

ST MERRYNS PARISH COUNCIL

Ordinary Meeting Minutes of 21st May Meeting of the Council immediately following the AGM at 19.00 held at Amenities & Sports Pavilion St Merryn, on the above date.

AGM

01.05.26

Election of Chair: Cllr M Pollard Proposed by Cllr C Brewer, seconded by Cllr R Erskine, all in favour. Cllr Pollard signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman.

02.05.26

Election of Vice-Chair Cllr C Edwards Proposed by Cllr M Pollard, seconded by Cllr P Miller, all in favour. Cllr C Edwards signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Vice-Chair.

May Monthly Meeting

03.05.26

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

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

Apologies: J.P. Kuhnack-Richards.

Members of the Public: Four members of the public were in attendance.

The meeting is being recorded.

04.05.26

Declarations of Interest and granting of dispensations:

None.

05.05.26

Council Meeting Minutes: 16th April 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 by the Chair. Proposed and agreed, all in favour.

Matters Arising: None.

06.05.26

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.

- The applicants and agent for PA26/02124 13 Treglos Gardens spoke in support of their application and explained that they had tried to keep visual impact to a minimum with an extension that was sympathetic to the site. Car parking spaces remain at two.
- The applicant for PA26/02462 Apple Tree Wick spoke in support of his application for two new dwellings and explained how he had tried to mitigate any overlooking.

07.05.26

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

- Cllr O'Keefe explained in detail why the application made by St Merryn Parish Council for CIL funding had been rejected – it all hinged on the word development, and linking this to new infrastructure. Unfortunately, this specific wording wasn't included in the funding application that we submitted. Funding in this round went mainly to towns that have professionals to write their applications. It was disappointing, but we will be better prepared for the next round of funding when it comes up next year.
- Potholes – gradually the numbers are going down. The BT trench at Towan is going to be redone.
- St Merryn Holiday Village – the site manager had organised the watering of the site to keep the dust down which was a great help to nearby residents.
- The new Cornwall Local Plan is due to be started soon – see the website for more details.
- There is a new Neighbourhood Planning Toolkit which is in line with National Policy.
- Parking at Harlyn – Cllr O'Keefe is taking up this issue – there have been occasions when the parking is preventing buses and other large vehicles from getting through. It is important that this stretch of road between the bridge and the toilets is kept clear, so enforcement is being considered.
- Weed treatment – the original proposal/consultation has been rejected. There will be further consultation at a later date, once a new proposal has been carefully considered and drawn up.

08.05.26

To consider any applications for Co Option: There are currently two vacancies on the Parish Council. There is one interested party at present, and we hope they will attend the June meeting. Any one else who is interested is welcome to apply – email the clerk for further information and an application form

09.05.26

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

[PA26/03031](#) Casa Mia Trelantis Estate St Merryn Padstow Cornwall PL28 8NU

Erection of a Cornish hedge boundary wall with top mounted timber fence to a combined height of 1.9m to the front of the property and a timber fence of 2.1m to the east of the existing vegetation along the Harlyn Road boundary.

Validated: Mon 11 May 2026 | Status: Pending Consideration

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

Cllrs C Edwards and C Brewer mentioned that any extra planting in regard to the application would be welcome.

[PA26/02124](#) 13 Treglos Gardens Constantine Bay Padstow Cornwall PL28 8GJ. New single storey extension.

Validated: Thu 23 Apr 2026 | Status: Pending Consideration

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

[PA26/02462](#) Apple Tree Wick Constantine Bay Padstow Cornwall PL28 8JJ Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two new dwellings.

Validated: Fri 24 Apr 2026 | Status: Pending Consideration

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

Members of the public left the meeting.

[PA26/03034](#) Little Clodiagh Constantine Bay Padstow Cornwall PL28 8JD

Proposed alterations and extensions

Validated: Tue 05 May 2026 | Status: Pending Consideration

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

[PA26/02769](#) The Nest Harlyn Bay Road Harlyn Bay Padstow Cornwall PL28 8SB.

Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement self-build dwelling.

Validated: Wed 06 May 2026 | Status: Pending Consideration

Cllr R Erskine proposed support, second by Cllr C Brewer, all in favour.

[PA26/02710](#) Little Porleze Harlyn Bay Road Harlyn Bay Padstow Cornwall PL28 8SQ.

Single storey side extension.

Validated: Fri 01 May 2026 | Status: Pending Consideration

Cllr C Brewer proposed support, seconded by Cllr R Erskine, all in favour.

[PA26/02556](#) 4 Palm Drive St Merryn Holiday Village Padstow Cornwall PL28 8FG

Certificate of lawfulness for existing use for use of approved holiday dwellinghouse as an unencumbered single dwellinghouse.

Validated: Mon 27 Apr 2026 | Status: Pending Consideration

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

[PA26/02434](#) Higher Trevorgus Sanders Hill St Merryn Padstow Cornwall PL28 8JY. Listed

Building Consent for amendments to previously approved application PA25/07974

including the addition of a new window and repositioning and materials of approved chimney.

Validated: Fri 10 Apr 2026 | Status: Pending Consideration

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

[PA26/02433](#) Higher Trevorgus Sanders Hill St Merryn Padstow Cornwall PL28 8JY.

Amendments to application PA25/07973 including the addition of a new window and repositioning and materials of approved chimney.

Validated: Fri 10 Apr 2026 | Status: Pending Consideration

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

The following two applications are for information only and are not being consulted on:

[PA26/00579/PREAPP](#) Garden Cottage Constantine Bay Padstow Cornwall PL28 8JJ. Pre application advice for erection of 4 no. detached dwellings including the replacement of 1 no. dwelling and 3 no. holiday apartments, landscaping and associated works.

Validated: Tue 12th May 2026 | Status: Pending Consideration

[PA26/03039](#) Plot 2 Rosevean Constantine Bay Padstow PL28 8JG. Submission of details

to discharge Condition number 3 (Privacy louvres) in respect of Decision Notice

PA24/04131 dated 24/09/24

Validated: Tue 5th May 2026 | Status: Pending Consideration

09.1.05.26

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

[PA26/03137](#) Land South Of Penmaen Constantine Bay Padstow Cornwall PL28 8JD

Proposed Construction of a Self Build Dwellinghouse and associated works.

Validated: Fri 15 May 2026 | Status: Pending Consideration

Cllr P Miller proposed objection on the grounds that is out of keeping with the street scene at that side of the road, seconded by Cllr R Erskine, 3 voted in favour of this proposal.

Cllr M Pollard made a counter proposal to support, seconded by Cllr P Elderfield. No others supported. There was one abstention.
The original proposal to object was carried by three to two.

[PA26/03099](#) Penmaen Constantine Bay Padstow Cornwall PL28 8JQ. Proposed alterations and extensions.

Validated: Fri 15 May 2026 | Status: Pending Consideration

Cllr C Edwards proposed support, seconded by Cllr C Brewer, majority in favour, one abstention.

[PA26/02409](#) Trethias Farmhouse St Merryn Padstow Cornwall PL28 8PL. Proposed single storey garden room and porch/lobby/bathroom extensions to rear elevation of existing detached farmhouse.

Validated: Fri 15 May 2026 | Status: Pending Consideration

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

[PA26/02802](#) Sunny Corner Constantine Bay Padstow Cornwall PL28 8JQ. Demolition of existing single storey bungalow and annexe and erection of replacement 2 storey dwelling, landscaping and associated works.

Validated: Wed 13th May 2026 | Status: Pending Consideration

Cllr P Miller proposed support, second by Cllr R Erskine, all in favour.

09.2.05.26

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

[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: Decided

Approved.

[PA25/09105](#) Land S.E. Of St Merryn Park St Merryn Padstow Cornwall. Submission of details to discharge Conditions 8 (LEMP), 9 (BNG) and 13 (PoS Delivery) in respect of Decision Notice PA22/11243 dated 26.11.2024.

Validated: Tue 2nd Dec 2025 Status: Decided

S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps.

[PA25/05950](#) Land East Of The Old House St Merryn Padstow Cornwall PL28 8ND. The proposed erection of two art studios together with associated works.

Validated: Wed 6th Aug 2025 Status: Decided

Approved.

[PA26/00281/PREAP](#) Land South Of Tregolds Farm Tregolds Lane Shop Padstow Cornwall PL28 8PZP Pre application advice for proposed use of land for the siting of commercial storage containers.

Validated: Wed 6th Aug 2025 Status: Decided

Closed – advice given.

10.05.26

To Consider any further information regarding the septic tank on land at Constantine Bay.

Nothing further to report.

11.05.26

To sign the Licence for Constantine Beach Café.

Cllr M Pollard, as Chair, signed the Licence. Adam Gartrell has already signed. Copy containing both signatures to be returned to Mr Gartrell.

12.05.26

To Consider the request from Adam Gartrell re siting of the sauna, either on parish land at Constantine or on the area by the stream/Lane access at Porthcothan.

The Parish Council does not consider this to be a suitable location for a sauna due to the dangerous nature of Constantine Beach. Porthcothan is not in the St Merryn Parish so does not come under our jurisdiction. It is part of St Eval parish. The drive going down to the beach at Porthcothan is purely for emergency vehicles only.

13.05.26

Consider the issue of Overnight Parking at Constantine Bay / no camping sign (carried forward from April meeting)

It was proposed by Cllr P Miller, seconded by Cllr R Erskine, and agreed by all to source a polite sign. The Chairman will organise this.

Cllr J. O'Keefe left the meeting and the Chair thanked him for his attendance.

14.05.26

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

It was proposed to get a quote for buying a stencil and paint for the two disabled parking spaces. Cllr P Miller will look into this and get a quote.

15.05.26

Consider the Insurance Renewal.

Cllr R Erskine proposed to go for the cheapest quote. Cllr C Edwards seconded. All in favour.

16.05.26

Playing Field update

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

a) Cllr C Edwards proposed to get rid of the yellow bin, Cllr R Erskine seconded, all in favour. Clerk to contact Cornwall Council for collection of Rubbish and the yellow wheelie bin.

Cllrs R Erskine and P Elderfield left the meeting.

b) MUGA - weeds are growing up around the edges and people have been riding bikes inside the MUGA. It was agreed to get two signs to say No Bikes to put up in the MUGA. Cllr P Miller agreed to do this.

ASP update

No updates this month.

17.05.26

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

The Youth Group is dormant at present.

18.05.26

Consider the recent RoSPA report and resolve on any action.

Cllr Miller will take the swings down. The RoSPA report is not yet available.

19.05.26

Consider the enhanced LMP offer of funding for additional works to the parish footpaths.

It was agreed to add a poster to the website and the notice board to ask those who walk the footpaths if there is any footpath furniture e.g. kissing gates, stiles, etc. that need repairing or replacing, or any places that need works to bring them up to a good state for regular use.

20.05.6 Finance:

20.1.05.26 To receive and approve the schedule of payments.

Ms J Wilson	BACS	£1002.12	£0.00	£1002.12	Salary April 2026
Ms J Wilson	BACS	£27.80	£0.00	£27.80	Expenses April 2026
Mrs S Carhart	BACS	£376.45	£0.00	£376.45	Toilet Cleaning April 2026
Rodney Cowling	BACS	£110.00	£0.00	£110.00	Works done re playing field
TTS Gardening	BACS	£1330.00	£0.00	£1330.00	Grass cutting Playing Field, Towan Green, verges
EDF	DD	£54.78	£2.74	£57.52	ASP Electricity
BG Business	DD	£29.63	£1.48	£31.11	Electricity Toilets 02/04-02/05/26
DAISY	DD	£35.86	£7.17	£43.03	ASP Broadband
Core Synergy	DD	£15.00	£3.00	£18.00	Website and email
NEST	DD	£220.42	£0.00	£220.42	Nest -----Pension (now cancelled)

It was proposed by Cllr C Edwards, seconded by Cllr P Miller and resolved that the payments be accepted by the Parish Council, all in favour. Carried. Cllr C Edwards agreed to provide the allotments request at the June meeting

20.2.05.26

To Receive and Approve the Finance Report.

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

21.05.26

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 will be Probus Village Hall.

22.05.26

Correspondence:

To note correspondence received:

- **Request from Ben Curtis re 5-week months.** It was agreed that cuts should fit in with the number of weeks etc – Ben will sort this.
- **Sport England Active Places - 6006442 - TREVITHICK ESTATE (ST MERRY PLAYING FIELD)** Questionnaire provided which has been completed at the meeting. Clerk to return the completed form to Sport England.
- **Camel Valley CAP meeting – 15th June at Chy Trevail room 1 and 2 6.30 to 8.30pm** Reminder
- **Strip of land adj to Casa Mia – request to add to contactors maintenance areas.** Clerk will contact the contractor with the location
- **Site Access Approval re the playing field/telecoms site for the engineer 4th June 8.30-1pm.** Notification of access required.
- **Meeting with Ben Maguire 29th May in Bodmin, Shire Hall 2-4pm – Reminder.**

23.05.26

To Consider the bus stop repairs.

Cllr P Miller has removed the seat and brackets from the Harlyn Road Bus Stop which were sharp. He will look into getting a replacement seat.

24.05.26

To Consider whether to produce a Neighbourhood Priorities Statement.

The Parish Council would like to complete an NPS but will need assistance in getting started and completing it within the time frame.

25.05.26**To receive Items for information.**

- To obtain details from Sovereign on Play Parks re distances required from residences.
- Chairman had checked the Clerk's contract and both parties had signed.

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

- Bus stop repairs
- Future works on the Playing Field.
- Allotments budget/contribution
- Enhanced LMP

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.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 18th June 2026

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