



Madron Parish Council

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Ordinary Meeting of Madron Parish Council held at Landithy Hall on Thursday 07th August 2025, at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr H Eddy (chairman)
Cllr M Scoble
Cllr L Philips
Cllr M Nicholls
Cllr M Thomson

Cllr A England (vice-chairman)
Cllr C Roberts
Cllr V Peake
Cllr R Mann

Clerk Jodie Ellis and no members of the public.

1. **Apologies** – Were received from Cllr Clackworthy, Cllr Whitton and Cornwall Cllr J Line.
2. **Acceptance of Minutes** - The minutes of the ordinary council meeting held on the 3rd July 2025 were unanimously agreed and signed by the chairman.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on this agenda** – Cllr Nicholls in Item 11 Public rights of way and Cllr Roberts in Item 12 Madron Meat site.
4. **Dispensations** – none received.
5. **Public Participation** – none.
6. **Chairmans Comments** – Cllr Eddy advised Cllrs that the highways meeting with Cllr Roberts, Line and highways manager Andy Hoskin was successful looking at areas around the parish. A report has been sent to Cllrs detailing possible proposals with the key being to have the proposals in place when the CAP funding is released before it is allocated. The minutes of the Sustran meeting with Mounts Bay academy have been circulated regarding the road closure outside the school at drop off and pick up. Anyone wishing to comment can do so via Sustrans website. The skatepark is making good progress and the football team are using the facilities. We have a vacancy on the parish council which can be filled by co-option from September.
7. **Councillor's Questions and Comments - (24 hour's notice to clerk advisable)**
The cutting of stiles and paths in Newmill and by Trye Farm were raised. Cllrs to send clerk the path numbers so that the cutting schedules can be checked.
There is Ash Dieback in the trees at Madron Methodist Chapel, clerk to advise the Methodist group.
The Memorial garden in the village needs a new path, lawn edging and drainage works which will be costly to the trust. Land ownership of the drain location will be confirmed. Clerk advised CCF funding may be possible.
8. **Comments from Cornwall Councillor J Line** - Cllr Line gave the following written report in her absence:
MBA School Streets Meeting - I convened a meeting on 9th July with partners involved in the Mounts Bay School Sustrans/Cornwall Council project, namely the school head and lead member of staff, Sustrans, Cornwall Council officers and local Town and Parish councillors (as representatives of local residents). The scheme entails Boscathnoe Lane in Heamoor being closed to traffic during school drop off and pick up times. Several people - including the school principal as well as residents of Boscathnoe Way and other neighbouring Heamoor streets - had raised concerns with me about various aspects of the scheme. My aim in convening the meeting was for the issues people had raised with me to be aired freely among relevant parties, solutions to be proposed and explored and for there to be a general debate among those in attendance about the future of the scheme. I'd like to thank Cllr Eddy for attending in his capacity as Chair of Madron Parish Council and for his helpful contributions. I'd like to emphasise a key point from the meeting, which was that if residents would like their views to be

registered then the best way to do this is via the formal consultation page on the Cornwall Council website. It would be helpful if councillors could help promote this page to enable residents to have a voice regarding the scheme. <https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/mounts-bay-academy>

Drive-around Madron parish with Andy Hoskin, head of Highways I was pleased to be able to facilitate this meeting out in the field with Cllr Eddy and Cllr Roberts on 11th July. We looked at three sites, namely Trevaylor, Newmill and Badger's Cross where there have been issues either with speeding traffic, dangerous parking, or both. It was a productive outing and between us we came up with ideas for each site which we thought could be feasible as expressions of interest for the CAP. I have sent the drawings Andy produced to the Chair and Parish Clerk for councillors to consider at the Parish Council meeting.

Cornwall/Sport England Initiative Attended a meeting in St John's Hall on 17th July about a project to encourage greater participation in physical activity in areas of economic deprivation. The focus of the project is on Penzance and St Austell. I continue to make the case for extending the scope to neighbouring rural areas which also suffer significant deprivation. I will report back as this project evolves. Madron Meats Site I have received a briefing from Cornwall Council about the current situation at the site, which I have forwarded to the Clerk. I have also made enquiries as to the process for making a submission to the call for sites, as given that it is named in the Neighbourhood Plan as a suitable site for development this would make sense. Thanks to the Clerk for making this suggestion. I intend to complete this task once I return from holiday.

Issue with stile on footpath 5 in Madron - I was contacted by a resident about the broken stile on footpath 5. I understand from the Parish Clerk that this is an ongoing issue. I have approached Cornwall Council Officers and they have agreed to go and assess the situation there again. I will keep you posted about any progress.

Cornwall Council Committees Together for Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee Discussion about Children's access to dental services. Report on SEND provision. I took the opportunity to ask questions about the quality of the new SEN transport to school service since the change in contract, and the future of the Nancealverne Upper School on the John Daniel Centre site, which is currently being considered for development as Extra Care housing. Community Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee (CWOSC) Discussion about a consultation being undertaken by the Fire Service Standards First meeting of the new committee so we had the election of Chair (Cllr Loveday Jenkin) and Vice Chair (Cllr Pete Mitchell). There was also an introduction to the work of the committee and a look at the Work Plan.

Cornwall Council (Full Council) I presented my motion on the Equality Act to Full Council and set out the rationale for why it's important for the Council to implement the Supreme Court ruling with regard to the clarification of the words "sex", "man" and "woman". The Chair decided to defer the motion to Cabinet, so there was not a debate at this time, but this outcome means it can be considered in closer detail by Cabinet. If anyone is interested in learning more about this I would be happy to discuss individually or to go into more details at a future meeting (but only by request as I appreciate this is not a Madron-specific issue). My motion can be viewed here. Other motions included a commitment to pursue devolution for Cornwall and a voluntary ban on shops selling plastic flying rings which pose major threat to seals and other wildlife.

9. Planning Applications –

PA25/04085 - Carthew Barn Newbridge Penzance - Addition of first floor studio/hobbies room. Cllrs discussed the application and RESOLVED to support the application.

PA25/04620 - Tregoddick Farm Vingo Lane Madron Penzance - Application for Permission in Principle for proposed housing scheme of up to 5 dwellings (minimum 3, maximum 5). Cllrs discussed the application. The site is outside the development boundary of the Parish council's protected Neighbourhood Development plan and contrary to the NDP, therefore cannot be supported. This decision was agreed by 8 Councillors, 1 abstained (AE).

PA25/04956 - Spindrift Newmill Penzance Cornwall TR20 8XR - Non material amendment in relation to Decision Notice PA25/03155 dated 27/06/25 - Alterations of three first floor windows to Juliet balcony doors with dormer roofs over, on the south elevation. – **withdrawn**.

10. Clerk's Report and Correspondence

Trafalgar – The road closure has been agreed and the clerk has asked Madron W.I to serve teas and coffees with cakes being ordered as per last year from A Grose. The Captain has confirmed he will be taking the salute.

Highways meeting – Cllrs have all received the notes from the meeting. The suggestion for Newmill was discussed and it was agreed unless something is done to slow the traffic then the suggestion will still be dangerous as cars would be in the middle of the road. Cllr Eddy to speak to Andy Hoskin.

Audit – to confirm the internal audit was carried out on the 16.07.25 for the period: 01.04.25-15.07.25.

AGAR 2024/2025 – To note completion of the audit by BDO and requirement for council specific email addresses by 31.03.26, which the council already has planned.

Dogs on Beaches consultation – no comments received.

Road Safety – The hedges in the parish are in desperate need of cutting back especially around Newmill. Cllrs to forward locations to clerk to contact highways.

11. Public Rights of Way – Cllr Nicholls left

104/37/1 – Blocked Stiles – the countryside team have advised 7 stile kits have been delivered and 1 stile has been repaired to date.

Cllr Nicholls returned.

104/5/1 – the countryside team have confirmed a new handle will be fitted.

104/56/4 – Clerk has chased the contractor to trim.

Cllr Roberts left

12. Madron Meat site – All Cllrs agreed this has been discussed for many years and it needs to be moved forward to provide much needing housing. It was RESOLVED that the clerk would ask Cllr Line to ask CC to progress forward with a compulsory purchase order to the current owners. Cllr Roberts returned.**13. Payments - It was unanimously agreed and RESOLVED that the following payments be approved:**

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| Jodie Ellis, clerk | Salary | £1225.30 |
| Jodie Ellis, clerk | Office Allowance and disbursements | £69.00 |
| HMRC | Clerk Tax / NI | £535.47 |
| Cornwall Pension Fund | Clerk LGPS | £310.76 |
| SWPSI | ROSPA play inspection x 2 | £80.00 |
| Biffa | Bin Emptying | £106.36 |
| R Sanders | King George Cut | £186.00 |
| Peninsula Grounds Care | Pitch marking | £114.00 |
| Maverick Industries Ltd | Pre-construction works & detailed design (CCF) | £23,940.00 |
| CALC | Code of conduct training x 7 | £210.00 |
| BDO | External Audit Fees 2024/2025 | £378.00 |
| Maverick Industries Ltd | Construction works of Skatepark | £117,663.96 |

Playing Field Account

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| EDF | Pavilion Electricity - DD | £7.96 |
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13b. Payments – It was RESOLVED to approve delegation of the income and expenditure for the skatepark for August to the clerk and Councillors Eddy, Roberts and Peake to pay Maverick the sum listed under item 13 in instalments and then reclaim this sum from CIL / CLUP funding. An updated statement will be provided at September's meeting. It was agreed of the £117,663.96, £91,200 would be paid this evening and the remaining £26,463.96 would be paid during August when the CLUP money had been received.**14. Financial Reports – It was RESOLVED to approve the cashbook, bank reconciliation and budget monitoring reports as at 29.07.2025.****15. Skatepark Project - Clerk circulated to Cllrs the event package from Maverick for an open day with Prizes, competitions, demos and music for a period of around 4 hours, at a cost of £2750. It was RESOLVED to book this event for Saturday 27th September 2025 from the funding budget for the skatepark.****16. King George V playing field / Madron Football club – Clerk advised the shower in the referees room needs fixing as it has no pressure and just dribbles water when turned on. The showers also only get warm. Cllr Eddy agreed to take a look.****17. Update from any other External meetings – none.****18. Any other Business for the next Agenda – none.****19. Time and Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 4th September 2025 at 7.30pm at Landithy Hall**