



GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Members of the public were in attendance. (MoP)

1. No Apologies for absence were received.

2. Declarations of interest: None

3. Public Session:

A MoP had raised an issue regarding a gap which had been created in a hedge of one of his fields near Gwennap. The PC had established that Cornwall Council Highways were responsible and Cllr John Thomas has spoken to the MoP and is dealing with the issue.

A planning consultant spoke in support of Planning Application PA26/00862 and answered Councillor questions. The consultant and the owner also spoke about wide-ranging future plans for the property. A site visit will be arranged once the other planning applications have been submitted.

Several MoP spoke about item 12 (Wheal Maid) on the Agenda. The items of concern that were raised included: car parking, motorbikes, lack of police action on anti-social behaviour, the interests of local residents possibly conflicting with those of other users e.g. mountain bikers, overdevelopment, impact on heritage, the Parish Council losing control of the site and future insurance costs.

4. To receive the monthly report from Cornwall Councillor John Thomas MBE: Cllr Thomas attended the meeting and had sent his written report. This will be included in the agenda pack, online.

5. It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 9 February 2026 be approved as a correct record. The Chair signed the approved minutes of that meeting.

6. To receive a report from the United Downs Environment Group (UDEG):

Members received an update from UDEG. The Group requested that the Parish Council appoint a representative to attend their meetings and outlined the reasons for this, including collaboration on future environmental projects. Updates were provided regarding the United Downs Raceway site, land ownership matters, and engagement with Cornwall Council. It was noted that potential dates in June are being considered for both a tour of the Raceway area and a UDEG meeting. UDEG reported that they were runners-up in a Cornwall Sustainability Award and are seeking a suitable local venue to display the award. Reference was also made to the Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP), and a link will be circulated to Councillors for information and sharing. Information was provided about a National Emergency Briefing and a related film which is planned to be shown locally in April.

7. Correspondence:

7.1 The Clerk reported that a concern had been raised regarding the removal of a substantial of trees between Frogpool and Perranwell. This matter had been reported to Cornwall Council for investigation. Cornwall Council confirmed that the trees were not subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) and the site is not within a Conservation Area; therefore, no enforcement action would be taken.

It was also noted that the location falls outside the Gwennap Parish boundary. The resident was advised that, should they wish to pursue the matter further, they should contact the Clerk for Perranarworthal Parish Council.

7.2 An email had been received from Crispen Rosevear, the operator of the Raceway site, regarding a proposed outdoor theatre event, details of which had been circulated to Members in advance of the meeting.

The Council RESOLVED to support the proposal for the event. Cllr John Thomas also expressed his support. Mr Rosevear provided a brief update on recent engagement with the United Downs Environment Group (UDEG) and the wider community. He reported on a recent event and ongoing engagement with the University of Exeter, including students who are producing a documentary about the site. He also outlined potential future non-racing uses of the Raceway, including carriage driving, orienteering, dog club activities, and educational group visits. The Chair thanked Crispen for his positive engagement with the local community.

9. Neighbourhood Priorities Statement (NPS):

The draft Neighbourhood Priorities Statement (NPS), prepared by the Council's consultant, has been submitted to Cornwall Council for comment. It was agreed that a SWOT analysis, as completed by the NPS working group, would be included in the next draft.

The NPS Working Group has also prepared a summary version of the draft NPS. This will be submitted to Cornwall Council for comment.



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10. Affordable Housing:

RW updated that planning permission had been granted for the Trelyn affordable housing project (see item 16.3) with work on site likely to be started in April.

11. Highways and public rights of way:

A new solar-powered speed sign has been installed in Frogpool by the bus stop adjacent to the Trelawny Estate.

12. Wheal Maid:

It was noted that the Council had received a report of some deliberate damage caused to mountain bike trails. The Clerk had informed the police of the damage caused but had not received a reply.

RW summarised the outcomes of the meeting in February of the WMSG. In particular, the WMSG had recommended that the Vision for the site be supported in principle subject to the development being phased and that each phase be subject to proper assessment and appropriate consultation. He also confirmed that the PC had submitted a grant application to Cornwall Council to cover the cost of a Project Manager whose role would be to set out the works and methodology required for the first phase.

Having noted the concerns raised by MoP, the Council agreed to continue to progress the Vision for Wheal Maid but before giving approval for the first phase, would wish to see that documented together with how the consultation would take place.

RW further advised that he had engaged in a meeting with the World Heritage Site about the initiative and was due to speak to a Forestry Commission representative about the logistics involved.

13. Cemetery:

The Clerk had sent a quote for two new benches for the Frogpool cemetery. It was RESOLVED to purchase these. Cornwall Councillor John Thomas was donating an amount from his community chest to cover the cost of one of the benches and he was thanked for his support.

14. Parish rooms and Playing Field:

Quotes had been received for a new roundabout, which is accessible to wheelchairs. The Play Area working group will meet to make recommendations to the Council on this and the installation of bug houses.

A quote for repairs to the area adjacent to the slide had been received. It was RESOLVED that this be accepted.

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 JH, be accepted.

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

PA26/00755 Proposal: Permission in Principle for the erection of 2 dwellings (minimum 2; maximum 2)
Location: Land west of Bosonnen, Bissoe Hill, Bissoe, Truro

The Councillors made a decision that there would be no objection to this application before this meeting due to the short notice period to comment.

PA26/00682 Proposal: New agricultural access gate and the closure of the existing agricultural Gate. Location: North Tresamble Farm, Gwennap, Redruth TR16 6BH

The Parish Council RESOLVED that there be NO OBJECTION to this application

PA25/08816 Proposal: Conversion of redundant stables to a 4 bedroom dwelling
Location: Chapel Farm, Consols Road, Carharrack, Redruth



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The Parish Council RESOLVED to STRONGLY OBJECT to this application on the grounds that it was development in the open countryside and outside the development boundaries set out in the Gwennap Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). Councillors were unhappy with the level of detail given to support the application and felt that no justification had been given for departing from the NDP.

PA26/00900 Proposal: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an Existing Use request that this property be reclassified as Class C3 in line with its current use.
Location: Killicor Stamps, Hale Mills, Twelveheads, Truro

The Parish Council RESOLVED that there be NO OBJECTION to this application. The Council recognises that this is a matter of legal interpretation but believe that the applicant has made out a compelling case for a Lawful Development Certificate.

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

None received

16.3. To note the following Planning decisions:

PA25/02572 APPROVED Location: Land East Of Trelise, Frogpool, Truro, Cornwall
Proposal: Residential development for a rural exception site consisting of 9 affordable dwellings, following the Grant of Permission in Principle.

Appeal Ref: APP/D0840/C/24/334520 EN18/02022 Proposal: Land known as The Cabin, Lower Goongumpas Lane, Goongumpas, St Day.
Mr R Drew – Appeal Allowed. No Costs claimed.

PA25/07197 APPROVED Applicant:- Mr G Howe: Location: Land Adjacent to Copper House, Burncoose Nurseries, Tresamble, Gwennap, Truro TR3 7JH: Proposal: Site preparation, drilling of boreholes to depth of 2km, exploration for lithium bearing brine testing and subsequent restoration.

PA25/07671 APPROVED: Applicant:- Ellis Properties (Cornwall Ltd) Location: Land north west of Unit 13, United Downs Industrial Estate 1, Carharrack, Redruth, Cornwall TR16 5HY: Construction of new office building, separate storage building, landscaping and associated works

PA26/01028 Discharge of conditions not all conditions agreed Applicant:- Mr Chris Phillips: Location: Britannia Farm, Sunny Corner, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall TR4 8SE Proposal: Submission of details to discharge conditions 2 and 3 in relation to Decision notice PA24/06261 (Appeal Ref APP/D0840/W/25/3362394) dated 30.09.2025

PA25/07681: APPROVED with conditions Proposal: The Stables. Land adjacent to Lower Goongumpas Lane, Crofthandy, St Day, TR16 5JL : Retention of the stable block and tackroom

17. Policies:

It was RESOLVED to accept the new IT policy as circulated by the PC. This can found on the Parish Council website

18. To receive Councillors reports and items for future agenda: There were none

Dates of next Parish Council Meetings:

13 April - the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the regular monthly meeting.

11 May - Annual Parish Council meeting followed by the regular monthly meeting.

TBC – Finance Committee meeting

Venues to be confirmed

The meeting was closed at 9.15 pm



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6 March 2026 (This Year 2025-2026)

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Prepared by: _____ Date: _____
Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Approved by: _____ Date: _____
Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

A	Bank Reconciliation at 28/02/2026		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2025		108,673.39
	ADD		
	Receipts 01/04/2025 - 28/02/2026		112,714.86
			221,388.25
	SUBTRACT		
	Payments 01/04/2025 - 28/02/2026		106,126.03
			115,262.22
	Cash in Hand 28/02/2026 (per Cash Book)		115,262.22
B			
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 28/02/2026	0.00	
	Current Account 28/02/2026	14,975.71	
	Savings Account 28/02/2026	100,286.51	
			115,262.22
	Less unrepresented payments		115,262.22
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
	Adjusted Bank Balance		115,262.22
	A = B Checks out OK		

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PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Payment Ref.	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
221	Playing Field other costs	02/03/2026	March 2026	Current Account	BACS	Skip Hire	Nick Ferris Skip Hire	S	354.00	70.80	424.80
222	Frogpool Cemetery Grounds	10/03/2026	March 2026	Current Account	BACS	Ground Works	Chegwidden	S	95.00	19.00	114.00
223	Parish Rooms Caretaker	10/03/2026	March 2026	Current Account	BACS	Caretaker	Team Gazzard	X	552.50		552.50
224	Parish Rooms Maintenance	10/03/2026	March 2026	Current Account	BACS	electrical work	F J Kemp	S	62.00	12.40	74.40
222	Playing Field cutting & grounds	10/03/2026	March 2026	Current Account	BACS	Ground Works	Chegwidden	S	45.00	9.00	54.00
228	Parish Rooms Sundries	10/03/2026	March 2026	Current Account	BACS	cleaning products	Amazon EU	S	18.29	3.66	21.95
229	Play Area Repairs	10/03/2026	March 2026	Current Account	BACS	tools	Amazon EU	S	6.16	1.23	7.39
230	Play Area Repairs	10/03/2026	March 2026	Current Account	BACS	paint	Amazon EU	S	5.18	1.04	6.22
231	Play Area Repairs	10/03/2026	March 2026	Current Account	BACS	tools	Amazon EU	S	13.95	2.79	16.74
232	Play Area Repairs	10/03/2026	March 2026	Current Account	BACS	paint	Amazon EU	S	8.44	1.69	10.13
233	Play Area Inspections	10/03/2026	March 2026	Current Account	BACS	Play Area Inspection	Southwest Playground Safe	S	48.33	9.67	58.00
218	Refreshments	10/03/2026	March 2026	Current Account	BACS	Refreshments	Spar	X	4.59		4.59
219	Litter Picking	10/03/2026	March 2026	Current Account	BACS	Litter Pick	Clare Wicks	X	61.05		61.05
220	Payroll costs	10/03/2026	March 2026	Current Account	BACS	Payroll	Jayne Angove	X	10.00		10.00
222	Grounds works Highways	10/03/2026	March 2026	Current Account	BACS	Ground Works	Chegwidden	S	25.00	5.00	30.00
222	Wheal Maid Maintenance	10/03/2026	March 2026	Current Account	BACS	Ground Works	Chegwidden	S	80.00	16.00	96.00
226	Stationery and postage	10/03/2026	March 2026	Current Account	BACS	Stationery	Amazon EU	S	24.98	5.00	29.98
227	New Highway equipment	10/03/2026	March 2026	Current Account	BACS	Pressure Washer	Amazon EU	S	45.82	9.17	54.99
234	Wheal Maid Inspections	10/03/2026	March 2026	Current Account	BACS	Wheal Maid Inspection	Wheal Jane Services	S	145.00	29.00	174.00
238	Clerk's Expenses	10/03/2026	March 2026	Current Account	BACS	Clerk Expenses	Chris Ring	X	44.00		44.00
239	Stationery and postage	10/03/2026	March 2026	Current Account	BACS	Printer Ink	HP Smart	S	11.24	2.25	13.49
225	Consultancy	11/03/2026	March 2026	Current Account	BACS	NPS Consultancy	JP Consultancy	X	697.50		697.50
236	Pension costs	13/03/2026	March 2026	Current Account	BACS	Clerk Pension	Cornwall Pension Fund	X	414.94		414.94
237	NI & PAYE cost	13/03/2026	March 2026	Current Account	BACS	HMRC P32	HMRC	X	326.54		326.54
235	Clerk's Salary	20/03/2026	March 2026	Current Account	BACS	Clerk Salary	Chris Ring	Z	1,394.80		1,394.80
Total									4,494.31	197.70	4,692.01