GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL

The Regular Meeting of the Parish Council Minutes

held on Monday 9 November 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 and Chris Ring {Parish Clerk} (PC).

Members of the public were in attendance {MOP}

1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Steve Trelease {ST}

2. No Declarations of interest were made.

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

3.1 Representatives of Crofthandy Village Hall expressed an interest in applying to the Parish Council for a grant towards new equipment. They were advised that applications should be submitted using the grant application form to be available on the Parish Council's website shortly.

The Council will consider grant applications at its next meeting.

3.2 The applicants for planning application PA26/06912 addressed the Council in support of their application. Members asked questions regarding the proposed fencing and boundaries.

3.3 The applicant for planning application PA26/06950 addressed the Council in support of their application. Members asked questions regarding the conditions associated with the application.

4. No Apologies had been received from Cornwall Councillor John Thomas.

5. It was **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 12 October 2026 be approved as a correct record. The Chair signed the approved minutes of that meeting.

6. Report from the Clerk:

6.1 The Clerk reported that he had been in discussions with Cornwall Council, other Parish and Town Councils, and relevant agencies regarding the potential roll-out of Meshcore, an off-grid emergency communications system, and it's possible benefits to local communities. This will be added to the next meeting for a decision.

6.2 The Clerk confirmed that a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) grant of £22,560 had been approved by Cornwall Council towards the installation of playground equipment, as discussed and agreed at a previous meeting.

6.3 The Clerk reported that a response had been received from the local Police regarding reports of anti-social behaviour on a local estate. Although they were unable to provide specific details, they confirmed that they were aware of the issues. The Officer also updated on enforcement actions at Wheal Maid

6.4 The Clerk had attended the Cornwall Community Flood Forum (CCFF) conference.

7. Correspondence: Various items of correspondence had been received regarding fallen trees. These had been reported to Cornwall Council.

8. Wheal Maid:

8.1 Issues relating to access through the gates at Wheal Maid were discussed. Cornwall Council would provide the Clerk and relevant organisations with the access code for the gate under its control.

The Clerk would arrange for new locks to be fitted to the gates under the Parish Council's control and circulate the relevant access codes to the appropriate organisations.

8.2 It was noted that a number of trees would be removed for use as Christmas trees, as agreed at a previous meeting.

8.3 RW advised that various individuals with an environmental interest in Wheal Maid were in the process of establishing a collaborative working group.

9. Highways and Public Rights of Way

9.1 Community Speed Watch (CSW): the volunteers were being emailed to arrange training.

9.2 Various issues relating to storm damage had been reported to Cornwall Council

9.3 Weed management proposals from Cornwall Council: no new information had been received from Cornwall Council.

10. Affordable Housing

Members received an update on progress at the Trelyn affordable housing development.
The Council noted that the development was progressing well and no specific complaints had been raised since the last meeting.

11. Parish Rooms, Playing Field and Cemetery

The Council noted that tree works were required within the Parish Council's grounds. The Clerk confirmed that a tree surgeon had been instructed to undertake the necessary works.

12. Finance:

12.1 It was **RESOLVED** that the payments set out at Appendix 1 be approved.

12.2. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the bank reconciliations, as checked by JH, and set out in Appendix 2.

12.3 The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the budget and precept recommendations previously made by the Finance Committee.

The Precept for 2027/28 was set at £78,500, representing an increase of approximately 24%. This equates to an estimated additional cost of approximately £25 per year for a Band D property.

13. Planning:

13.1 The following planning applications were considered:

PA26/03175: Proposal: Construction of a concrete building with an insulated panel roof for storage purposes only. Location: Land West Of Tonkin Recovery Ltd, United Downs Industrial Park, St Day, Cornwall TR16 5HY
RESOLVED: No objection, subject to the conditions stipulated by Public Protection (Contaminated Land) being included in the permission.

PA26/04324: Proposal: Change of use of land to residential curtilage and renovation and extension to existing farmhouse and associated works including re-route track around proposed extension and garden.
Location: Pengreep Barton, Ponsanooth, Truro TR3 7JH
RESOLVED: No objection

PA26/06950: Proposal: Provision of manager's accommodation with variation of conditions 1 and 2 of decision notice PA23/04447 15.11.2023. Location: Bissoe Valley Touring Park, Fernsplatt, Chacewater, Truro.
RESOLVED: No objection

PA26/07313: Proposal: Proposed erection of a garage. Location: Lynwood, Tresamble Hill, Ponsanooth, Truro.
RESOLVED: No objection

PA26/06912: Proposal: Proposed first floor extension to provide new study with removal of condition 4 in respect of decision PA24/04527. Location: Elmsleigh, Frogpool, Truro, Cornwall.
RESOLVED: No objection.

PA26/06924: Proposal: Proposed replacement of dilapidated piggery building with general purpose agricultural building. Location: North Tresamble Farm, Tresamble, Gwennap, Redruth.
and
PA26/06921 : Proposal: Change of use of a agricultural atcost barn to equestrian use.
Location: North Tresamble Farm, Tresamble, Gwennap, Redruth.
RESOLVED: to defer consideration of both applications until the next meeting, at the request of the planning agent, to allow further applications relating to the same site to be submitted and considered together.

PA26/00004/NDP: Proposal: Feock and Kea Neighbourhood Priorities Statement
Location: Feock And Kea Cornwall; Applicants: Feock and Kea Parish Councils
RESOLVED: Noted with No objection

13.2 To consider any additional planning applications received since the publication of the agenda and a letter from Cornwall Council: None received

13.3. The following Planning decisions were noted:

PA26/05275 APPROVED

Location:- The Cabin, Lower Goongumpas Lane, Goongumpas, St Day, Redruth, Cornwall TR16 5JL.
Proposal: The erection of a self-build replacement dwelling together with associated works

PA25/08816 APPROVED
Location:- Chapel Farm, Consols Road, Carharrack, Redruth, Cornwall TR16 5RA.
Proposal: Conversion of redundant stables to a self-build 4 bedroom dwelling

14. Councillor's Reports and Items for Future Agenda:
RW had attended an area meeting regarding children and young people. It was suggested that a survey of the young people in the parish be completed.
RW had attended an event hosted by Perran Moon MP, judging Christmas card designs from local school children.
RW had attended the Remembrance Day service in Gwennap and laid a wreath on behalf of residents.
JH had attended a UDEG (United Downs Environment Group) meeting.

Date of next meeting: Monday 14 December at 7pm at Crofthandy Village Hall.
The Meeting was closed at 9.00 pm

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PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Payment Ref.	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
144	Subscriptions	10/11/2026	Nov 26	Current Account	BACS	SLCC	SLCC	X	253.00		253.00
142	AED Maintenance	10/11/2026	Nov 26	Current Account	BACS	AED spares	Amazon EU	S	4.57	0.92	5.49
140	Training	10/11/2026	Nov 26	Current Account	BACS	ICCM Training	ICCM	S	160.00	32.00	192.00
141	Training	10/11/2026	Nov 26	Current Account	BACS	Fire Training	Cornwall Training	S	95.00	19.00	114.00
146	Payroll costs	10/11/2026	Nov 26	Current Account	BACS	Payroll	Jayne Angove	X	10.00		10.00
138	Play Area Inspections	10/11/2026	Nov 26	Current Account	BACS	Play Area Inspection	Southwest Playground Safe	S	48.33	9.67	58.00
135	Parish Rooms Caretaker	10/11/2026	Nov 26	Current Account	BACS	Caretaker	Team Gazzard	X	632.32		632.32
139	Stationery and postage	10/11/2026	Nov 26	Current Account	BACS	Stationery	Amazon EU	S	25.82	5.17	30.99
137	Parish Rooms Sundries	10/11/2026	Nov 26	Current Account	BACS	Toilet Rolls	Amazon EU	S	20.38	4.08	24.46
150	Stationery and postage	11/11/2026	Nov 26	Current Account	BACS	Printer Ink	HP Smart	S	11.24	2.25	13.49
143	Wheal Maid Maintenance	11/11/2026	Nov 26	Current Account	BACS	Ground Works	R Sanders	S	250.00	50.00	300.00
149	Clerk's Expenses	11/11/2026	Nov 26	Current Account	BACS	Clerk Expenses	Chris Ring	X	48.50		48.50
136	Frogpool Cemetery Grounds	11/11/2026	Nov 26	Current Account	BACS	Ground Works	Chegwidden	X	324.55		324.55
136	Playing Field cutting & grounds	11/11/2026	Nov 26	Current Account	BACS	Ground Works	Chegwidden	X	545.05		545.05
136	Grounds works	11/11/2026	Nov 26	Current Account	BACS	Ground Works	Chegwidden	X	117.00		117.00
148	NI & PAYE cost	20/11/2026	Nov 26	Current Account	BACS	HMRC P32	HMRC	X	366.48		366.48
145	Pension costs	20/11/2026	Nov 26	Current Account	BACS	Clerk Pension	Cornwall Pension Fund	X	440.89		440.89
147	Clerk's Salary	27/11/2026	Nov 26	Current Account	BACS	Clerk Salary	Chris Ring	X	1,459.04		1,459.04
								Total	**4,812.17**	**123.09**	**4,935.26**

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Prepared by: _____ Date: _____
Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Approved by: _____ Date: _____
Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

	Bank Reconciliation at 31/10/2026		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2026		110,348.42
	ADD		
	Receipts 01/04/2026 - 31/10/2026		85,954.07
			196,302.49
	SUBTRACT		
	Payments 01/04/2026 - 31/10/2026		48,906.29
A	**Cash in Hand 31/10/2026** (per Cash Book)		**147,396.20**
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 31/10/2026	0.00	
	Current Account 31/10/2026	36,035.99	
	Savings Account 31/10/2026	111,360.21	
			147,396.20
	Less unpresented payments		
			147,396.20
	Plus unpresented receipts		
B	**Adjusted Bank Balance**		**147,396.20**
	A = B Checks out OK		

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