



# GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9 February 2026 at 7.00 pm.

In attendance: Cllr Richard Williams {Chair} (RW), Cllr Greg Foxwell {Vice Chair} (GF), Cllr Andi Freeman (AF), Cllr Steve Trelease {ST}, Cllr Julian Hughes {JH}, Cllr Jemma Moses (JM), Cllr Veryan Pascoe-Edward (VPE) Chris Ring, Parish Clerk (PC)

Members of the public were in attendance. (MoP)

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cornwall Councillor John Thomas MBE
2. Declarations of interest: VPE declared an interest in item 7.1 as the land is owned by members of her extended family.
3. Public Session:
  - 3.1 MoP raised concerns about a hole made in hedge in a field he owns preventing him from putting his livestock there. PC will contact Cornwall Council Highways to see whether they have any knowledge of this.
  - 3.2 MoP raised concerns about illegal motorbikes on Wheal Maid. MoP will send more details to PC
  - 3.3 MoP asked when the Council would be discussing the results of the survey into the future of Wheal Maid. The Chair confirmed that this would be after the WMSG had made recommendations.
  - 3.4 Helen Rowe, the Chair of the Fete Committee, attended to speak about the future of the event. There will not be a Fete in 2026 although there may be a 'smaller event.' It is hoped that there will be a Fete in 2027 and the Parish Council will provide a representative to sit on the Fete Committee. The key is to find enough volunteers to help on the day.
4. To receive the monthly report from Cornwall Councillor John Thomas MBE: None received
5. It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 8th December 2025 be approved as a correct record. The Chair signed the approved minutes of that meeting.

## 6. To discuss the recent storm and Emergency Plan:

The impact of Storm Gareth and the recent bad weather were discussed. The option of buying a generator for the Parish Rooms was discounted due to the cost outweighing the level of benefit. However, it would be included as part of the plans for the transformed Parish Rooms.

It was RESOLVED to produce an information/advice booklet for residents re heating, cooking, communication etc in the event of extreme weather which will be distributed with the autumn Newsletter.

## 7. Correspondence:

### 7.1 Email re 'Future of the Eucalyptus wood Frogpool'

The proposal to acquire this land was discussed but the ownership is too complex. Many trees have been cleared as a result of the recent storm which should improve the power supply problems caused by those trees.

### 7.2 Flooding in Crofthandy:

PC will arrange a meeting with Cormac to discuss a more permanent solution to the inadequate ditch.

House at Crofthandy. The PC had been in contact with the resident of a property that had suffered from flooding. Contact has been made with Cornwall Council who will do works to help with a solution.

### 7.3 Knotweed at Wheal Maid:

A resident adjacent to Wheal Maid has Knotweed encroaching onto her property. ST visited to confirm. PC has contacted a local contractor and the advice is to spray during August/September.

It was RESOLVED to engage Bob Sanders Contractors to do this work. The PC will write to the resident to confirm this.



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8. To review items discussed at the Council strategy meeting:

8.1 The future of the Parish Newsletter:

It was agreed that the Newsletter will continue but requires better content. Standard 'colouring' and 'puzzles' pages to be included. More volunteers required for delivery.

9. Neighbourhood Priorities Statement:

Thanks were given to Jo Lello-Dunn for the first draft of the NPS which has been circulated for Councillor input. Further work to be undertaken with a view to having the document approved at the March meeting of the Council.

10. Affordable Housing:

RW updated following exchanges with Coastline Housing. The Gwennap scheme is unlikely to proceed and has been passed back to Cornwall Land Trust. The Trelyn scheme is now the subject of full planning permission and work is likely to start in April.

11. Highways and public rights of way:

11.1 It was RESOLVED to purchase one additional Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VASS) and 3 solar panels to enable it to be placed in various locations within the Parish.

11.2 The PC had received one quote for repairs to the bus shelter in Crofthandy which was considered excessive. He will endeavour to obtain additional quotes.

11.3 It was RESOLVED to continue the Local Maintenance Partnership cutting agreement with Cornwall Council for 2026/27 and to award the contract to Bob Sanders Contractors.

12. Wheal Maid:

RW reported that the Consultation Event on 21 January and the subsequent survey had both been successful and the outcomes would be discussed at the WMSG tomorrow. Any recommendations would have to come back to the Parish Council for decision.

13. Cemetery:

The PC reported that there had been some tree damage in the recent storm and this had been cleared.

14. Parish rooms and Playing Field:

14.1 In order to facilitate fundraising for the transformation project, RW will look into the pros and cons of moving the Parish Rooms and Playing Field into a Charitable Trust.

14.2 Any external support for fundraising will be subject to the decision around charitable status.

14.3 The Clerk reported that the annual inspection of the play equipment had now been received. He was obtaining quotes for the work identified.

15. FINANCE:

15.1 It was RESOLVED that the payments set out below, be approved.

15.2 It was RESOLVED that the Bank Reconciliations as checked by RW and GF, be accepted.

15.3 It was RESOLVED to Confirm Aalgaard Renshaw Business Solutions Ltd as Internal Auditors for the year 2026/27.

15.4 The date of the Internal Audit was noted as 2 April 2026



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14. Planning: to consider the following planning applications and to resolve whether to submit any objections:

PA26/00084

Proposal: certificate of lawful development for existing use namely to convert a portion of the livery building into a self-contained dwellinghouse-

Location: Land west Of Cusgarne Manor, Sunny Corner, Cusgarne, Truro

The Council noted that this application was a matter of legal interpretation and therefore declined to comment on the specifics. However, it was noted, with concern, that this appeared to be a clear breach of planning restrictions and that the applicant was seeking to benefit from prior unlawful use.

15. Reports from Councillors:

RW had visited a potential site for affordable housing development at Sunny Corner and it was agreed to support, in principle, an approach by the applicant to the Cornwall Council Planning Service for such development.

15. Resignation of Councillor:

GF tendered his resignation from the Parish Council with effect from 28 February 2026 and from his post as Vice-Chair with immediate effect.

RW thanked GF for his excellent work over the previous 5 and a half years and, in particular, for his work in relation to highways/footpaths and for his positive engagement with the local community.

It was RESOLVED to formally thank GF for his contribution to the work of the Parish Council.

16. Appointment of Vice Chair:

It was RESOLVED to appoint Julian Hughes to the post of Vice-Chair of Gwennap Parish Council with immediate effect.

Date of next Parish Council Meeting: Monday 9th March, 7pm, at Crofthandy Village Hall

Future meetings: 13th April, 11th May.

The meeting was closed at 9.15 pm

## Gwennap Parish Council PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST

8 February 2026 (This Year 2025-2026)

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Payment Ref.	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
205	Frogpool Cemetery Grounds	10/02/2026	Feb 2026	Current Account	BACS	Tree Work	Richard Graham	X	350.00		350.00
203	Parish Rooms Caretaker	10/02/2026	Feb 2026	Current Account	BACS	Caretaker	Team Gazzard	Z	579.98		579.98
196	Parish Rooms Maintenance	10/02/2026	Feb 2026	Current Account	BACS	Table Tool	Office Furniture Direct	S	27.06	5.41	32.47
197	Parish Rooms Sundries	10/02/2026	Feb 2026	Current Account	BACS	cleaning products	Tesco	5	13.35	2.67	16.02
199	Play Area Inspections	10/02/2026	Feb 2026	Current Account	BACS	Play Area Inspection	Southwest Playground Safe	S	230.00	46.00	276.00
195	Stationery and postage	10/02/2026	Feb 2026	Current Account	BACS	Stationery	TG Jones	S	20.83	4.17	25.00
198	Subscriptions	10/02/2026	Feb 2026	Current Account	BACS	microsoft Office software	Microsoft	S	74.99	15.00	89.99
202	Refreshments	10/02/2026	Feb 2026	Current Account	BACS	Refreshments	Spar	Z	13.94		13.94
211	Stationery and postage	10/02/2026	Feb 2026	Current Account	BACS	Printer Ink	HP Smart	S	11.24	2.25	13.49
201	Litter Picking	10/02/2026	Feb 2026	Current Account	BACS	Litter Pick	Clare Wicks	Z	61.05		61.05
208	Payroll costs	10/02/2026	Feb 2026	Current Account	BACS	Payroll	Jayne Angove	Z	10.00		10.00
210	Clerk's Expenses	10/02/2026	Feb 2026	Current Account	BACS	Clerk Expenses	Chris Ring	Z	44.00		44.00
200	Wheal Maid Inspections	11/02/2026	Feb 2026	Current Account	BACS	Wheal Maid Inspection	Wheal Jane Services	S	480.00	96.00	576.00
204	Frogpool Cemetery Grounds	12/02/2026	Feb 2026	Current Account	BACS	Ground Works	Chegwidden	S	290.00	58.00	348.00
204	Playing Field cutting & grounds	12/02/2026	Feb 2026	Current Account	BACS	Ground Works	Chegwidden	S	265.00	53.00	318.00
204	Wheal Maid Maintenance	12/02/2026	Feb 2026	Current Account	BACS	Ground Works	Chegwidden	S	390.00	78.00	468.00
207	NI & PAYE cost	13/02/2026	Feb 2026	Current Account	BACS	HMRC P32	HMRC	Z	326.34		326.34
206	Pension costs	13/02/2026	Feb 2026	Current Account	BACS	Clerk Pension	Cornwall Pension Fund	Z	414.94		414.94
209	Clerk's Salary	20/02/2026	Feb 2026	Current Account	BACS	Clerk Salary	Chris Ring	Z	1,395.00		1,395.00
<b>Total</b>									<b>4,997.72</b>	<b>360.50</b>	<b>5,358.22</b>