



Madron Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held at Landithy Hall – Thursday 7th May 2026

Present:

Cllr H Eddy, Cllr A England, Cllr M Nicholls, Cllr M Thomson, Cllr L Phillips, Cllr R Mann, Cllr V Peake, Cllr C Roberts and Cllr H Uren

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

- 1. Welcome from the chairman** – Cllr Eddy chairman welcomed all to this year's parish meeting.
- 2. Approval of Minutes** - The Annual parish meeting minutes of the 15th May 2025 were unanimously agreed and signed by the chairman.
- 3. To receive the annual report from the Chairman** – Cllr H Eddy gave the following report: 'Thank you to everyone for coming today to the Annual Parish meeting. There have been many things happening in the parish in the last year, some involving the Parish Council and some not. The year started at full speed with the construction of the skatepark beginning in May 2025. What had been just an area of the playing field was transformed week by week into the skatepark. The builders worked away the heat, until the park was built, working very thoroughly and professionally to a high standard. There was a small amount of trouble with kids getting into the site before it was opened- mainly to have a go on the ramps! The opening ceremony was organised by Maverick and paid for by the Parish Council, and was very well attended, with a large number of youngsters participating in the event. Many thanks to long serving councillors Clare and Mike for cutting the ribbon. Since then, the park continues to be used daily, and the new access way has transformed the use of the playing field. Another positive development is the creation of the Madron AFC football team based at the playing field; not only is it great to have the field used for sports but it brings some identity to Madron Village in having a football team again. I wish them well for the forthcoming season.

In July the Parish Council met with the Highways manager to look at submitting an application for some small road improvement schemes in Newmill, Trevaylor and Badgers Cross. We were recently pleased to hear that the Newmill and Badgers Cross schemes have been supported by the Community Area Partnership councillors and now we have to wait for the schemes to be signed off and put out to consultation. This year Madron PC has had a new proactive Community Area Partnership representative with Cllr Roberts, and it is great that we are able as a council to be kept up to date with developments, policy formulation and consultations being carried out by Cornwall Council. Policies are always changing and the changes to national planning policies by the government meant that most Neighbourhood Development Plans have become obsolete, with no new funding to update them. Madron Parish NDP was one of only 9 out of about 80 that was deemed to be in date by a Cornwall Council review, which is a tribute to research and robust consultation done on it by the original team. Unfortunately, in the next year or two further changes mean that the Madron NDP document is likely to become obsolete, which is a shame given all the 1000s of hours that went into it. Autumn saw Trafalgar Day, which was very well attended, we are very lucky that the Royal Navy at Cudrose is so keen to support this event, and it is fairly unique in the area. A big thank you to all the serving personnel who give up their free time to take part, thank you. While Christmas this year was a very mild affair, unfortunately immediately afterwards was the Storm Goretti, which while short, felled a lot of trees, cutting off electricity supplies and telephones across the parish. The power cuts lasted from a few hours to five days for some, and were very patchy, with some houses in Madron having power and next door not having power. Coupled with a loss of water supply possibly due to power cuts at treatment works, some residents had a miserable

time. Our emergency plan was really unable to be activated, as the homes without power in New Mill were cut off from Trythall school by a tree and Landithy Hall had no electricity. I held discussions with the managers on the Saturday morning following Goretta about installing my own generator and opening the hall as a warm space for residents, but the hall is not set up at present with a changeover switch for generator operation. We have to be realistic about the resources available to us, a PC in disaster mitigation like this, and not make promises we cannot fulfil.

A big thank you to all the parishioners who just went out and cleared trees, particularly towards Tremethick cross. Your input meant that the roads opened sooner and people were able to get about again. The community spirit is one of the things that is Madron's strength, and it is great to see the pub open again and doing well, and more recently a committee has been formed in the village to hopefully put up Christmas lights. It has been an honour and a pleasure to be chairman of Madron Parish Council, and I would like to thank all the Cllrs, members of the public and not least our clerk Jodie for pushing to keep doing things. Thank you.

4. To note community grants awarded during the year – The following grants were awarded:

- Jubilee Pool swim scheme - £700 – to allow children in the parish to swim free at the Jubilee pool, which was utilised on 245 occasions.
- Royal British Legion - £200 – A donation was made to the royal British legion towards their poppy / remembrance appeal.
- Madron WI – Trafalgar celebrations assistance - £100 – A donation was made towards Madron W.I in thanks for their assistance with the Trafalgar parade refreshments.

5. To receive the financial report from Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer

All the accounts for the financial year 2025/2026 have been completed and audited by Cllrs Scoble and Cllr 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 £4485.00 which has been added to the council's reserves.

During 2025/2026 Madron parish council saw the completion of the long-awaited wheeled sports park at the King George V playing field, including the new skatepark, bin and bench to complete the project.

We continued to maintain King George V with grass cutting, play area inspections and bin emptying. A new CCTV system was installed thanks to a grant from Devon and Cornwall police. The pavilion utilities have been covered during the year. Madron Football club have used the facilities during the year and this income has helped towards the ongoing costs including repairs to the shower facilities.

The parish council continued to provide services such as bin emptying, pavement weed spraying, maintaining the three defibrillators at King George V, Landithy and Trythall, notice boards and keeping the website up to date with accessibility legislation including the transfer to a .gov.uk website and emails for Cllrs.

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 village Christmas tree was provided by the council for the parish.

Reserves of £42,472 will be carried forward to 2026/2027. 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 the play equipment replacement project successfully implemented this year.

5. To receive questions and comments raised by electors of the Parish – none.