

MINUTES – Tuesday, April 14, 2026

- 26/67 Councillors present**
Cllrs H Ferguson (chair); K Cann (vice chair); A Pengelly; J Chapman; B Gardiner; P Homans; A Pooley; A Stacey and J Richards. Also in attendance: Cllr D Garrigan; S Cleave, clerk and three members of the public.
- 26/68 Apologies for absence**
None.
- 26/69 Declaration of Interests**
None.
- 26/70 To receive and approve minutes of the last meeting**
Councillors approved the minutes from the Ordinary meeting held on March 10, 2026.
Proposed: J Richards Seconded: J Chapman Votes: Unanimous
- 26/71 Public participation (15 minutes allowed for this)**
One resident spoke on the planning application for the Church Rooms. He asked Cllr Garrigan if someone from the planning department could come out and have a look at it. He said initially it was going to be a two bedroom, now it's four and one of the windows overlooks and opens onto his property. He said there was nowhere for people to park, and limited parking on the road outside.
Some information on the play equipment quotes he had submitted was given from Jonathan Thomas of Creative Wood.
- 26/72 County Councillor report - Cllr David Garrigan**
Cllr Garrigan said the proposed ramp outside the school will now be carried out in the October half term. He will look again at the concerns over the zebra crossing lights. He explained that Cornwall Council was looking to reinstate weed killing, although there have been some concerns raised. He also spoke about bacteria on beaches and said that some local discharges are not showing on the Surfers Against Sewage app. He will take this up with them.
- 26/73 Clerk's report**
The clerk's report was noted.
- 26/74 Consideration of planning applications**
PA26/02074 – Application for Technical Details Consent (TDC) following Permission in Principle Approval PA25/08459 for construction of a dwelling. Land at Treligga Downs Road, Delabole.
Councillors raised no objections but raised some concern about the visibility and access.
Proposed: K Cann Seconded: A Pooley Votes: Eight in favour, one abstention
- PA26/01107 – Change of use from a former Church Hall to dwellinghouse (Use Class C3). Delabole Church Hall, High Street, Delabole.
Councillors objected to the proposal on the following grounds – no parking (even limited on road parking); Church Rooms was not a school (there were never 12 pupils or three teachers working) as the application claims; it is not a two-bedroom property as stated in the pre-app; concerns that it will be turned into an Air BnB, HMO or hostel; concerns that it will not be a residential

home; sewage issues (the applicant wishes to disconnect from the septic tank and link to the main sewer, but this is full); access down a small pathway.

**Proposed: P Homans Seconded: A Pengelly Votes: Eight in favour,
one abstention**

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

None.

c. To note planning application decisions or notices

The following decision was noted:

PA26/01672 – Prior notification of agricultural or forestry development for two agricultural tracks to serve vehicular access from the C road known as Poldark Road. Land at West Downs between the B3314 and Poldark Road, Delabole

PLANNING PERMISSION REQUIRED

26/75

Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted: Local Plan and Local Councils' Involvement information from CALC; invitation from Helland Parish Council to windfarm meeting; Cornwall Council Affordable Housing newsletter; Cornwall Together newsletter.

26/76

Speeding the village

Cllr Homans said recently there was a van parked on the opposite side to the school and he started to pull out of his drive when a car came along doing 50mph. He said there are some serious problems with speeding. He noted that tractors are going through the village at 40mph. Cllr Cann said the village needs more volunteers for the Community Speedwatch in order to go out and be more visible. The clerk will speak with Highways to see if there is any chance of some speed signs.

26/77

Canopy for schoolchildren

The reply from Cornwall Council was noted. It is not possible to erect a canopy over a pavement.

26/78

Fire station signs

A response was received from Cornwall Council about signs alerting people to the fact that there is a fire station at the bottom of Pengelly. Cllr Ferguson will enquire with Cornwall Fire and Rescue to see if they have any signs that the parish council could use.

26/79

IT Policy

Councillors adopted the IT policy.

**Proposed: A Stacey Seconded: J Chapman Votes: Six in favour,
one against and two abstentions**

26/80

Website

Cllr Gardiner said he wanted his name disconnected from the parish council website and the email address taken off the website (as he does not use his gov.uk email address). The clerk read some comments from the website provider about the security of the site and emails.

26/81

Parish council logo

It was decided to run a competition for the young people of the village to design a logo for the parish council.

Proposed: P Homans Seconded: H Ferguson Votes: Unanimous

26/82

Sewage

Cllr Pooley proposed that the council send a letter/FOI to SWW to ask the position on new connections. He said a lot of people want to build houses, but they are currently unable to. He would like to know a timeframe for any upgrade; how big the upgrade will be and how many connections will be

allowed. This is so that any information given to the parish council can then be passed on to parishioners.

Proposed: A Pooley Seconded: P Homans Votes: Unanimous

26/83 Letter from St Gennys Parish Council

Councillors received a letter regarding the protection of trees in our woodlands. The council voted to offer its support.

Proposed: P Homans Seconded: A Pooley Votes: Unanimous

26/84 AGAR 2025/6

The council resolved to appoint Linda Coles as the internal auditor for the AGAR 2025/26.

Proposed: K Cann Seconded: A Pengelly Votes: Unanimous

26/85 Letter – vandalism in toilets

The council received a letter regarding vandalism in the toilets. The clerk will speak with the toilet manager regarding opening the toilets at 8.30am. This will be kept under review.

26/86 Play area options

This will be deferred to the closed session.

26/87 Cornwall Council (Upgrade of a Footpath to Restricted Byway at Treveans)

Councillors felt that this needs to be kept, as it is one of the parish footpaths. It was agreed that it could be upgraded.

Proposed: P Homans Seconded: A Stacey Votes: Unanimous

26/88 Lights for the park

The clerk will look into getting some prices.

26/89 Public Realm Improvement and Re-introduction of Weed Treatment

The parish council already has a regime in place. It was proposed to opt out of Cornwall Council's scheme and request the money offered.

Proposed: J Richards Seconded: A Pengelly Votes: Unanimous

26/90 Treligga Downs Road rubbish

The council had received concerns about rubbish not being placed in bins and therefore not being collected. It was proposed to write to residents of Reservoir Close and the properties at the beginning of Treligga Downs Road to ask them to put their rubbish in the required wheelie bins/bags.

Proposed: J Chapman Seconded: H Ferguson Votes: Unanimous

26/91 Parking near the school

Cllr Homans said there is a van and car parked a lot of the time opposite the school and felt that it should be double yellow lines there. It was suggested that the clerk write to the congestion scheme team to have a look.

26/92 Helland wind farm meeting

Cllr Cann said she may attend the meeting. Councillors were asked their feelings over the plans – five were against and four in favour.

26/93 Finance

a. Councillors noted the balances of accounts as accurate for April 7, 2026.

Bank balance £112,494.66

b. Income received.

Name Budget line Payment method Value

None.

c. Councillors noted the below payments.

Budget line	Payment – April	Total
Staff wages	Staff wages	As per contracts
Pension	Cornwall Pension Fund (March) and Nest pension	As per contract
Office	Clerk mileage	£ 32.40
Grass cutting, weed spraying & footpaths	Growing Concern (March)	£960.00
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	EDF Energy – clock electricity	£ 158.28
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Suez – cemetery bin	£113.74
Office	3 mobile phone	£5.89
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Source for Business – water toilets	£114.50
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	British Gas – electricity toilets	£ 55.61
Bank	Unity Trust service charge	£7.00
Hall hire	Delabole Methodist Chapel – April meeting	£18.00
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	C Flew Services – Hedge trimming footpath near Poldark	£330.00
Insurance	Clear Councils annual premium	£1,521.96
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Homeleigh Garden Centre - Silver birch trees for the playing fields	£224.94
Membership / Subs	CALC / NALC membership	£783.56
Website	Westernweb – annual renewal of web space and renewal of Cloud email accounts	£188.40
Office	Office shredder (part share)	£10.00

Councillors approved the payments and accounts.

Proposed: J Richards

Seconded: P Homans

Votes: Unanimous

26/94

Agenda items for next meeting – St John's Church, May 12.

Clock; Rendle Street car park.

26/95

Closed session

Exclusion of members of the public and press. To resolve that under s1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items as it involves the likely discussion of confidential information.

Councillors voted to move to a closed session.

Proposed: K Cann

Seconded: A Pooley

Votes: Unanimous

26/96

Playing field equipment

Councillors looked at three quotes for new play equipment. It was agreed to hold an extra ordinary meeting to look in more detail.