

GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL

The Regular Meeting of the Council Parish Minutes

held on Monday 13 July 2026 at 7.00 pm

In attendance: Cllr Richard Williams {Chair} (RW), Cllr Julian Hughes {Vice Chair} {JH},
Cllr Jemma Moses {JM} Cllr Steve Trelease {ST}

Chris Ring {Parish Clerk} (PC). Members of the public were in attendance {MOP}

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Andi Freeman{AF} and Cllr Vervan Pascoe-Edward {VPE}.

1.2 RW informed the Council that Nicola Williams had resigned from the Council.

2. Declarations of interest: Members to declare Pecuniary and Non-Registerable interests, including details thereof, in respect of any items on this agenda. RW declared an interest in item 6 due to the proximity of his home to the Cornish Arms.

3. Public Session: Members of the public were in attendance.

3.1 Members of the public raised concerns regarding speeding traffic on the Frogpool 'top road' and requested that the locations of the Vehicle Activated Speed Signs (VASS) be reconsidered.

The PC confirmed that the current VASS locations had been agreed with Cornwall Council Highways and Devon & Cornwall Police. He advised that the signs are intended to be rotated between approved sites, as they are more effective when moved regularly rather than remaining in one location. The PC also reported that he is seeking grant funding to install additional posts at other pre-approved locations across the Parish to increase the flexibility of the scheme.

Members of the public also enquired about physical traffic calming measures, including the introduction of a 20mph speed limit. The PC advised that requests relating to highway infrastructure and speed limit changes should be raised with Cornwall Councillor John Thomas.

The possibility of re-establishing a Community Speed Watch group was discussed. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council would assist by advertising a public meeting to gauge local interest, and a member of the public with previous Community Speed Watch experience offered their assistance.

3.2 A MOP raised the issue of planned events at the Cornish Arms during the Summer. Cllr (JH) confirmed he and Cllr (JM) had met with the owners of the pub. He gave a fuller report under item 6.

3.3 A MOP spoke about planning application PA/26 04050. The PC read out the Tree Officer's report.

3.4. A MOP spoke about their planning application PA/26 03961 and explained the reason for the application and answered questions from the Councillors.

3.5 A MOP mentioned an overgrown hedge in Frogpool. The PC will report this to Cornwall Council.

4. Cornwall Councillor John Thomas MBE (JT) had sent his apologies and had submitted a written report; this would be available on the Parish Council website.

5. It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 8th June 2026 be approved as a correct record. The Chair signed the approved minutes of those meetings.

6. Summer events at the Cornish Arms Public House, Frogpool.

JH and JM reported on a meeting held with the landlord of the public house to discuss the programme of summer live music events. JH advised that the meeting had been constructive and provided an opportunity to discuss the arrangements for the events and the respective responsibilities of those involved.

The landlord confirmed that comprehensive risk assessments had been completed and that appropriate public liability insurance was in place. They also confirmed that the events would be confined to the pub's car park and would not extend onto Parish Council land.

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During the meeting, it was noted that the picnic table on the Village Green opposite the pub was in a poor state of repair. It was agreed that the existing table would be removed and replaced with a new one.

7. Correspondence:

The PC had received emails re traffic issues through Frogpool. These were raised under item 3.1.

The PC had received an email re a blocked footpath. This had been reported to Cornwall Council.

The PC had received emails about overgrown verges. This had been reported to Cornwall Council.

The PC had received emails from the United Downs Environmental Group (UDEG) regarding a screening of a National Emergency Briefing Film. Proposed dates had been circulated to the Cllrs and a date of 19 August was proposed.

8. Neighbourhood Priorities Statement: Public consultation was now active and open for comment until 22 July. A feedback report would be brought to the next regular meeting on 10 August.

9. Highways and Public Rights of Way: See items 3 and 7.

10. Affordable housing: RW reported that the presumed start date for the Trelyn development remained the end of this month.

11. Parish rooms and playing field.

The PC confirmed that the planned tree works had now been completed. He also reported that a number of scheduled maintenance works within the play area had been carried out.

Members noted that two picnic tables within the playground area were in need of replacement. It was RESOLVED to replace these with two new recycled plastic picnic tables and to purchase an additional table for the Village Green, as referred to in the minute under Item 6.

12. Wheal Maid:

12.1 RW reported plans for a Mountain Bike event at Wheal Maid. it was RESOLVED to give permission to allow this event to take place on Parish Council land subject to there being proper advance notice to local residents and there being appropriate parking arrangements.

12.2 RW reported that Devon & Cornwall Police had undertaken an operation at Wheal Maid to address the illegal use of off-road motorcycles. A number of enforcement notices were issued and officers also spoke with several individuals during the operation.

12.3 RW reported that the local mountain bike groups had completed the previously agreed maintenance and improvement works to designated tracks and jumps at Wheal Maid. It was noted that a number of other members of the public had also volunteered to assist with the works, demonstrating strong community support for the initiative.

13. FINANCE:

13.1 It was RESOLVED that the payments set out at Appendix 1, be approved, with the addition of an invoice for £324 for repairs within the playground.

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

14. Planning:

PA26/03672: Proposed Use of an existing shed as a home gym, garage and store and alterations.

Location: Holly Tree Farm, Fernsplatt, Chacewater, Truro. It was RESOLVED that there be NO OBJECTION to this application.

PA26/03661: Proposed Permission in Principle for the construction of 1-2 dwellings (minimum of 1, maximum of 2).

Location: Workshop And Garage, Lowertown, Cusgarne, Truro. It was RESOLVED that there be NO OBJECTION to this application, subject to the completion and submission of a satisfactory Flood Risk Assessment.

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PA26/04050

Proposed Works to Trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) - (C1/CK44) T1 - Oak - Fell. T2 - Oak - Remove lowest limb over road. G1 - Sycamores - Pollard to approximately 8m in height. (C1/CK182) T1 and T2 - 2 x Oak - Raise crown to 4.5m above field level. Location: Chelean Farm, Frogpool, Truro, Cornwall.

It was RESOLVED that there be NO OBJECTION to this application subject to the condition that the recommendations of the tree officer be followed.

PA26/03961

Proposed Change of use of garage and store into a holiday let and ancillary accommodation, including an upward extension and other associated works: Location Paynters Barn Race Hill Bissoe Truro

It was RESOLVED that there be NO OBJECTION to this application. It was noted that the applicant was in agreement to a planning condition restricting the use of the development to being ancillary to the main accommodation.

14.2. To note the following Planning decisions:

Appeal Decision: PA25/05744 – Land adj to Magpie Cottage, Goongumpas, St Day – Mr and Mrs Bedford – Appeal Allowed. Costs claim against Council – Dismissed.

PA26/01572 APPROVED: Location:- Thatch Cottage Trehaddle Cusgarne Truro Cornwall TR4 8RN
Proposal Listed building consent: replacement thatch from combed wheat reed to water reed.

PA26/02907 S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps

Location:- Purple Haze Lower Goongumpas Lane Goongumpas St Day Redruth Cornwall TR16 5JL
Proposal Submission of details in order to discharge condition 10 (SAC) of decision notice PA22/07761 dated 26.10.2022.

15. Councillor Reports:

15.1 ST had attended a Geothermal community meeting. Items raised included noise level studies, where it was confirmed that the levels were within permitted limits. However, additional noise prevention measures would be installed. A new education programme is due to start in September.

JM and JH had attended a UDEG event at Crofthandy Village Hall and Wheal Maid.

The Meeting was closed at 8.40pm

Gwennap Parish Council PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST

13 July 2026 (This Year 2026-2027)

Vouche Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Payment Ref.	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
56 Parish Rooms Caretaker	14/07/2026	July 26	Current Account	BACS	Caretaker	Team Gazzard	X	638.68		638.68
57 Clerk's Expenses	14/07/2026	July 26	Current Account	BACS	Clerk Expenses	Chris Ring	X	32.60		32.60
60 Play Area Inspections	14/07/2026	July 26	Current Account	BACS	Play Area Inspection	Southwest Playground Safe	S	48.33	9.67	58.00
59 Playing Field cutting & grounds	14/07/2026	July 26	Current Account	BACS	Tree Work	Richard Graham	X	50.00		50.00
58 Stationery and postage	14/07/2026	July 26	Current Account	BACS	Printer Ink	HP Smart	S	11.24	2.25	13.49
61 Litter Picking	14/07/2026	July 26	Current Account	BACS	Litter Pick	Clare Wicks	X	63.55		63.55
62 Payroll costs	14/07/2026	July 26	Current Account	BACS	Payroll	Jayne Angove	X	10.00		10.00
66 Frogpool Cemetery Grounds	15/07/2026	July 25	Current Account	BACS	Tree Work	Greenside Tree Services	S	300.00	60.00	360.00
66 Playing Field cutting & grounds	15/07/2026	July 25	Current Account	BACS	Tree Work	Greenside Tree Services	S	420.00	84.00	504.00
67 Play Area Repairs	16/07/2026	July 26	Current Account	BACS	Play Area Repairs	Southwest Playground Safe	S	2,450.00	490.00	2,940.00
63 NI & PAYE cost	17/07/2026	July 26	Current Account	BACS	HMRC P32	HMRC	X	343.52		343.52
64 Pension costs	17/07/2026	July 26	Current Account	BACS	Clerk Pension	Cornwall Pension Fund	X	426.98		426.98
68 Frogpool Cemetery Grounds	18/07/2026	July 26	Current Account	BACS	Ground Works	Chegwidden	X	464.10		464.10
68 Playing Field cutting & grounds	18/07/2026	July 26	Current Account	BACS	Ground Works	Chegwidden	X	485.05		485.05
68 Grounds works	18/07/2026	July 26	Current Account	BACS	Ground Works	Chegwidden	X	120.00		120.00
65 Clerk's Salary	24/07/2026	July 26	Current Account	BACS	Clerk Salary	Chris Ring	X	1,422.37		1,422.37
Total								7,286.42	645.92	7,932.34