



The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on Tuesday 19th August 2025 at the St Erme Community Centre.

Those present:

Cllr Trethewey (Chairperson), Cllr Hodgkinson (Vice-Chairperson), Cllr Light, Cllr P Jones (from 7.40pm) and Cllr S Jones (from 7.40pm).

In attendance:

Mrs Sally Trethewey (Clerk) and one member of the public.

83/25 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Karen Glasson (Cornwall Councillor).

84/25 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations.

a) Councillors to disclose any declarations of interests on any agenda items.

There were no declarations of interest disclosed.

b) Member/s to request a dispensation for an item on the agenda that has just become apparent at this meeting.

There were no dispensations requested.

Public Participation (15 minutes)

The public are given 15 minutes to discuss any items on the agenda, after this period the members of the public may stay in the meeting but will not be able to comment or participate.

There were no items discussed.

85/25 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st July 2025.

The minutes previously circulated were agreed and it was proposed and seconded and therefore,

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st July 2025 be approved as a true record and duly signed.

Cllr P Jones and Cllr S Jones joined the meeting.

86/25 Planning:

a) To consider any planning applications received up to the date of the meeting.

- **PA25/02374: Truthan Manor, Truthan, St Erme, Truro**
Listed building consent for the renovation of existing Manor and Cottage, removal of small contemporary lean-to and raised pool house, and demolition of stables for replacement storage.
- **PA25/02373: Truthan Manor, Truthan, St Erme, Truro**
Renovation of existing Manor and Cottage, removal of small contemporary lean-to and raised pool house, and demolition of stables for replacement storage.

The planning applications above were discussed, and it was proposed and seconded and therefore

RESOLVED to support the applications with the recommendations from the Heritage Officer.

- b) To receive notification of the following Planning Appeal and consider any further response and/or attendance to speak at the planning hearing:
APP/D0840/W/25/3365652 – (PA23/02629)
Installation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) array/solar farm with battery energy storage system and associated infrastructure.

Members discussed the appeal and considered any additional comments to submit to the planning inspectorate. It was agreed that we submit the following:

St Erme Parish Council stands by our original objection submitted against this planning application and agree with the LPA reasons for refusal.

We would like to add the following comments to our original objection to the application:

- **Battery Storage** – *the negatives of using batteries far out ways the positives; because the production, the decommissioning of them and the risk of fire during the solar farm's life; is unknown. There is not enough information on the harm to the environment in the long term that these batteries will produce.*
- **Concrete Standings** – *The application now states that the solar panels will be on concrete standings, this will increase the existing flooding issues from the site and would be contrary to Cornwall Council's Climate Emergency Development Plan. Concrete standings will make a significant difference in the decommissioning of the site and returning the site back to agricultural use.*
- **Food Security** – *It has become apparent in recent years with the changing climate that food security is becoming increasingly important with Countries realising this and choosing not to place Solar Farms on good agricultural land. The agricultural land in this area has been used to grow crops including Winter/Spring barley, potatoes, brassicas, and cauliflowers. Solar Panels should be on the roofs of buildings or brown field sites and not on agricultural land.*

We ask that our original response and the addition above; alongside the LPA's reason for refusal are considered and that this appeal is dismissed.

It was agreed not to register to speak at the hearing unless any further information is received that would help the case against the application.

c) To update on Cornwall Council planning decisions.

PA25/02954: Land NW of Polglaze Cottage, Trispen – APPROVED

PA23/04633: Land South of Eglos Road, St Erme – APPROVED

We had received notification from Cornwall Council that the planning applications above had been approved.

87/25 Finance:

- a) To receive the financial 'Statement of Accounts' and bank reconciliation for the year to date and to approve payments.

Name	Details of payment	Cost	VAT	Total
Trispen & S Erme Funday Committee	Community Benefit Grant	£ 690.00		£ 690.00
Sage UK Ltd	Payroll	£ 11.00	£ 2.20	£ 13.20
Lloyds Bank	Bank Charges	£ 4.25		£ 4.25
O2	Mobile Phone	£ 11.82	£ 2.36	£ 14.18
Cornwall Council	Litter Bin emptying 2025/2026	£ 344.50	£ 68.90	£ 413.40
Cornwall Council	Leaning Hub License	£ 39.00	£ 7.80	£ 46.80
Mrs S Trethewey				
Mr M Kendall				
Nest				
Sage UK Ltd	Payroll	£ 11.00	£ 2.20	£ 13.20
Lloyds Bank	Bank Charges	£ 4.25		£ 4.25
Mrs S Trethewey	Clerks Expenses	£ 231.19	£ 23.04	£ 254.23
BDO LLP	External Audit Review	£ 210.00	£ 42.00	£ 252.00
Cornwall Council	Annual Report - Printing	£ 54.69		£ 54.69
Printerland	Ink Toner	£ 255.69	£ 51.14	£ 306.83
Mark Dalby Grounds Maintenance	Grass Cutting - April/May/June/July/August	£ 1,250.00	£ 250.00	£ 1,500.00
St Erme Playing Fields Ltd	Hall Hire (July)	£ 23.00		£ 23.00

The 'Statement of Accounts' and payments above were agreed and it was proposed and seconded and therefore,

RESOLVED that the 'Statement of Accounts' and bank reconciliation be approved as a true record and duly signed.

b) To receive and discuss the council's receipts and payments against the budget. Members had received copies and there were no questions.

88/25 To agree the date and time of the next meeting of the Council on Tuesday 2nd September 2025.

The above date and time were agreed.

SIGNED _____ CHAIRPERSON _____ DATED _____

PART 2

Pursuant to section 1(2) of Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and the press leave the meeting during consideration of the following agenda items.

