

MINUTES – Tuesday, February 10, 2026

- 26/20 Councillors present**
Cllrs H Ferguson (chair); K Cann (vice chair); J Chapman; A Pengelly; A Pooley; P Homans and B Gardiner. Also in attendance: Cllr D Garrigan and S Cleave, clerk.
- 26/21 Apologies for absence**
Cllr Stacey – away; Cllr Richards – unwell.
- 26/22 Declaration of Interests**
Cllr Ferguson – PA25/09000.
- 26/23 To receive and approve minutes of the last meeting**
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on January 13, 2026.
Proposed: P Homans Seconded: K Cann Votes: Unanimous
- 26/24 Public participation (15 minutes allowed for this)**
None.
- 26/25 County Councillor report - Cllr David Garrigan**
Cllr Garrigan noted that High Street would be closed for a couple of days to allow the platform outside the primary school to be installed. Local diversions are in place. He said there were some local issues with the recent storms – including flooding at Tintagel and land slips at Tintagel Castle. Lots more throughout Cornwall. The budget consultation has ended – money has been allocated to children's and families services; adult and social care; core services; transport and the fire brigade. More information can be found on the Cornwall Council website.
- 26/26 Clerk's report**
The clerk's report was noted.
- 26/27 Consideration of planning applications**
PA25/09000 – Proposed self-build dwelling. Land east of Bridge House, Pengelly, Delabole.
It was proposed to object to the application on the grounds of the ongoing sewage issue in the village. Councillors also raised concern over the access to the site being directly opposite a junction; and it not being affordable housing.
Proposed: K Cann Seconded: P Homans Votes: Five in favour, two abstentions
- b. To consider/note any other consultations received since publication of the agenda.**
None.
- c. To note planning application decisions**
None.
- 26/28 Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted: Cornwall Council Affordable Housing newsletter; Local Council training (planning consultations and changes); NHS health and wellbeing event information; Camel Trail resurfacing letter; road closure – High Street (February 16 to 18, 7am to 5pm).

26/29

Speeding in village

Police speed detection officers recently visited the village and were taking speeds of vehicles near to the school. Some members of the Delabole Speedwatch group held a session at the new location in West Downs. It seemed like vehicles could see them from a long distance away and slowed down. An appeal for volunteers will be placed into future editions of the Slate.

26/30

School crossing patrol

The clerk had received correspondence from Cornwall Council who said they had undertaken two traffic and pedestrian counts recently, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, and neither count came close to meeting requirements for a Cornwall Council / Cormac funded site. Therefore, funding would need to be sought from an external sponsor if a patrol were to be started. Cllr Homans said parking outside the school is still bad. Councillors felt that it is a service that needs to be there. They will await a reply from the school.

26/31

Footpath near the Poldark

Councillors agreed to cut back edges of the footpath near the Poldark with tractor and flail. The path is well used.

Proposed: A Pooley

Seconded: J Chapman

Votes: Unanimous

26/32

War memorial use

The War Memorial grounds were used during the New Year's Eve celebrations recently. It was noted that New Year celebrations have always been on the pavement by the clock. The British Legion chairman was going to speak to the Bettle & Chisel.

26/33

Correspondence – safe walking trail

Councillors received correspondence about applying for funds for a safe walking trail. It was noted that the Delabole Development Group did try to develop this in the past. Parts are waste ground, but some go through people's fields. The clerk will reply to say the parish council is in agreeance with the project.

Proposed: A Pooley

Seconded: A Pengelly

Votes: Unanimous

26/34

Request to fly Ukrainian flag

A letter was received requesting that the Ukrainian flag is flown to mark the fourth anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on February 24. Councillors were happy to support this and would mention it to the British Legion. Cllr Chapman said he would be willing to arrange.

26/35

Land Registry

The clerk gave an update on the Land Registry transfers, following advice from the Land Registry. She has also been in correspondence with St Teath Parish Council about the transfer of the lease of the public toilets. It has also transpired that the allotments were leased to St Teath Parish Council some years ago, so this will also need to be transferred. Councillors resolved for the clerk to speak with the Devolution team at Cornwall Council about the land being handed over to the parish council.

Proposed: J Chapman

Seconded: H Ferguson

Votes: Unanimous

26/36

Well Street concerns

Cllr Richards (in his absence) had raised concern over children banging on doors of flats in Well Street. Cllr Homans also said they have been seen running up and down High Street shouting. Advice given previously by the police was

highlighted, that it is important for people to report it to the police as it happens. The clerk will submit the details to the Slate.

26/37

Allotments

Cllr Richards (in his absence) said there was some waste that had been dumped behind the Pavilion. It was noted that it has been removed, but the clerk will write a letter asking allotment holders to please make sure waste is disposed of properly.

Proposed: K Cann

Seconded: A Pengelly

Votes: Unanimous

26/38

Finance

a. Councillors noted the balances of accounts as accurate for February 4, 2026.

Bank balance

£117,539.49

b. Income received:

Name	Budget line	Payment method	Value
HMRC VAT reclaim (2025)		BACS	£4,745.50
Delabole Allotment Committee – rent		BACS	£ 5.00

c. February payments:

Budget line	Payment – February	Total
Staff wages	Staff wages	As per contracts
Pension	Cornwall Pension Fund (January) and Nest pension	As per contract
Office	Clerk mileage	£ 16.20
Grass cutting, weed spraying & footpaths	Growing Concern (January)	£960.00
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	EDF Energy – clock electricity	£ 154.58
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Suez – cemetery bin	£ 87.10
Office	3 mobile phone	£5.89
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Source for Business – water toilets	£114.50
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	British Gas – electricity toilets	£ 49.01
Bank	Unity Trust service charge	£7.00
Room hire	St John's Church – February meeting	£15.00
Office	Postage and envelope	£ 5.64

Councillors approved the payments and accounts.

Proposed: P Homans

Seconded: J Chapman

Votes: Unanimous

26/39

VAT reclaim

Councillors decided to keep the 2025 VAT reclaim money in reserves to cover the budget / precept shortfall.

Proposed: A Pooley

Seconded: P Homans

Votes: Six in favour, one abstention

26/40

Agenda items for next meeting – March 10, 2026 – Delabole Fire Station

Trees for park; park gates; fire engine access; canopy outside school for school kids waiting for the bus.