

Minutes – Tuesday, March 10, 2026

- 26/41 Councillors present**
Cllrs H Ferguson (chair); K Cann (vice chair); A Pooley; J Chapman; A Pengelly; A Stacey; P Homans, J Richards and B Gardiner. Also in attendance: Cllr D Garrigan; S Cleave, clerk and three members of the public.
- 26/42 Apologies for absence**
None.
- 26/43 Declaration of Interests**
None.
- 26/44 To receive and approve minutes of the last meeting**
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on February 10, 2026.
Proposed: J Richards Seconded: A Pooley Votes: Unanimous
- 26/45 Public participation (15 minutes allowed for this)**
One resident explained that her parents have rented a piece of land at Well Street from the county council since 1998. They have decided to give up the garden, and one of their friends and neighbours would like to take it over. Cornwall Council has said it is unable to supply a simple contract, so they would like to see Delabole Parish Council take it over so the neighbour can rent and upkeep it. Cllr Garrigan advised that the council could adopt the land through devolution.
- 26/46 County Councillor report - Cllr David Garrigan**
Cllr Garrigan said the council was unable to complete the table top ramp outside the primary school, as they found a sewer and were not able to identify drainage. It has gone back to the design team. Cornwall Council's budget has been decided with a 4.99% increase in council tax (this includes a 2% contribution to Adult Social Care). With regards to the recent car park consultation, he said the first hour will be free in most of the council's car parks. The Camel Trail will remain free to park. These decisions are yet to go through Cabinet. There is an update regarding nutrient neutrality, as the River Camel boundaries have changed. This means people can now develop in St Breward. A septic tank grant scheme is under consultation. He said Cornwall Council are seeing a drop in the number of pot holes and road defects reported (from 517 to 497 a day). The council is tackling around 378 pot holes daily and has even brought in people from the north of England to tackle the problem.
- 26/47 Clerk's report**
The clerk's report was noted. The subject for the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting will be sewage and development.
- 26/48 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

None.

- 26/49 Correspondence**
The following correspondence was noted: Camel Valley Community Area Partnership agenda (March 16); Planning News for Local Councils and Agents.
- 26/50 Park gates**
Cllr Ferguson said the gates to on the Post Office side of the ark are open for all to use, especially to prevent people driving down from the main gates and damaging the football pitch. She said it was preferable for people with vehicles to use these gates. However, in front of the gates are three inspection covers, which may not be man enough for heavy vehicles. The council resolved for the clerk to ask for the manhole covers to be re-enforced (BT) and have the pavement lowered.
Proposed: J Chapman Seconded: A Pengelly Votes: Eight in favour, one abstention
- 26/51 Canopy for schoolchildren**
Cllr Cann mooted the idea of a canopy outside the primary school to allow the children to stand who are waiting to catch the bus to Sir James Smith's School in Camelford. There are usually around 20-25 children there. The clerk will look into the laws around having a fixture over a pavement, and also the primary school to see if there is any option of putting a shelter in the school car park.
- 26/52 Fire station signs**
Councillors discussed the provision of signs to help prevent poor parking in Pengelly and Medrose to allow the fire engine to get past if required. It was noted that there are some people in the village who do not realise the fire station is at the bottom of Pengelly. The worst areas were thought to be by Wesley Chapel and up from Nigel Hicks' joinery. The clerk will speak to Highways to see if this is possible and to look into process.
- 26/53 Planters**
The six planters will soon be ready to be installed throughout the village. Councillors resolved to start a 'sponsor a planter' scheme. The clerk will contact all local businesses to see if they would like to sponsor a planter, which would give them a plaque on the planter.
Proposed: P Homans Seconded: K Cann Votes: Unanimous
- 26/54 ROSPA repairs**
The clerk will express an interest in any future ROSPA training that CALC organise.
- 26/55 Request for bin**
The council received a request for the provision of a bin at the layby near Tregardock. The council will revisit this later in the year, but this has currently not been budgeted for.
- 26/56 School signs**
Cllr Stacey enquired whether the village could have the lollipop statues outside the primary school, like in other villages. Cllr Garrigan said he would ask the Portfolio Holder.
- 26/57 Congestion scheme**
The clerk gave an update on the congestion scheme. Cornwall Council confirmed they were not able to complete the table outside the school. They are awaiting further instruction from the designers before any further works can be undertaken at this location. This section was the only area requiring a road closure. Any future closure would only be necessary if and when an alternative design or solution is agreed. Should that be the case, a new road

space booking would be required, which needs three months' notice and would need to take account of school term times and summer works embargoes. In the meantime, the site team were due to resume works on the traffic-light-controlled section currently underway, including laying the wearing course to the footway. All remaining works in this section, along with the final section opposite the Methodist Church, will be completed under traffic lights. The council said it is currently aiming to complete all works by the end of March.

26/58

West Lane

Cornwall Council Highways has said future signage may be possible to avoid a similar situation as when the road was recently closed, although these will not be enforceable.

26/59

Dog warden

The clerk will make contact with the area's dog warden to report that there are many incidents of dog fouling in the village and to see if it is possible to obtain some signs or stickers.

26/60

Sewage outfall

Cllr Pooley reported that over the nine days prior to February 9 the sewage works were discharging for five days and 18 hours into the river. There have been concerns of the river being in a state and that it is stinking, particularly as it is a popular spot for wildlife. The clerk will write to South West Water to highlight the concerns.

26/61

River Camel Boundary changes

Correspondence was noted. At the moment, this does not affect the Delabole area.

26/62

Well Street garden

Following the information given in the public participation section of the meeting, it was resolved for the parish council to contact Cornwall Council to say they would like to take the land on.

Proposed: P Homans

Seconded: A Stacey

Votes: Unanimous

26/63

Playing field trees

Councillors resolved to purchase six Silver Birch tree (and protectors) to plant along the hedge in the playing fields.

Proposed: P Homans

Seconded: A Pooley

Votes: Unanimous

26/64

Privacy policy

Councillors adopted a Privacy policy.

Proposed: J Chapman

Seconded: A Pengelly

Votes: Unanimous

26/65

Finance

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

Bank balance

£114,478.19

b. Income received.:

Name	Budget line	Payment method	Value
None.			

c. March payments:

Budget line	Payment – March	Total
Staff wages	Staff wages	As per contracts

Pension	Cornwall Pension Fund (February) and Nest pension	As per contract
Office	Clerk mileage	£ 16.20
Grass cutting, weed spraying & footpaths	Growing Concern (March)	£960.00
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	EDF Energy – clock electricity	£ 139.62
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Suez – cemetery bin	£ 143.62
Office	3 mobile phone	£5.89
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Source for Business – water cemetery	£24.00
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Source for Business – water toilets	£114.50
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	British Gas – electricity toilets	£ 49.93
Bank	Unity Trust service charge	£6.00
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Western Supply – new lock for park gates	£19.03
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	J Chapman – keys cut (park gates)	£13.00
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Direct365 – toilet tissue (30 packs)	£69.56
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	A Schofield – broom and dustpan	£8.00

Councillors approved the payments and accounts.

Proposed: P Homans

Seconded: A Pengelly

Votes: Unanimous

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Agenda items for next meeting – Delabole Methodist Chapel, April 14, 2026.

Street lights for park; zebra crossing lights; website.