



GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of the Council Parish Minutes

held on Monday 11th May 2026

In attendance: Cllr Richard Williams {Chair} (RW), Cllr Julian Hughes {Vice Chair} {JH},
Cllr Veryan Pascoe-Edward {VPE}, Cllr Jemma Moses {JM}
Chris Ring {Parish Clerk} (PC). Members of the public were in attendance

RW opened and then adjourned the Annual Meeting to allow members of the public, who were in attendance for the General Meeting, to speak on those items.

RW then reconvened the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

A1. Cllr Richard Williams, being the only nominee for Chair of the Parish Council, was unanimously re-elected. RW signed and the PC countersigned his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

A2. Cllr Julian Hughes, being the only nominee for Vice Chair of the Parish Council, was unanimously re-elected. JH signed and the PC countersigned his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

A3. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Andi Freeman{AF} and Cllr Steve Trelease {ST},

A4. No declarations of interest were received from the Councillors.

A5. It was RESOLVED to re appoint Aalgaard Renshaw as Internal Auditors for 2025/2026.

A6. It was RESOLVED To appoint members to the following committees:

Staffing Committee: Cllrs {RW}, {JH} and {AF}

Appeals Committee : Cllrs {ST}, {JM,} and {VPE}

Finance Committee : Cllrs {JH}, {RW} and {VPE}

A7. The Standing Orders, the financial regulations and financial risk assessments, had been reviewed and circulated to the Councillors and it was RESOLVED that they all be re-adopted. These are available on the Parish Council website.

A8. It was RESOLVED to continue the arrangements with Cornwall Council for LMP (local maintenance partnership) cutting of some PROW (public rights of way).

A9. It was RESOLVED that the following Councillors represent the Council on the named external bodies:

North Kerrier and East Penwith Community Area Partnership (CAP): Cllr {RW}

Mining Villages Regeneration Group (MVRG): Cllr {RW}

Travellers Forum: Cllr {ST}

Fete Committee: Cllr (RW)

School Liaison: Cllr {AF}

Geothermal Liaison Group: Cllr (ST)

Wheal Maid Solutions Group: Cllrs (RW) and (JH)

Liaison with the Banger Raceway: Cllr (ST)

All representatives will report back to the Parish Council meeting immediately following their attendance at an external group meeting.

A10. The Council inventory of land and asset register had been circulated to the Councillors, and it was RESOLVED that it be noted and accepted. This is available on the Parish Council website.



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A11. The Clerk confirmed that the General insurance policy for the Parish Council had previously been procured and approved for a three-year term with Arthur J. Gallagher Insurance Management Limited. This will be reviewed in October 2027.

The Policy for Wheal Maid had been renewed with Arthur J. Gallagher Insurance in January 2026. This will be reviewed in December 2026.

A12. The Council's and Clerk's subscriptions to the following bodies were reviewed and approved:

The Clerk is a Member of the SLCC. The cost of this is paid for by the Council.

The Council pays an annual subscription of £100 to the Mining Villages Regeneration Group.

The Council uses the Scribe software for its Accounting system, Hall hire and Cemetery records.

The Council has an annual subscription with Microsoft for the Clerk's computer.

The Council is a member of the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management.

The Council is registered with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO)

The Council discussed joining the Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC). It was RESOLVED not to join at this time and to review annually.

A13. The following policies and procedures had been reviewed by the Councillors, and it was RESOLVED that they be adopted. They are available on the Parish Council website.

1. Complaints policy
2. Freedom of Information requests and Data Protection Policies
3. Press and Media Policy
4. Employment Policy
5. Grievance Policy
6. Code of Conduct
7. Privacy Policy
8. Publications Policy

A14. The following dates of future Council meetings were decided:

(2026) Monday 8th June, Monday 13th July, Monday 10th August, Monday 14th September, Monday 12th October, Monday 9th November, Monday 7th December, (2026) Monday 8th February, Monday 8th March, Monday 12th April and Monday 10th May

The Annual Parish Council meeting was closed at 7.55 pm



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The General Meeting of the Council Parish Minutes

held on Wednesday 11th May 2026 at 7.05 pm

In attendance: Cllr Richard Williams {Chair} (RW), Cllr Julian Hughes {Vice Chair} {JH},
Cllr Veryan Pascoe-Edward {VPE}, Cllr Jemma Moses {JM}
Chris Ring {Parish Clerk} (PC). Members of the public were in attendance {MOP}

The Chair opened the meeting to take item 3 ahead of the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The meeting was then adjourned at 7.30 pm and reconvened at 7.55 pm at the conclusion of the AGM.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Andi Freeman{AF} and Cllr Steve Trelease {ST},
2. No declarations of interest were received from the Members.
3. Public Session: Members of the public were in attendance.

Several (MOPs) raised the issue of noise and light pollution from GEL Geothermal. Several had contacted GEL directly but the responses weren't adequate. RW confirmed the Parish Council had been in contact with GEL and they had responded swiftly setting out how they would address this. The PC will follow this up as a matter of urgency as the noise pollution was unacceptable.

A (MOP) raised the issue of accidents at a junction in Crofthandy. The PC confirmed a plan had been set out by Cornwall Council Highways for significant improvements at this junction.

A (MOP) asked who was responsible for the cutting of hedges etc on byways and paths. The PC confirmed that the Parish Council had an agreement with Cornwall Council for the surface cutting on some public rights of way and the hedge trimming is the responsibility of the landowners. The PC encouraged residents to report overgrown hedges to Cornwall Council.

A (MOP) asked about the proposals for Wheal Maid. RW confirmed that the Parish Council would be discussing the matter of the repairs of some of the mountain biking areas later in the meeting. The (MOP) raised concerns about contamination and presented the Council with a document highlighting his concerns.

4. Cornwall Councillor John Thomas MBE (JT) had sent his apologies and there was no report available.
5. It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 13th April 2026 be approved as a correct record. The Chair signed the approved minutes of that meeting.
6. The Council had received two applications to fill the current vacancy for a Parish Councillor by co-option. It was RESOLVED to appoint Nicola Williams as a co-opted Councillor.

7. Correspondence:

The Council had received notification that PC Nick Jones from Falmouth would be the local Police contact. The Clerk and RW will be meeting him in the near future.

Correspondence regarding GEL was dealt with under item 3

Correspondence had been received from Cornwall Council Planning regarding a planning objection from the previous meeting. Having spoken to Cllr JT, RW accepted that this matter would not be taken to the West Planning Committee and the application would be granted.

8. The revised Neighbourhood Priorities Statement (NPS) had been circulated to the Councillors. it was RESOLVED that it be approved for public consultation alongside a document summarising the proposals.



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9. Highways and public rights of way:

The roof on the bus shelter has now been replaced.

Several complaints had been received re traffic queuing on the highway near the recycling centre. The PC had contacted Cornwall Councillor John Thomas who had now progressed this to Suez and Cornwall Council. RW has also written to Cornwall Council stressing in the strongest terms that something needs to be done urgently.

A quote had been received from Cormac/Highways to install 2 new posts for the VASS Speed Signs. The PC has made an application to Cllr JT's Community Chest grant to cover £500 of the cost. It was RESOLVED that the Council would cover any remaining costs from its CIL reserves.

10. Affordable Housing.

RW has received a reply from Perran Moon MP indicating that the difficulty in progressing Affordable Housing schemes in rural Cornish Parishes is being discussed at the highest level in government and that there should be an update later this year.

11. Parish Rooms and Playing Field:

The climbing wall had become loose at its foundations. The PC and Cllr ST had inspected it and concluded it was beyond repair. It had now been removed.

12. Wheal Maid:

RW discussed proposals for repairs to some of the mountain bike jumps that had been received and circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

It was RESOLVED to allow this work to proceed.

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 set out at Appendix 2, be accepted.

14. Planning:

14.1/1 PA26/02291:

Proposed construction of garage with store over, and change of use of land to domestic curtilage: Location: Riverside, Point Mills, Bissoe, Truro

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

14.1/2 PA26/02189

Proposed change of use from agricultural land to a storage compound.
Location: Compound Adj To Gwennap Sewage Works, Sunny Corner, Gwennap, Truro

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

14.2. To note the following Planning decisions:

PA26/01939 REFUSED

Location:- Land West Of Chimney Pots Sunny Corner Cusgarne Cornwall TR4 8SE
Proposal Application for Permission in Principle for the construction of 1 residential dwelling (minimum of 1, maximum of 1)

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PA26/00682 APPROVED

Location:- North Tresamble Farm Gwennap Redruth TR16 6BH

Proposal Proposed new agricultural access gate and the closure of the existing agricultural gate

PA25/05328 APPROVED

Location:- Tinnars Halt Goongumpas St Day Redruth Cornwall TR16 5JL

Proposal Demolition of garage and construction of self-build dwelling and associated drainage

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

RW had attended a recent Police Liaison meeting where he had been informed that an operation, being co-ordinated from Truro, to address the problem of illegal off-road motor bikes was being planned.

RW and JH had attended a meeting with representatives of the Mountain Bike community concerning Wheal Maid.

RW had met with the headteacher of Cusgarne Primary School.

RW had attended a meeting of the MVRG to review the Rural Status Report.

The Meeting was closed at 9.00pm

Gwennap Parish Council PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST

10 May 2026 (This Year 2026-2027)

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Payment Ref.	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
20	Repairs to Bus stop	11/05/2026	May 26	Current Account	BACS	Bus Shelter Roof Repair	JR Flat Roofing	S	3,098.00	619.60	3,717.60
23	Parish Rooms Caretaker	12/05/2026	May 26	Current Account	BACS	Caretaker	Team Gazzard	Z	746.71		746.71
25	Parish Rooms Maintenance	12/05/2026	May 26	Current Account	BACS	Parish Room Repair	F J Kemp	S	104.00	20.80	124.80
27	Play Area Inspections	12/05/2026	May 26	Current Account	BACS	Play Area Inspection	Southwest Playground Saf	S	48.33	9.67	58.00
26	Website and Email	12/05/2026	May 26	Current Account	BACS	Web and Email	Host media	S	12.00	2.40	14.40
24	Litter Picking	12/05/2026	May 26	Current Account	BACS	Litter Pick	Clare Wicks	Z	63.55		63.55
21	Payroll costs	12/05/2026	May 26	Current Account	BACS	Payroll	Jayne Angove	Z	10.00		10.00
22	Clerk's Expenses	12/05/2026	May 26	Current Account	BACS	Clerk Expenses	Chris Ring	Z	44.00		44.00
28	Frogpool Cemetery Grounds	13/05/2026	May 26	Current Account	BACS	Ground Works	Chegwidden	X	384.55		384.55
28	Playing Field cutting & grounds	13/05/2026	May 26	Current Account	BACS	Ground Works	Chegwidden	X	464.80		464.80
35	Parish Rooms Sundries	13/05/2026	May 26	Current Account	BACS	Bin Bags	Amazon EU	S	23.59	4.72	28.31
34	Parish Rooms Sundries	13/05/2026	May 26	Current Account	BACS	Toilet Rolls	Amazon EU	S	36.65	7.33	43.98
33	Parish Rooms Sundries	13/05/2026	May 26	Current Account	BACS	cleaning products	Amazon EU	S	11.97	2.39	14.36
36	Stationery and postage	13/05/2026	May 26	Current Account	BACS	Stationery	Amazon EU	S	25.31	5.06	30.37
32	Stationery and postage	13/05/2026	May 26	Current Account	BACS	Printer Ink	HP Smart	S	11.24	2.25	13.49
28	Grounds works	13/05/2026	May 26	Current Account	BACS	Ground Works	Chegwidden	X	55.00		55.00
29	NI & PAYE cost	15/05/2026	May 26	Current Account	BACS	HMRC P32	HMRC	Z	326.54		326.54
30	Pension costs	15/05/2026	May 26	Current Account	BACS	Clerk Pension	Cornwall Pension Fund	Z	418.20		418.20
31	Clerk's Salary	29/05/2026	May 26	Current Account	BACS	Clerk Salary	Chris Ring	X	1,394.80		1,394.80
Total									7,279.24	674.22	7,953.46