



# GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL

The regular Meeting of the Parish Council Minutes held on Monday 20th October 2025 at 7.00 pm  
In attendance: Cllr Richard Williams {Chair} (RW), Cllr Greg Foxwell {Vice Chair}, Cllr Andi Freeman,  
Cllr Steve Trelease {ST}, Cllr Julian Hughes {JH}, Cllr Jemma Moses (JM). Chris Ring Parish Clerk (PC)  
Cllr John Thomas MBE and Members of the public were in attendance

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Veryan Pascoe-Edward

2. Declarations of interest: There were none

3. Public Session:

Residents from the Crofthandy area informed the Council that repairs were needed to the bus shelter in Crofthandy. The PC will obtain quotes for this work and report back to the Council.

They also asked questions about Wheal Maid and the progress of the Wheal Maid Solutions Group. RW responded that the draft Strategic Plan is almost complete and due to be discussed at the next Group meeting tomorrow. He also confirmed that consultation on the draft Plan with local residents could take place as early as the end of November.

Questions were also asked about drainage issues regarding a public right of way. The PC will contact Cormac.

Residents raised concerns regarding planning application PA25/07197. Concerns included the impact on their business which would be caused by the 24 hour drilling, noise and light pollution and increase in traffic. They also asked if the proposed site could be relocated. Representatives of Cornish Lithium were in attendance and responded to the concerns raised and also answered questions from the Councillors. This included information on mitigation strategies and details of the timings of the drilling. They confirmed that plans would be in place to address traffic, lighting and noise. They confirmed the drilling would not start until at least October 2027.

The applicants for planning application PA25/05994 were in attendance and gave a short statement on their application and answered questions from the Council.

4. To receive the monthly report from Cornwall Councillor John Thomas MBE:

Cllr Thomas was in attendance and confirmed he had sent a written report to the Clerk. This will be included within the minutes.

5. It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 22nd September 2025 be approved as a correct record. The Chair signed the approved minutes of that meeting.

6. Correspondence:

Christmas Lights grant request: A request has been received to replace Christmas lights displayed in Frogpool. It was RESOLVED to give a grant of up to £125 for the purchase of new lights.

Ray Humble has requested new pads for the 4 defibs in the Parish.

It was RESOLVED to purchase these pads and a new case for one of the defibs.

RW had circulated a request from Sue Allen re butterfly conservation work at Wheal Maid. It was RESOLVED to allow this work with the following conditions: That monitoring will take place and reports sent to the Council, a maximum of 20 sq. meters be allowed at the area selected and that signs to explain to the public the works taking place be provided.

An Email from Rebecca Ryder re Ecological Surveys had been received and circulated to the Councillors. This email was noted and RW will reply to the email.

7. Neighbourhood Priorities Statement (NPS) Update:

The working group will meet in November to review the draft Statements from Lanner and St Day.

8. Affordable Housing Update:

RW has received further communication from Coastline. It is anticipated that planning permission in respect of the Trelyn site will be granted in November with work starting early next year.

Liaison is taking place with Cornwall Community Land Trust with regard to further surveys at the Gwennap site

9. Highways and public rights of way.

ST and the PC met with a representative of Cornwall Council Highways and Cllr John Thomas at Crofthandy. Cllr Thomas will be submitting an expression of interest request to make improvements to the junction. Highways will facilitate repairs to signage and curbs following an accident at the junction.



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## 10. Wheal Maid:

RW met with a representative of a mining consultancy regarding the potential for generating electricity from Wheal Maid mineshafts. This innovative technology is subject to testing and evaluation elsewhere in Cornwall and it is likely to be 3 years before Wheal Maid would be formally considered for a similar initiative.

RW met with Mei Loci and a representative of Cornwall Council regarding the draft Strategic Management Plan and the latter was supportive of the aims and intentions of the Plan which also covers Cornwall Council land.

WMSG will be meeting tomorrow to review the updated Strategic Management Plan and to plan for consultation events.

## 11. Cemetery:

GF had noted that the additional works to the grounds in the Cemetery had taken place and the whole cemetery was looking in a better condition.

## 12. Parish rooms and Playing Field:

12.1 To discuss the formal arrangement with Frogpool and Cusgarne Football Club: It was noted the football club had not signed the agreement as discussed at the last meeting. It was RESOLVED to extend the deadline for all the arrangements to be in place until the 31 October or permission to use the playing field would be removed.

12.2 Purchase of new compost bins for the Parish field. It was RESOLVED to purchase new compost bins and to remove the existing bins.

12.3 Update on Parish Rooms project: RW gave a report that the draft business plan was progressing well and a meeting with the consultant had taken place. It was hoped to have this work complete by end of December. It was RESOLVED to investigate the formation of a charitable trust for the recreation facilities including the Parish Rooms to assist with fundraising.

12.4 To receive a report from Cllr ST re play area inspections: ST reported that he had attended a monthly external inspection along with the PC. He was happy with the way this was carried out. ST and the PC will attend training to be able to complete the weekly inspections. It was RESOLVED that ST, JM and the PC would form a working party to look at the ongoing maintenance and replacement strategy for the play equipment. They will first meet in November and report back to the Council regularly.

## 13. FINANCE:

13.1 It was RESOLVED that the payments set out at Appendix 1, be approved.

13.2 It was RESOLVED that the Bank Reconciliations as checked by RW and GF and set out at Appendix 2, be accepted.

13.3 GF confirmed that the finance committee had meet prior to the Council meeting to review accounts to date and budget and precept for 2026/27. A proposal for these will be placed before the Council at the November meeting.

## 14. Planning:

14.1. to consider the following planning applications and to resolve whether to submit any objections on the following applications:

PA25/05994

Proposed construction of self-build traditional dwelling and proposed garage.

Location: Land south east of Quarry Cottage, Trehaddle, Cusgarne, Truro

It was RESOLVED that the Council do not object to this application.

PA25/07197

Proposed site preparation, drilling of boreholes to depth of 2km, exploration for lithium bearing brine, testing and subsequent restoration.

Location: Land adjacent to Copper House, Burncoose Nurseries, A393 Tresamble

Applicant Mr G Howe Cornish Lithium Geothermal Limited

Having noted and sympathised with the concerns of local residents whose business would be impacted by this permission and that the applicants would seek to minimise that impact through a range of measures and planning conditions, particularly in the context of the timing of the drilling phases, it was RESOLVED that the Council do not object to this application.



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14.2. To consider any planning applications received since the publication of this Agenda :

PA25/07580

Proposed works to tree covered by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) - Monterey Pine -  
Remove large limb overhanging the highway.

Location: Blujenn, Consols Road, Carharrack, Redruth

It was RESOLVED that the Council do not object to this application

**14.3.** To note the following Planning decisions:

PA25/06201 APPROVED. Location: Chelean Cottage, Frogpool, Truro, Cornwall TR4 8RW. Proposed extension and alterations to dwelling.

PA25/07086 APPROVED. Location: The Barn, Pulla Cross, Truro, Cornwall TR4 8SB

Proposed non-material amendment in relation to Decision Notice PA22/02247 dated 27.04.2022: windows measuring 2m x 1.5m indicated on the south elevation: replace one of these windows with a door and reduce the size of the other window to 1.8m x 1.3m

PA25/05934 WITHDRAWN: Location: Poppins Respite Centre, Church Lane, Gwennap, Redruth, Cornwall TR16 6BD

Proposed creation of an additional site entrance and parking area at the centre.

15. Reports from Councillors: These had all been covered under other items on the agenda.

Date of next meeting:

Parish Council Meeting: Monday 10th November 7pm, at Gwennap Parish Rooms.

Future meetings

8th December, (2026) 9th February, 9th March, 13th April, 11th May.

The Meeting was closed at 9pm.