St Austell Town Council

To: All Members of St Austell Town Council

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the **Extraordinary Meeting** of **St Austell Town Council** to be held in the Council Chamber, St Austell Information Centre, Penwinnick Road, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 5DR on **Monday 24th June 2019** at **6.00pm.**

Coffee, tea and biscuits will be available before the meeting.

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Town Clerk

18th June 2019

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

(Purpose: To accept apologies for non-attendance).

2. Declarations of interest and gifts or hospitality received.

(Purpose: To receive declarations of Members' interests and gifts or hospitality received).

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3. Dispensations

(Purpose: To consider requests for dispensations).

4. Minutes of Meeting held on 13th May 2019 **Pages 1 - 8**

(Purpose: to agree that the minutes of the above meeting be signed as a correct record).

5. Matters to note

(Purpose: A verbal update from the Town Clerk on the actions taken since the last meeting).
Note: No decision may be made under this agenda item.

6. Mayor's announcements

(Purpose: To receive an update from the Mayor on his engagements and any other civic matters).

7. Community Governance Review

(Purpose: To receive a presentation on the proposals recommended by the Town Council's Working Group).

8. Public Participation

(Purpose: To invite members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the business to be carried out at the meeting).

9. Parish Council Representation

(Purpose: To receive representations from neighbouring Parish Councils).

10. Community Governance Review **Pages 9 - 26**

(Purpose: To consider a draft submission to Cornwall Council which has been recommended by the Town Council's Working Group).

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11. Dates of Meetings

(Purpose: To note dates of future Town Council Meetings – Monday 15th July 2019 and 9th September 2019).

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MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING of ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL held on MONDAY 13th MAY 2019 in the Stable Block, Pondhu House, Penwinnick Road, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 5DP at 6.05pm.

Present: Councillors: Bishop, Brown, Bull, Cohen, Colwill, French, Hanlon, Heyward, King, Lanxon, Palmer, Pearce, Pears, Rees, Styles, Thompson and Walker.

In attendance: David Pooley (Town Clerk), Sara Gwilliams (Deputy Town Clerk).

C/19/01) Election of Mayor

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Styles be elected Mayor of St Austell for the 2019/20 civic year.

Councillor Styles signed a declaration of acceptance of office in the presence of the Town Clerk and took the Chair.

C/19/02) Election of Deputy Mayor

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Pears be elected Deputy Mayor of St Austell for the 2019/20 civic year.

C/19/03) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jones, Leonard and Oxenham.

C/19/04) Declarations of interests and gifts or hospitality received

There were no declarations of interest.

C/19/05) Dispensations

There were no requests for a dispensation.

C/19/06) Minutes of Meeting held on 25th March 2019

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th March 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

C/19/07) Matters to Note

The Clerk advised that further to minute C/18/135, St Austell Bay Economic Forum (SABEF) was planning trial wildflower areas at Holmbush Road and Trenowah Road and had plans to plant magnolia trees at Porthpean Road junction. It was anticipated that these works would be carried out in the near future.

The Clerk advised that further to minute C/18/140, he hoped to arrange one more meeting of the Community Governance Review working group to approve the wording of the Council's draft submission before considering it at a Council meeting on the 24th June 2019 to which other parishes and interested parties would be invited.

C/19/08) Mayor's/Retiring Mayor's announcements

Councillor Styles thanked the outgoing Mayor Councillor King on behalf of members for his hard work and the way in which he had represented the Council over the last year and advised that it had been an honour to work as Councillor King's deputy.

Councillor King advised that he had attended over 100 events, 6 Mayor Making Ceremonies, 2 visits by members of the Royal Family, a visit by a Government Minister and all day events such as the Garden Festival, Whitegold and the WW1 events. At Christmas he had attended carol services and visited 10 care homes. He advised that he was very pleased that the plastic free initiative had progressed and that St Austell should soon be recognised formally by Surfers Against Sewage. He was also pleased that the climate emergency motion that he had produced jointly with Councillor Jones had been approved. He thanked Members for their support and in particular thanked Councillor Styles and offered his best wishes to Councillors Styles and Pears for the year ahead.

C/19/09) Public Participation

Mrs Wendy Earl expressed concern with regard to the governance arrangements and the lack of public accountability of SABEF and her disappointment that camelias, rhododendrons and hydrangeas were not a greater part of the proposals. She enquired about the involvement of the five main gardens locally and expressed a view that in light of recent developments with Extinguish Rebellion and climate change emergencies being declared that young people should be more involved in the proposals. She expressed the need for more trees and advised that she supported the development of mini orchards and community orchards. She felt strongly that the elected leaders of the town should have a greater say in the SABEF project.

Councillor King advised that he felt that SABEF would in due course have more engagement with communities and would be encouraging individuals to plant trees etc in their own gardens.

Councillor Brown, as the current Town Council's SABEF representative, advised that if Mrs Earl were to write to him setting out her concerns with regard to the governance arrangements, he would raise them with SABEF. He explained that SABEF had a wider geographical coverage than just St Austell Town and that as a private sector led organisation its governance arrangements were very different than in local government bodies. It was noted that many of the projects proposed would be on the Town Council's land or on land maintained by the Town Council and that this would allow the Town Council to influence at least some of the projects.

C/19/10) PCSO Graham Wade – St Austell Sector

The Mayor welcomed PCSO Graham Wade to the meeting. PCSO Wade advised that he had been a PCSO for 16 years and outlined the changing nature of policing locally and the reduction in manpower experienced. He advised that there are currently 8 PCSO's and that there would possibly be a reduction of 1 in order to meet budgetary targets. He explained that there had been a reduction of 50% in staff numbers across the neighbourhood team and that PCSO's were not now dedicated to local areas but were now expected to cover the whole of the sector. He advised that the working arrangements were becoming more responsive and less proactive.

He praised the work of the Cornwall Council ASB Officer, Helen Toms and thanked the Town Council for their investment in extra CCTV cameras which were invaluable. Members asked a number of questions relating to the opening of the police station, the geographical area of the sector, the arrangement for additional hours with St Austell BID and the success of the tri service officer at St Dennis.

C/19/11) Members' questions

There were no questions from Members.

C/19/12) Internal Audit Report for year ending 31st March 2019

The Clerk referred Members to the report of the Internal Auditor and explained that as the Auditors' findings were relevant to the Annual Return which the Council had to submit for the 2018/19 financial year, the details were reported to the full Council for consideration prior to agreeing the Annual Governance Statement. He explained that the Internal Auditor had found no issues and made no recommendations for improvement.

It was **RESOLVED** that the report of the Internal Auditor be noted.

C/19/13) Annual Governance Statement

The Town Clerk introduced a report setting out the details of the Annual Return and Governance Statement which is required to be completed and sent to PKF Littlejohn LLP, the Council's External Auditors, by the 1st July 2019.

Members considered each of the questions in Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement in detail before agreeing the following responses.

It was **RESOLVED** that the answer to each question should be as follows:

Question 1 Yes
Question 2 Yes
Question 3 Yes
Question 4 Yes
Question 5 Yes
Question 6 Yes
Question 7 Yes
Question 8 Yes
Question 9 Yes

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- the Mayor and the Clerk should be authorised to sign the Annual Governance Statement in the Annual Return on behalf of the Town Council;
- The Town Clerk should advertise the electors' rights after the accounting statements have been approved in accordance with the External Audit guidance (with a period for the exercise of public rights from the 17th June to the 26th July 2019);
- The annual meetings of the trustees for Truro Road and Poltair Parks should be held prior to the next Council meeting in July.

C/19/14) Annual Return and Accounting Statements 2018/19

The Clerk referred Members to the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the Town Council. He advised that a small deficit of £15,000 had been made after transferring £40,160.04 to reserves. 2018/19 had been another very busy year and the accounts reflected the full year effect of the library devolution and the recruitment of additional grounds maintenance staff in the previous year. He advised that due to delays in the recruitment of the Community/Projects Officer and the next play ground upgrade scheme significant savings had been made against budget which had permitted capital investment in CCTV cameras and vehicles. He advised that the Town Council were in a healthy financial position with reasonable levels of reserves which were not deemed excessive by either the Internal or External Auditor. Members noted the accounting statements and the proposed contributions to and from reserves. The Clerk explained that the Council's earmarked reserves were now as follows:

Elections Reserve	£25,000
Devolution Reserve	£30,000
Service Improvement Reserve	£50,000
Repairs and Renewals Reserve	£30,000
Projects Reserve	£71,560.04

It was **RESOLVED** to:

i. Approve the detailed accounting statements and transfers to and from reserves as shown;

ii. Approve the accounting statement in Section 2 of the Annual Return for 2018/19; and

iii. Authorise the Clerk and Mayor to sign the Accounting Statement on the Annual Return on behalf of the Town Council.

C/19/15) 2018/19 – Annual Report

The Clerk advised that a draft of the annual report had been circulated previously. He explained that if Members were supportive, he would utilise the draft to create a colourful annual report similar to previous years for the 2018/19 year.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should produce an Annual Report for 2018/19 as in previous years.

C/19/16) Standing Committees

Members considered a previously circulated report setting out the latest terms of reference for the standing committees and a suggested committee membership for the 2019/20 civic year.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

1. The Terms of Reference of each committee as set out be approved;

2. The Committee Membership list as set out be approved subject to:

- Councillor Colwill being deleted from the Community Committee and added to the Finance and General Purposes Committee;
- Councillor Bishop being deleted from the Community Committee and added to the Planning & Regeneration Committee.

Councillor Lanxon left the meeting

C/19/17) Election of Representatives to outside bodies

It was **RESOLVED** that the following appointments to outside bodies be made for the 2019/20 civic year:

St Austell Carnival Committee
Councillor Heyward

St Austell Bay Chamber of Commerce
Councillor Pears

CALC - Larger Councils Liaison Group
Councillor Palmer

Cornwall Council – Town Framework Steering Group
Councillors Oxenham, Palmer and King

Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Flood Forum
Councillor Cohen

St Austell Bay Economic Forum (SABEF)
Councillor Brown

SABEF Green/Whitegold Working Group
Councillors King and Styles

St Austell Business Improvement District (BID)
Councillor Palmer

South East Cornwall LAG/CLLD
Councillor Oxenham

The House Steering Committee
Councillors King and Bishop

St Austell Youth Council
Councillors Bishop, Cohen, Colwill and Styles

St Austell Healthcare Patient Participation Group

Councillors Bull and Hanlon were both proposed and seconded for the position of Town Council representative on the Patient Participation Group.

It was **RESOLVED** to hold a ballot to determine the Council's appointment.

After a ballot process, it was **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor Bull as the Town Council's representative.

Anti-Social Behaviour Summit
Councillors Cohen, King, Oxenham and Palmer

Safer St Austell

It was **RESOLVED** to defer consideration of this item until later in the meeting.

St Austell and Mevagissey Community Network Panel
Councillors Jones and Colwill.

It was noted that all Councillors were entitled to attend Community Network Panel meetings.

Townscape Heritage Scheme

Councillors Hanlon and Rees were both proposed and seconded for the position of Town Council representative on the Townscape Heritage Scheme.

It was **RESOLVED** to hold a ballot to determine the Council's appointment.

After a ballot process, it was **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor Rees as the Town Council's representative.

C/19/18) Schedule of Payments

It was **RESOLVED** that the Schedule of Payments for the period 19th March 2019 to 2nd May 2019 totalling £186,743.26 be approved.

C/19/19) Community Committee

It was **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on the 1st April 2019.

C/19/20) Planning and Regeneration Committee

It was **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Planning and Regeneration Committee meetings held on the 15th April 2019 and 29th April 2019.

C/19/21) Finance and General Purposes Committee

It was **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 8th April 2019.

C/19/22) Safer St Austell

In the absence of Councillor Lanxon, it was **RESOLVED** to consider this item at the next Council meeting and allow Councillor Lanxon to continue in this role for the time being.

C/19/23) Dates of Meetings

It was noted that the next Town Council meetings were due to take place on the 24th June 2019 (Extraordinary Meeting) and the 15th July 2019.

The meeting closed at 7.43pm.

AGENDA NO: 10

ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL – 24th JUNE 2019

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider a draft submission to Cornwall Council which has been recommended by the Town Council's Working Group for the Community Governance Review.

2. LEGAL AND RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Cornwall Council is conducting a Community Governance Review and has invited submissions relating to boundaries, wards and councillor numbers from Parish and Town Councils by the 17th July 2019. Cornwall Council is the decision-making body and is required to follow national guidance and make an Order to implement the changes required.

3. RESOURCE ISSUES

Changing the parish boundaries could significantly increase Council Tax income but may also generate additional liabilities and workloads in terms of services. The cost of the review will fall largely on Cornwall Council as the responsible authority, but the Town Council may wish to undertake its own research and publicity at appropriate times.

4. EQUALITY ISSUES

None directly.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council:

1. Approves the draft community governance review submission;

2. Authorises the Town Clerk to draft and submit a summary of consultation undertaken and responses received with the approved submission.

Background

The Government expects Cornwall Council to conduct Community Governance reviews periodically and one is now due following the completion of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) review of Cornwall Council's Electoral arrangements. It has been decided that there will be 87 Cornwall Council electoral divisions from 2021 to cover the whole of Cornwall. Some changes in parish ward boundaries have been agreed as a result of the LGBCE electoral review.

Members have discussed the anomalies of the St Austell Parish boundary on a number of occasions. Members at the Council meeting on the 4th February 2019 expressed an interest in a Community Governance Review of the St Austell Parish to review the boundary of the parish, the number of Councillors and parish warding arrangements.

A Working Group was formed and met on a number of occasions to review the Town Council's boundaries, wards and councillor numbers taking into account the guidance issued by the Government in "Guidance on community governance reviews" dated March 2010 and guidance issued by Cornwall Council. A draft submission in the form required by Cornwall Council has been prepared and is attached. This has been circulated to neighbouring parish councils along with an invitation to this meeting.

A strong case will be required to drive change and any review has the potential to create controversy and upset the good relations which currently exist with neighbouring parish councils. Members should be mindful of this when considering the draft submission.

Although the Working Group has agreed the draft submission it can only be submitted to Cornwall Council with the approval of the full Town Council.

DAVID POOLEY
TOWN CLERK

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Submission on the Community Governance Review for Cornwall 2019

Please complete and return this form with any accompanying papers to Cornwall Council, by email or post, no later than noon 17 July 2019.
Email: CGRs@Cornwall.gov.uk
Postal address: Community Governance Review, Cornwall Council, Room 3E.01, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY

1. Please state the area or Parish to which this submission relates:

St Austell

2. Is this submission from:

- ☑ A Parish Council (City, Town, Parish or Community Council, or Parish meeting)
- ☐ A community organisation
- ☐ Any other body or organisation
- ☐ One or more individual resident(s)

3. Please indicate whether this submission relates to a change or no change:

- ☐ No Change – *please continue to section 5*
- ☑ Change – *please continue to section 4*

4. Submission proposal:

Please tick any that apply

- ☑ Change to Parish boundary
- ☐ Create a grouped Parish with at least one other Parish
- ☐ Creation of a new Parish
  - ☐ By separating part of a Parish
  - ☐ By aggregating parts of a Parish
  - ☐ By amalgamating Parishes
- ☐ Change to Parish name
- ☑ Create Parish wards
- ☑ Change the boundaries of existing Parish wards
- ☐ Abolish Parish wards
- ☑ Change the total number of Councillors (say how many you want in the future)
- ☑ Change the number of Councillors in each ward (say how many you want in the future)
- ☐ Other (please provide details below)

5. Details of proposal(s):

Please give details of any submissions that you are proposing or, if appropriate, reasons why you do not want change.
Please give sufficient evidence to support your submission, including any information that you may have already provided to Cornwall Council.
Please explain why you consider that the submission you are making will ensure that community governance within the area will reflect the identities and interests of the community and will be effective and convenient.

St Austell Town Council welcomes Cornwall Council's decision to undertake a community governance review. This review is timely in view of the changing nature of local government in Cornwall and in particular the greater role expected of town councils under the localism agenda and in light of the budget pressures faced by Cornwall Council. Development in St Austell has expanded and is expanding beyond the parish boundaries and this has led to a number of anomalies which the Town Council would like to draw to the attention of the Cornwall Council panel responsible for the Community Governance Review. Following the review of Cornwall Council's divisions and in view of the boundary changes proposed within this submission, it is also necessary to review the Town Council wards and Councillor numbers.

Boundary Review

1. ***North East St Austell (Map 1)***

It has been clear for many years that many residents residing in the Carclaze/Boscoppa area view themselves as part of St Austell. Currently, these areas are in Treverbyn Parish which is primarily rural. This area links well to the schools at Carclaze, Sandy Hill and Poltair and is served by shops and facilities in St Austell rather than the villages of Treverbyn. A number of planning decisions in recent years have highlighted the good links between these areas and the Town's facilities and services. Properties to the north of Menear Road and Phernyssick Road receive a very different level of service to those properties across the road to the south. A number of residents have complained to St Austell Town Council believing it to be the responsible body (albeit erroneously) about the amenity spaces and weeds on highways in the area. There is an opportunity for the Town Council to improve the maintenance of the open spaces in this area and offer a saving to Cornwall Council. The Town Council considers that the A391 is a natural boundary and a stronger boundary than the existing one. The A391 is recognised as a boundary for development in Cornwall Council's site allocation DPD. The property numbers affected by this proposal are as shown in the attached spreadsheet. Treverbyn Parish Council has yet to express a formal opinion on this proposal.

2. **South East St Austell (Map 2)**

Planning permission has been granted for 190 dwellings (Planning Application PA13/09195) and a further 10 may be granted permission in due course (Planning Application PA18/10255 refers) on a site known as Gwallon Keas which is currently in Carlyon Parish. The parish boundary is currently Holmbush Road (A390). There are good arguments for the railway line being the new boundary and continuing a line down from the A391 to join the railway line. The railway line is a physical barrier with no crossings in this area and a strong boundary. The planning inspector recognised that this site was well connected to employment and neighbourhood centres and was viewed as a suitable site for expansion of St Austell. The new dwellings will link well to St Austell facilities and schools with the nearest shopping areas being at Holmbush only a few yards away in St Austell. Bus links to St Austell town centre are good. This site was an approved expansion site for St Austell in the Cornwall Council town framework and site allocation DPD.

Carlyon Parish Council is aware of the Town Council's views but would wish that the Gwallon Keas development remains within its parish. It is keen that the affordable housing that the site will offer should be within the Carlyon Parish.

3. **Southern St Austell (Map 3)**

Planning applications PA13/00596 and PA15/11368 approved 126 and 101 dwellings respectively in a single large estate which is partly in St Austell parish and part in Pentewan Valley parish. Town Council members favour moving the southern boundary to the south to allow for potential long-term expansion of St Austell and suggest that Tregorrick Road would make a good boundary.

Pentewan Valley Parish Council has expressed the view that it has no objection to the current approved housing being within the St Austell Town Council area but does object to the rural areas to the north of Tregorrick Road being incorporated within St Austell parish. The current site allocation DPD and town framework do not identify this rural area as a potential expansion site but it is known that at least one developer has expressed an interest in land within this area.

4. **South West St Austell (Map 4)**

Outline planning permission has been approved for a mixed-use development to the rear of Pondhu School on land known as Higher Trewhiddle Farm to the south west of St Austell. This was a site identified in Cornwall Council's site allocations DPD as an expansion site for St Austell. It was argued that this land was within the bowl of St Austell and was well related to the town. It currently is largely in Pentewan Valley parish. Planning application PA14/12161 granted permission for 460 dwellings. Work has not yet commenced on site. Pentewan Valley Parish Council has suggested that the part of this site to the north of the planned link road should be in St Austell parish and the area to the south should remain in Pentewan Valley. The Town Council favours incorporating the whole of the development in St Austell and using the footpath around the site as a boundary.

5. **West St Austell (Map 5)**

The Edgcumbe Green housing estate, just off the A3058 is currently split between St Mewan Parish and St Austell Parish. It is suggested that the 14 properties currently within St Mewan ought to be within St Austell Parish. The reality on the ground is that the Town Council maintains grass verges in this area already to save there being service differences within the estate. St Mewan Parish Council has been advised of this suggestion and their comments are awaited.

6. **North West St Austell (Map 6)**

The Menacuddle Well, Trenance Wood, Trethowel Wood areas have long been associated with St Austell. Menacuddle Well dates back to at least medieval times and parts were donated to the parish of St Austell by the Sawle family of Penrice. There is still an ancient baptistry on site. This steep, wooded valley has very few properties and is not particularly important in terms of numbers of electors but members consider it should be part of the parish of St Austell. This area is currently in the parish of Treverbyn but both Treverbyn Parish and St Austell Town Councils have contributed to the funding of a friends group and work around the Well. Treverbyn Parish Council have yet to express an opinion on the transfer of this area.

Financial considerations

Based on the Town Council's estimates it would be possible for responsibility for open spaces, grass verges, footpaths and weed control in the above areas to be devolved to the Town Council in line with previous devolution agreements. The Town Council has estimated the additional costs it would experience in respect of these devolved services should the above areas transfer to it and the revenue it would expect to receive from additional council taxpayers. The additional income is expected to exceed the increased costs which would help the Town Council to invest more in services and make it more sustainable.

The impact of these proposals on Carlyon, Pentewan Valley and St Mewan Parish Councils is negligible in the short term. Carlyon and Pentewan Valley would not benefit from as much of the future expansion of St Austell in the longer term as they would without the proposed boundary changes. The proposals would not affect the viability of these parish councils.

The largest and most significant impact is on Treverbyn Parish Council which has a particularly low Council tax level. Arguably the households in the North East of St Austell (Map 1) are not contributing sufficiently to the services and facilities provided nearby by St Austell Town Council. It might be advisable if this amendment is to be approved to investigate whether a transitional arrangement could be entered into whereby the Town Council compensates Treverbyn Parish Council for the loss of revenue from the transfer of properties through transitional arrangements spread over say 3-5 years. Such compensation would allow time for the positive effects of the development of the garden village at West Carclaze on Treverbyn Parish Council and make the financial impact more manageable.

Summary of considerations

The Town Council has recently delivered the largest devolution project in the country and has demonstrated its ability to manage local services well. There are good arguments for Town and Parish Councils being larger to make them more sustainable and more able to deliver a wide range of services. The Town Council is committed to improving service standards generally and increasing the community pride in the town. It has embraced the St Austell Bay Economic Forum vision of a greener town and would like to extend this initiative to encompass the areas identified above. In terms of community cohesion it would make sense to extend the parish boundaries to include the new developments on the edge of town.

The Town Council has reviewed the existing boundary and taken a reasonable view of where changes should be made taking into account the guidance issued by the government in "Guidance on community governance reviews" published in March 2010. The maps attached show the proposed boundary changes. The implications of these changes in terms of electorate and property numbers are summarised in the spreadsheet (Appendix 1) which is attached. The implications have been projected forward to the year 2024 in accordance with the guidance.

Ward Boundaries and Councillors

The suggested changes to the Parish Boundary would require minor changes to Ward boundaries. Cornwall Council might also choose to apply to amend Division boundaries and to change their Community Network Boundaries. It is acknowledged that any changes to Division boundaries would require the approval of the Boundary Commission.

The Gwallon Keas development at Holmbush could be absorbed in the St Austell Bethel and Holmbush Ward/Division. The changes to the boundary around Porthpean Road could be absorbed within the St Austell Poltair and Mount Charles Central Ward/Division. Some properties to the west near Tregorrick Road would be better in the St Austell Gover and Central Ward/Division. The Trewhiddle Farm and Edgcumbe Green amendments could easily be absorbed in the Gover and Central Ward/Division. The Menacuddle Well change is very minor and could be added to the St Austell Poltair and Mount Charles Ward/Division.

The main change takes place at the north of St Austell. This change is more significant, and it is suggested that the Boscoppa, Carclaze, Scredda area be made in to a new Ward with two Town Councillors to cover this area. The Cornwall Council division for Penwithick and Boscoppa could remain unaltered for the time being and simply span more than one parish. Cornwall Council might wish to address this in the longer term and might wish to change the boundaries of the Community Network areas to incorporate this area in to the St Austell and Mevagissey Community Network area.

The projected elector and councillor numbers are shown in Appendix 2.

Consultation

The Town Council has written to neighbouring Parish Councils affected by this review to allow them to comment. It has also published public notices in a local newspaper and arranged a public meeting to allow input into the review process prior to formally submitting this form and supporting information to Cornwall Council. Further details of consultation responses received are provided at Appendix 3.

Conclusions

The proposed boundary changes reflect the expansion of St Austell over a number of years and anticipated future expansion. It is believed that the proposals better reflect the local community and its understanding of the definition of St Austell. They also suggest boundaries which are stronger than the existing boundaries with greater reliance on physical barriers such as hills, railway lines and major roads. The proposals if accepted would provide a larger parish with a larger tax base which would help the Town Council to be a more sustainable and significant service provider and central hub for this central southern part of Cornwall. It is respectfully asked that Cornwall Council consider these changes, obtain any approvals required from the Local Government Boundary Commission and, if at all possible, adopts them with effect from 2021.

(please attach additional pages as required)

6. Evidence in support of submission:

If your proposals involve any changes to existing boundaries, please submit ordnance survey base maps showing clearly proposed new boundaries.
Please give detailed information on the number of dwellings and other significant buildings (shops, industrial premises etc.) affected by your proposed changes.
Please give details of any consultation that you may have carried out with affected residents, and the outcome.
If your proposals affect other parishes, please state what discussions you have had with other parish councils and the outcome.

(please attach additional pages as required)

7. List of attachments:

Map 1 – North East St Austell
Map 2 – South East St Austell
Map 3 – Southern St Austell
Map 4 – South West St Austell
Map 5 – West St Austell
Map 6 - North West St Austell
Map 7 – Approved Divisions 2021
Map 8 – Proposed Wards 2021
Appendix 1 – Summary of proposals (property and elector numbers)
Appendix 2 – Summary of proposals (councillor and elector numbers)
Appendix 3 – Consultation overview and responses received

8. Submitted by:

Signed: Date:

Organisation and position (if submitting on behalf of an organisation):
Town Clerk - St Austell Town Council

Contact details:
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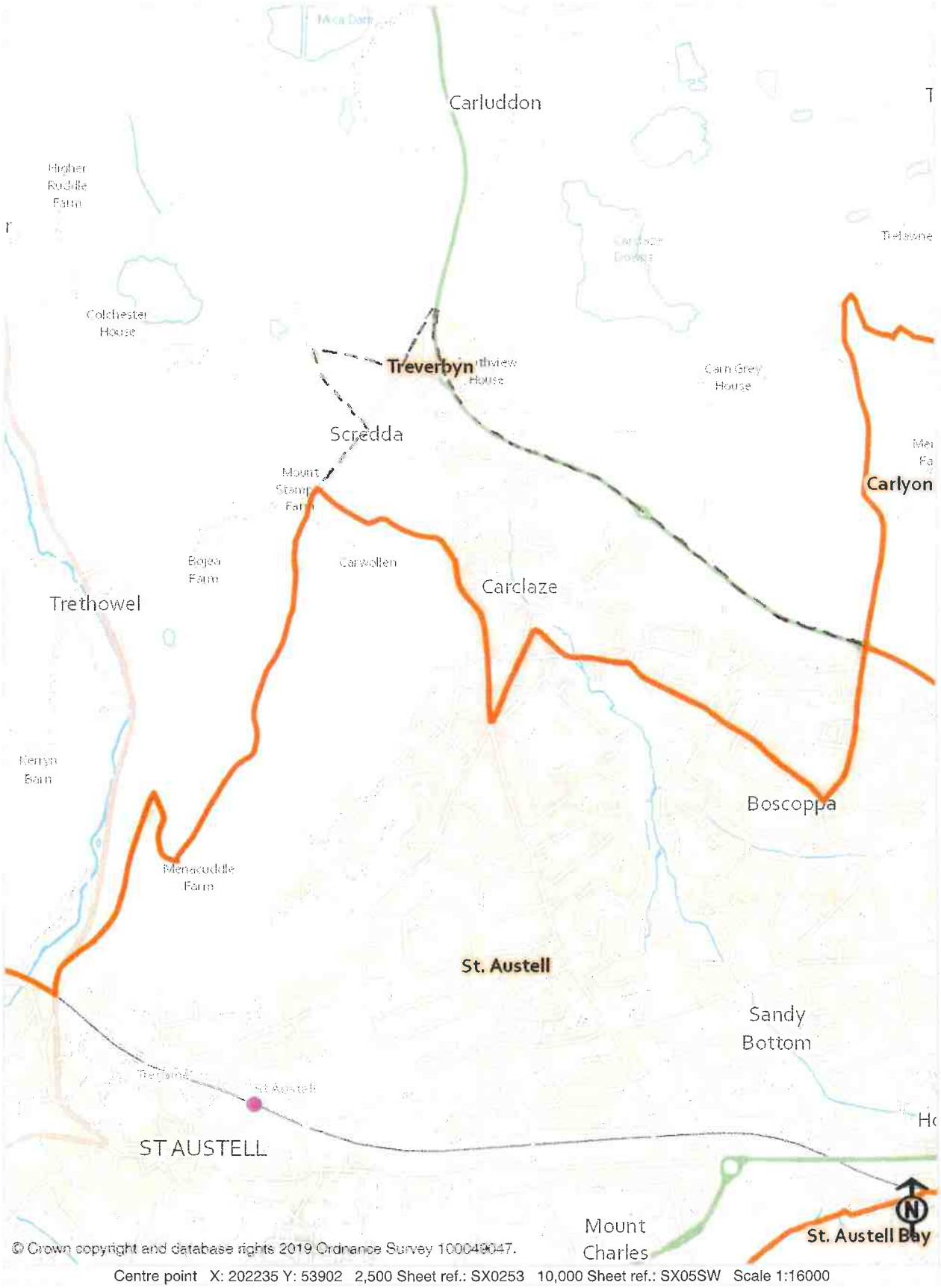
North East St Austell - Map 1



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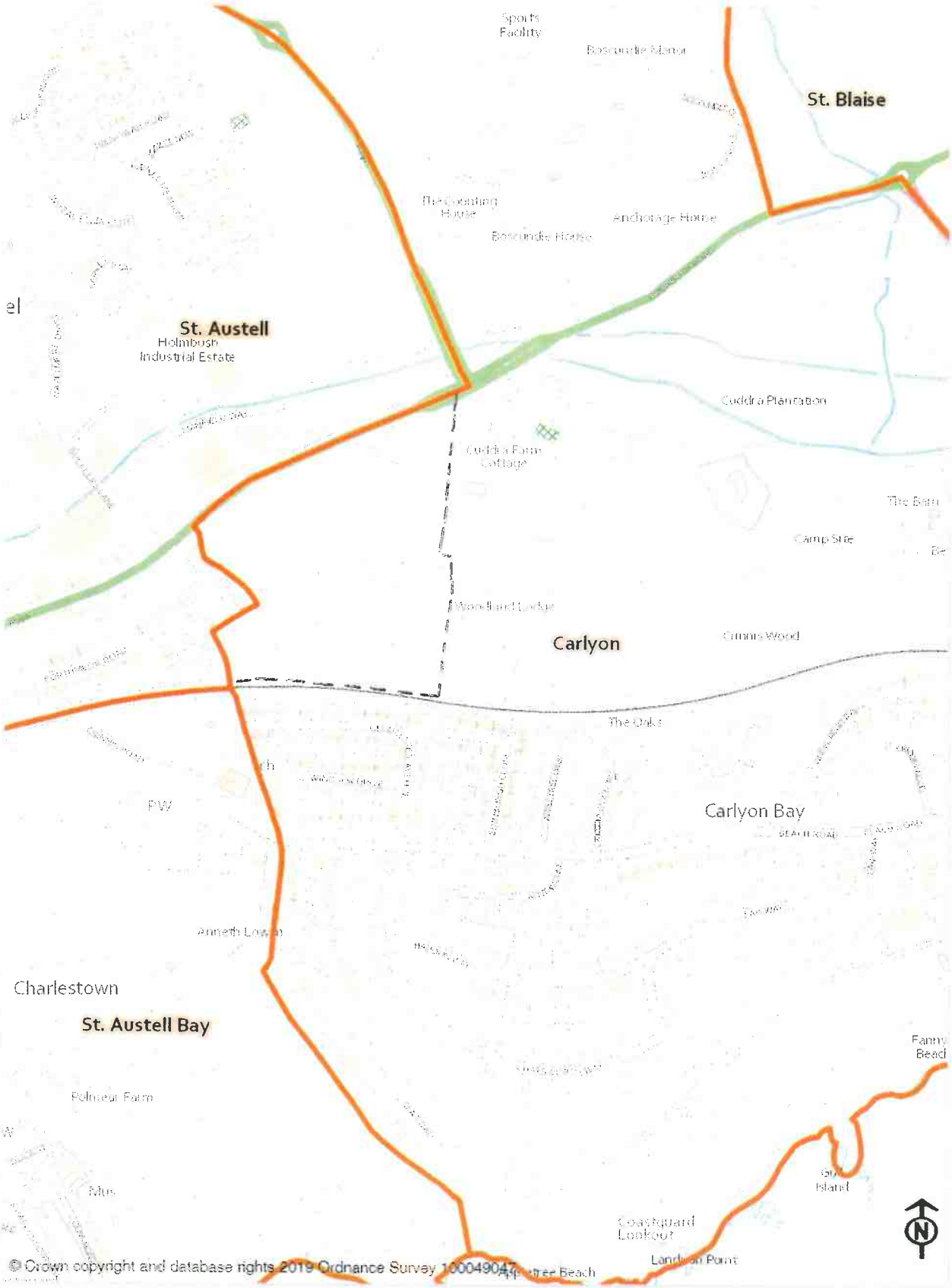
------ Proposed new boundary

South East St Austell - Map 2



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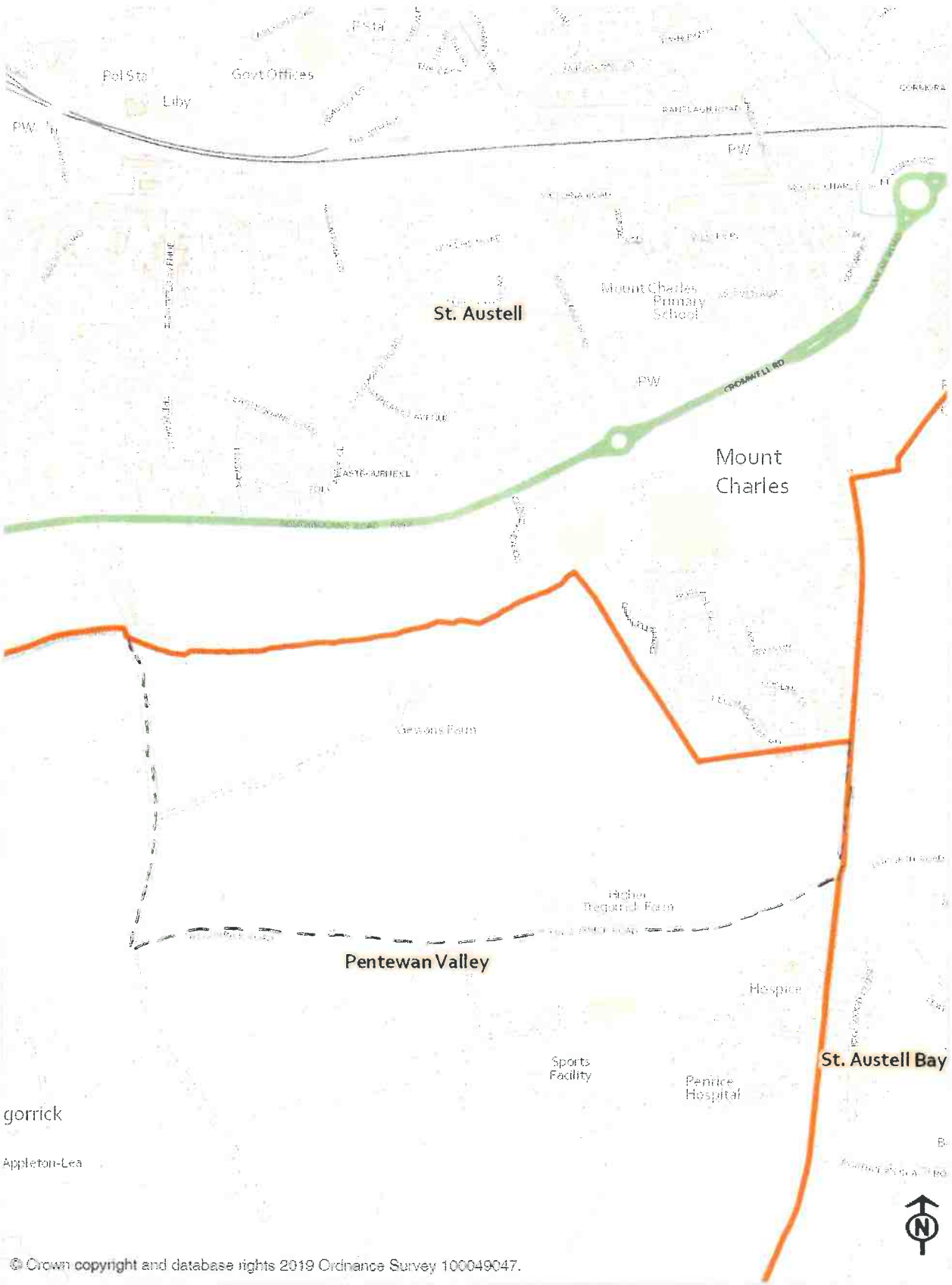
---- Proposed new boundary

Southern St Austell - Map 3



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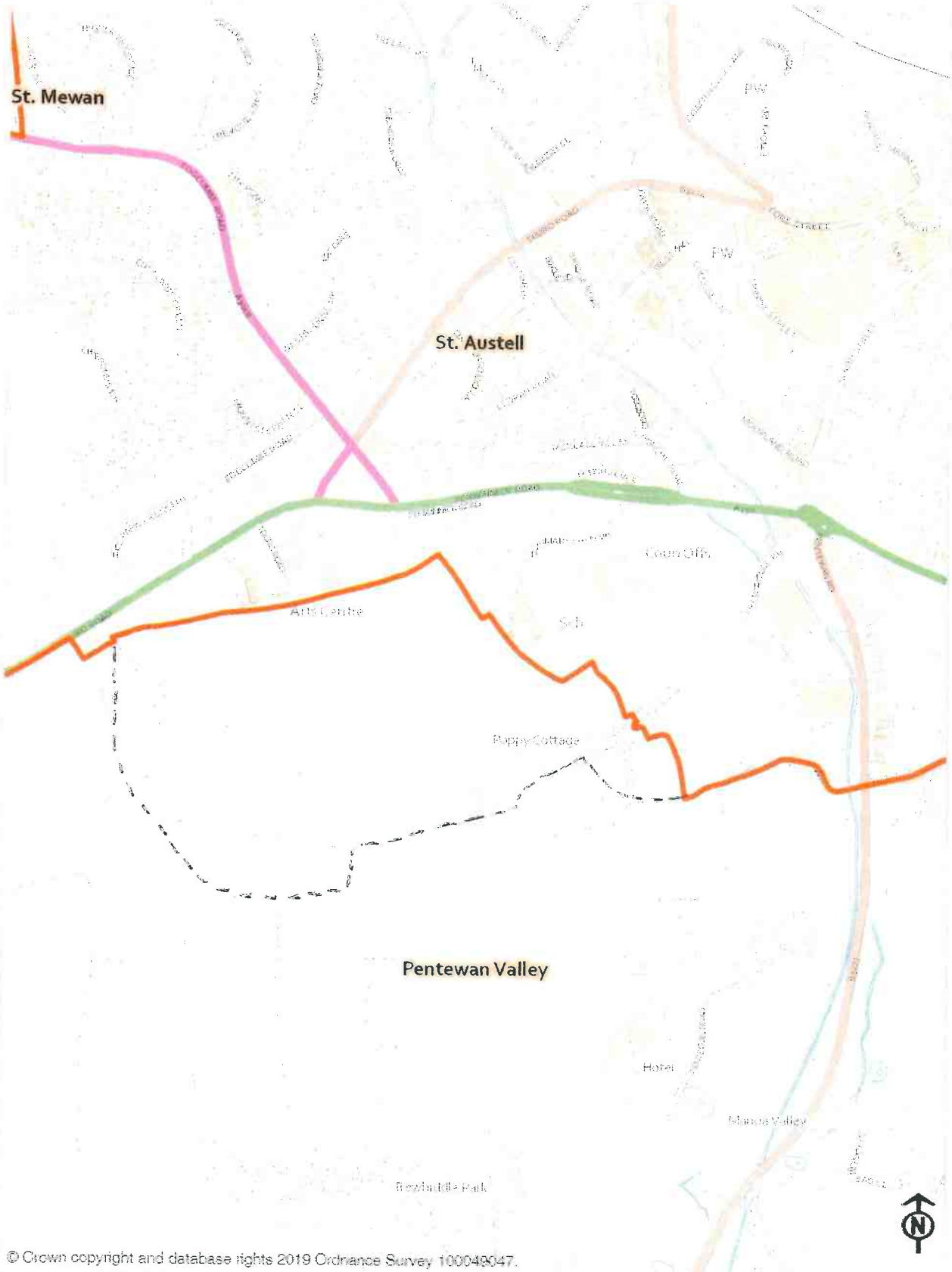
South West St Austell - Map 4



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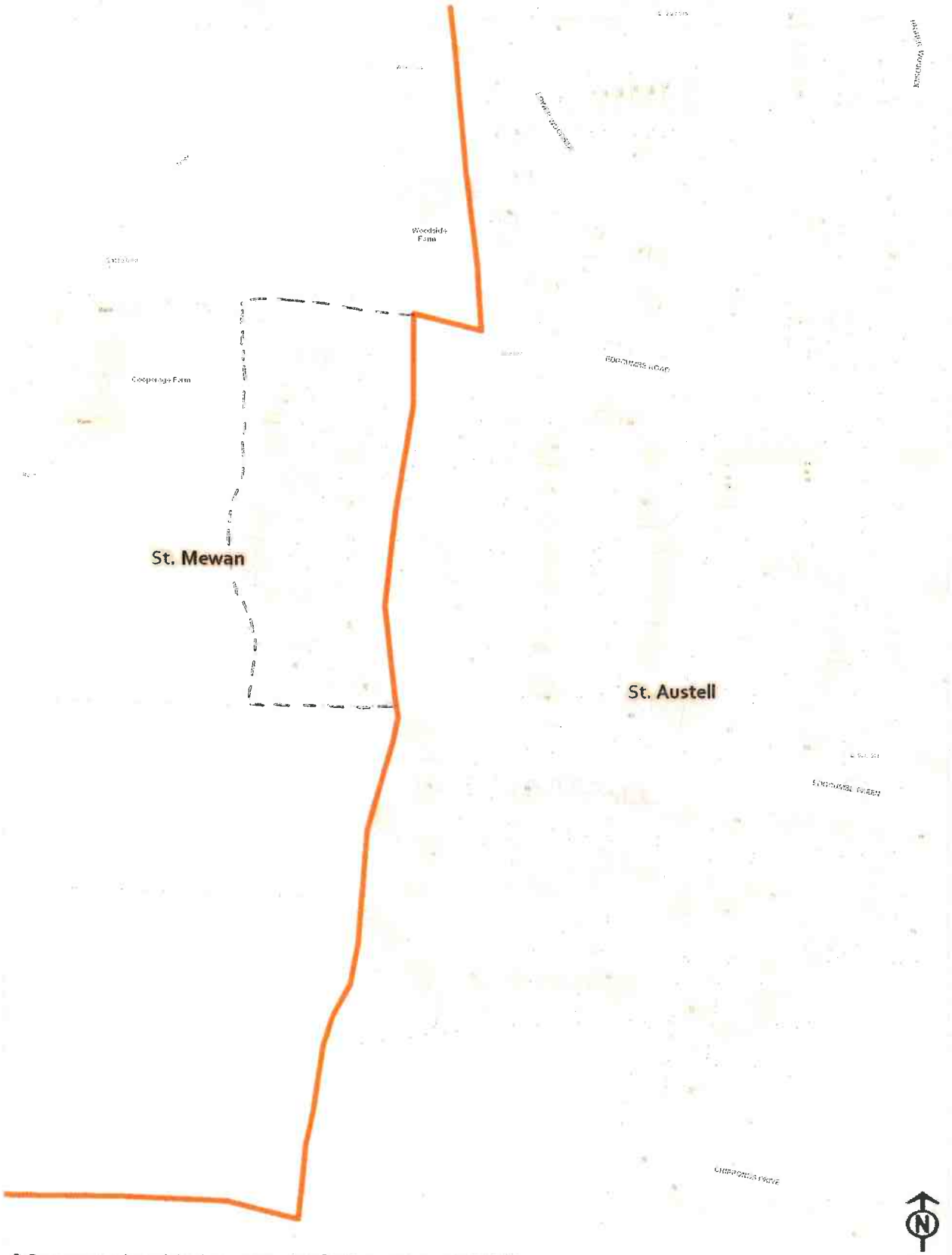
West St Austell - Map 5



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North West St Austell - Map 6

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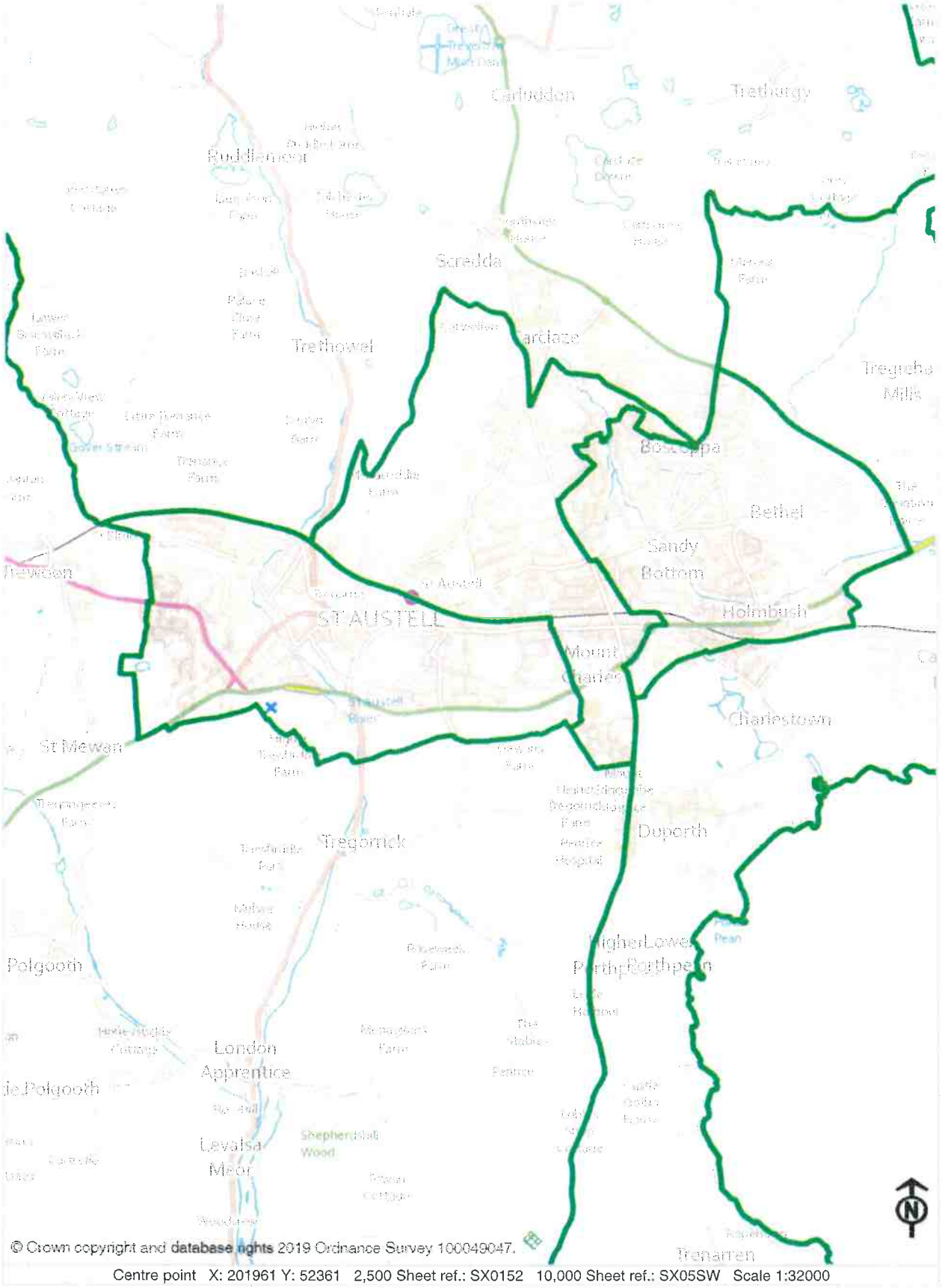
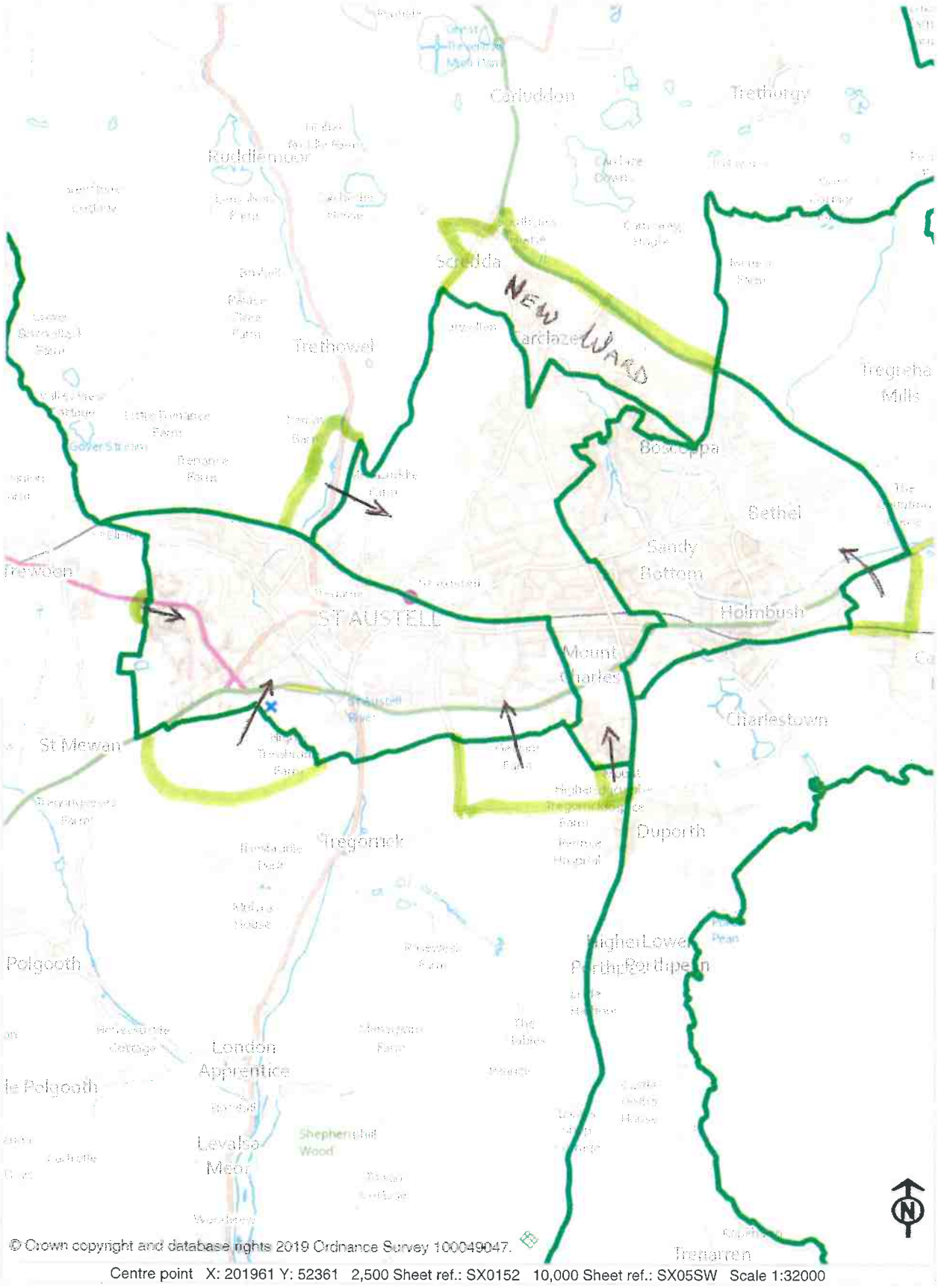
Map 7 - Approved Division Boundaries 2021



Map 8 - Proposed Ward Boundaries 2021



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APPENDIX 1

Area	Notes	Dwellings No.	Electorate 2019	Electorate 2024	Tax Base 2019	Tax Base 2024
Existing Parish Wards						
St Austell Bay		887	1438	1467		
Bethel		2115	3702	3776		
Gover		2281	3281	3347		
Mount Charles		2415	3695	3769		
Poltair		1994	3416	3484		
Sub Total		**9692**	**15532**	**15843**	**6128.53**	**6250**
Possible Additional Areas						
Boscoppa/Carclaze ATN7/8pt	1	1151	2023	2063	671	680
Holmbush	2	200	0	316	0	117
Porthpean Road/Tregorrick Road	3	101	79	160	29	59
Trewhiddle Farm	4	453	8	482	2	177
Edgcumbe Green	5	14	22	22	8	8
Trenance Wood/Trethowel Wood	6	8	29	29	5	5
Sub Total		**1927**	**2161**	**3072**	**715**	**1046**
Total		**11619**	**17693**	**18915**	**6843.53**	**7296**

Notes

1	Current data from Elections team report. Assumes 2% growth in electorate. CTB assumes average Band B.
2	New site. 190 approved, further 10 applied for. Assumed Band B.
3	Phase 2 approved 101 dwellings. Part of APT1.
4	3 properties currently. 450 planned but 300 delivered by 2024. Band B assumed.
5	14 existing properties. 1.58 electorate per property.
6	Approx. 8 properties including care home.

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Appendix 2

Proposed Parish Wards	Electorate 2019	Electorate 2024	Councillors	Elect/Cllr 2024
St Austell Central & Gover				
Current proposed boundary	5216	5320	7	760.00
Trewhiddle Farm	8	482		
Edgcumbe Green	22	22		
Tregorrick Road	4	4		
Revised proposal	**5250**	**5828**	**7**	**832.57**
St Austell Bethel & Holmbush				
Current proposed boundary	5400	5508	7	786.86
Holmbush	0	316		
Revised proposal	**5400**	**5824**	**7**	**832.00**
St Austell Poltair and Mount Charles				
Current proposed boundary	4916	5014	6	835.67
Porthpean Road/Tregorrick Road	75	156		
Trenance Wood/Trethowel Wood	29	29		
Revised proposal	**5020**	**5199**	**6**	**866.50**
St Austell North				
Current proposed boundary	0	0		0.00
Boscoppa/Carclaze ATN7/8pt	2023	2063	2	1031.50
Revised proposal	**2023**	**2063**	**2**	**1031.50**
Total	**17693**	**18914**	**22**	**859.73**