



**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 13th APRIL 2026 AT 7.00PM
WESLEY COMMUNITY HALL, ST. NEWLYN EAST**

Present -: Cllrs. K Yeo (Chairman) (KY), R Rowse (RR), D Laud (DL), C Tolley (CT), J Hewlett (JHL), B Spear (BS), M Pellow (MP), J Harvey (JH) & R Henwood (RH)

Also attending -: Mrs K Rees (Clerk), Cllr. R Barker and 2 Members of the Public

049/26	<u>Public Safety Announcement:</u>
050/26	<u>Apologies:</u> Cllrs. J John & E Shaughnessy-Philp
051/26	<u>Urgent Business Identified After the Publication of the Agenda:</u> (i) Allotment – to be dealt with under item 9 (g)
052/26	<u>Registered/Non- Registered Interests & Dispensations:</u> None.
053/26	<u>Public Session:</u> A local resident reported that the fencing on the MUGA (car park end) is ‘flapping’ and needs to be bolted back on. RESOLVED: Clerk to investigate and find a contractor to do the repair.
054/26	<u>Minutes:</u> RESOLVED: The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 09th March 2026, as circulated, were correctly recorded, these were signed by the Chairman. (P/S: RR/DL)
055/26	<u>Cornwall Councillor Report:</u> Cllr. Barker had submitted a report which the Clerk will circulate. The following was discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Barker is drafting a ‘Ward Strategy’ to assist when commenting on planning applications for housing development in the ward. This won’t have any legislative power but will be a statement of intent with the aim of protecting the enlargement of villages in the ward. Once drafted this will be circulated for comment. • Cornwall Council has agreed to resurface footpath 324/8 as part of this financial year’s capital expenditure. • Community Chest funding is available for small projects in the Parish. <p>The Clerk had received correspondence about Cubert Crossroads which was discussed. The Parish Council was told that number of cars using the A3075 would reduce once the A30 dualling was complete. However, this hasn’t happened and if anything, the number of vehicles has increased. RB does not understand why the feeder lane on the Cubert side was taken away. RB has liaised with Jayne Kirkham MP who agrees that improvements to the junction need to be made. She is currently organising a petition. RB will now try to set up a meeting with both Parish Councils and Jayne Kirkham MP to see how matters can be progressed.</p>
056/26	<u>Planning:</u> Applications: There were no applications. The decisions were read out. An appeal has been lodged for PA25/04038, the conversion of a redundant stable block into a 3-bed annexe to service the existing dwelling house. Following a discussion, it was RESOLVED to respond to the appeal, supporting the view of the Planning Officer.
057/26	<u>Matters For Discussion:</u> <p>(a) <u>Highways Issues:</u> DL advised that Cormac is employing contractors from Sunderland to fill the pothole which does not seem to be a cost-effective solution to the issue. RESOLVED: DL to draft a letter for circulation before the next meeting.</p> <p>(b) <u>Mitchell Village Hall:</u> The Clerk gave a report of the sub-committee meeting. Some additional surveys are required to support the S278 application, totalling £4250 (cost of electrical design outstanding). In</p>

	<p>addition, Mr Lego has agreed to gift the PC the small piece of land but requests that his legal costs are paid. The EOI for the CIL Fund was successful and the PC has been invited to submit a full application. This would be up to £100k of funding towards the highway works. A discussion took place about the future of the project. It was suggested that it might be more cost effective to build something similar to the Perranporth RFC Clubhouse currently being constructed. The sub-committee is going to try to organise a site visit to at least consider if this might be a viable option. RESOLVED: PC to proceed with the surveys required to support the S278 application.</p> <p>(c) <u>Parish Council Action Plan:</u> Ongoing.</p> <p>(d) <u>Village Caretaker Contract:</u> RESOLVED: PC to go into Closed Session at the end of the meeting to discuss the matter.</p> <p>(e) <u>Annual Parish Meeting:</u> Councillors were reminded that the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 5th May 2026.</p> <p>(f) <u>Works Arising from the Cemetery Committee Meeting:</u> The Clerk read out the notes and actions from the recent Cemetery Committee Meeting. The Clerk would like the PC's permission for the following: to get quotes to repair the entrance gate; to ask grasscutting contractor to cut back brambles around the perimeter of the site, to scrape and spray the new cemetery footpath and to cut out the brambles around the shed; ask Colin Hawke to undertake a tree survey of the pine trees and 15 trees around the perimeter. RESOLVED: Clerk to action as above.</p> <p>(g) <u>Work to Footpath 324/8 (The Stiles):</u> As RB reported under 055/26, the Council has agreed to resurface the footpath this financial year. However, the Council has requested that the PC manage the pothole repairs in the future. A discussion ensued. RESOLVED: Due to health & safety issues and the dangerous precedent it would set, the PC will not take responsibility for filling the potholes. They would continue to be reported in the usual way.</p> <p>(h) <u>Fence & Gate at the Allotments:</u> The Allotment Association have advised that the gate into the allotments at The Stiles end of the footpath needs repairing. They have queried whether it is the PC's responsibility to repair this gate. The Clerk has checked the agreement which is unambiguous. The matter was discussed and it was RESOLVED that the PC would contribute 50% to the cost of the repair. Allotment Association to be asked to get quote for the work.</p>
058/26	<p><u>Business Matters:</u></p> <p>(a) <u>Reintroduction of Weed Treatment by Cornwall Council:</u> Cornwall Council is reintroducing weed treatment using a 1:40 highly diluted Glyphosate. The PC considered the information provided by the Council. It was discussed that the Council has only given the PC until the 20th April to opt-out of the treatment and if they do, the PC will need to carry out the treatment to the same standard otherwise, the Council will take back the service next year. The limited time for response means that the PC does not have enough time to find a viable alternative. Following discussions, it was RESOLVED that the PC would not opt-out of the treatment at this stage.</p> <p>(b) <u>Installation of a Gate at the Public Toilets:</u> The toilet caretaker has asked for permission to install a gate to try to deter people from going to the store side of the toilet block. RESOLVED: PC grants permission for a gate to be installed.</p>
059/26	<p><u>Reports from Outside Meetings Attended in the Last Month (not previously mentioned):</u></p> <p>DL, ESP and the Clerk met with European Energy to discuss the construction of the Tregonning Solar Farm. There will a community benefit payment of £100k which will be held by European Energy but with flexibility on how this is spent.</p> <p>KY attended the CAP meeting and gave a report. Phil Mason had given a presentation on the Saints Trail. It is recommended that the steering group becomes a Community Interest Company. There is also concern on who will maintain/be responsible for the trail if an extension is built.</p>

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061/26	<p>Finance:</p> <p>(a) <u>Accounts</u>: RESOLVED: Accounts totalling £6519.75 were approved for payment (see appendix 1)</p> <p>(b) <u>Urgent Financial Matters</u>: None.</p> <p>(c) <u>Policies & Procedures Review</u>: The Clerk has drafted a Complaints procedure which she will circulate for adoption at the next meeting. NOTED.</p> <p>(d) <u>Opening of Unity Bank Savings Account</u>: All the paperwork has been submitted, and the Clerk is waiting for confirmation that the account has been opened. NOTED.</p> <p>(e) <u>Internal Audit 24/25</u>: RESOLVED: David Wright appointed to undertake the Internal Audit 24/25 with a particular focus on the accuracy of the financial records.</p>															
062/26	<p>Items for the May 2026 agenda:</p> <p>No new items.</p>															
063/26	<p>Closure</p> <p>There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for their attendance. He advised that the next scheduled Full Council Meeting incl. AGM is on 11th May at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 20.44hrs.</p>															
064/26	<p>Closed Session:</p> <p>The PC went into Closed Session to discuss Village Caretaker role. The previous Caretaker has been informed that his contract will not be renewed. The Clerk has advertised for a cleaner for Wesley Hall and had one applicant who had queried the rate of pay as they will be self-employed. The matter was discussed and it was RESOLVED to advertise for a Caretaker/handyman with the same terms as the previous caretaker, minus the cleaning of Wesley Hall (DL against). Clerk to arrange to meet the potential Wesley Hall Cleaner.</p>															