



# GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 13 April 2026 at 7.00 pm.

In attendance: Cllr Richard Williams {Chair}(RW), Cllr Julian Hughes {Vice Chair} (JH) , Cllr Andi Freeman (AF),  
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 Cllr Steve Trelease {ST}
2. Declarations of interest: None were received.
3. (MOP) spoke re drainage on highway near Gwennap. The PC will ask Cllr John Thomas to assist.
4. To receive the monthly report from Cornwall Councillor John Thomas MBE: Cllr Thomas sent his apologies for 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 March 2026 be approved as a correct record. The Chair signed the approved minutes of that meeting.
6. The United Downs Environment Group gave a short report as part of the Annual Parish Meeting
7. Correspondence:
  - 7.1 The Clerk had received a request for a grant to help with the purchase of a defibrillator (AED) for United Downs. The Clerk will visit the business to discuss and report back to the Council.
  - 7.2 The Clerk had received several emails regarding the last edition of the Parish newsletter including some positive comments. A member of the public had come forward to volunteer to assist with the design of future editions.
  - 7.3 A request had been received from the organisers to have a bouncy castle at the car boot sales. The Clerk will contact the organiser for more information and report back to the Council.
9. Neighbourhood Priorities Statement (NPS):

The NPS working group will review the updated NPS and report back the Council at the May meeting. If approved, the final draft will be published for public consultation.
10. Affordable Housing:

As per the report to the Annual Parish Meeting, the Gwennap village development is unlikely to go ahead but the Trelyn development is scheduled to start in June.
11. Highways and public rights of way:
  - 11.1 Two quotes had been received for repairs to the bus shelter in Crofthandy. It was RESOLVED to accept quote 1 as per the agenda pack.
  - 11.2 Junction improvements in Crofthandy: See item 4 for update on this item.
  - 11.3 307/44 Goongumpas Lane, Crofthandy: The PC will request that Cllr John Thomas arrange a meeting with the Countryside Officer.
  - 11.4 Works had been completed at Sparry Lane on drainage ditches and replacement of bollards.
  - 11.5 Drainage ditches had been cleared on the road to Gwennap, see items 3 and 4.
  - 11.6 The new VASS speed sign had been in place for a month. A report for first month of data had been sent to Councillors and residents and this is included in the agenda pack.
12. Wheal Maid:

RW and JH are to meet with representatives of the mountain bike community on 20 April to review the current position and options for moving forward.
13. Cemetery: The two new benches had been delivered and installed in the cemetery.
14. Parish rooms and Playing Field:

The Play Area working group met to make recommendations to the Council on the purchase of an accessible roundabout and the installation of bug houses. See report in Agenda pack. The Clerk had applied to Cornwall Council for a grant for the purchase of the roundabout. It was RESOLVED to agree in principle to the purchase of the roundabout but that this would be delayed pending the outcome of the grant funding application.



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## 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. End of Year Audit:

JH reported that the Finance Committee had met to review the end-of-year financial documents and the Internal Audit. JH proposed that the Finance Committee's recommendations in respect of the following items be adopted and accepted by the Council:

- 16.1 It was RESOLVED to accept and confirm the Annual Governance Statement for year ending 31 March 2026 (section 1 AGAR)
- 16.2 It was RESOLVED to accept and confirm the Annual Accounts and Statement of Accounts for year ending 31 March 2026 (section 2 AGAR)
- 16.3 It was RESOLVED To accept the internal audit and its recommendations for year ending 31 March 2026 (section 3 AGAR)
- 16.4 It was RESOLVED To submit the Annual Return End of Year 2025/2026 (AGAR) to BDO the External Auditors
- 16.5 It was RESOLVED To accept and approve the General and Earmarked Reserves.
- 16.6 It was RESOLVED To accept and approve the Asset Register.
- 16.7 It was RESOLVED that there are no conflicts of interest with BDO LLP

(All information relating to the Accounts and AGAR will appear on the website. Notification of Rights of Electors would also be published.)

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

17.1/1 **PA26/00907** Proposed landscaping, installation of an in-ground pool, a covered citrus house and a pump room: Location: Fernleigh Farm, Hicks Mill, Bissoe, Truro.

It was RESOLVED that the Council have no objection to this application.

17.1/2 **PA26/01939** Application for Permission in Principle for the construction of 1 residential dwelling (minimum of 1, maximum of 1): Location Land West of Chimneypts, Sunny Corner, Cusgarne, Cornwall.

It was RESOLVED that the Council object to this application. The development is in the open countryside and is not infill. As such, it fails to comply with the Cornwall Local Plan or the Gwennap NDP. The arguments put forward in support of the development did not justify departure from existing local policies and plans.

17.1/3 **PA26/01878** National Grid propose to alter and upgrade a section of our network to facilitate an upgrade to three phase in the Cusgarne area. The proposed works will involve:  
Upgrade two spans of 11kV overhead conductors from two wire to three wire. Install a H pole with two stay wires to support a larger transformer. Install a substantial length of underground earth and electrical cables.  
Location : Frogpool Sewage Treatment Works, Cusgarne ,Cornwall TR4 8RW

It was RESOLVED that the Council have no objection to this application.

### 17.1/4 **PA26/02008**

Proposal Application for Permission in Principle for construction of a minimum of 1, maximum of 2 dwellings  
Location Land West Of Bosonnen, Bissoe Hill, Bissoe, Truro

It was RESOLVED that the Council object to this application. The Council noted the outcome of PA26/00755 and that the applicant was effectively making applications for development on adjacent parcels of land instead of one application for cumulative development of the entire plot. By doing this and being successful in the previous application, he was strengthening the argument that this application represented infill and was therefore not contrary to the NDP. The Council felt that this was an attempt to circumvent planning policy and guidelines. The Council considered that PA26/00755 was only approved narrowly, on balance and that this was sufficient development when considering all the adjacent land holdings together.



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17.2. To consider any planning applications received since the publication of this Agenda: None received

17.3. To note the following Planning decisions:

PA26/01476 S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps

Location:- Land South East Of Quarry Cottage Trehaddle Cusgarne Truro TR4 8RN

Proposal Submission of details to discharge Condition numbers 3 (Materials) and 4 (Boundary Treatments) in respect of Decision Notice PA25/05994 dated 25/11/25

PA26/00755 Granted (CAADs, PIPs and LUs only)

Location:- Land West Of Bosonnen Bissoe Hill Bissoe Truro Cornwall TR4 8RD

Proposal Permission in Principle for the erection of 2 dwellings (minimum 2; maximum 2)

18. Policies: This was Deferred to the May meeting

19. To receive Councillors reports and items for future agenda:

RW and the PC had attended a meeting of the Mining Villages Regeneration Group (MVRG). Items discussed included neighbourhood watch schemes, weed killing methods and new IT policies.

The PC had attended a meeting of the MVRG Clerks. items discussed included the recent storms and emergency planning. The Clerks agreed to share recourses in relation to providing information and guidance to residents. The PC will prepare a document to publish in a future newsletter.

AF had visited Cusgarne School and reported that a new head teacher had been appointed to start after Easter. AF will meet the new head and report back to the Council.

Dates of next Parish Council Meetings:

11 May at 7pm : Annual Parish Council meeting followed by the regular monthly meeting.  
Crofthandy Village Hall

The meeting was closed at 8.30 pm

## Gwennap Parish Council PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST

13 April 2026 (This Year 2026-2027)

Vouche Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Payment Ref.	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
8 Frogpool Cemetery Other Costs	14/04/2026	April 2026	Current Account	BACS	Repairs	Amazon EU	S	10.82	2.17	12.99
9 Frogpool Cemetery Other Costs	14/04/2026	April 2026	Current Account	BACS	Repairs	Amazon EU	S	14.16	2.83	16.99
10 Parish Rooms Caretaker	14/04/2026	April 2026	Current Account	BACS	Caretaker	Team Gazzard	Z	601.34		601.34
3 Stationery and postage	14/04/2026	April 2026	Current Account	BACS	Printer Ink	HP Smart	S	11.24	2.25	13.49
2 Litter Picking	14/04/2026	April 2026	Current Account	BACS	Litter Pick	Clare Wicks	X	61.05		61.05
1 Clerk's Expenses	14/04/2026	April 2026	Current Account	BACS	Clerk Expenses	Chris Ring	X	44.00		44.00
4 Payroll costs	14/04/2026	April 2026	Current Account	BACS	Payroll	Jayne Angove	X	10.00		10.00
7 Frogpool Cemetery Grounds	15/04/2026	April 2026	Current Account	BACS	Ground Works	Chegwidden	Z	417.05		417.05
13 Play Area Inspections	15/04/2026	April 2026	Current Account	BACS	Play Area Inspection	Southwest Playground Saf	S	48.33	9.67	58.00
7 Playing Field cutting & grounds	15/04/2026	April 2026	Current Account	BACS	Ground Works	Chegwidden	Z	589.80		589.80
12 Subscriptions	15/04/2026	April 2026	Current Account	BACS	Membership ICCM	ICCM	Z	110.00		110.00
7 Grounds works	15/04/2026	April 2026	Current Account	BACS	Ground Works	Chegwidden	Z	40.00		40.00
6 NI & PAYE cost	17/04/2026	April 2026	Current Account	BACS	HMRC P32	HMRC	Z	326.34		326.34
5 Pension costs	17/04/2026	April 2026	Current Account	BACS	Clerk Pension	Cornwall Pension Fund	Z	414.94		414.94
11 Clerk's Salary	24/04/2026	April 2026	Current Account	BACS	Clerk Salary	Chris Ring	Z	1,395.00		1,395.00
<b>Total</b>								<b>4,094.07</b>	<b>16.92</b>	<b>4,110.99</b>