

# Week St Mary Parish Council

## Minutes – Wednesday, April 23 Extra ordinary meeting

1. **Public question time** (15 minutes allowed for this – on matters on the agenda only)  
Paddy Fay, on behalf of the football club, queried the fourth amendment on the football club revisions. It was decided to highlight this with the solicitor to see if the council needed this to be kept in.  
A resident queried the minutes of the last council meeting (not on the agenda). She said the initial impression was that a portion of the blame lay with the South Western Ambulance Trust, but they should reflect that the parish council did not tell them the old defibrillator was taken down when the new one was put into place. 25/92
2. **To note councillors present**  
Cllrs C Slade (chair); I Richardon (vice chair); R Bolt; M Johns; S May; L Stephens and R Shipton. Also in attendance: S Cleave, clerk and seven members of the public. 25/93
3. **To receive apologies for absence with reasons**  
Cllr Gubbin, work; Cllr Chopak. 25/94
4. **To receive Declarations of Interest and approve Dispensations**  
None. 25/95
5. **Agenda items**
  1. Football club lease  
Cllr Slade said she was eager to get the lease sorted. Following correspondence from the solicitor and Mr Smith (whose son looked at the situation), if the council went down the route of handing it over to a solicitor, it would be prepared to split the cost 50/50, with the option of the football club paying in instalments if preferred. The clerk would forward the exact costs to Paddy and he said he would take it back to the football club, then get back to the council.  
It was proposed to go down the legal route, with a letter being sent to the football club with details of the costings, and the parish council would be willing to pay half.  
**Proposed: S May                      Seconded: R Bolt                      Votes: Unanimous 25/96**
  2. Defibrillator  
The council considered handing over the contract to maintain the two defibrillators to Duchy Defibrillators at a cost of £205 plus VAT per year per unit. It was noted that the funds could be applied for from the Community Benefit Fund as it is a benefit to the community. This was proposed.  
**Proposed: R Bolt                      Seconded: M Johns                      Votes: Unanimous 25/97**
  3. Audit  
It was proposed to instruct Linda Coles to act as this year's internal auditor.  
**Proposed: S May                      Seconded: R Bolt                      Votes: Unanimous 25/98**
  4. Emergency item – grass cutting  
Councillors were informed that due to ill health Trevor would be unable to cut the grass and carry out the strimming etc with immediate notice. Cllr Slade said the clerk could ask Harley Friend, who does Back Lane, if he is able to cover for the time being. The clerk will send a letter to Trevor wishing him well and thanking him for all the hours he has put in for the parish over the years.  
**Proposed: R Bolt                      Seconded: R Shipton                      Votes: Unanimous 25/99**

5. **Items for May 20, 2025 annual meeting**  
Football club lease; grass cutting; playing field maintenance.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

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