Minutes – Full Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting, 21 September 2026 held at the Parish Council Offices, Chyanhale, Ponsmere Valley, TR6 0DB at 7pm

Cllrs Bowers (Chair), Arthur, Butler, Cook, Gaisford, Miners, Pentecost, Poulton, Stephens, Trenfield, Trevethan, Yeo

Also in attendance: Amanda Coleman, Cllr Louise Blackman
6 members of the public

1. **To note councillors present**
Noted. **226/26/FC**

2. **To receive apologies for absence and reasons**
It was **resolved** to approve the apologies of Cllrs Byfield and Hunter
No apologies from Cllr Lawrence so not accepted
Proposed: Cllr Cook **Seconded: Cllr Yeo** **unan** **227/26/FC**

3. **To receive any Declarations of Interest and Dispensations Granted**
None. **228/26/FC**

4. **Public Question Time**
A member of the public raised concerns about the proposed streetlighting changes, particularly the potential safety and environmental implications for Bolingey, the level of resident consultation and the rationale for removing lights only when they fail. The Chair confirmed that the proposals had been considered by the Council for over a year and had been subject to public consultation. In response to questions about safety evidence, Cllr Cook outlined environmental, public health and financial considerations, including light pollution, effects on wildlife and human health, and the opportunity for Cornwall Council to adopt certain lights. It was explained that some lights would remain until failure to minimise disruption, that Cornwall Council had agreed to contribute 50% of upgrade costs, and that lights not reported as faulty for more than 12 months will be reviewed under the Council's current policy. A second member of the public urged caution regarding the research cited, noting that local lights operate for only part of the night, and raised safety concerns about reduced lighting in Bolingey, Liskey Hill Crescent and Perrancoombe. The Chair confirmed that the Council's policy is not to light unadopted roads. This is also in alignment with Cornwall Council's policy.

The Chair extended public participation.
A representative of disabled people raised concerns about proposed changes to the kerb markings on Beach Road and the impact on access to the doctors' surgery. Cllr Blackman explained the funding position and that changes were being considered in response to misuse of the current arrangements. The Clerk has approached the Perranporth Gardens Charities who will be looking at possible additional disabled bays as part of re-lining works.

A member of the public outlined concerns about proposed redundancies and course closures at the University of Exeter's Penryn Campus, including the loss of geography, renewable energy, modern languages and environmental mathematics provision. They highlighted the potential

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impact on access to higher education in Cornwall and called for a local response regarding the University's long-term commitment to the county. In response to Cllr Pentecost's question regarding student numbers, they stated that recruitment had been strong and described the changes as a strategic transfer of students to Exeter. They also noted that Truro and Penwith College was experiencing cuts.

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5. **To receive and approve the Minutes of the previous meeting: 17 August 2026**
It was **resolved** to approve the Minutes held on 17 August 2026
Proposed: Cllr Cook **Seconded: Cllr Trenfield 8-0(4abs)** **230/26/FC**

6. **To receive any reports from Cornwall Councillors**
Cllr Blackman will send in a report later this week **231/26/FC**

7. **To receive any reports from Outside Bodies**
Cllr Gaisford – CAP meeting. 82 police incidents in St Agnes and Perranporth compared to 107 last year. Of 82, 50 were in Perranporth and 32 in St Agnes. **232/26/FC**

8. **Correspondence**
(a) Email correspondence from R Harrod, regarding GEL, Penhallow
Noted. **233/26/FC**

9. **To receive the Clerk's Report**
Perranporth Gardens Charities will consider extra disabled parking bays when discussing re-lining works in the Autumn. New intruder alarm system has been installed at the Library. Still awaiting confirmation from Crossley Hill Surveyors regarding the original specification as the electrician maintain they followed the spec given. Simon Grant has kindly offered to contribute towards the new alarm. Reports and surveys for Cligga Development planning application are starting to come back. Finance & Operations will be discussions a revised plan in October which includes a building for sports/padel tennis. Windows at Unit 7 have been installed and tenants have welcomed being able to open windows. The demolition works at the Hanger are due to start this week. CCTV has now been installed in Droskyn, Bolenna, the Library and Chyanhale. The CCTV at Droskyn also covers the memorial shelter. Disappointing news from Action for Children that they no longer have funding to run a Youth Club at Chyanhale. The Clerk has reached out to Young People Cornwall to see whether they have capacity to take on this service and will be meeting with a representative hopefully within the next week. If they are not able to take on the service, then the Clerk will look into grants and suggests looking at the provision as part of budget discussions. The last session will be 30 September. **234/26/FC**

Chair moved to discuss item 18 (Noting the Public Spaces Committee minutes and resolving on recommendations). Minutes will reflect the new numbering

10. **To note the draft Public Spaces & Services Committee minutes dated 14 September 2026 and resolve on the following recommendations:**
Further to the Streetlight Consultation, and Working Group recommendations, to **adopt** the recommended strategy and reflect in the Streetlight Policy. To facilitate discussion and ensure each decision was accurately recorded, the proposals were considered by area and by individual streetlight.

Perranporth – upgrade 29 lights (CD 4, 5, 6, 8, 14, 19, 21, 22, 23, 30, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 97,116, 120, 121,122, 123, 137, 138, 148) for CC adoption at an approximate cost of £8532, with 50% contribution from Cornwall Council.
Proposed: Cllr Cook **Seconded: Arthur** **unan** **235/26/FC**

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Perranporth – remove 22 lights (CD 3, 9, 12, 13, 18, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 35, 40, 49, 51, 131, 132, 133, 134, 142, 143, 144). Lights 15 and 16 (Perranporth Gardens Charities) – Clerk to inform will not repair and give option for them to maintain.
Proposed: Cllr Gaisford **Seconded: Cook** **9-0(3abs)** **236/26/FC**

Perranporth – change 9 lights to low level solar bollards/alternative lighting (CD 101, 102, 118, 127, 128, 136, 139, 140, no number (CCTV pole)) subject to costs.
Proposed: Cllr Bowers **Seconded: Cllr Poulton** **unan** **237/26/FC**

Perranporth - PPC to retain 8 lights and remove when failed CD 001, 002, 010, 020, 024, 41, 42, 50
Proposed: Cllr Cook **Seconded: Cllr Stephens** **8-4** **238/26/FC**

Cocks/Perranwell – upgrade 2 lights (CD 68, plus one light with no number) for CC adoption at a cost of £719.25.
Proposed: Cllr Arthur **Seconded: Cllr Butler** **unan** **239/26/FC**

Cocks/Perranwell – remove 4 lights CD 69, 71, 72, 75
Proposed: Cllr Pentecost **Seconded: Cllr Gaisford** **8-1(3)abs** **240/26/FC**

Cocks/Perranwell – PPC to retain 3 lights and remove when failed CD 70, 76, 135
Proposed: Cllr Cook **Seconded: Cllr Trenfield** **8-2(2abs)** **241/26/FC**

Rose – upgrade 3 lights (CD 81, 82 and 91) for CC adoption at a cost of £1078.87
Proposed: Cllr Arthur **Seconded: Cllr Trevethan** **unan** **242/26/FC**

Rose – remove 5 lights (CD 80, 83, 89, 90, and 92)
Proposed: Cllr Bowers **Seconded: Cllr Arthur** **unan** **243/26/FC**

Rose – PPC to retain 6 lights and remove when failed CD 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 115
Proposed: Cllr Cook **Seconded: Cllr Butler** **8-4** **244/26/FC**

Goonhavern – upgrade 3 lights (CD 78,119 and 130) for CC adoption at a cost of £1949.56
Proposed: Cllr Pentecost **Seconded: Cllr Stephens** **unan** **245/26/FC**

Goonhavern – remove CD 126
Proposed: Cllr Pentecost **Seconded: Cllr Gaisford** **9-3** **246/26/FC**

Goonhavern – PPC to retain 3 lights and remove when failed CD 79, 124, 125
Proposed: Cllr Cook **Seconded: Cllr Gaisford** **8-4** **247/26/FC**

Bolingey – upgrade 4 lights (CD 55, 59, 63 and 129) for CC adoption at a cost of £1132.71.
Proposed: Cllr Poulton **Seconded: Pentecost** **unan** **248/26/FC**

Bolingey – remove 7 lights (CD 52, 56, 61, 62, 64, 65, 66)

Cllr Stephens expressed concern about the low consultation response and questioned whether reducing light pollution should outweigh residents' views and the needs of night-time users. He cited evidence linking streetlighting to reduced crime (research from 20 years) and fear of crime and raised concerns about the current reporting and risk-assessment policy, under which non-residents cannot report faults and lights may remain out for extended periods. He emphasised the long-term impact of the decisions and the need to give appropriate weight to both resident and Parish Council feedback. Cllr Cook questioned the relevance of the research cited, noting that more recent evidence suggested no link between streetlighting and reduced crime. He

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added that conflicting evidence was presented and that further research and meta-analysis would be needed to establish the position more clearly.

The legal position regarding National Grid poles on private property would require clarification. Residents near lights 61 and 62 opposed their retention, with one response in favour.

Cllr Yeo left the meeting 8.16pm

Cllr Stephens proposed an amendment to the Proposal.
Bolingey – remove 6 lights (CD 52, 61, 62, 64, 65, 66). Upgrade CD56 for CC adoption at a cost of £668.72
Cllr Stephens **Seconded: Arthur** **9-1(1abs)** **249/26/FC**

Bolingey – PPC to retain 8 lights and disconnect when failed CD 53, 54, 57, 58, 60, 67, 117

Cllr Stephens proposed an amendment to the Proposal (two parts) – 1st part.
Bolingey – upgrade 4 lights (CD 53, 54, 57, 58) for CC adoption at a cost of £3776.29.
Proposed: Stephens **Seconded: Arthur** **6-4(1abs)** **250/26/FC**

Cllr Stephens proposed an amendment to the Proposal (two parts) – 2nd part
Bolingey – upgrade 2 lights CD 60, 67 for CC adoption at a cost of £899.30 and PPC to retain and remove when failed CD117
Proposed: Cllr Stephens **Seconded: Cllr Arthur** **4-4(3abs)**
Chair casting vote 4-5(3abs) not carried **251/26/FC**

Bolingey – PPC to retain 3 lights (CD 60, 67, 117) and disconnect when failed
Proposed: Cllr Cook **Seconded: Cllr Miners** **7-3(1abs)** **252/26/FC**

Perrancoombe – remove 14 lights (CD 94, 95, 96, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 147)
Proposed: Cllr Pentecost **Seconded: Cllr Poulton** **8-3** **253/26/FC**

Perrancoombe – PPC to retain 2 lights (CD 108,, 109) and disconnect when failed
Proposed: Cllr Cook **Seconded: Cllr Miners** **8-3** **254/26/FC**

(a) To **resolve** to approve approximate costs for removal at a cost of approximately £3,500 and instruct Perran Power to project manage and undertake the works (current preferred streetlight electrician).
Proposed: Cllr Cook **Seconded: Cllr Stephens** **unan** **255/26/FC**

(b) It was **resolved** to adopt the Streetlight Strategy as outlined above and instruct Cornwall Council/Enerveo to carry out the upgrade works this financial year to avoid a 5.2% uplift next year. To come out of general reserves. Clerk to liaise with Cornwall Council regarding start of works.
Proposed: Cllr Bowers **Seconded: Cllr Arthur** **unan** **256/26/FC**

(c) To contract Alpha Protect to provide Beach Wardens for the 2027 season subject to costs and participating in recruitment process.
It was **resolved**, subject to costs and the Parish Council participating in the recruitment process, to contract Alpha Protect to provide Beach Wardens for the 2027 season.
Proposed: Cllr Pentecost **Seconded: Cllr Bowers** **10-1** **257/26/FC**

(d) To contract Alpha Protect to provide Street Marshals for 2027, subject to costs.
It was **resolved**, subject to costs, to contract Alpha Protect to provide Street Marshals for 2027. Must wear clearly branded "Street Marshal" uniform.

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21. **To note the results of the Library Opening Hours survey August 2026**
Noted together with the Clerk's summary. Excellent response with 186 completed surveys. Will be discussing the Staffing Committee's recommendations in the confidential session.
Noted **270/26/FC**

22. **To To resolve on adopting the following policy and procedures as recommended by the Staffing Committee:**
    (a) The Health and Safety Policy
    (b) The Health and Safety Handbook
    (c) Adverse Weather Policy
    (d) Volunteer Policy
    (e) Use of Council Vehicle Policy
    (f) Probation Policy

It was **resolved** to **adopt** the above policy and procedure (a) to (f) en bloc.
Proposed: Cllr Pentecost **Seconded: Cllr Miners** **unan** **271/26/FC**

23. **To resolve to adopt the suite of Data Protection Policies and Procedures developed in partnership with Breakthrough Communications**
It was **resolved** to **adopt** the suite of Data Protection Policies and Procedures developed in partnership with Breakthrough Communications
Proposed: Cllr Gaisford **Seconded: Cllr Stephens** **unan** **272/26/FC**

24. **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. In view of the confidential or special nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable that the press and public be excluded and instructed to withdraw during the discussions for the following items: commercially sensitive procurement information/staffing**
Proposed: Cllr Arthur **Seconded: Cllr Miners** **unan** **273/26/FC**

25. **To resolve on a recommendation from the interview panel delegated by the Finance & Operations Committee, to appoint a property portfolio manager for a term of 3 years**
Cllr Gaisford spoke to this item.
It was **resolved** to appoint Sanderson Weatherall at a cost of £24500 for a contract period of 3 years. Clerk to draw up a contract, to be reviewed at the October Finance & Operations Meeting.
Proposed: Cllr Gaisford **Seconded: Cllr Arthur** **unan** **274/26/FC**

26. **To note the Staffing Committee minutes dated 14 September and resolve on the following recommendations:**
Noted.
    (a) Change opening hours 9.30am Tuesday, Friday and Saturday as soon as possible subject to consultation with Library Staff.
    (b) Clerk to work with Finance Officer to cost out the following for budget discussions:
    - 3 staff each day to ensure no lone working
    - Recruitment of an extra member of staff
    - 9.30am to 5pm Monday opening
    - All day Wednesday opening
    - All day Thursday opening
    - One late night opening until 6pm

It was **resolved,** subject to further discussions with Library staff and budget approval, to **approve** the above recommendations.
Proposed: Cllr Miners **Seconded: Cllr Poulton** **unan** **275/26/FC**

27. **To note the date of next Full Council Meeting: Monday 19 October 2026** **276/26/FC**

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.08pm

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Proposed: Cllr Bowers **Seconded: Cllr Pentecost** **10-1** **258/26/FC**

(e) To adopt the following policy and procedure (en bloc):

- Inner Green Access Policy and Procedure
- Scattering Ashes Policy (no changes)
- Illuminating Chapel Rock Policy (no changes)

Proposed: Cllr Poulton **Seconded: Cllr Stephens** **unan** **259/26/FC**

11. **To note income and expenditure report to 31 August 2026**
Noted. **260/26/FC**

12. **To approve the August payment schedule**
It was **resolved** to approve the August payment schedule.
Proposed: Cllr Miners **Seconded: Cllr Stephens** **unan** **261/26/FC**

13. **To note the External Auditor's Report and Certificate**
Noted. **262/26/FC**

14. **To note the Conclusion of Audit**
Noted. **263/26/FC**

15. **To resolve on Invoice No INV-00875673, BDO LLP, for limited assurance review for the year ended 31 March 2026 in the sum of £2,100 plus VAT**
It was **resolved** to pay Invoice No INV-00875673, BDO LLP, for limited assurance review for the year ended 31 March 2026 in the sum of £2,100 plus VAT
Proposed: Cllr Bowers **Seconded: Cllr Miners** **unan** **264/26/FC**

16. **To resolve** on Invoice No 28620, Gwella Contracting Services, for asbestos removal at Hanger in the sum of £18,200 plus VAT
It was **resolved** to pay Invoice No 28620, Gwella Contracting Services, for asbestos removal at Hanger in the sum of £18,200 plus VAT
Proposed: Cllr Miners **Seconded: Cllr Cook** **unan** **265/26/FC**

17. **To consider a pledge towards the creation of a new Visit Cornwall.**
It was **resolved** to **defer** due to lack of time. **266/26/FC**

18. **To discuss the proposed reduction of staff and services at the University of Exeter's Penryn Campus (Tremough) and consider a response**
It was **resolved** to write to University of Exeter, using the template response provided by Redruth Town Council to express serious concern regarding the University of Exeter's proposed redundancies and course closures affecting Penryn Campus.
Proposed: Cllr Butler **Seconded: Cllr Poulton** **unan** **267/26/FC**

19. **To discuss the mining remediation quotation and proposal from Cornwall Mining Consultants regarding the contact shaft at Cligga and resolve on any further actions and associated costs**
Duchy have undertaken a site visit. Clerk is also in discussions with the National Trust and Cornwall Wildlife Trust regarding possible acquisition of land. **Defer** until further information provided. **268/26/FC**

20. **To note the Finance & Operations Committee minutes dated 7 September 2026.**
Noted. **269/26/FC**

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