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Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 11th February 2026 commencing at 19.00pm in St Marks Church Hall, Sticker

Present: Cllr Vine (Chair), Cllr Holman (Vice Chair), Cllr Mrs Tarbox, Cllr Mr Heyward, Cllr Watts, Cllr Davis, Cllr Rees Webb, Cllr Richards, Cllr Spencer

In attendance: : Wendy Yelland – Parish Clerk

Public Present: Mr Tolliday, Cornwall Cllr Julie Cunningham

OC163/26 Apologies

None

OC164/26 Declarations of Interest from Members/Dispensations

No declarations of interest

OC165/26 Public Participation

Mr Tolliday – Repairs to the surface on the bridleway from Meadow Drive up to Coliza Hill have been carried out but think there should be a bit more fill required. Not sure whether they have completed. To avoid the path being churned up again which makes it difficult to walk a sign needs to be erected at the Meadow Drive end. The clerk will email the CAT.

No sign at 39/1.

OC166/26 Cornwall Cllr Report

Speeding Issues

- A constituent raised concerns about speeding on St Stephens Road (20mph zone).
- They expressed interest in Community Speed Watch, and I have provided them with the relevant information.

Trelowth Layby

- I have contacted Highways about installing yellow lines at each end of the layby.
- Residents have reported a vehicle parked long-term in the layby, obstructing driveways.

Burngullow Lane / A3058 Junction

- I recently visited the site with residents who are concerned about safely exiting Burngullow Lane onto the A3058.
- I have reported the issue to Highways, who will assess whether verge-cutting is needed to improve visibility.

Little Polgooth – Lower Lefasant 4 x Cottages

- Following Storm Goretti, several elderly residents (aged 70s–80s) were left without internet access for an extended period, impacting their ability to obtain medical support.
- Openreach's response has been poor and was discussed at our post-storm Council meeting.



- Communication procedures are now being reviewed to improve future resilience.

OC167/26 Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes: 14th January 2026

It was

RESOLVED that the above Minutes of the Meeting of St Mewan Parish Council having been previously circulated, be taken as read, approved, and signed. Including Confidential Minutes. Prop Cllr Mrs Tarbox, sec Cllr Miss Watts.

OC168/26 Committee Meeting Minutes

- a) Planning 14/1

NOTED

OC169/26 Clerk's Report

OC110/19 Notice Board at Trelowth – in progress.

OC132/19 Awaiting response from Highways re MA Grigg Ltd proposal.

OC33/20 Review of Neighbourhood Plan on going.

OC149/20 We're Watching You Dog Fouling Campaign posters and bin stickers – ongoing.

OC191/22 Parish Projects, in progress

OC109/22 FIT readings. Request for smart meter not actioned until payments are re-instated.

OC190/23 Winter Maintenance in Parish.

OC266/23 Confidential. In progress

AC21/23 Sticker Car Park signage. Letter sent to Sticker AFC. Awaiting Sticker AFC response

OC53 /23 Sticker Car Park Enhancement. Mrs K has confirmed they will be renewing a water butt.

OC98/23 Polgooth Parking issues outside Stores and Post Office and Village Hall. Highways Expression of Interest withdrawn. Awaiting PO to submit proposals.

OC142/23 Branch Trimming – Actioned. Will take place when other tree works are scheduled.

OC151/23 – Confidential item in progress

OC190/24 Confidential. In progress

OC202 /24 Parish Planting. Polgooth area deferred.

OC222/24 St Mewan School – Cllr Rees Webb in progress

OC250/24 -Confidential Land updates. Actioned.

AC39/24 Confidential. Email sent.

Land Matter. Member researching reporting back to Full Council.

OC140/24 Trewoon Play Area re surfacing – in progress

OC142/24 Water Leak. In progress. To schedule site visit with tenant and contractor who has been contacted.

OC143/24 Highways and Footpath Matters – Footpath reinstatement requested to ROW. One resident has since sent email re the footpath who disputes the original path showing on D Map and wanted a site meeting. Clerk and Cllr Spencer were prepared to meet him on Saturday 30th November, however the resident was unable to make the date. No visit has been rescheduled. Agenda item Feb 25. Met with resident

OC162/24 Polgooth Play Area. Actioned.

OC163/24 Kissing Gates at Trewoon Dog Walking Area Awaiting Glenn Humphries who met with Cllr Spencer to move and repair fence. Unable to re- quote due to fence and hedge to be removed.

OC164/24 Trewoon Recreation Ground- Embankment Slide steps and handrail. Awaiting contractor to revisit.

Request and chase on re quote as per instruction of council.

OC165/24 Highways and Footpath Matters. PROW in progress

OC166/24 Grants/Donations. Awaiting more detail from Chair of Trewoon Village Hall

OC205/25 Sticker Open Space (namely the Dog Field). In progress brief from Cllr Spencer to enable further quotes on a like to like basis

OC213/25- Confidential Minute. Actioned

OC221/25 Kissing gates Trewoon Recreation Ground – Cllr Vine, Clerk/Deputy Clerk

OC232/25 Confidential Minute– May agenda item

AC23/25 Council Meetings 2025/2026 – emailed Trewoon Village Hall to agenda item

AC35/25 – Legals actioned

OC45/25 Trewoon Play Area Climbing Frame – Climbing Frame in progress awaiting grant.

OC49/25 Highways and Footpath Matters – Footpath 4/1 and 15/1 in progress



OC65/25 Installation of CCTV in Play Areas – Wi Fi installed in Polgooth Chapel and Sticker Scouts. In progress on quote for CCTV and cabling – October agenda item. Appointed contractor. Awaiting start date.

OC70/25 Highways and Footpath Matters up to time of meeting – U bar. – Awaiting reply from CAT. From a safety perspective there is no issue with no barrier. There is a good distance of footway before reaching the road and from an accessibility perspective, it's better as well.

OC85/25 Climate Change Objective (Standing Agenda Item) – Polgooth Community & Gardening Club have deferred OC86/25 Highways and Footpaths Matters up to time of meeting – Awaiting reply from CAT

OC88/25 Swarco Speed Activation Devices at St Mewan Lane and Rosehill – To agenda item at a later date re relocating columns to coincide with the CC 20mph roll out

OC90/25 Memorial Plaque in Trewoon Community Garden – In progress

OC105/25 Installation of CCTV in Play Areas and Associated Works Required – Actioned. Trying to co-ordinate delivery of columns with CCTV and Tarmac company for start date. Columns delivered. Awaiting start date

OC107/25 RFID Blocking Card – Deferred

OC108/25 Highways and Footpaths Matters up to time of meeting – obtained funding for LMP Enhanced Scheme. Organising collection of signs and posts from Bodmin. 26 Signs were installed in December by Maintenance Operative

OC111/25 Polgooth Village Hall – November Agenda Item. Standing Agenda Item

OC126/25 Playing Field Boundary Hedges – Actioned

OC127/25 Car Park Signage – In progress

OC128/25 Sticker Open Space – Request made awaiting date

OC131/25 Police Surgery – email to Devon and Cornwall for surgeries at other villages

OC132/25 Allotments in Trewoon

OC134/25 Polgooth Village Hall – Standing Agenda Item

Cllr Vine attended the Village Hall meeting and expressed how there is good support from the mother and toddlers' group, the income is still not huge due to parking issues, Xmas fair is organised, the committee are looking at WiFi support and holding a bingo session.

FSGPA28/25 Waste Management Contract – Emailed Credit Control to give notice as too long on central phone time.

FSGPA31/25 Review of Risk Management Schedule 25/26 – Revised schedule on website

FSGPA32/25 Vision ICT Council's Website Provider – Awaiting a meeting date from Vision ICT re website

FSGPA38/25 – Confidential. In progress

OC148/26 Climate Change Objective (Standing Agenda Item)

Resident concerns of possible tree instability near to the gifted bench in The Goffin. In progress

OC150/26 Precept 26/27 – Submitted

OC153/26 Highways Expression of Interest – February Agenda Item

Sticker

Parking Permits.

Resident email of speeding coming into Fore St Sticker. Resident has emailed police but no reply to date. PC to download Rosehill data now the SAD is working and report to Council

Free Parking for Panto week 10th Feb – 14th Feb inc

Elderly resident has tripped over a damaged kerb outside Sticker Bus Stop. Have emailed Highways giving them resident details.

Hewaswater

Detailed Speed Monitoring being carried out in Hewaswater Highways as device now erected

Report of fly tipping in the lane adjacent to Trewoon Play Area. Reported

General

Several enquires received re flooding and trees down. Signposted to Highways.

Potholes that have been patched with a worn-out surface have now created huge ruts damaging cars.

OC170/26 Climate Change Objective (Standing Agenda Item)

Nothing to report



OC171/26 Highways and Footpath Matters

It was

RESOLVED to **APPROVE** the quotation for Weed Control 26/27. Prop Cllr Vine, sec Cllr Rees-Webb. **Action: Clerk to instruct**

419/39/1 The clerk confirmed that although another footpath sign was erected as per the Enhanced Funding Scheme it has been removed again. Contact has been made with the CAT on a way forward outlining that residents are unhappy that historically a sign has always been there up until recently.

The Cormac grass cutting agreement for verges has been signed. There is no increase.

The clerk has noticed in Sticker that street cleaning has taken place which was requested last year. Cllr Rees-Webb confirmed that all the weed and mud on footpath edges around the estates have also been cleared. Cllr Vine confirmed that cleaning in Polgooth has been carried out.

OC172/26 Highways Expression of Interest

Wide range of discussion took place on how challenging it is to submit one EOI for the Parish as the funding is very low.

Cllr Mrs Tarbox would like to see a one-way system in St Mewan Lane due to the sheer volume of HGV coming through and speeding but does understand that this would not be accepted. Biffa are the worst offenders and Cllr Mrs Tarbox understood that when the Tregongeeves Depot opened that St Mewan Lane would not be used as a cut through. Cornwall Cllr Julie Cunningham has offered to contact Biffa again.

Cllr Vine expressed how there appears to be a lot of Highway signage worn and damaged. Members thought this was a worthy submission for the Parish and

It was

RESOLVED to collate all information inc photos for worn out/damaged signage in the Parish. Prop Cllr Vine, sec Cllr Rees-Webb

The clerk advised members that the closing date is the 27th of Feb 26 and ideally all details need to be emailed to the clerk by the 24th of Feb 26. **Action: Cllr Vine Polgooth and Trewoon, Cllr Rees-Webb – Sticker.**

OC173/26 Emergency Parish Plan

Discussion took place and members agreed with the Chair although it is fairly big piece of work it is worthy of creating a plan. The Deputy Clerk started a draft plan some time ago, and the Clerk will circulate to members.

It was

RESOLVED to put the draft Emergency Plan on the council's Action Plan. Prop Cllr Vine, sec Cllr Rees-Webb. **Action: Deputy Clerk, Cllrs and Community.**

OC174/26 Sticker Activity Park Parish Car Park

The clerk has now received confirmation from the Parish Council solicitors that they can manage the car park how they see fit.

It was

RESOLVED to explore a Traffic Parking Order or another alternative method to eliminate vehicles being dumped with spaces being used for other than families visiting the park and report back to council. Prop Cllr Spencer, sec Cllr Rees-Webb. **Action: Clerk/Deputy Clerk.**

OC175/26 Men in Sheds

Request for weekly meeting and long-term venue to use as workshop and meeting room. **RESOLVE** how best to proceed.

Members felt this is a worthy project and

It was

RESOLVED to invite the gentleman who leads the project to the next FC meeting. Prop Cllr Miss Watts, sec Cllr Mrs Tarbox. **Action: Clerk/Deputy Clerk**

OC176/26 White River Project

It was

RESOLVED to invite the gentleman to the April Full Council meeting. Prop Cllr Rees-Webb, sec Cllr Spencer. **Action: Clerk**



OC177/26 Polgooth Village Hall (Standing Agenda Item)

Update – Cllr Vine summarised the current position reported by Mr Datson, Chair of Polgooth Village Hall who has worked diligently to progress the project to this stage. The general response from the initial consultation, indicate that relocation of Polgooth Village Hall may be necessary due to a number of concerns raised including the long-term sustainability of the existing building.

With reference to the findings from the recent Groundsure Report Mr Datson has obtained two quotations for initial borehole drilling at two of the four potential sites at The Goffin and has requested a 50% contribution towards the associated costs. Members confirmed that the Parish Council is keen to support progression to the next stage of the project. However, as the Parish Council owns the land in question, it is essential that the process remains open and transparent, with all findings and stages clearly documented prior to any final commitment regarding the use of Council owned land for a new village hall.

It was therefore

RESOLVED that the Parish Council will obtain two further quotations for borehole drilling works at Plots 2 and 4, as identified on the location plan. Prop Cllr Vine, sec Cllr Mrs Heyward. **Action: Deputy Clerk and Clerk to update Mr Datson.**

OC178/26 Finance

It was

RESOLVED to **APPROVE** the February 26 pay schedule as presented. Prop Cllr Vine, sec Cllr Mrs Tarbox. The bank balances and bank reconciliation as of 31st January 2026 are **NOTED**.

OC179/26 Members reports/feedback from training/workshops/meetings/external bodies/matters of interest in the parish

- Cllr Mrs Heyward. Has received minutes from Trewoon Village Hall Committee but unable to attend meeting.
- Cllr Spencer. Any update on the road closed in Little Polgooth as it appears work has stopped. Cornwall Cllr Julie Cunngiham will investigate
- Cllr Richards – Polgooth Village Hall. It appears the retaining wall is leaning in as you view the VH from the front and looks as though there is two retaining walls. Cllr Vine understands that a resident is enquiring to their relative who lives in the property adjacent.

OC180/26 Correspondence received up to the time of meeting.

Emails: –

16th Jan

1. Planning re NPPF Tuesday 24 February, 4.00–5.15 pm
2. Cornwall Council- Town & Parish Council newsletter
3. Affordable Housing Newsletter
4. CALC training

26th Jan

5. Keeping Cornwall Updated.
6. Weekly Decision list.
7. Weekly Planning list.

28th Jan

8. Weekly Planning list
9. Decisions list
10. Central Planning Committee agenda

30th Jan

11. Emergency road closure- Polgooth
12. Planning newsletter

2nd Feb

13. Volunteer Cornwall
14. Rural Service Network
15. Weekly Planning List 14/1



Invite

- 16. NHS – Your neighborhood health and wellbeing matters public invitation
- 17. Revised NPPF and other planning consultations and changes – 24th Feb

2nd Feb

- 18. Affordable Housing Newsletter
- 19. Town and Parish Council Newsletter
- 20. Keeping Cornwall updated

6th Feb

- 21. Neighborhood Priority Statements
- 22. Weekly Planning Decision List 28/1
- 23. Rural Service Network
- 24. Weekly Planning List 4/2

9th Feb

- 25. Keeping Cornwall updated
- 26. CC January Parking enforcement
- 27. Weekly Planning Decisions 28/1
- 28. CC Youth Skills Hubs
- 29. CCLA Market update
- 30. Keeping Cornwall updated
- 31. Devon & Cornwall Police – Cyber topic

10th Feb

- 32. CAPS Meeting 29th April Action

OC181/26 Items for Agenda

None

Mr Tolliday and Cornwall Cllr Cunningham exited.

OC182/26 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

To **RESOLVE** that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable that the press and public be excluded and are instructed to withdraw during the discussion of the following item. Prop Cllr Vine, sec Cllr Mrs Tarbox.

Confidential Minute filed under OC183/26

There being no further business to be transacted the meeting closed at 20.50pm

Signed.....Date.....

Chair of Full Council

Council Members

- Cllr Vine – Chair
- Cllr Holman – Vice Chair
- Cllr Mrs Heyward
- Cllr Mrs Tarbox
- Cllr Debbie Watts
- Cllr Davis
- Cllr Richards
- Cllr Rees Webb
- Cllr Spencer

