



GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL

The Regular Meeting of the Parish Council Minutes

held on Monday 14 September 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} and Cllr Vryan Pascoe-Edward {VPE}.
Chris Ring {Parish Clerk} (PC). Cornwall Councillor John Thomas MBE (JT)

Members of the public were in attendance {MOP}

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Andi Freeman.
2. Declarations of interest: Cllr Steve Trelease declared an interest in planning application PA26/05275
3. Public Session: Members of the public were in attendance.
 - 3.1 The applicants for planning application PA26/05528 addressed the Council in support of the application and answered questions from Members.
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 - 3.3 Members of the United Downs Environment Group (UDEG) spoke in relation to agenda item 15 and outlined a proposed project to install wooden benches at Wheal Maid, made from fallen trees.
4. JT was in attendance and had submitted a written report, which would be made available on the Parish Council website. He answered questions from Members regarding a traffic improvement project in Crofthandy, the new Community Speed Watch (CSW) scheme and ongoing issues relating to the United Downs Recycling Centre.
5. It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 10 August 2026 be approved as a correct record. The Chair signed the approved minutes of that meeting.
6. PC gave a short report, which is attached to these minutes.
7. Community Energy Network Cornwall: JH provided an update following attendance at a Community Energy Network Cornwall event. Members discussed the potential opportunities available through the South West Net Zero Hub and the emerging funding arrangements for community renewable energy, energy storage and resilience projects. It was noted that further information on the scope and application process was expected shortly. The Council agreed to await further information before considering whether there was a suitable project or opportunity for the Parish Council to pursue.
8. Correspondence:

The Council considered recent correspondence, including matters relating to Trelyn, Japanese knotweed, an abandoned caravan and public rights of way.

A letter regarding the maintenance of Gwennap Churchyard was also discussed. It was noted that the Churchyard had previously been cared for by the Parish Council following its closure, before responsibility was transferred to Cornwall Council. The Clerk advised that he was investigating the legal position and whether the Parish Council had any power to contribute towards the costs requested.
9. Neighbourhood Priorities Statement (NPS): The Council noted that the final version of the Neighbourhood Priorities Statement had been published following minor amendments by Cornwall Council.

The Council formally **RESOLVED** to accept the final version as published and noted that the document would remain a live document and could be updated as appropriate.

10. Highways and Public Rights of Way:

10.1 The Council received an update following the recent meeting regarding the proposed CSW scheme. It was noted that Bissoe CSW would take responsibility for coordinating the scheme, including training and administration, with volunteers from across the Parish able to participate. Members discussed the potential role of the CSW beyond speed monitoring, including supporting wider road safety initiatives and lobbying for appropriate speed limits and highway improvements within the Parish. The Council agreed to support the establishment of the scheme and encouraged

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interested residents to volunteer. The Clerk and Chair would remain involved in progressing the scheme.

10.2 The Clerk reported several ongoing issues relating to blocked or overgrown public rights of way. One route had been reported to Cornwall Council as a physical blockage and remained awaiting investigation. The matter would be followed up.

Members also discussed ongoing highway matters, including the road closure signage and the need for improvements at Crofthandy.

11. Affordable Housing – Trelyn. The Council received an update on the Trelyn affordable housing development. It was noted that work had now commenced and was progressing.

Two representations had been received concerning the commencement of works and construction traffic. The issue of contractors arriving early in the morning had been raised with Coastline, and concerns regarding vehicles using Pencantol and causing damage when turning had also been reported. Coastline had advised that action had been taken regarding the signage. The Council noted the update and agreed to continue monitoring the development.

12. Parish Rooms and Playing Field - The Clerk reported that there were no significant new issues regarding the Parish Rooms or Playing Field.

A concern regarding a gate and rotten post on the Playing Field was noted. The Clerk would arrange for the gate to be inspected and repaired as necessary.

13. FINANCE:

13.1 It was **RESOLVED** that the payments set out at Appendix 1, be approved, including an additional invoice from Wheal Jane of £575 for the inspection of Wheal Maid.

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

14. Planning:

PA26/05148: Proposal to install roofed area for cattle handling and manure storage.

Location: Trevarth Farm, Gwennap, Redruth, Cornwall.

The Council considered the application and noted that it related to agricultural use.

RESOLVED: No objection.

PA21/08714: Proposal for the retention of the stable block extension and retention of existing parking area.

Location: Chenhale Farm Chenhale Carharrack Redruth Cornwall TR16 5RB.

The Council considered the application and discussed the planning history and the location of the site. Members noted that the proposal would have limited impact on the surrounding area.

RESOLVED: No objection.

PA26/05275

Proposal for the erection of a self-build replacement dwelling together with associated works.

Location: The Cabin, Lower Goongumpas Lane, Goongumpas, St Day.

(Cllr Steve Trelease left the meeting for this item, having declared an interest, as he lives in close proximity to the property.)

The Council considered the application and heard from the applicant in support of the proposal. Members discussed the existing site, the proposed development and its relationship with the surrounding area.

RESOLVED: No objection.

PA26/05528

Proposal for the restoration and conversion of existing barn to form a dwellinghouse with carport.

Location: Land East Of Pulla Cross Farm Cottage, Pulla Cross, Cornwall TR4 8SA

The Council considered the application and heard from the applicants in support of the proposal. Members noted that the proposal would provide a modest-sized dwelling and considered the design to be appropriate.

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Members noted that the supporting information relating to heritage and environmental matters appeared limited and that further information might be requested by the planning authority.

RESOLVED: No objection.

PA26/06035

Proposal for agricultural field gates. Location: Holly Tree Farm, Fernsplatt, Chacewater, Truro.

The Council considered the application and noted concerns regarding the proposed location of the gates, particularly in relation to the nearby junction and highway safety.

In the absence of specific highway comments at the time of the meeting, the Council agreed that it would not raise a formal objection but would defer to the views of the Highway Authority.

RESOLVED: No formal objection. However, the Council noted a neighbour concern regarding the location of the proposed gates and deferred to Cornwall Council on the issue of highway access and safety.

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

No additional planning applications were considered.

14.3. The following Planning decisions were noted:

PA26/03961 APPROVED: Location: Paynters Barn, Race Hill, Bissoe, Truro Cornwall TR4 8RH

Proposed change of use of garage and store into a holiday let and ancillary accommodation, including an upward extension and other associated works

15. Wheal Maid:

Proposed Wooden Benches

The Council considered a proposal from the United Downs Environment Group (UDEG) to provide wooden benches at Wheal Maid using suitable fallen trees.

Members welcomed the proposal and considered that additional seating would be a positive addition to the site for walkers, cyclists and other visitors.

It was noted that some of the proposed locations may be on Cornwall Council land and that appropriate notification would therefore be required. The proposed locations would also be discussed with mountain biking representatives to ensure that the seating did not interfere with existing or proposed paths or cycling activities.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council agree to support the proposal for wooden seating at Wheal Maid, subject to the necessary permissions and confirmation of the proposed locations.

16. Councillor's Reports and Items for Future Agenda:

The Council noted forthcoming meetings and events, including work relating to emergency resilience and community initiatives.

Date of next meeting: Monday 12th October 7pm at Crofthandy Village Hall

The Meeting was closed at 8.45 pm

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Appx 1

Gwennap Parish Council PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST

13 September 2026 (This Year 2026-2027)

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Payment Ref.	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
105	Parish Rooms Caretaker	15/09/2026	Sept 2026	Current Account	BACS	Caretaker	Team Gazzard	X	708.58		708.58
99	Parish Rooms Sundries	15/09/2026	Sept 2026	Current Account	BACS	hand towels	Amazon EU	S	14.16	2.83	16.99
100	Parish Rooms Sundries	15/09/2026	Sept 2026	Current Account	BACS	Bin Bags	Amazon EU	S	15.44	3.09	18.53
101	Parish Rooms Sundries	15/09/2026	Sept 2026	Current Account	BACS	cleaning products	Amazon EU	S	7.59	1.52	9.11
110	Stationery and postage	15/09/2026	Sept 2026	Current Account	BACS	Stationery	Amazon EU	S	5.82	1.17	6.99
103	NPS Consultancy	15/09/2026	Sept 2026	Current Account	BACS	NPS Consultancy	JP Consultancy	X	240.00		240.00
102	Litter Picking	15/09/2026	Sept 2026	Current Account	BACS	Litter Pick	Clare Wicks	Z	63.55		63.55
97	Clerk's Expenses	15/09/2026	Sept 2026	Current Account	BACS	Clerk Expenses	Chris Ring	Z	48.50		48.50
107	Payroll costs	15/09/2026	Sept 2026	Current Account	BACS	Payroll	Jayne Angove	Z	10.00		10.00
104	Newsletter Printing	15/09/2026	Sept 2026	Current Account	BACS	Newsletter Printing	Cornwall Council	Z	363.27		363.27
106	Frogpool Cemetery Grounds	16/09/2026	Sept 2026	Current Account	BACS	Ground Works	Chegwidden	Z	366.55		366.55
106	Playing Field cutting & grounds	16/09/2026	Sept 2026	Current Account	BACS	Ground Works	Chegwidden	Z	170.00		170.00
106	Grounds works	16/09/2026	Sept 2026	Current Account	BACS	Ground Works	Chegwidden	Z	30.00		30.00
108	NI & PAYE cost	18/09/2026	Sept 2026	Current Account	BACS	HMRC P32	HMRC	Z	482.27		482.27
109	Clerk's Salary	25/09/2026	Sept 2026	Current Account	BACS	Clerk Salary	Chris Ring	X	1,646.11		1,646.11
Total									4,171.84	8.61	4,180.45

APPX 2

11 September 2026 (This Year 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 31/08/2026		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2026		110,348.42
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2026 - 31/08/2026		48,842.25
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2026 - 31/08/2026		159,190.67
	Cash in Hand 31/08/2026 (per Cash Book)		32,356.23
B	Adjusted Bank Balance		
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		126,834.44
	Petty Cash 31/08/2026	0.00	
	Current Account 31/08/2026	15,835.27	
	Savings Account 31/08/2026	110,999.17	
A = B	Checks out OK		
	Less unrepresented payments		126,834.44
	Plus unrepresented receipts		

Gwennap Parish Council Clerk / RFO Report September 2026

1. Income and Expenditure

Income and expenditure are currently tracking well against the approved budget for 2026/27, and there

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are no significant variances requiring action at this stage.
Remainder of Precept has now been received

2. RFO's Overall Assessment

The Council's financial position remains sound. Income and expenditure are broadly in line with budget, cash balances are satisfactory, and reserves remain at a healthy level.

3. Newsletter

Due to be published end of November with a deadline of 13th November. I will be working with Pru again on this and I thank her for all her help with the previous edition.

4. CILCA

I have now restarted my Cilca Training. I applied for a grant from the SLCC for the costs, this was approved and we have now received the full amount.

5. Parish Field Bins

We struggled with full bins over the summer period. I increase the general waste bin to a weekly empty over the summer but due to the hot summer and field being used more we often found we had full bins. I will review this for next year and consider a larger bin.