

GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL

The Regular Meeting of the Council Parish Minutes

held on Monday 10 August 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} Cllr Andi Freeman{AF} and Cllr Vryan Pascoe-Edward {VPE}.
Chris Ring {Parish Clerk} (PC).

Members of the public were in attendance {MOP}

1. No Apologies for absence were received as all Councillors were present.
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 14.4 in relation to planning application PA26/05195 due to being a neighbour of the applicant.
3. Public Session: Members of the public were in attendance.

3.1 A MOP spoke on several items concerning the Crofthandy area:

- A recent 'afternoon tea party' had been a success raising over £800 for the Breast Cancer Now Charity.
- The tables within Crofthandy Village Hall are in need of replacement. The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council will be opening a grant fund application process soon for community groups.

The MOP reported that pine trees have self-seeded into Wheal Maid and suggested clearing certain areas.

The Council will discuss this with various environment groups for advice.

It was also noted that the drainage ditch at Goongumpas Lane still needed attention. The PC will raise this with Cormac and Cllr John Thomas.

3.2 Mr Ben Wood, representing the Burncoose Estate, spoke:

The Burncoose Estate had responded to the Parish Council Neighbourhood Priorities Statement (NPS) and added that the Estate and Williams family would like to commission a formal consultation on the A393 and other routes through the Parish and adjoining Parishes. This would investigate connectivity and look at improvements to the transport infrastructure with a focus on road safety, transport links, sustainability, cycling and walking routes and public transport. The Burncoose Estate and Williams family would be prepared to host and finance this initial consultation. Item 6 was then brought forward:

6. Following on from Mr Ben Wood's comments, the Council discussed this and asked questions. It was RESOLVED to support this proposal, and the PC will ensure Cornwall Councillor John Thomas and Cornwall Council Highways are invited to a consultation workshop.

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 13 July 2026 be approved as a correct record. The Chair signed the approved minutes of that meeting.

7. Correspondence:

Correspondence had been received regarding the smell from the abattoir in Frogpool. The PC had spoken to the abattoir, and they had confirmed that the recent hot weather has unfortunately exacerbated the odour issues and they were doing their best to manage it. They hoped that the situation will improve as temperatures begin to cool.

8. Neighbourhood Priorities Statement (NPS): The PC confirmed the consultation period was now complete. The final version of the NPS would now be prepared and presented at the next meeting for approval before submitting to Cornwall Council.

9. Highways and Public Rights of Way:

9.1 The Chair and PC had contacted Suez and Cornwall Council representatives urgently regarding the ongoing issues of traffic queuing on the highway at the United Downs Recycling Centre. A reply had been received, and it was confirmed that a booking system would be implemented to help resolve this issue.

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9.2 The PC had made enquiries regarding a proposed Road Safety project at the Crofthandy / Goongumpas Junction. It had been confirmed that the works had been approved and had moved onto the next stage, although a time scale was not provided.

10. Affordable housing: There has been no confirmation of the start date on the Trelyn development.

11. Parish rooms and playing field.

11.1 A Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) grant application had been made for accessible play equipment in the Richard Jory Playing Field.

11.2 A request for a Charity Clothing Bank to be installed in the Richard Jory Playing Field car park had been made. The PC had also been made aware of an alternative supplier who would pay for the clothes recovered. The PC will investigate further and report at the next meeting.

12. Wheal Maid:

12.1 RW reported that the mountain biking event being planned at Wheal Maid had not yet been confirmed but was expected to go ahead.

12.2 It was RESOLVED to allow a project at Wheal Maid looking at the soil ecosystem to proceed.

12.3 It was also RESOLVED to allow an art project on the site to go ahead.

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.

13.3 It was formally noted that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit had been received from BDO, the external auditors. This can be found on the Parish Council website.

13.4 JH reported that the Finance Committee had met earlier. The minutes and PC report can be found on the Parish Council website.

14. Planning:

PA26/04324

Proposed Renovation and Extension to Existing Farmhouse.

Location: Pengreep Barton, Ponsanooth, Truro TR3 7JH

It was RESOLVED that there was No Objection to this application.

PA26/05202

Proposed Replacement of Flat Roof with Pitched Roof and Replacement Porch.

Location: Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall

It was RESOLVED that there was No Objection to this application.

PA26/03876

Proposed Creation of 6 Electric Vehicle Charging Spaces and Installation of Two Trio Chargers and One Feeder Pillar. Location: The Fox And Hounds Inn, Comford, Cornwall

It was RESOLVED that there was No Objection to this application.

PA26/03877

Proposed Listed Building Consent for the Creation of 6 Electric Vehicle Charging Spaces and Installation of Two Trio Chargers and One Feeder Pillar.

Location: The Fox And Hounds Inn, Comford, Cornwall

It was RESOLVED that there was No Objection to this application.

14.2 To consider any planning applications received since the publication of the agenda:

PA26/05195: Proposed. Single Storey Lounge Extension. Location: 7 Chellean Vean, Frogpool, Truro, Cornwall.

RW had declared an interest in this application and left the room. It was RESOLVED that Cllr JH take the chair for this item. **It was RESOLVED that there was No Objection to this application.**



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RW resumed as Chair.

14.3. The following Planning decisions were noted:

PA26/02189 APPROVED

Location:- Compound Adj To Gwennap Sewage Works Sunny Corner Gwennap Truro Cornwall TR4 8SE

Proposal Change of use from agricultural land to a storage compound.

PA26/04050 APPROVED

Location:- Chelean Farm Frogpool Truro Cornwall TR4 8RW

Proposal Works to Trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) - (C1/CK44) T1 - Oak - Fell. T2 -

Oak - Remove lowest limb over road. G1 - Sycamores - Remove stem growing over the road

and Crown raise group to

PA26/03672 APPROVED

Location:- Holly Tree Farm Fernsplat Chacewater Truro Cornwall TR4 8RJ

Proposal Use of an existing shed as a home gym, garage and store and alterations

15. Councillor Reports:

RW thanked JM for her help with the moving of tables from the Village Green and Parish Field.

RW noted that the Frogfest events at the Cornish Arms had been a success and no adverse reports had been received.

RW asked about a proposed Community Speed Watch meeting. The PC reported that he was hoping to organise this within the next month.

JH had attended a Community Energy meeting and gave a short report on the outcome.

RW and the PC had attended a Highways / Cormac meeting.

RW, VPE and the PC along with a MOP had visited two SWW sewerage sites. All found this very useful and gained a greater understanding of the process and issues.

AF and RW had joined an online children and young people's meeting organised by Cornwall Council.

Date of next meeting: Monday 14th September 7pm at Gwennap Parish Rooms, Pulla Cross

The Meeting was closed at 8.20pm

Gwennap Parish Council PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST

09 August 2026 (This Year 2026-2027)

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Payment Ref.	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
76	Training	04/08/2026	Aug 2026	Current Account	BACS	Training ICCM	ICCM	S	105.00	21.00	126.00
77	Training	04/08/2026	Aug 2026	Current Account	BACS	SLCC Training	SLCC	S	350.00	70.00	420.00
77	Training	04/08/2026	Aug 2026	Current Account	BACS	SLCC Training	SLCC	Z	495.00		495.00
75	Parish Rooms Caretaker	11/08/2026	Aug 2026	Current Account	BACS	Caretaker	Team Gazzard	X	689.52		689.52
79	Stationery and postage	11/08/2026	Aug 2026	Current Account	BACS	Printer Ink	HP Smart	S	11.24	2.25	13.49
78	Clerk's Expenses	11/08/2026	Aug 2026	Current Account	BACS	Clerk Expenses	Chris Ring	Z	37.00		37.00
85	Play Area Inspections	11/08/2026	Aug 2026	Current Account	BACS	Play Area Inspection	Southwest Playground Safe	S	48.33	9.67	58.00
89	Parish Rooms Maintenance	11/08/2026	Aug 2026	Current Account	BACS	Step Ladder	Amazon DCS Ltd	S	18.32	3.67	21.99
92	Stationery and postage	11/08/2026	Aug 2026	Current Account	BACS	Stationery	TG Jones	S	10.67	2.13	12.80
87	Litter Picking	11/08/2026	Aug 2026	Current Account	BACS	Litter Pick	Clare Wicks	Z	63.55		63.55
90	Playing Field other costs	11/08/2026	Aug 2026	Current Account	BACS	paint	Amazon EU	S	14.16	2.83	16.99
91	Parish Rooms Sundries	11/08/2026	Aug 2026	Current Account	BACS	Toilet Brush	Amazon EU	S	18.32	3.66	21.98
88	Parish Rooms Sundries	11/08/2026	Aug 2026	Current Account	BACS	cleaning products	Amazon EU	S	11.77	2.35	14.12
80	Frogpool Cemetery Grounds	12/08/2026	Aug 2026	Current Account	BACS	Ground Works	Chegwidden	Z	304.00		304.00
80	Playing Field cutting & grounds	12/08/2026	Aug 2026	Current Account	BACS	Ground Works	Chegwidden	Z	409.80		409.80
86	Accountancy and Audit	12/08/2026	Aug 2026	Current Account	BACS	Audit	BDO Audit	S	420.00	84.00	504.00
81	Payroll costs	12/08/2026	Aug 2026	Current Account	BACS	Payroll	Jayne Angove	Z	10.00		10.00
84	NI & PAYE cost	21/08/2026	Aug 2026	Current Account	BACS	HMRC P32	HMRC	Z	343.52		343.52
83	Pension costs	21/08/2026	Aug 2026	Current Account	BACS	Clerk Pension	Cornwall Pension Fund	Z	426.98		426.98
82	Clerk's Salary	28/08/2026	Aug 2026	Current Account	BACS	Clerk Salary	Chris Ring	X	1,422.37		1,422.37
Total									5,209.55	201.56	5,411.11