

MINUTES – Tuesday, September 8, 2026

- 26/180 Councillors present**
Cllrs K Cann (vice chair); A Pengelly; A Stacey; B Gardiner; P Homans; J Chapman and A Pooley. Also in attendance: Cllr D Garrigan; S Cleave, clerk and five members of the public.
- 26/181 Apologies for absence**
Cllr Ferguson – holiday; Cllr Richards – unwell.
- 26/182 Declaration of Interests**
None.
- 26/183 To receive and approve minutes of the last meeting**
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on July 14, 2026.
Proposed: A Pooley Seconded: A Stacey Votes: Unanimous
- 26/184 Public participation (15 minutes allowed for this)**
One member of the public, who lives near the junction to St Teath, raised concern with the speed of vehicles as they reach the junction. She said there is now a vehicle that regularly parks on the road, so people cannot see to go around and have to move onto the other side of the road. Neighbours have had vehicles go into the side of their property over the years. She said the speed is horrendous and you can hear cars coming up through the village. Cllr Garrigan said this may be a scheme for the CHIP scheme (Community Highways Improvement Scheme) but added there was not the density of dwellings there to reduce the speed limit. There could possibly be some more black and white bollards put in place. This will be placed on the October agenda.
Another resident of High Street said his water meter used to be on the path, but since the laybys have been constructed, the meter can not be read safely. South West Water has told him there is nothing they can do.
A resident also spoke of the works that have taken place around the Quarry. She said there is a lot of Japanese Knotweed. The clerk will write to the Quarry to ask.
Issues at Vell Lane were raised by another resident. He said the traffic is going very fast up and down, including a number of caravans. Tractors, he said, come out of the fields and then coat the path with mud.
- 26/185 County Councillor report**
Cllr Garrigan said the Rendle Street repairs have been approved. The car park will be regraded rather than being repaired. This will help the access issues for residents. Regarding the Trethern junction, Cllr Garrigan has had a meeting with Mr Cleave and his son, who are keen on improved safety. The restrictions put forward in the design would stop lorries turning up there. The Highways manager has been asked to organise a site visit. A mobile phone coverage pilot study has started in St Tudy and Tintagel. St Tudy has paid for its survey, so should be ahead of the game. Cornwall Council has adopted the model and will be taking it forward across Cornwall. It could take years to do. Cllr Garrigan said there was funding from Central Government to develop affordable housing in Cornwall. Homes Cornwall utilise surplus land for possible affordable housing. Full details to come.

- 26/186 Clerk's report**
The clerk's report was noted.
- 26/187 Consideration of planning applications**
PA26/05388 – Proposed extension for shower and changing rooms. Delabole Fire Station, Pengelly, Delabole.
Councillors proposed no objection.
Proposed: J Chapman Seconded: A Pengelly Votes: Unanimous
- b. To consider any other consultations received since publication of the agenda.**
None.
- c. To note planning application decisions / information**
The following was noted:
PA26/04729 – Application for Permission in Principle for the construction of up to 5 dwellings (minimum of 1, maximum of 5). Land west of 90 High Street, Delabole. Cornwall Council has advised that the application has been made invalid and remove from the online planning register.
- 26/188 Correspondence**
The following correspondence was noted: CALC community owned energy generation session details; local council training – housing viability update and housing – changes to planning committees and protocol; NHS Cornwall Together newsletter; Planning Committee Reform and New Member and Local Council Protocol information; NHS Cornwall Together newsletter.
- 26/189 Planters**
Out of the six planters ordered, only two have been made. It was resolved, as a gesture of goodwill, to accept the two planters – one to be placed either end of the village.
Proposed: K Cann Seconded: J Chapman Votes: Unanimous
- 26/190 Cemetery**
It was resolved to place edging strips for the cremation plots and increase the EROB fee by £20 to cover. This would ensure that they all look uniform.
Proposed: A Pooley Seconded: J Chapman Votes: Unanimous

Councillors approved the two memorial applications.
Proposed: A Pengelly Seconded: A Stacey Votes: Unanimous
- 26/191 AGAR**
The final AGAR report was received from BDO LLP, with no findings to report.
- 26/192 Vell Lane**
It was proposed to purchase six signs for Vell Lane notifying users of the speed.
Proposed: K Cann Seconded: P Homans Votes: Six in favour, one against
- 26/193 Toilets**
The toilet drains need jetting. The clerk was given delegated authority to arrange this to be done.
Proposed: J Chapman Seconded: A Pooley Votes: Unanimous
- 26/194 Play equipment**
The clerk has asked for quotes for a basketball hoop/half court. The repairs to the wooden climbing tower will be done under warranty.
- 26/195 Pump track application**
Councillors received updated costings for the pump track before committing to pay for the planning application. It was agreed that the project was around £15,000 short. It was agreed to pause the application and apply for

funding. The pump track will be included in the playing field project's second phase.

Proposed: K Cann

Seconded: A Stacey

Votes: Unanimous

26/196

Cornwall Air Ambulance funding request

It was resolved to make a grant/donation of £250.

Proposed: A Pooley

Seconded: A Stacey

Votes: Unanimous

26/197

Delabole Slate grant application

It was resolved to award a grant of £200 to the Delabole Slate Newsletter committee.

Proposed: A Pooley

Seconded: K Cann

Votes: Unanimous

26/198

Sewage

Cllr Pooley said there has been no rain for two months and no discharge. This morning it has been raining and it has been chucking out discharge for seven hours. There has been 11 hours altogether in the river in the last fourteen days. He said South West Water have stated this will be sorted by 2030, but that is a long way off. The clerk will write to SWW highlighting the issue again.

26/199

Memorial bench

Councillors discussed a request for a bench in memorial of Dave Tilley. Councillors unanimously agreed to it.

Proposed: J Chapman

Seconded: K Cann

Votes: Unanimous

26/200

Water meter

Following on from the comments in public participation, the clerk will write to South West Water and Oliver Jones to see if the issue (in the layby by Charlottes Way) can be sorted.

Proposed: A Pooley

Seconded: P Homans

Votes: Unanimous

26/201

Trethorn junction

Update given in public participation.

26/202

Rendle Street car park

Update given in public participation.

26/203

Speed indicator sign outside the Post Office

It was decided to leave the speed indicator sign in its current location and review at a later date.

26/204

Parish council logo competition

The clerk will advertise the competition in the Slate again and through the primary school and place it back on the October agenda to decide if a prize is given.

26/205

BT grills outside the park

The clerk will chase BT for an answer on the grills. Cllr Stacey said they should not be driven over until they are reinforced.

26/206

NALC 2026-27 National Salary Award

The 2026-27 pay award was noted.

26/207

Finance

a. The balances of accounts as accurate for September 2, 2026.

Current account

£ 3,791.07

Reserves account

£74,096.58

b. Income received:

Name	Budget line	Payment method	Value
Arthur Bryant – Crooks		BACS	£451.00

c. Payments:

Budget line	Payment – August	Total
Staff wages	Staff wages	As per contracts
Pension	Cornwall Pension Fund (July) and Nest Pension.	As per contract
Office	Clerk mileage	£ 18.72
Grass cutting, weed spraying & footpaths	Growing Concern	£1,600.00
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	EDF Energy – clock electricity	£154.81
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Suez – cemetery bin	£88.75
Office	3 mobile phone	£5.89
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Source for Business – water toilets	£114.50
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	British Gas – electricity toilets (July 2 to August 1)	£51.57
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Cornwall Council – emptying of bins	£677.62
Defibrillator	Chapel – annual monitoring fee and mobile data connection 12 months	£390.00
Defibrillator	Bettle & Chisel annual monitoring fee	£246.00
Bank	Unity Trust service charge	£7.00

Budget line	Payment – September	Total
Staff wages	Staff wages	As per contracts
Pension	Cornwall Pension Fund (August) and Nest Pension.	As per contract
Office	Clerk mileage	£ 37.44
Grass cutting, weed spraying & footpaths	Growing Concern	£1,650.00
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	EDF Energy – clock electricity	£157.70
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Suez – cemetery bin	£89.09
Office	3 mobile phone	£5.89
Grants	St Johns PCC grant (approved at the July meeting)	£700.00
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	Source for Business – water toilets	£114.50
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	British Gas – electricity toilets	£51.57
Maintenance, utilities & supplies	M Chapman – RCD for toilet units	£24.44
Bank	Unity Trust service charge	£7.00

Councillors approved the payments and accounts.

Proposed: K Cann

Seconded: A Stacey

Votes: Unanimous

26/208

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 resolved to move into the closed session.

Proposed: K Cann

Seconded: J Chapman

Votes: Unanimous

26/209

Staffing

Due to staff shortage, the toilets will be closed from October 17 to November 23.

Proposed: K Cann

Seconded: A Pooley

Votes: Unanimous

26/210

Agenda items for next meeting – October 13, 2026 – Delabole Fire Station at 7pm.

SWW / Cormac.

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