



Madron Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held at Landithy Hall – Thursday 15th May 2025

Present:

Cllr H Eddy, Cllr. V Peake, Cllr L Philips, Cllr S Clackworthy (7.08pm).

Clerk, Mrs J Ellis, Cornwall Cllr J Line and five members of the public.

1. **Welcome from the chairman** – Cllr Eddy vice chairman welcomed all to this year's parish meeting.
2. **The Annual parish meeting minutes of the 2nd May 2024** were unanimously agreed and signed by the vice-chairman.
3. **To receive the annual report from the Chairman** – The following written report from Chairman Cllr Roberts was given by Cllr Eddy in Cllr Roberts absence:

'Good evening and I am sorry that I am unable to be with you tonight. This has been an exceptionally busy year starting as always with Trafalgar Day. We were blessed with good weather, and it was made a greater celebration with the announcement of a new vicar for the parish. The other official services held in the church were the Remembrance Day service, Christmas Carol service and finally the Ordination of the new vicar Chris Butler in January. I would like to thank all my fellow councils and clerk for their attendance of these services as it shows a commitment to our community. We donated to the Jubilee swim scheme 2024 which gave children that are aged between 3-15 free swim passes. This was a success as 73 passes were issued which were used a further 104 additional times making a total of 177 free swims used. I am proud that we are again supporting the scheme for the 2025 season. The finger posts were necessary have been refurbished. We have fitted a new village bin by Parc Abanac in the hope that walkers will use this instead of dropping litter and dog bags around the fields. Our Neighbourhood Plan is one of the few that have made it through vigorous inspection. Thanks go to Graham Tanner and the fellow committee members. We have had two major breakthroughs recently with the final clearance of the layby at Badgers Cross which has been a thorn in everyone's side for many years. Great thanks go to Jodie and Andy Hoskin at Highways department for the hard work in achieving this. Our goal to provide a skatepark on the playing field is now within touching distance and once the final pieces are in place it will be full steam ahead. I would like to once again thank my fellow councillors for their attendance of our meeting and remember that you all bring wide and various skill to our council. Finally, my greatest thanks go to Jodie as our clerk. The depth of her knowledge, attention to detail and determined negotiations have brought many successes to our door. We are very lucky to have her in this role as other councils are envious of us. I have been very proud to hold the position of Chairman of Madron Parish Council this year and have thoroughly enjoyed my time and would like to wish my successor every good fortune'.

All councillors expressed their thanks to Councillor Roberts for all her hard work and dedication to the role.

4. **To note community grants awarded during the year** – The following grants were awarded:
 - Jubilee Pool swim scheme - £500 – to allow children in the parish to swim free at the Jubilee pool, which was utilised on 177 occasions.
 - Royal British Legion - £200 – A donation was made to the royal British legion towards their poppy / remembrance appeal.
 - Madron WI – Trafalgar celebrations assistance - £100 – A donation was made towards Madron W.I in thanks for their assistance with the Trafalgar parade refreshments.

5. To receive the financial report from Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer

Clerk reported that all accounts for the financial year 2024/2025 have been completed and audited by Cllrs Scoble and Cllr Richard Mann during the year, and the independent internal audit has been completed. The accounts will be put before the Parish Council this evening, for acceptance before being forwarded to BDO Limited, who is acting on behalf of the Audit Commission, for final approval.

This year the expenditure has exceeded the income by £9402.00.

During the year we continued to maintain King George V with grass cutting, play area inspections, repairs to fencing and play equipment. A new gate post and CCTV solar panels were purchased along with various surveys required to secure planning permission for the skatepark with a cost to this council of £5004. The pavilion utilities have been covered during the year.

The parish council continued to provide services such as bin emptying, pavement weed spraying, maintaining the three defibrillators at King George V, Landithy and Trythall, notice boards and keeping the website up to date with accessibility legislation.

The PRoW were all cut and maintained during the year.

The Trafalgar event took place in October which was well attended and highly regarded as a successful event. The parish council organised and covered costs associated with this day including road closures and refreshments.

A village Christmas tree was provided by the council for the parish.

Reserves of £37,987 will be carried forward to 2025/2026. It is important to realise that general costs are continually rising but most of all more responsibilities are being passed to parish councils from Cornwall Council.

There has to be sufficient reserves to meet these needs and any future commitments in the present financial climate or the state of the parish will deteriorate. The parish council are continuing to improve the facilities at King George V which will hopefully see a skatepark project successfully implemented this year.

6. To receive questions and comments raised by electors of the Parish

Mr & Mrs Wallis parishioners in Madron showed councillors a planning in principle proposal for land at their property which would be to build five dwellings on a meadow located by their property instead of the 17 properties that was originally approved for the meadow. Councillors thanked Mr & Mrs Wallis for taking the time to attend and show councillors the plans.