Hosting (due 01/04/26) 18579

It was proposed by Cllr P Miller, seconded by Cllr C Brewer and resolved that the payments be accepted by the Parish Council, all in favour. Carried.

19.2.04.26

To Receive and Approve the Finance Report.

It was proposed by Cllr P Miller, seconded by Cllr C Brewer and resolved that the Finance Report be accepted by Parish Council, all in favour. Carried.

20.04.26

To Consider Chairman's Skills training courses for the Chair and Vice Chair and note any further information on dates.

The next available course is provisionally 10th June – venue tbc.

21.04.26

Consider the recent RoSPA report and resolve on any action.

The inspection is due to take place at the end of this month.

22.04.26

Correspondence:

To note correspondence received:

- **Wind Farm Proposal**

Thank them for the invite but St Merryn PC won't be attending.

- **Weed Treatment reintroduction and whether or not to Opt Out**

It was proposed by Cllr P Miller, seconded by Cllr C Edwards to opt out of the Glyphosate weed treatment and to notify Cornwall Council of this. Majority in favour. To add to May agenda again to arrange alternative to this treatment.

23.04.26

To Consider any Land Registry information and resolve on any action.

No information found. No further action.

24.04.26

To Consider the bus stop and possible repairs.

The panels on the bus stop on Harlyn Road need repairing. Cllr P Miller will look into this.

25.04.26

To receive Items for information.

Parking at Harlyn – the yellow no-parking lines are covered so are being ignored. Vehicles are parked on the road next to the Harlyn Beach car park preventing access for emergency vehicles and other large vehicles. This is severely impacting the St Merryn Parish. The situation is possibly being made worse by the high parking charges – a solution could be to allow 1-hour free parking for everyone! Clerk to contact Padstow TC to ask them to clear the road and enforce the no parking there.

26.04.26**Items for next month's agenda:**

- Bus stop repairs
- RNLI – store
- Future works on the Playing Field.
- Allotments budget/contribution

Part 2.

Proposal that this meeting now go into Section 2. Closed session. This session is held with the press and public being excluded from the meeting, in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, for the following items of business on the grounds that it may involve the likely disclosure of confidential and exempt information.

- Staff Matters (Contract and Pension) -LGS pension scheme agreed – proposed by Cllr P Mileer, seconded by Cllr C Edwards, all in favour.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 21st May 2026

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.48pm.