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<u>MINUTES –</u> Tuesday, October 14, 2025

25/228 Councillors present

Cllrs H Ferguson (chair); K Cann (vice chair); A Pooley; J Chapman; A Stacey; A Pengelly; P Homans; B Gardiner and J Richards. Also in attendance: Cllr D Garrigan; S Cleave, clerk and seven members of the public.

25/229 Apologies for absence

None.

25/230 Declaration of Interests

None.

25/231 To receive and approve minutes of the last meeting

Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on September 9, 2025.

Proposed: P Homans Seconded: K Cann Votes: Eight in favour, one

abstention

25/232 Public participation (15 minutes allowed for this)

None.

25/233 County Councillor report - Cllr David Garrigan

Cllr Garrigan spoke about the Local Plan. He said there is a target to build an additional 4,420 homes per year, double the current target. Parish councils can put together a Neighbourhood Policy Statement, which feeds into the Local Plan. This sets out what the parish would like to happen rather than what will happen to you. If a parish has no Neighbourhood Plan, they could be vulnerable. A public consultation meeting will be held in mid-January, and the NPS needs to be submitted prior to 2027. With regards to the geothermal plan, Cllr Garrigan said there were lots of concern raised by residents. There was also concern over seismic activity at the quarry and the effect on quarry workers and people that live near the quarry. Cllr Garrigan objected to it as he did not think it was viable. There were also several other concerns. The proposals have been rejected at committee and at appeal, The next option is the legal route.

25/234 Clerk's report

The clerk's report was noted. She also updated councillors on the parish's costs for the recent elections, planters and yellow lines in the village.

25/235 Consideration of planning applications

PA25/04328 – Change of design to approved planning, to enlarge the balcony and replace the roof, changing the shape of the dormer. The amended plans reduce the amount of proposed dormers to the front (roadside) elevation, replacing the two outer dormers with roof lights, more in keeping with the existing elevation. Celtic, Treligga Downs Road, Delabole. Councillors raised no objection to the plans.

Proposed: K Cann Seconded: A Stacey Votes: Eight in favour, one abstention

b. To consider any other consultations received since publication of the agenda.

PA25/06045 – Outline application for a self-build four bed bungalow with all matters reserved. Land south of 5 Higher Medrose, Delabole.

Councillors noted as outline planning, there were no plans or illustrations. It was hoped that it would be a primary residence, but it was noted that there would be a loss of two car parking spaces.

A proposal to object to the plans was made, but the motion failed.

Proposed: J Richards Seconded: P Homans Votes: Two in favour, five against and one abstention

It was then proposed to ask for more information before any decision is made,

Proposed: K Cann Seconded: A Pooley Votes: Six in favour, two against

and one abstention

c. To note planning application decisions

The following decisions were noted:

PA25/02853 – Application for discharge of a planning obligation in respect of decision 90/2751. 18 Park Pennkarn, Delabole. WITHDRAWN

PA25/05558 – Submission of details to discharge Condition 3 in respect of Decision Notice PA21/10835 dated July 1, 2022. Caradoc, Tregardock.

\$52/\$106 and discharge of condition apps

PA25/04983 – Submission of details to discharge Conditions 3 and 4 in respect of Decision Notice PA23/03317 dated July 5, 2023. Caradoc, Tregardock, Treligga. S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps

PA25/06301 – Certificate of lawfulness for proposed use of outbuilding (double garage with storage room). St Anthonys Cottage, Poldark Road, Delabole.

25/236 Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted: Affordable Housing newsletter; Let's Talk Taxis survey; email from Red Oaks brewery; Community Area Partnership meeting information; CALC board vacancy information.

25/237 Civility and Respect Roles and Responsibilities Policy

Councillors resolved to adopt the policy.

Proposed: A Stacey Seconded: K Cann Votes: Seven in favour, Cllr
Gardiner refused to vote

23/238 School crossing

Cllr Homans said the headteacher has been busy but he asked her to go to the community fund and then come back to the council. Cllr Richards said councillors should go to the school and see the traffic and the speeding. The clerk will ask Oliver Jones again about stand-up posts outside the school.

25/239 College bus

Councillors received a letter from a concerned parent who is having difficulty getting their child to college in Truro on the bus. It was proposed to write to Cornwall Council's School Transport team about the concerns.

Proposed: A Pooley Seconded: J Chapman Votes: Unanimous

25/240 Proposed Rockhead development

Councillors received correspondence from the applicant of the proposed development at Rockhead. South West Water have objected to the application and have said they are not able to do anything in the village until 2030. Cllr Pooley said he was disappointed that South West Water took until the end of September to make a comment, following the council's extra ordinary meeting in August when councillors resolved to support the plans. He felt it was not fair on everyone else who has submitted a planning application and the parish council has objected to it. He said the parish council cannot object to others and then approve this. These comments will be sent to the planning department.

Proposed: A Pooley Seconded: J Richards Votes: Eight in favour, one

abstention

25/241 Treligga DMMO report

Correspondence was received from the Cornwall Ramblers Area Chair on a published report about Treligga. A copy of the report was presented to each member of the council. Cllr Ferguson offered thanks for the group's hard work. The report is also available online www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/ramblers-groups/areas/cornwall-area/what-we-do#DMMO

25/242 Speedwatch

Cllr Pengelly said it is going very well. Two sessions were held over the last week. One session held outside the school say 141 vehicles in an hour and only five were speeding (with a maximum of 27mph). On Saturday there were 135 vehicles passing at the Rockhead end of the village, with the maximum speed being 39mph. One vehicle overtook in the 20mph zone and there was an oncoming vehicle. The clerk will ask if they could have another location at West Downs Road, and if the group can join up with the St Teath group to tag team.

25/243 West Downs driveway correspondence

Councillors received correspondence from a resident regarding a drop kerb outside their property in West Downs Road. Councillors noted that it has always been an issue and is a difficult situation. The clerk will respond and highlight what the Speedwatch group are doing, and Cllr Garrigan has some information about loan schemes.

25/244 Playing field tree

Councillors received correspondence from the allotment group about a tree in the playing fields. It was noted that the tree is hanging over the allotments and could do with cutting back. The clerk will check with Jack if he is able to do this, and if not, seek the services of a tree surgeon.

Proposed: A Pengelly Seconded: A Stacey Votes: Unanimous

25/245 Highways update

Replies from Highways on summer diversion and no entry signs were noted.

25/246 Police

Councillors received a reply from police about not being able to attend the parish council meetings. Councillors said not everyone was on Facebook and so asked the clerk to request dates of any police surgeries so these could be published in the Slate. Information in the correspondence was highlighted – if people do not report incidents of anti-social behaviour or vandalism, the police don't know there is an issue. If people report the problem, it will be logged.

25/247 CCTV funding

Councillors resolved to put an Expressions of Interest form in for the CCTV funding.

Proposed: A Stacey Seconded: J Chapman Votes: Unanimous

25/248 Trethern junction

Correspondence from Highways stated that the proposed scheme at Trethern was abandoned due to lack of support, but said it could be reconsidered if there was support for it. It was proposed to go back to say the council is in full support for the scheme to be revisited, along with support from Cllr Garrigan. Cllr Garrigan said he would be happy to put it forward for CAP funding, but it must be approved by the whole area CAP. The clerk will write to Oliver Jones and to Tintagel Parish Council to keep them updated, as it is in the Tintagel parish.

Proposed: P Homans Seconded: A Pengelly Votes: Unanimous

25/249 Public toilets

Councillors were pleased to receive a letter of praise for the clean condition of the public toilets.

25/250 Spraying

Councillors received correspondence from a resident about weed spraying. This was looked at before and it was felt that there needed to be some spraying to keep the weeds at bay. The clerk will speak with the council's contractor to check if the spray used is environmentally friendly.

25/251 Planning enforcement

Responses to planning enforcement queries were received from Cornwall Highways.

25/252 Well Street vehicles

The clerk was contacted by Ocean Housing to say they had been called from someone purporting to be a parish councillor who would not give their name but asked for the vehicle situation to be sorted before the parish council contacts the MP. Cllr Richards said it was him. This was after he was contacted by residents who raised concern about parking on the car park, and vehicles with no tax or MOT. The clerk requested that all council actions go through the council. She was asked to look into whether this was a Code of Conduct breach.

25/253 Co-option policy

Councillors adopted a co-option policy for the parish council.

Proposed: A Pooley Seconded: J Chapman Votes: Unanimous

25/254 Grant request

A grant request was received from the Delabole Hospital Car Service for £500. Councillors felt this was a service for Delabole and its residents and approved the grant.

Proposed: P Homans Seconded: A Pooley Votes: Unanimous

25/255 Playing field working group

The playing field working group met recently to discuss play equipment, and what needs to be replaced. The council is keen to get the basketball hoop in. The base for the mini court needs to be concreted before the flooring tiles can be laid. It was resolved to get quotes for this and then move forward with the project. It was felt that below the pump track would be an ideal location.

Proposed: K Cann Seconded: H Ferguson Votes: Unanimous

25/256 Finance

a. The balances of accounts as accurate for October 7, 2025:

Bank balance £128,830.31

b. The income received:

Name Budget line Payment method Value
Cornwall Council – second half of precept BACS £30,000

c. This month's payments:

| Budget line | Payment – October | Total |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Staff wages | Staff wages | As per |
| | | contracts |
| Pension | Cornwall Pension Fund (September) | As per |
| | | contract |
| Office | Clerk mileage | £ 32.40 |
| Grass cutting, weed | Growing Concern (September) | £960.00 |
| spraying & footpaths | | |
| Maintenance, | EDF Energy – clock electricity | £TBC |
| utilities & supplies | | |

| Maintenance, utilities & supplies | Suez – cemetery bin | £ 91.55 |
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| Office | 3 mobile phone | £5.89 |
| Maintenance, utilities & supplies | Source for Business – water cemetery | £24.00 |
| Maintenance, utilities & supplies | Source for Business – water toilets | £25.00 |
| Maintenance, utilities & supplies | British Gas – electricity toilets (September 2 to October 1, 2025) | £50.94 |
| Bank | Unity Trust service charge | £6.00 |
| Grants | Cornwall Air Ambulance grant (as approved at the September meeting) | £250.00 |
| Maintenance, utilities & supplies | BS Fixings -speed sign clamps x 5 | £31.97 |
| Maintenance, utilities & supplies | Direct 365 – toilet rolls | £69.56 |
| Maintenance, utilities & supplies | Bleach for public toilets | £11.12 |
| Maintenance, utilities & supplies | Antibacterial spray for public toilets | £12.72 |
| Maintenance, utilities & supplies | Initial – nappy unit | £77.34 |

Councillors approved the payments and accounts. **Proposed: P Homans Seconded: K Cann Votes: Unanimous**

Agenda items for next meeting – November 11, 2025 – St John's Church, 25/257 Delabole.

Traffic warden; iron bars on main gates; asset register; budget.