



# Madron Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish meeting of Madron Parish Council held at Landithy Hall – Thursday 02<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 at 7pm

### Present:

Cllr. C Roberts (Chairman)

Cllr. V Peake

Cllr C Whitton

Cllr. M. Scoble

Cllr A England

Clerk, Mrs J Ellis and no members of the public.

Cllr H Eddy (Vice-chairman)

Cllr Richard Mann

Cllr A Thomas

Cllr S Clackworthy (arrived 7.12pm)

**1. Apologies** – Were received from Cllr S Elliott, Cllr Roy Mann, Cllr L Philips and Cllr A George.

**2. Annual Report of the Chairman** – Cllr Roberts gave the following report:

We have had another busy and varied year. Trafalgar Day celebrations were a success, being expertly organised by the Clerk, Councillors Clackworthy and Eddy.

I really appreciate the help provided by the other councillors to enable the smooth running of this event. Our new pin badges were very much admired by other Councils.

Madron WI came to our aid with the after-service refreshments and have said that they wish to extend the selection of refreshments this year along side the usual pasties.

The playing field's proposed skate park and new access track are still on the horizon. Thanks again to the sub-committee and Jodie for their continued hard work.

A small income has been received from a local football team and a birthday party and hopefully this has showcased the facilities, although the vandalism has been disappointing and caused unnecessary expense.

We had the historic fingerposts refurbished and placed back in situ.

We changed to Unity bank to ensure a more proactive way of paying suppliers and achieving more interest on the parish council finances.

The dealing with planning applications timescales may lead to some having to be dealt with by email and enforcement issues are still slowly progressing.

Councillor Eddy's representation in regard to the Trannack development has shown great commitment in time and energy .

Badgers Cross still remains our longest running problem and every year we hope it will finally get sorted but unfortunately it continues.

The funding towards the Jubilee Pool Swim Scheme is a great way to encourage our younger parishioners to use the facilities has met with approval from local families. It will be interesting to receive information on the uptake in our area.

I would like to thank County Councillor George for his work this year especially aiding us to get the very overgrown hedges trimmed around New Mill also for the £500 community chest grant which went towards the play area fence.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their hard work and regular attendance.

Thanks goes to my Vice Chairman Hugh and other Councillors who have represented us on various occasions.

My final thanks go to our clerk, Jodie Ellis for her guidance and knowledge of legal practices and determination to get us the best results available.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my year and proud to hold the office as Chairman of this parish council.

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### **3. Financial Report from Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer**

Clerk reported that all accounts for the financial year 2023-2024 have been completed and audited by Cllrs Scoble and 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 £9571.00.

During the year we continued to maintain King George V with grass cutting, play area inspections and repairs to fencing and play equipment. The pavilion utilities have been covered along with new windows to the pavilion as a result of vandalism.

The parish council continued to provide services such as: bin emptying, weed spraying around the village maintaining the three defibrillators at King George V, Landithy and Trythall and also maintaining 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 new parish sign has been purchased and installed during the year. Councillor pin badges have been purchased for all members and the historic finger posts have been refurbished and reinstalled in the parish. The planning application for the skatepark project has been submitted in the year with £1920 in costs too date. A village Christmas tree was provided by the council for the parish.

This council donated to the feast committee, Madron WI and to the Royal British legion poppy appeal during the year. Reserves of £47,389 will be carried forward to 2024-2025. 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.

**4. To receive questions and comments from members of the public – none.**