**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Tuesday 26th May 2026 at 7.00pm at the Gilbert Hall.

1. **PRESENT**: Mr Geoff Hollow (Chairman), Mr Neil Hodder, Ms Sarah Holberry-Byrom, Ms Heather Metcalfe and Mr Tom Gillam. **ALSO PRESENT**: Cornwall Cllr Mr Andrew Mitchell and Mr Michael Mills (Clerk). Members of the PUBLIC: None

2. **MATTERS ARISING** FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD ON 6th May 2025: None

3. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT**: The Chairman read out his annual report which is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**: There were no members of the public present.

5. **ACTION REQUIRED** ON MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

**Chairman's Annual Report – Annual Parish Meeting May 2026**

The Parish Council welcomed new councillor Thomas Gillam during the year. Tom looks after our footpaths and bridleways and he has been doing an excellent job. We were pleased therefore when he offered to join the Council as a Councillor. Sadly Jenni Thomas-Davey decided to stand down recently. Jenni has made a great contribution to the community during her time as a Parish Councillor and her vision and drive was crucial to the success of the Cledry Meadow project which I turn to next.

Last year we invested a lot of time and effort in improving Cledry Meadow. This year we hope that residents will enjoy what is now a great community asset. However it is important to understand that ongoing maintenance will be required and we are currently looking into improving the play area which unfortunately has already been damaged. Offers of help from volunteers to help in the meadow in any way would be greatly appreciated (please just get in touch with our Clerk or any councillor).

In July residents came together for a community meal at the Gilbert Hall. This was much enjoyed by those attending and some money was raised for community projects.

We have been giving some thought to the making of a neighbourhood priority statement. This process will help to put our views forward when Cornwall Council revise the local plan. The local plan is an important document in planning as it forms the basis of many planning decisions and work is already underway on the new revision. Do consider what is important to you about our area and we will be aiming to have some public consultation events as this issue moved forward.

Cornwall Council made some grant money available during the year for projects relating to public rights of way. We were fortunate to be able to access some of these funds and work has been carried out to restore footpath 119/26/2 near Embla Farm which had fallen into disuse.

Councillor Holberry-Byrom has been working hard on bringing back a local newsletter and we are hoping that the first edition will be out shortly.

The Parish Council is a consultee on planning applications and will always try to put forward the community's views. Residents are always welcome to give their views on planning applications either at meetings or through our clerk.

Members of the public also have the opportunity to raise any local issues and time is always set aside for this in our meetings.

Currently there are 2 vacancies for councillors on the parish council so if you are interested please do get in touch.

Thank you to all councillors who voluntarily give up their time to attend the monthly meetings and for all the other work they do. Thank you also to others such as the Gilbert Hall Trustees and the police. Thank you to our County Councillor Andrew Mitchell for his support and advice. Thank you also to our Clerk Michael Mills.

The Parish Council and I look forward to serving the community for the year to come.

Cllr Geoff Hollow

Chair Towednack Parish Council