



Madron Parish Council

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Ordinary Meeting of Madron Parish Council held at Landithy Hall on Thursday 05th February 2026, at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr H Eddy (chairman)
Cllr M Scoble
Cllr M Thomson
Cllr R Mann
Cllr M Nicholls

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

Clerk Jodie Ellis and no members of the public.

- 1. Apologies** – Were received from Cllr L Philips, Cllr H Uren and Cornwall Cllr J Line.
- 2. Acceptance of Minutes** - The minutes of the ordinary council meeting held on the 04th December 2025 were unanimously agreed and signed by the chairman.
- 3. Declarations of interest in items on this agenda** – none.
- 4. Dispensations** – none received.
- 5. Public Participation** – none.
- 6. Chairmans Comments** – Cllr Eddy wished all a Happy New Year due to storm Goretti cancelling the January meeting. The parish have a community emergency plan but it has it's difficulties implementing it when there is a loss of power. It may be worthwhile reviewing it in the future. The CC Leader is visiting the playing field on the 31.03.26 and it would be great to have as many Cllrs present as possible. The Castle Horneck scheme has been approved which could lead to more schemes like this coming forward. Thanks go to Scott Clackworthy for his work as a parish councillor who tendered his resignation in January.
- 7. Councillor's Questions and Comments - (24 hour's notice to clerk advisable)**

Thanks, go to our Cornwall Cllr J Line for her efforts during the storm in particular in the Newmill area.

There appear to be some chips appearing in the skatepark concrete, Cllr England to forward photos to the clerk when it is dry to send to Maverick.

Cllrs agreed the only way forward with the Madron meat site is for Cllr Line to push Cornwall Council to proceed with a compulsory purchase order.

The hedge opposite the King William pub in Madron is growing out into the road, clerk to report.

There is a tree in Newmill that has the telephone line caught in it that will cause a loss of telephones to some areas of Newmill if not dealt with.

The flooding at Trythall cross roads has not been cleared although highways did attend to place a sign on site.

The King William pub in Madron is now doing food and should be congratulated on being a great community asset, clerk to send an email.

Badgers cross is particularly congested with cars again as far up as Garris cottages and the grass verge is becoming very muddy due to the volume of traffic.

A funeral took place at Madron cemetery this week and it was disappointing to see the digger left outside the gates when a more appropriate location should have been found.

The VW van parked on the Green with no roof needs to be moved asap as it is a health and safety issue.

Former Councillor Roy Mann's funeral had a very disappointing turnout in particular from Cornwall council given his years of service as a parish and county councillor.

The tree in Bellair road / churchyard is still an issue and the church are waiting for Cormac's report on it's condition.

The memorial garden has been subject to more vandalism with the notice board and fencing slats being damaged, costs are having to be covered from Landithy which could mean an increase in charges. Clerk to report to the police.

8. Comments from Cornwall Councillor J Line - Cllr Line sent the following written report:

Storm Goretti - The last few weeks I've been very busy supporting residents in the wake of Storm Goretti and subsequent storms and flooding. I knocked on doors in various locations across Madron Parish where I thought residents may be vulnerable or isolated, in particular around Newmill, Lanyon/Bossulow, and Mulfra as well as outside the parish. I worked closely with highways, reporting trees down, blocked drains, potholes etc and feeding back to residents regarding their progress. There are still two trees in Newmill that remain a cause for concern and I'm pressing for urgent action on those. Telecommunications was key issue in the wake of storm Goretti and I spent some time chasing the phone and internet companies on behalf of residents who were still without service after several weeks. I was approached by national news outlets (The Guardian, BBC national News at 6 and 10 and ITV South West for their coverage of the storm and aftermath. I wanted to take the opportunity to highlight the problem of the internet enabled phone systems (which have been introduced to replace the copper landlines) in areas where there is no mobile signal, noting how the storm and associated power cuts exposed the limitations of this system. Newmill was a useful case study in this respect and I'd like to thank the residents of Newmill who took the opportunity to share their experiences with the media. I had the opportunity to attend an in-person meeting at County Hall last Tuesday where I raised this issue as well as other issues related to the response to the storm (Cornwall Council's as well as other agencies). This feedback is ongoing so residents can continue to raise issues via me if they wish. I understand the Parish Council will be invited to create their own emergency plans. I'd like to make myself available to support that process in whatever way is considered appropriate.

Madron Meats Site - Disappointingly I still haven't received any response to my letter to the owners of the site since I sent it last year. I'm happy to hear from the Parish Council regarding what steps they would like to see me take on its behalf next.

Newmill hedge cutting - One side of Gear Hill has been cut. The other side still needs cutting (I have done a bit more on my daily commute but it still needs a proper job doing with machines.) Highways are now very tied up with clearing trees and blocked drains but I have asked them to get there when they can. I've also reported that the culvert in the middle of that stretch is blocked again.

CAP highways funding - We recently had a meeting to agree the priorities for the CAP Highways funding and I was pleased to endorse the Newmill/Badgers Cross expression of interest for consideration.

9. Planning Applications –

[PA25/08262](#) - 2 The Retreat Badgers Cross Gulval Penzance - Conversion of outbuilding to create an annexe. It was RESOLVED to object to the application as there are no facilities for any extra parking.

[PA25/09463](#) - Boswarthen Newbridge Penzance - proposed alterations and extension.

It was RESOLVED that Cllrs have no objection subject to Cornwall Council planners being satisfied that it is not over development.

[PA25/09611](#) - The Millhouse Landithy Madron Penzance - Removal of two existing doors (front-door and side-door) to the kitchen and porch area and two windows (both in the kitchen) and replacing with one bi-fold door on existing elevation. Create a vaulted ceiling with three roof lights for additional light and ventilation.

It was RESOLVED that Cllrs have no objection.

[PA26/00345](#) - Tremethick Farm Tremethick Cross Penzance - Change of use and conversion of redundant farm buildings to create a self-contained residential dwelling with variation of condition 2 of decision notice

PA25/07728 dated 31.12.2025. It was RESOLVED to Object to the application based on the application not meeting the requirements of the Madron neighbourhood development plan design guide, which stipulates that timber cladding should not be used.

10. Clerk's Report and Correspondence

PCC funding for CCTV – MPC have been successful in the application to Devon and Cornwall PCC for CCTV for King George V playing field. The contractor has requested 50% to be paid in advance this evening for the purchase of the CCTV equipment. It was RESOLVED to approve this.

Madron Daniel C of E school have asked for a visit from the chairman / Cllrs to do a Q&A with pupils. It was agreed Cllr Eddy would attend.

The audit was carried out on the 29.01.26 with the clerk, Cllrs Scoble and Mann and no issues were found.

An EOI for CIL funding for the children's play area project has been submitted to CC and applicants should be notified by the 31.03.26 whether or not they have been successful and asked to submit a full application.

Defib Machines – It was REOLDVED to renew our contract with Defib machines for another 4 years for the lease of the two Defibrillators at Trythall and Landithy. New Defibrillators will be installed and training available (if needed) at a cost of £339.45 a year per defib. It was noted the Landithy cabinet is difficult to open.

11. Public Rights of Way –

LMP 2026/2027 – It was RESOLVED to continue with our current contractor for the LMP 2026/2027 Mr R Sanders and accept the contract with CC. It was noted that cuts will be later in the season due to workload: Gold two cut paths and stiles to be cut May for the first cut and September for the second cut. Gold one cut paths to be cut in June/July. Silver paths to be cut hopefully September/October. The cost to MPC would be £1391.

104/59/1 – boulder on break me neck lane has been removed. The surface condition is poor for a bridleway.

The footpath between Newmill to Trevaylor is blocked by the bridge.

12. Payments - It was unanimously agreed and RESOLVED that the following payments be approved:

Jodie Ellis, clerk	Salary	£1,261.67
Jodie Ellis, clerk	Office Allowance and disbursements	£78.30
HMRC	Clerk Tax / NI	£557.06
Cornwall Pension Fund	Clerk LGPS	£320.64
Mr R Sanders	King George Cut x 1	£186.00
Biffa	Bin Emptying (27.12-23.01.26)	£79.78
Marks Multi media	CCTV for King George V (50%costs upfront)	£2042.00

Playing Field Account

EDF	Pavilion Electricity - DD	£90.27
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It was RESOLVED to ratify approval for the following payments from January when the full council meeting was cancelled due to the storm

Jodie Ellis, clerk	Salary	£1261.67
Jodie Ellis, clerk	Office Allowance and disbursements	£129.79
HMRC	Clerk Tax / NI	£557.06
Cornwall Pension Fund	Clerk LGPS	£320.64
Mr R Sanders	King George Cut x 3	£558.00
Complete weed Control	Madron spraying x 2 and Pavilion x 1	£600.00
CALC	Code of conduct training – HU	£30.00
Wolseley	Pavilion hot water part	£899.80
SWPSI	ROSPA December Inspection	£40.00
Biffa	Bin emptying 22.11.25-26.12.25	£99.72
Audana	Quarterly website accessibility check	£40.00
SLCC	Annual membership subscription	£113.70

Playing Field Account

EDF	Pavilion Electricity - DD	£25.20
Bolitho Trust no 1	Access Lane annual charge	£20.00
Source for Business	Pavilion water (03.09.25-05.12.25)	£53.58

13. Financial Reports – It was RESOLVED to approve the cashbook, bank reconciliation and budget monitoring reports as at 26.01.26.**14. King George V Playing field -** Cllrs Eddy and Uren will empty the boiler room into the storage container ready for the plumber on the 19th / 20th February to repair the showers. The CC Leader visit to the skatepark is scheduled for the 31.03.2026.**15. Parish VAS Speed cameras –** Cllrs discussed the options and agreed it was not a priority for funds at present due to the play area project.**16. Jubilee Pool Under 16 swim school –** It was RESOLVED to join the scheme for 2026 at a cost of £750.00.**17. Update from any other External meetings –** CAP January 2026 notes have been circulated to Cllrs. Cllr Roberts attended the CAP meeting which focused on children services where a survey has been carried out which received a good number of responses. There were no parents and children in B&B in the first quarter. There is a lack of mental health services available locally. Smart phones were discussed with some children using them for as many as 35 hours per week. There were discussions around children not having phones in classrooms as when they do the amount of time it takes for the children to re-engage in the lesson can be 15 minutes. Smart phones do have positives such as being used to track transport and for medical conditions such as diabetes. Negative impacts are the addiction that children can have in using them. The car sharing app is live and parking charges are being looked into with the hope of reducing them.**18. Any other Business for the next Agenda –** none.**19. Time and Date of Next Meeting –** Thursday 5th March 2026 at 7.30pm at Landithy Hall.