

**SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
Chairman: Councillor Philip Martin

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**03/25**

**Minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held at Sithney school on Tuesday 04<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7.30pm.**

Cllr P Martin (chairman)

Cllr D Cattran

Cllr L Penrose

Cllr S Hilditch

Cllr N Logan

Cllr I Bulavs

Parish Clerk Jodie Ellis, Cornwall Councillor L Jenkin and one member of the public.

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Were received from Cllr M Tresidder.
- 2. Acceptance of minutes** – Approval of the minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on the 07<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were unanimously agreed and signed by the chairman.
- 3. Declarations of interest for items on this agenda** – none.
- 4. To consider any applications for dispensations under section 33 of the localism act 2011** – None received.
- 5. Public participation** – A parishioner advised that the Martin Matthews exhibition is in Helston this Friday afternoon. The potholes between Trannack and Lowertown have been repaired, however there are still a few more.
- 6. Chairman's comments** – Cllr Martin advised he attended the Merther close meeting with Cllr L Jenkin who will give more detail later.
- 7. Councillors' questions and comments** - 24-hour notice in accordance with Standing Orders advisable – A community questionnaire has been circulated in Lowertown by a parishioner who is looking for a community hall / land. Cllr Penrose will advise of the church space that could be available at Sithney.
- 8. Cornwall councillor's comments** – Cllr Jenkin advised the planning committee meeting approved PA24/06277 for Sithney under delegated authority which is a great result for the parish and applicant as members agreed it constituted landfill. The Merther close meeting with the new Coastline officer was positive and the officer could see no reason why the designated space could not be managed by SPC going forward. The sewage treatment plant on Coastline's land needs to be replaced first and they will need to use the open space to carry out this work. The community space can be accessed through the bungalow estate and down the footpath. The work on the traffic island in Nancegollan should be starting on the 10.02.2025.
- 9. Planning:** PA25/00244 - Treggrannick Barn Trannack Helston - Demolition of existing UPVC conservatory and construction of two storey extension. Councillors RESOLVED to support the application on the basis that the applicants have taken on board the Planning Officer's recommended alterations to the proposal and that any issues relating to the correct Definitive Line of Footpath 230/18/1 are resolved.
- 10. Public rights of way** – No issues were reported.
- 11. Clerk's report and correspondence.**

The Sithney village street light installation has been delayed due to the recent weather but should be installed in the next couple of weeks.

CIL Income – Sithney PC currently hold funds of £7298.00, the street light invoice will come out of this.

Land at Merther close Sithney – covered under Item 8.

Internal Audit Fee 24/25 – There is a slight increase from £89 to £95, Cllrs RESOLVED to accept this.

Free Cybercrime awareness talks – the correspondence circulated by email was noted.

Internal Audit – Cllr Bulavs completed the internal audit with the clerk this evening and no issues were raised.
- 12. Banking** – Cllrs discussed moving from Barclays to Unity bank as Unity are highly recommended in working with parish councils and online banking will reduce postage costs and the issues of lost cheques. It was RESOLVED to move both bank accounts to Unity. The current account would have a £6.00 per month charge and the current interest rate on the savings account is 2.75%.
- 13. Payments** - It was RESOLVED, all Councillors in favour that the following payments be authorised:

Cornwall Pension Fund (LGPS) – Clerk – standing order	£149.63
Mrs J Ellis – Clerk Salary – Standing order	£799.97
Mr R Sanders – Trim Plover's Field	£93.60
Croft Multi Academy Trust – Room hire for meetings Apr 2024-March 2025	£180.00
	<b>£1,223.20</b>

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- 14. Financial report of the clerk** – There are payments to pay totalling £1,223.20 as reported in item 13. The bank reconciliations at the end of January for the Current Account and Business Saver have been circulated to members in the Rialtas reports, it was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the reports.
- 15. Time and date of the next meeting** – Tuesday 04<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.30pm at Sithney School.