**MINUTES**

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

**1. PRESENT:** Ms Sarah Holberry-Byrom, Ms Heather Metcalfe, Mr Neil Hodder, Mr P McNeil and Mr Thomas Gillam. **IN ATTENDANCE**: Cornwall Councillor Mr Andrew Mitchell and Mr Michael Mills (Clerk) **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** none

**APOLOGIES** – Mr G Hollow

**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)**
None present

**4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 29th SEPTEMBER 2026**
It was **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meetings.

**5. MATTERS ARISING**
None

**6. PLANNING**

a) **Applications:** PA26/07136 Proposal Stable, Equestrian Yard & Associated Works
Location Land North West Of Breja Cottage Towednack Cornwall TR26 3BA
Applicant Georgia Spencer-Smith
Grid Ref 148588 / 38638
Cllr Hodder declared an interest and left the room during this item.
It was resolved that provided there were adequate screening and light pollution measures in place there was no objection to the application.

b) **Decisions:** none

c) **Appeals:** None

d) **Pre-apps:** **PA26/00526/PRE** Applicant:- Mr And Mrs Tim And Emma Thomas
Location:- Land To The NW Of Amalveor Farm Amalveor St Ives Cornwall TR26 3AG
Proposal Pre application advice for conversion of redundant agricultural building including single storey extension to create two bedroom dwelling. Closed – advice given

e) **To consider any other planning matter received at or before the start of the meeting**

**7. COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

**a) To receive the Chairman's Report**

None

**b) To receive the Cornwall Councillor's Report**

Cllr Mitchell said that Cornwall Council were likely to be looking for £60 million savings/cuts. Next year it would be £100 million and this could be the tipping point.
The CEO and s151 officer (chief finance officer) had recently resigned.
The government had advised that Cornwall Council would not miss out by not having a mayor.
The County Council would be given the power to raise a tourist tax.
The integrated care board plans were on hold.

**c) To receive any other Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Hodder said that no further progress had been made re the telephone line. The line rental had now fallen due and the Clerk would chase up restoration of the line.

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

Thanks to Janette and Amy with a little help from committee members the operation of the hall has continued well through the summer with the yoga group, religious group, whist players and new WI all attending regularly. The leader of the religious group Mrs Mutton is now 90 years old and has used the hall for 35 years. The Wi are currently seeking some one to run the group if the council knows of any one this would be helpful.

We are pleased to see that the councils gardening group are continuing their excellent work.

As you will probably have noticed the hall redecoration is now almost complete which was a fairly major investment but was well overdue and we hope it will lead to extra bookings. The rolling financial accounts at our October meeting showed a small surplus which was most encouraging but we are constantly looking to improve the bookings.

The hall committee have consulted with Mrs Margaret Ralph who organises the band at Christmas and agreed to hold the Christmas carol service on the Sunday 20th December. The only on going maintenance concern with the hall is the displacement of two slates on the corner of the roof which we have requested a local roofer to attend to.

It was suggested at our last meeting that the one thousand seven hundred pounds currently residing in the Gilbert Hall accounts from the former Cledry Calling funds could be better utilised for a project in the parish and we thought perhaps we could combine with the parish council on a project. We understand that there is consideration being given to the provision of play equipment in the Cledry Meadow and we would be happy to combine forces and funds to arrange this. Please let us know if the council is interested in this and if so we could possibly form a combined subcommittee to make it happen.

That concludes my report.

**8. PARISH MATTERS**

a) Neighbourhood priority statement

A meeting of the working group had taken place and ideas had been put forward for the survey document. It was felt that the survey should be both online and hard copy. There would need to be some way for residents to return the survey perhaps by the installation of a wooden box at the Gilbert Hall. Councillors Hodder and Holberry-Byrom offered to distribute surveys. There was some discussion about printing and whether it would be best to have an A3 document which could be folded for return.
Agreed to have questions ready to go by 5th November with delivery 20/21/22 November.
Return of surveys anticipated 15th December.

b) Play equipment in Cledry Meadow
Councillor Hodder had obtained a quote from CISW limited for a climbing unit. That was £2756 plus VAT. However the Gilbert hall trustees had now indicated that further funds might be available and NH will talk to Steve Carter the chair of the trustees.
c) Christmas arrangements and tree(s)
NH and GH will liaise re the tree but purchase from Mole Valley was suggested.
December meeting to be on 15th December.

**9. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**
Updates if any
It was noted that Penderleath Community Woodland Trust was now a registered charity (charity number 1216084).

**10. FINANCIAL MATTERS**
a) To receive a summary of accounts and approve invoices for payment
The following payments were approved

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| Clerk's salary | £531.60 |
| HMRC PAYE | £324.07 |
| Jenni Thomas-Davey (bulbs) | £137.49 |
| Fastnet (domain reg) | £102.00 |
| TG Horticultural Services – Cledry Meadow cut and mulch | £50.00 |
| Community Heartbeat Trust | £72.00 |
| Google | £7.00 |
| Bank charges | £14.00 |
| SLCC books | £198.26 |

b) Initial consideration of draft budget for 2027/2028
A draft budget was discussed. Councillors wished to keep the precept to a figure similar to last year. The final version would be adopted next month.

**11. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE**
This included a communication from the police asking that consideration be given for a 20 mph sign by the school. Councillor Mitchell said he thought that existing Cornwall Council policy did require speed signs by schools and he would look into this matter.

**12. HIGHWAY MATTERS**
a) To note action taken following issues reported, at or since the last meeting
b) To consider any other highway issues that require reporting to include recent damage to traffic furniture
Potholes had come back at Chypons dip.

**13. FOOTPATH MATTERS**
To note any issues that have been reported.

**14. CEMETERY MATTERS**
Burial of Malcolm Williams on 30th October.

**15. TO RECEIVE THE POLICE REPORT**
1 x Road Traffic Collision on the Gurnards Hd – Towednack Road…under Investigation (UI)

1 x Anti Social Behaviour :- electric fence keeping pigs in was turned off, also the water supply to pigs. No viable lines of enquiry. Filed
1 x Animal/ wildlife. 2x dogs chasing live stock. Owner of dogs has been spoken to by livestock owner and does not wish to pursue. Filed.

**16. TO NOTE COUNCILLORS ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**
Defibrillator (NH)

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –** 24th November 2026