



MINUTES

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on 27th January 2026 at 7.00 pm at The Gilbert Hall Nancledra

1. PRESENT: Mr G Hollow (Chair), Ms Sarah Holberry-Byrom, Ms Heather Metcalfe, Mr Neil Hodder and Thomas Gillam. **IN ATTENDANCE:** Cornwall Councillor Mr Andrew Mitchell and Mr Michael Mills (Clerk) **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC 2**

APOLOGIES – Mrs Jenni Thomas-Davey,

2. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY & OTHER INTERESTS, RELATING TO ANY AGENDA ITEM, AND TO DETERMINE REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION WHERE APPLICABLE

None.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (restricted to agenda items only)

See 6 below.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 25th NOVEMBER 2025

It was **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meetings.

5. MATTERS ARISING

None

6. PLANNING

a) Applications: PA25/09340 Proposed Construction of Self-Build Dwelling. Location Amalebra Stamps Nancledra Penzance Cornwall Applicant Mr. & Mrs. Jacob & Abbie Fuller Grid Ref 149381 / 36276

The Applicants were present and dealt with some queries. Councillors were concerned about flood risk and policy issues but felt on balance that it was important to support an application which would bring younger people with a local connection into the parish. The Parish Council noted that the proposed development was of modest size and good design and was near to other properties. Therefore the Parish Council had no objection to the application.

b) Decisions: None

c) Appeals: None

d) Pre-apps: None

e) To consider any other planning matter received at or before the start of the meeting: Enforcement matters were still a concern. Cllr Mitchell would invite someone from planning enforcement to attend a parish meeting.

7. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

a) To receive the Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked Councillor Hodder for dealing with the Christmas tree and lights. He said that positive comments had been received.

b) To receive the Cornwall Councillor's Report

Cllr Mitchell said that there was a deficit in the budget of Cornwall Council estimated at £60 million as he had previously reported. The position with government grant was that this was now known to be £13 million less than had been anticipated. The County Council would have to find this additional money.

c) To receive any other Councillors' Reports

None

d) To receive the report of the Chairman of the Gilbert Hall

None

8. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a) To consider adopting a draft Information Technology policy

This policy was adopted.

b) Consideration of update to IT equipment and library

It was agreed that the Clerk should purchase a new laptop, printer and hard drive. The Clerk had given a budget figure of £750 although this would be dependent on current offers. It was also agreed to purchase a new edition of Arnold-Baker on Local Council Administration. Cllr Mitchell invited an application to his community chest to assist with this expenditure.

9. PARISH MATTERS

a) Neighbourhood priority statement. Contact from Cornwall Council was still awaited. Cllr Mitchell pointed out that there were huge changes in planning which may be delaying things.

b) "Cledry Calling"

This would now be published. Another publishing company would be contacted.

10. CLIMATE CHANGE

Updates if any

A query was raised as to whether the Parish Council had responsibility for the replacement of trees lost in the recent storm.

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS

To receive a summary of accounts and approve invoices for payment

The following payments were approved:

Clerk's salary	£514.60
Towednack Church Council	£340.00
Google	£7.00
Water butt kit (paid by Cllr Hodder)	£11.99
Thank you gift re signs (paid by Cllr Hodder)	£7.00
Christmas Tree (paid by Cllr Thomas-Davey)	£120.00
HMRC PAYE	£325.06
Trustees of the Gilbert Hall re carols	£50.00
Society of Local Council Clerks Clerk's membership	£158.00
T G Horticultural Services re Cledry Meadow	£100.00
Bank charges	£12.00

12. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

This included an invitation to a planning course on 24th February.

13. HIGHWAY MATTERS

a) To note action taken following issues reported, at or since the last meeting
Pot poles at the dip at Chypons.

b) To consider any other highway issues that require reporting to include recent damage to traffic furniture repair.

None

14. FOOTPATH MATTERS

To note any issues that have been reported.

All up to date.

15. CEMETERY MATTERS

None.

16. TO RECEIVE THE POLICE REPORT

No reported crime.

17. TO NOTE COUNCILLORS ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Possible Easter celebration event.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 24th February 2026

19. Exclusion of the Press and Public: To consider passing the following resolution: that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972) the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following business owing to the confidential nature of that business.

Local Maintenance Partnership and contract with contractor

Cllr Gillam declared an interest and left the meeting.

Agreed to proceed with LMP for the year 2026/2027 and to advertise for quotes.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm