



Madron Parish Council

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Ordinary Meeting of Madron Parish Council held at Landithy Hall on Thursday

01st April 2026, at 7.30pm

Present:

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

Cllr A England (vice-chairman)
Cllr M Nicholls
Cllr L Phillips
Cllr V Peake

Clerk Jodie Ellis, Cornwall Cllr J Line and one member of the public.

- 1. Apologies** – Were received from Cllr C Roberts who was attending the CAP meeting on MPC's behalf and Cllr C Whitton was absent.
- 2. Acceptance of Minutes** - The minutes of the ordinary council meeting held on the 05th March 2026 were discussed and it was agreed to remove / cross through the word 'common' under item 7, line 8. The minutes were then unanimously agreed and signed by the chairman.
- 3. Declarations of interest in items on this agenda** – none.
- 4. Dispensations** – none received.
- 5. Public Participation** – A parishioner raised concerns about access / common land in Newmill and a locked gate across the access land. There is also a large amount of materials being disposed of on site. Access land should always remain accessible to people and there are concerns that this is being restricted through the gate being locked. Clerk will forward these concerns to CC.
- 6. Chairmans Comments** – Cllr Eddy advised the Leader visit to look at the skatepark was postponed until the summer due to the Leader of CC being unwell. Madron meat site recently featured on Urban Explorers. Clerk updated that CC have recently attended the site and are in the process of securing the site. The officer also encouraged the council to continue to pursue CC to action a compulsory purchase of the site. As more duties are being devolved to parish and town councils from CC, it is good to see that CC are now going to deal with weed control, a cost in recent years covered by the parish council.
- 7. Councillor's Questions and Comments - (24 hour's notice to clerk advisable)**
The hedges on Joseph's way by Mounts Bay junction and by the stream need trimming, clerk to report.
The speed hump by Mounts bay academy is dangerous to drivers due to the style of it and motorists cannot go over it more than 5mph without damaging their vehicle.
The car at Wishing well has been removed along with the rubbish.
There is a government consultation on the planning scheme of delegation at present. If it is successful it will affect all councils as the types of applications that are dealt with at officer level and not committee will change.
New posts are being put up at a property in Aldreath Road that are quite high and may become a fence that could need planning permission.
Cllr England attended the Data protection training which is a recommended training session as it covers many topics that Cllrs need to be aware of such as: the main data source of the council is emails, no emails should be forwarded on to non council emails, Cllrs must consider if they need to before anything is printed and try not to download documents. Clerk advised she is looking into a cloud base folder instead of sending meeting documents to Cllrs to avoid Cllrs downloading them.
Thanks to Cllr Mann for fixing the Fingerpost.

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- 8. Comments from Cornwall Councillor J Line** - Cllr Line came from the CAP meeting but will leave Cllr Roberts to update on this. Residents have been in contact about the National Grid payments from the storm and the issue of electricity returning briefly meaning they were not completely without for 48 hours so National grid are not required to compensate. A guardian journalist that attended after the storm and visited Newmill residents, returned again this week and visited parishioners in Madron. Cllr Line is pleased that the Meat Site is being fenced and will continue to pursue CC for a compulsory purchase of the site. The hedges in Newmill are nearly all trimmed, if there are any areas still requiring cutting please let Cllr Line know. A horse and rider safety campaign is being raised with CC to try and make roads safer for riders. Parents have been in touch about the use of Smart phones with kids and the concerns around using them. In order to progress this the need for a smart phone for Bus apps needs to be overcome first. The pothole situation is improving due to the dry weather and highways being able to complete more repairs.
- 9. Planning Applications** – PA26/01507 - 2 Bellair House Bellair Road Madron Penzance Listed building consent for works to existing water tank including replacement or repairs to existing timber structure, repairs to timber weatherboarding, repairs and repainting to walls, replacement of existing fibre cement roof, replacement of door. It was RESOLVED to support the application.

10. Clerk's Report and Correspondence

The road from Boskednan to Ding Dong is falling away at the edges, clerk has reported to CC.

Ding Dong – the latest email from the police has been circulated and Cllr Line was asked to look into this and liaise with the police to see what can be done to stop the 4x4's and get more signage installed.

The AGAR for 2025/2026 is being completed and will be passed to the Internal Auditor on the 09.04.26. Madron is subject to an intermediate review due to the spend on the skatepark.

The parking outside Trythall school was raised, as today large vehicles were unable to pass the school, clerk has emailed the headteacher.

11. Public Rights of Way –

104/59/1 – surface area is with the countryside team for inspection.

CC will deliver Weed spraying in Madron this year in two treatments starting in May.

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

Jodie Ellis, clerk	Salary	£1261.67
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HMRC	Clerk Tax / NI	£557.06
Cornwall Pension Fund	Clerk LGPS	£320.64
Jubilee Pool Penzance Ltd	Swim scheme 2026	£750.00
Mr R Sanders	King George Cut x 2	£186.00
CALC	Training – MN and JE	£57.00
Audana	Website accessibility check	£40.00

Playing Field Account-

EDF	Pavilion Electricity - DD	£26.40
Southwest water	Pavilion water 05.12.25-03.03.26	£37.77

13. Financial Reports – It was RESOLVED to approve the cashbook, bank reconciliation and budget monitoring reports as at 25.03.2026.

14. Asset Register – It was REOLVED to approve the asset register as at 31.03.26.

15. Earmarked Reserves – It was REOLVED to approve the earmarked reserves as at 31.03.26 with the addition of any extra income received between the 25-31st March 2026 being allocated to general reserves.

16. King George V Playing field - Cllr M Nicholls and Mr Nicholls have kindly agreed to move the container when it is dry enough with Cllr England to find a suitable location slightly further away from the pavilion.

Clerk has contacted a handyman to look at the shower issue, all agreed to go ahead.

The annual play inspection was discussed and it was RESOLVED to book through SWPSI at a cost of £192.50 + vat.

The CCTV is run through the mobile sim card, which has a 6GB data allowance per month which is not enough for the CCTV. It was RESOLVED to renew the Tesco contract for 24 months at a cost of £15.00 per month for 60GB.

17. Update from any other External meetings – none.

18. Any other Business for the next Agenda – none.

19. Time and Date of Next Meeting – 7th May 2026 at 7pm for the Annual and Ordinary meeting.