Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held at Wendron Cricket Club on Monday 12 October 2026 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr R Durkin (Chairman), Cllr C Hinchey (Vice Chairman), Cllr K Hampton, Cllr K Dower, Cllr T Robins, Cllr T Corpes, Cllr S Dooley, Cllr R Benney, Cllr S Benney, Cllr P Thorne, Cllr G Jones.

In attendance: The Clerk,CountyCllr L Jenkin and three members of the public.

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

None.

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

3. To Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th September 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2026 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr R Durkin

Seconded: Cllr P Thorne

01.10.26

4. Matters Arising from the Meeting held on 7th September 2026, not covered elsewhere on this Agenda

The Chairman confirmed that he had spoken to Helston Town Council regarding the decision on the Leats; however, no further information had been received.

Cllr Durkin commented on the LMP work which was ongoing and advised that any more issues to Bridleways need to be flagged as a matter of importance, Cllr Hampton to ask equestrian community for input

5. Cornwall Councillor's Update

Cllr Jenkin apologised for not attending the September meeting and provided an update on planning changes.

Cllr Jenkin raised concerns over the new development at Park an Daras, including access, parking and open spaces.

Cllr Jenkins had attended the opening of the new care home on Park an Daras advised the care home was keen to be involved in the community

Members were advised that Mike Thomas would be giving a talk on the Leats on 1st November.

6. Public Participation

A member of the public and a planning consultant spoke in relation to a planning matter.

7. To Consider Cornwall Council's Disposal of an Asset: Disused Well – Menherion, Carmennellis

It was agreed to defer the decision to the next meeting.

The Clerk will obtain further information regarding the well, as questions have been raised about access to the well, general repairs and the understanding that the well has been filled with rubbish and/or unknown materials.

Two Councillors will also visit the well prior to the meeting.

02.10.26

8. Gritting Response from Cornwall Highways

The response from Winter Maintenance panel was that the route would not be amended as we requested as the road is deemed as not a main distributer road. There is an offer to provide advice and details in relation to gritting bins as an alternative.

The Clerk will contact Highways in relation to gritting bins to ascertain costs and responsibilities.

03.10.26

9. To Consider a Request for a Memorial Bench

In principle, support was given to the siting of a memorial bench, with all costs incurred the responsibility of the donor, but the exact location is to be decided.

A Councillor will look at the current bench and consider where it might be moved to, or whether a space for the memorial bench could be offered at an alternative location

Proposed: Cllr P Thorne

Seconded: Cllr R Durkin

04.10.26

10. IT Migration – Update and Next Steps

The new website is running. Cllr C Hinchey will assemble a website team to organise the content.

All Councillors are to check their webmail on 26th October and review the instructions for migrating emails to the new provider.

11. FINANCE

Payments were approved.

Proposed: Cllr R Durkin

Seconded: Cllr G Jones

05.10.26

12. PLANNING

12.1 Planning Decisions

PA26/05351 – Barn conversion to dwelling, solar panels and use of the land as residential including associated parking, landscaping, boundary treatments and associated works – Little Acres – Approved with conditions.

PA26/04140 – Completion of previously approved Prior Approval for conversion of agricultural building to self/custom build dwellinghouse under Class Q (PA21/11040) and associated works – Longview Barn – Approved with conditions.

PA26/04337 – Land South East of Little Tolcarne, Burras, Wendron, Cornwall TR13 0HX – Construction of replacement self-build dwelling with associated amenity and parking – Withdrawn.

12.2 Planning applications received after publication of the Agenda

None.

12.3 Planning applications for consideration

PA26/05783 Erection of a self-build dwelling house and swimming pool– The Parish Council considered the application and agreed to support.

Proposed: Cllr C Hinchey

Seconded: Cllr T Robins

9 supported, 1 abstained.

06.10.26

PA26/05668 Reserved Matters Application for the erection of 192 residential dwellings – The Parish Council was asked to comment on the application. Concerns were raised around parking, access, transport, open spaces and facilities, which will be conveyed to the Planning Department. No formal decision was made as the application concerning reserved matter.

The three members of the public left the meeting following consideration of item 12.3.

13. Clerk / RFO Report

The Clerk confirmed that some of the LMP works had been completed, including the stile rebuild at Rame. Works on the bridleway as far as Sycamore Cottage had also been completed, with the second section still to be completed.

The Clerk had also been reviewing the LMP for next year. The expectation is that as a result of this work there will be an increase in funding for next year, including funds for paths not currently on the LMP schedule and for additional cuts

13.1 Emergency Planning

A preference was noted for the first form. The draft will be finalised and then sent for distribution.

The Clerk will look at printing costs and the potential for a grant to have this distributed to parishioners.

It was agreed that satellite phones were too expensive and impractical for use after an emergency event, Starlink was also discussed as a potential option.

The potential for an emergency hub will be explored. Councillors will speak to potential venues to gauge support in principle and the level of practical support. It was generally considered that the nature of the parish did not make emergency hubs a straightforward option and that the main focus should be to raise awareness of parishioners in their need for emergency preparedness.

13.2 To Consider the Request for a Donation for the Cornwall Air Ambulance

A donation of £300 to Cornwall Air Ambulance was agreed.

Proposed: Cllr K Hampton

Seconded: Cllr S Benney

07.10.26

13.3 Playground Update

The playground survey is currently out. Questions have been sent to the Cricket and Football Clubs, with a plan to expand the survey to the whole community.

There has been a good level of response so far to the development of sports facilities.

There is an opportunity to apply for a new grant and potentially split the park into two phases: Phase 1, the adult/disabled gym area, and Phase 2, the children's area, as they are in two different locations and are independent of each other.

Discussions took place on the need for a legal agreement over the land on which the equipment would be sited, with the Parish Council maintaining full responsibility for the equipment and park.

It was agreed that an application would be submitted immediately for Phase 1, the adult section.

Proposed: Cllr C Hinchey

Seconded: Cllr T Robins

08.10.26

13.4 Contractors Update

It was decided that the Parish Council would go to tender for the LMP contracting early, to enable the best option to be made for works next year.

An additional meeting will be held to look at the bridleways and footpaths of the Parish.

Proposed: Cllr R Durkin

Seconded Cllr C Hinchey

09.10.26

14. Chairman's & Councillors' Comments

Cllr S Benney raised a report of dogs and teenagers in the park. No damage or dog fouling had been observed.

A request was made for a notice to be put out in relation to hedge trimming, as some hedges are growing into the road. It was noted that overgrown hedges can be reported to the Council for action. Details, including a What3Words location, were requested from the Councillor.

An issue was raised regarding a footpath at Sunnyside. Cllr R Benney will obtain information for the Clerk to take forward.

Cllr S Benney raised a planning matter. The Clerk will provide contact information.

A request was made for the January meeting to be moved from 11th to 18th January.

Wendron Church enquired whether the Parish Council would like to decorate a tree for its Christmas Tree Festival. The Clerk will finalise details and make the arrangements.

Cllr R Durkin raised the issue of a farm that had opened two new access points to the road and expanded. The Clerk confirmed that this had been reported to Highways under reference W262189926.

15. Matters for Inclusion at Future Meetings

The Clerk will obtain a wreath for Remembrance Day. The Chairman will attend the service at Wendron Church

A donation or Christmas gift for the key volunteers clearing the Leats will be discussed at the next meeting.

16. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 9th November 2026

Signed Ross

Position CHAIRMAN

Dated 9/11/2026