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MINUTES – Tuesday, January 13, 2026

25/304 **Councillors present**
Cllrs H Ferguson (chair); K Cann (vice chair); A Stacey; J Chapman; A Pengelly; P Homans; J Richards and B Gardiner. Also in attendance: S Cleave, clerk and one member of the public.

25/305 **Apologies for absence**
Cllr Pooley – holiday; Cllr Garrigan – another meeting.

25/306 **Declaration of Interests**
None.

25/307 **To receive and approve minutes of the last meeting**
Councillors approved the minutes from the Ordinary meeting held on December 10, 2025.
Proposed: A Stacey Seconded: K Cann Votes: Unanimous

25/308 **Public participation (15 minutes allowed for this)**
One resident informed councillors of a short course which can be accessed via the Let's Talk Cornwall website which allows you to have your property assessed for flood risk. She said Forrabury and Minster Parish Council are looking at a community emergency plan. She said she was concerned about what people would do if there was an incident such as when the power goes off, and felt that people shouldn't have to go on the community Facebook page. The resident also raised EV charging, and said she had been on Cornwall Council's website to look at the criteria they require. Places she identified were the Quarry car park or the top of Vell Lane. She said the village can put in a bid to Cornwall Council, that will trigger various things. She has also sent correspondence to Cllr Garrigan.

25/309 **County Councillor report - Cllr David Garrigan**
The clerk read the report emailed by Cllr Garrigan, which focussed on the budget.

25/310 **Clerk's report**
The clerk's report was noted. She will submit a piece for the slate about the need for more volunteers for the Speedwatch,

25/311 **Consideration of planning applications**
None.

b. To consider/note any other consultations received since publication of the agenda.
None.

c. To note planning application decisions
The following decision was noted:
PA25/08605 – Prior Notification for the construction of an extension to an agricultural farm shed to house heavy machinery and maximises storage space. Home Farm, Delabole. **PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED**

25/312 Correspondence
The following correspondence was noted: Community Area Partnership meeting details (January 19); Rural Affordable Housing Forum for Cornwall launch event details.

25/313 Speedwatch
One member of the group had joined up with St Teath, and there is a possibility for members from both villages to join each other's groups. There is a need for more members, and the clerk will put an appeal for members in the slate and ask Cllr Garrigan if he was still keen to join.

25/314 Park railings update
Advice from one local business (who was unable to take on more work at present) stated that the rails are built into the wall, so it would be difficult to remove them and replace. He said it may be possible to cut out some pieces and repair. The clerk would look further afield to see if anyone would be willing to help.

23/315 Public Space Protection Order (Alcohol Consumption in Public Places 2026) consultation
Councillors did not wish to make a comment on the consultation.

25/316 CCTV funding bid
The parish council's application for funding was successful and it has been awarded £5,000 to upgrade its system. Councillors proposed to accept the money and look for quotes.
Proposed: K Cann **Seconded: A Pengelly** **Votes: Unanimous**

25/317 Rendle Street footpath trees
Councillors discussed the overhanging trees on the footpath at the end of Rendle Street. Councillors resolved to ask Growing Concern to trim the trees. Cllr Richards also raised the condition of the footpath further on from this, which has slate shingle, making it dangerous to walk on. This will be looked into.
Proposed: P Homans **Seconded: J Chapman** **Votes: Unanimous**

25/318 Communication regarding surface water flooding
Councillors received correspondence about water coming from the allotments to the back of a property in Penmead. Cllr Chapman and Cllr Stacey will initially go and have a look to see what can be done.

25/319 EV charging
Councillors questioned who would pay for the installation of EV charging, and said they would not be able to be installed at the Quarry, as it is private land. Queries were raised about how many electric cars are in the village, and how frequently the EV charging points in Camelford are used. Councillors will review this in six months.
Proposed: P Homans **Seconded: A Stacey** **Votes: Unanimous**

25/320 Lighting in park
Councillors felt it would be beneficial for safety purposes, particularly in the winter months, to have lights in the playing field. The clerk will action this (to be paid for from reserves).
Proposed: P Homans **Seconded: J Richards** **Votes: Unanimous**

25/321 Finance
a. The balance of accounts on January 7, 2026 was noted.
Bank balance **£117,677.18**

b. Income received

Name	Budget line	Payment method	Value
	Cornwall Council – LMP payment 2025	BACS	£2,378.98

c. January payments:

Budget line	Payment – January	Total
Staff wages	Staff wages	As per contracts
Pension	Cornwall Pension Fund (December)	As per contract
Office	Clerk mileage	£ 16.20
Grass cutting, weed spraying & footpaths	Growing Concern (December)	£2,400.00
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	EDF Energy – clock electricity (three bills Sep 1 to 30; Oct 1 – 31 and Nov 1 to 30)	£372.54
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Suez – cemetery bin	£ 99.00
Office	3 mobile phone	£5.89
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Source for Business – water toilets	£114.50
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	British Gas – electricity toilets	£53.10
Bank	Unity Trust service charge	£6.00
Room hire	Delabole Methodist Chapel – January meeting	£18.00

Councillors approved the payments and accounts.

Proposed: J Richards Seconded: K Cann Votes: Seven in favour, one abstention

25/322 Agenda items for next meeting – February 10, 2026 – St John's Church, Delabole
TBC.

The meeting closed at 8pm.