

Minutes of the Meeting of St Just in Roseland Parish Council held on Monday 7th April 2025 in the Millennium Room, St Mawes. The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

Councillors Present: E Andrew (Chair), S Goldsmith, A Fordham, K Ives, C Williams, A Marchant, R Giles, P Salter, R Baylis, P Hare-Scott, K Warren

Also present: J German (Cornwall Councillor), H Couch (Parish Clerk), R Fordham (Parish Administrator) and three members of the public

Cllr Andrew congratulated all Councillors on their new election of office (no new applications were received and therefore all Councillors were elected uncontested). Cllr German was officially thanked for his dedication, support and help during the last four years as a Cornwall Council for this parish.

1. To accept apologies for absence: None

2. Declaration of Interest:

a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interest – None declared

b) Non-Registerable Interest:

- Cllr Salter (Item 9 – Roseland Youth Sailing Trust)
- Cllr Warren (Item 9 – Roseland Institute)

c) Of gifts to the value of more than £25 - None declared

d) To consider requests for dispensation on items on the agenda – None declared

3. Public Participation:

A member of the Way Forward addressed the meeting about research done into the possibility of a Farmers Market being held in St Mawes. Locations were discussed, with the Quay or the Memorial Hall being suggested, as was cost, insurance, set up and administration. Concerns were noted about the possible impact of a market on the shops in St Mawes - the two other local sites that have markets do not have the same range of shops as are in St Mawes, although the benefit of a market bringing footfall to the village was also noted. This will be an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting in May.

A letter from a member of the public was read out to the meeting, requesting that the St Mawes public toilets should be free. The councillors thanked them for their interest but noted that this had been discussed at a meeting last year, when it was decided that due to the high cost of running the toilets, and the relatively low charge of 20p, this would continue.

A member of the public noted the decision by the Public Rights of Way department of Cornwall Council to not make an order to add a footpath at the end of Castle Drive (reference WCA 766).

A request for sponsorship for a place on the Roseland Youth Sailing Trust annual tall ships voyage was made. This was an agenda item (see Item 9).

The councillors were asked what the next step would be in the Traffic/Parking Consultation which took place earlier in the year. The Clerk confirmed that there was a meeting scheduled with Cormac to review the consultation comments and that it would be an agenda item next month.

A member of the public addressed the meeting about the worryingly high level of litter that is being scattered around the parish. They have very kindly taken it upon themselves to litter pick, and shared with the councillors just how much he has gathered, which was shocking. The Councillors thanked him for his efforts, which are much appreciated. Unfortunately, as Cllr German noted, this is an endemic problem all over Cornwall, with no real solution available. A suggestion was made to put up more signage to remind people to use litter bins effectively.

4. Confirmation of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd March 2025.

The Council **RESOLVED**, by a show of hands by those who had attended that the said minutes be approved, with a minor change, as Cllr Warren requested that Item 9 should be amended to: '*A quote from Wheeler Roofing to mend the broken tiles on the roof of the public toilets in St Mawes was discussed*'. All in favour and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising:

Update on work completed in St Mawes Car Park

Cllr Salter informed the meeting that trees had been cut back by our contractor, together with some vegetation that was unable to be cut back earlier in the year. He also reported a leak at the top the car park, which will be monitored. Cllr Williams asked for an update on the lighting and CCTV for the Recreation Ground entrance from the car park which was agreed by the Car Park Committee. Administrator to chase.

Update on work completed on Millennium Room

The exterior of the building has been pressure-washed, ready for the painting by a local contractor, which has been scheduled to take place the week after Easter, weather permitting.

5. Cornwall Councillor Report

Cllr German confirmed that the remedial road work at Spinnaker Drive had taken place, following a successful planning enforcement court action by Cornwall Council.

Due to the recently opened Interpretive Centre in St Just in Roseland, the possibility of constructing a multi-use footpath from St Mawes to St Just in Roseland along the top of the fields from the water tower to improve access between the two villages has been suggested.

Cllr German confirmed that he is working with the Chair of the Well Being Group (part of The Way Forward).

Following a request from Cllr Williams, Cllr German agreed to look into the state of Upper Castle Road following road repairs in 2024.

6. Clerks Report

Annual and resident parking permits have been and are being issued at a steady rate. The Clerk is away between the 14th and 22nd April 2025.

7. External Committees & Local Representatives

Cllr Fordham gave a report from SMART (St Mawes Affordable Regeneration Team). The SMART Housing Scheme plans to build Community Led Housing on the old School Playing field. This received overwhelming support at the Initial Public Consultation on 27 February and the team has engaged with Registered Providers over possible delivery mechanisms and with Cornwall Council (CC), who has appointed Sarah Roberts to be the CC lead, with a view to signing a Planning Performance Agreement (a collaborative form of the old Prior Planning Agreement process) that aims to deliver a full Planning Application with a high confidence of approval. As part of the process, CC has (re) introduced funding to support such Community Led Housing projects and SMART is preparing such an application that requires evidence of Local Council and Ward Member support. SMART asks that the Parish Council formally approve the housing scheme, as this can be used to support the funding application form. This will therefore be an agenda item at the May full Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Williams reported that the Ukrainian Evening was a great success, and wanted to express her thanks to the organiser. £10,000 was raised for aid to Ukraine prior, during and after the event.

Cllr Salter reported that he had been to the opening of the Interpretive Centre in St Just in Roseland, where the Parish Council were thanked for the financial support it had provided.

Cllr Goldsmith reported that REACT's (Roseland Environment Action Climate Team) film showing 'Living on the Edge' was taking place at the Harbour Club in St Mawes on 8th April.

Cllr Ives reported that the Gerrans and St Mawes Junior Football Team had got through to the final of the Cornwall Junior Cup for the first time. Clerk to send a letter offering them congratulations and wish them good luck.

Cllr Williams reported that at the Recreation Ground committee meeting, it had been decided to ask the Parish Council to take over ownership of the Recreation Ground, but the committee will remain in place. Official confirmation of this needs to be received which will trigger the legal process.

The Clerk informed councillors that they will need to redo their Code of Conduct training once the new term of office commences.

8. Correspondence

An email from a concerned resident about dogs off lead generally, and especially on beaches, was read out to the meeting.

9. Accounts and Finance

The Council was asked to note the following payments:

The Bacs were approved	None
Direct Debits/Debit Card/ Standing Orders shown as paid in March	£39,799.27
Salaries for March	£ 5,448.29
Income shown as received during March	£57,699.34

Approval of the payments of accounts was proposed by Cllr Baylis and seconded by Cllr Salter. All in favour by a show of hands. **RESOLVED** by the Council.

The car park income for March was noted.

	Pay & Display	Pay & Display	Permits	Permits	Total
	Monthly	Cumulative	Monthly	Cumulative	Cumulative
Mar - 24	5,430.10	229,988.75		43,807.33	273,796.08
Mar - 25	9,009.20	224,672.50		28,935.00	253,607.50
Mar 2025 comparable with 2024	+3,579.10	-5,316.25		-14,872.33	-20,188.58

This includes £6,278.40 (gross) taken on card payments.

Cllr Ives requested an update on the purchase of parish public address system (PA system) which could also be used by various groups, including the Harbour Lights. Clerk to order under her general power of competence.

*Cllr Salter left the room

Sponsorship request from Roseland Youth Sailing Trust for £950.00

Cllr Giles proposed that the Parish Council approve the sponsorship request, with the important stipulation that the place must be awarded to a child who is resident in the parish. Seconded by Cllr Marchant. All in favour.

*Cllr Salter returned to the room.

Sponsorship request from TR2 group for £300.00

Cllr Giles proposed that the request was approved. Cllr Baylis proposed an amendment to increase the amount to £500. Four in favour, seven against. The original proposal was then approved by seven votes to four.

*Cllr Warren left the room

St Just Institute Insurance request for £890.48

This request also includes insurance for the recreation ground in St Just in Roseland. Cllr Goldsmith proposed that this request should be approved. Seconded by Cllr Giles. All in favour.

*Cllr Warren returned to the room

Confirmation of The Roseland Centre 2nd Loan Payment of £11,196.00

The Clerk confirmed that this had been requested and will issue payment as agreed previously. It was requested for the Clerk to request a financial review from the Roseland Centre.

10. To note Committee Meetings held since last Full Parish Council Meeting and discuss recommendations:

- Planning Meeting held on 10th March. Cllr Warren informed the meeting that a discussion was held at the meeting following the request from Cornwall Council for updates and any further information on possible sites for housing. This has now been submitted back to Cornwall Council.

11. Parish Issues/Concerns

Proposed new car park machine – recording to be played

The councillors viewed a video of the Metric car park machine proposed for the St Mawes Car Park. The ease of use was enthusiastically noted. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting of the Car Park Committee and then for final agreement at the next full parish council meeting.

Road repairs by entrance of village by Waterloo Close

Cllr Williams expressed concern at the large pot holes at the side of the A3078 approaching Waterloo Close. Cllr German to speak to Highways regarding a possible repair. Administrator to also report road surface deterioration at the entrance to Waterloo Close.

Note and discuss WCA 766 – Definitive Map Modification Order Application – refused

This had already been noted in Public Participation.

VE Day and VJ Day

Cllr Ives questioned if any public events were planned. A concern was raised about the suitability of holding such an event in the light of current world events. Due to this, it was decided with regret not to pursue any celebrations.

Update regarding Platinum Jubilee Bank Account

Cllr Ives reported that this account has now been closed and the £5.00 transferred to the Parish Council.

Any other concerns

There have been increasing concerns about cars driving the wrong way up Hillhead late at night at speed. It is thought that these belong to hotel staff finishing shifts. Letters will be sent to all hotels requesting that they brief staff to drive legally. The police will be informed.

Following a request from Cllr Goldsmith, Cllr German will chase remedial works to the footpath by Jasmine Cottage in St Just in Roseland, which is still difficult to navigate.

12. Future Meeting dates and road closures:

- Planning Meeting to be held on Monday 14th April 2025 @ 6.00 pm in the Millennium Room
- Finance Meeting to be held on Monday 28th April 2025 @ 5.30 pm in the Millennium Room
- Car Park Meeting to be held on Monday 28th April 2025 @ 6.15pm in the Millennium Room
- Elections Day – Parish and Cornwall Council - Thursday 1st May 2025
- Personnel Meeting to be held on Wednesday 21st May at 5.30pm in the Millennium Room

13. Any other business that the Chairman considers to be of urgency

None

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14. Enforcement – Cllr German had already provided confirmation on EN24/00017 – Spinnaker Drive.

15. Personnel Issues - None

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm

The next meeting is on Monday 12th May 2025 at 7.00 pm in the Millennium Rooms, St Mawes.

Signed as a true record.....Chairman