

ST MERRYNS PARISH COUNCIL

Ordinary Meeting Minutes of 19th March at 19.00 of the Council held at Amenities & Sports Pavilion St Merryn, on the above date.

01.03.26

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

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

Apologies: Cllr. P. Elderfield.

Members of the Public: One member of the public was in attendance.
The meeting is being recorded.

02.03.26

Declarations of Interest and granting of dispensations:

Cllr. P. Miller declared an interest in planning PA26/00889.

03.03.26

Council Meeting Minutes: 19th February 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 R Erskine, all in favour.

Matters Arising: None.

04.03.26

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.

Mr Ross Jackson spoke about the possible proposed development of the field near Tregolds estate as a storage facility. The Councillors asked several questions and Mr Jackson provided helpful and comprehensive answers. The Councillors will reserve any comments until the proposal comes before the Council in the form of an official planning application from Cornwall Council.

Mr Jackson then left the meeting.

05.03.26

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

- Cllr O'Keefe will be attending a meeting on 02/04/26 regarding the water testing kits. These should be able to test water at the beaches and give an almost immediate result on the quality of the water. If the demonstration is successful this could be rolled out to coastal towns and parishes.
- CAP meeting – Cormac gave a presentation at the meeting about the state of the roads, keeping up with the repairs and the number of potholes that are reported every day.

06.03.26

To consider any applications for Co Option: There are currently two vacancies on the Parish Council. Three people have been in contact with Councillors to express their interest in joining the Parish Council but so far none have taken this further. Clerk to contact them and find out if there is still interest.

07.03.26

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

[PA26/00889](#) 29 Parc Eglos St Merryn Padstow Cornwall PL28 8NW. Proposed replacement detached dwellinghouse (self-build and custom build).

Validated: Wed 18 Feb 2026 Status: Awaiting decision

Cllr R Erskine proposed support, seconded by Cllr J P Kuhnzack-Richards, all agreed.

To add: Councillors encourage applicants to exceed the BDNG percentage required, for example with extra hedge planting, and including solar and renewables wherever possible.

[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: Awaiting Decision

Cllr P Miller proposed support, Cllr R Erskine seconded, all in favour

[PA26/01580](#) Land At St Merryn Padstow Cornwall PL28 8NF. Permission in principle for a residential development of up to 5 dwellings (minimum of 4, maximum of 5).

Validated: Wed 11 Mar 2026 Status: Awaiting Decision

Cllr C Edwards proposed objection, seconded by Cllr P Miller, and all agreed. The reason why the St Merryn Parish Council does not support this application is due to the number of proposed dwellings put forward. Councillors agreed that this plot could be used for housing but they believe the plot, which is 111m from top to bottom, can support a greater density of housing, in keeping with the government's policy of best use of land, which would be 10 or more rather than 4 to 5 dwellings. This is evidenced in other comparable plots within the village which have accommodated more housing of a higher density, for example Peguarra 90m top to bottom ' 16 houses, Fairfield 81m top to bottom ' 6 houses.

Continuing to fill the parish with large, expensive dwellings, potentially second homes, holiday homes, causes the parish to become even more out of balance socially, and leaves the local community struggling to find affordable, appropriately sized, family housing. The need is for more smaller 2 or 3 bedroomed houses with Primary Residence Restrictions, suitable for families, to ensure the community can thrive.

07.1.03.26

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

None

07.2.03.26

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

[PA26/00139/PREAPP](#) Lowlands Constantine Bay Padstow Cornwall. Pre application advice for replacement dwelling.

Validated: Tue 27 Jan 2026

Status: Decided – Wed 04 Mar 2026

Closed Advice Given

[PA25/09713](#) The Olde Duck House Porthcothan Padstow Cornwall PL28 8LN. Single storey extensions

Validated: Wed 14 Jan 2026

Status: Decided Wed 04 Mar 2026

Approved (Statutory/one condition only)

08.03.26

To Consider the Quotes received for the Play Park Equipment and resolve on any further action if required at this time.

Comments received from parents and users of the play park indicate that they would prefer to have it fenced, rather than open

09.03.26

Playing Field and ASP update: To receive information and resolve a course of action if appropriate:

Playing Field update

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

Cllr Miller raised the issue of possibly levelling the playing field and looking at drainage, once work on the play park has been completed i.e. to have a proper sports pitch. The Sports Foundation would need to assess it. Cllr P Miller will look into this.

Cllr Miller had also contacted the school regarding the play park.

ASP update

No updates this month.

10.03.26

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

The Field Shelter will be opening on 9th April 2026. It would need approx. 20 Risk Assessments in order to start up the Youth Club again so instead the group will do Youth/Children's events.

11.03.26 Finance:

11.1.02.26 To receive and approve the schedule of payments.

Ms J Wilson	BACS	£971.91	£0.00	£971.91	Salary February 2026
Ms J Wilson	BACS	£35.18	£0.00	£35.18	Expenses February 2026
Mrs S Carhart	BACS	£376.45	£0.00	£376.45	Toilet Cleaning February 2026
Rodney Cowling	BACS	£85.00	£0.00	£85.00	Works done re playing field
Chris Rankine	BACS	£67.88	£13.58	£81.46	Fix faulty light at the ASP
EDF	DD	£102.83	£5.14	£107.97	ASP Electricity 28/01-27/02/26
BG Business	DD	£28.71	£1.43	£30.14	Electricity Toilets 02/02-02/03/26
DAISY	DD	£35.86	£7.17	£43.03	ASP Broadband Inv 92289015
Core Synergy	DD	£15.00	£3.00	£18.00	Website and email Hosting (due 01/03/26) 18579
Barrie Worral	BACS	£225.00	£0	£225.00	Grass cutting

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

11.2.03.26

To Receive and Approve the Finance Report.

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

12.03.26

To Consider Chairman's Skills training courses for the Chair and Vice Chair and note any further information on dates. Cllr Edwards asked to be booked onto the Housing Puzzle Teams meeting. Clerk to contact CALC to find out about this or other planning training, and to get an update on the Chairmanship training dates.

13.03.26

Reminder that there is the RoSPA visit in April and resolve on any action.

Reminder to all that the inspection is due.

14.03.26

Correspondence:

To note correspondence received:

1. Harlyn Bridge and planning concern. A Parishioner had reported graffiti on the bridge – this has been noted and is all in hand.
An enforcement issue had been reported for a property in Harlyn. This will be passed on to planning enforcement to look into. Anyone who reports these issues should also report it themselves.
2. Memorial Bench requested. The land in question is owned by the National Trust and so the family will need to contact the National Trust for permission.
3. In post lockers – to add to April agenda and obtain more information for any discussion.

15.03.26

To Consider whether or not the Parish Council owns any land or property and resolve on any action.

No action required re the land and property. Cllr M Pollard has the paperwork. Clerk to search for the current asset register which will be required for the year end accounts.

16.03.26

To Consider the request from the RNLI to site a container at Constantine.

Cllr M Pollard will meet Dan Hutton from the RNLI to discuss the alternative option of building a store next to the hut and will report back in April. To be added to April agenda

17.03.26

To Consider the bus stop and possible repairs.

The Harlyn Road bus stop is not owned by Cornwall Council – any repair to this one would be the Parish Council's responsibility. To note which bus stop requires the repairs – the Harlyn Road one or the one at Constantine – and report back at the next meeting.

18.03.26

To Consider the date for the Annual Parish Meeting.

To be held on 16th April at 7pm immediately followed by the April monthly meeting.

19.03.26

To receive Items for information

To carry out a map search on the Land registry website if possible.

20.03.26

Items for next month's agenda:

- Bus stop repairs
- RNLI – store
- Future works on the Playing Field.
- Chairmanship training

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.
- Consider the tenders for the grass cutting -Tender awarded to Ben Curtis.
- Constantine Bay Car Park – Licence - fees updated in line with CPI.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 16th April 2026

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00pm.