

Minutes of Morval Parish Council Meeting held at Widegates Village Hall on Wednesday 1 October 2025

Present: Councillors A Jackson (Chair), S Hutchins, D Kirkland, J Kitson, C Pearn, S Murdoch, B Pengelly, T Patterson, Parish Clerk, Councillor M Gibbons (CC), 2 members of the public

25/119 Apologies for Absence

Councillor G Tamblyn

25/120 Declarations of Interest on items on the Agenda

Councillors Kitson declared an interest in planning application PP-14245770.

25/121 Open Forum/Public Participation

M Willmott confirmed that articles for the Morval Outlook are needed by the 12th of the month.

25/122 Devon and Cornwall Police Report

None

25/123 Cornwall Councillor Report

Sewage scandal

Councillor M Gibbons gave the following report:-

Sewage Scandal - A motion to tackle the scandal of sewage discharges - with commitments and timescales, a Cornwall water summit and an appointed Water Quality Champion - was put forward and seconded by Cllr Candy. I spoke in favour and made the point that, to be effective, it would be vital to engage with senior management and decision makers from South West Water, not just their community officers, and that we would also need clear, realistic plans for improvement. Initiatives like 100% coverage of real-time monitoring, triaging and prioritising the worst overflow pipes, bigger storm tanks, more nature-based drainage and a statutory consultee role in planning for SWW.

Keeping Cornwall clean - Councillors backed the relaunch of "Keep Cornwall Clean" - a campaign to support community litter picks and beach cleans. This ties in well with work already happening in Looe and could help Looe's existing beach-clean groups and volunteers, providing equipment and support.

Other motions - Motions on parking charges, phone allowances, and the future of Cornwall's County Farms were passed to committees for further work.

Fair share for South East Cornwall - Former councillor Armand Toms asked why Mid Cornwall continues to receive big subsidies for projects like the Mid Cornwall Metro and Newquay Airport, while South East Cornwall doesn't seem to be getting its fair share. I will be continuing to apply pressure on this topic.

Saltash Tunnel update - National Highways reported that the Saltash Tunnel works have gone as smoothly as possible, thanks to extra trains and more parking at Liskeard. The tidal lane - which will ease traffic significantly - is due to be restored in December, though a short delay (into January) is possible while final software is tested. The changes on the A38 however are causing concern and I will be raising through CAP and National Highways.

Local update - I attended the Big Weekender event and was happy to see the town busy and venues well attended (though Friday afternoon was understandable quieter). I'll also visited the Kernofornia event to check on traffic management on the Friday and Sunday nights.

There will be Traffic Management in place on Station Road (one lane open) for the rest of the year while the banks are secured and the parapet wall is extended. I liaised with Highways and planning to address concerns regarding planning permissions and the design and materials used in the conservation area from Looe Town Council. I will continue to monitor, report and support throughout this significant project.

I am dealing with a number of resident issues relating to bus passes and looking into the conditions applied for approval which can appear unfair. I have escalated a particular case - in which a student is expected to walk from Nomansland to Looe Academy to the portfolio holder for review.

The verges of the path to the school have not yet been cut back but I am assured they will be and will monitor. I did some work to support the idea of a community bus and we did get some information from Go, but the timeframe for producing a credible bid for funding was just too tight. We plan to work further on this.

Parishioners raised concerns about the speed limit changes on the A38 to Plymouth. Councillor Gibbons offered to follow this up.

25/124 Minutes of the meeting held on the 3.9.25

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 3.9.25 which were confirmed as a true and correct record.

25/125 Planning

Applications

Concerns were raised that the application should have an ecology report:-

- PP-14245770 Morval Vean Sandplace Conversion of detached garage first floor to annexe

There were no objections on the following application:-

- PA25/06745 East Trenean Farm Widegates Listed Building Consent for the replacement of 3 windows and 5 doors of glazed timber construction with visually consistent glazed timber units.

Approved

- PA25/05236 Steppes Lodge Sandplace Road St Martin Looe Listed Building Consent for re-roofing works to allow for removal of spray-foam insulation and installation of patio doors.

25/126 Finance

- To approve the latest Financial Statements and payments of £5338.81
- A draft budget had been circulated and income and expenditure was reviewed. The budget was updated and this will be discussed further upon receipt of CC precept paperwork.
- The External audit report was discussed and recommendations noted.

25/127 Play Park update

- The new fencing on the housing side has been installed. The farm totem only sounds intermittently. The wheelchair carousel grinds to halt if there is more than one person on it. Clerk to report to Kompan. It was agreed to accept the offer from IK Crowle Construction to sponsor the path.

25/128 Correspondence for action

- The Local government services pay agreement 2025-26 was accepted

25/129 Clerk's Report

- Nothing to report

25/130 Correspondence for information (Circulated to all)

- Harvest Festival at St Wenna's church 4.10.25/Harvest Family Service at 11am on Sunday 5th October
- CC Street Trading Updates
- OPCC's CCTV funding scheme 2025
- Safe 38 Meeting Wednesday 17th September
- Local Council training: Neighbourhood Planning and Neighbourhood Priorities Statements - 30 September 2025

25/131 Time, Date and Venue of next Parish Council Meeting

7.00pm on Wednesday 5.11.25 in Widegates Village Hall