

St Dennis Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held at ClayTAWC on
Tuesday 3rd February 2026 at 7.00 pm.

The Chair welcomed all present to the February meeting of the Parish Council.

Present:

Cllr Clarke (Chair), Cllr Burnett (Vice Chair), Cllr Kelsey, Cllr J Griffin, Cllr A Griffin.

In Attendance:

Lynn Clarke (Clerk), Cornwall Councillor Dick Cole (CC Cole), and a representative from Swamp Circus Trust.

288/25 Apologies.

Cllr Edmunds – Apologies accepted.

289/25 Declarations of Interest.

None.

The Chair reminded those present that if any other matter arises during the meeting, advice should be sought from the Senior Administrator, the Clerk, and the Chair before continuing.

290/25 Public Participation (to include Cornwall Councillors Report).

a) **Public Participation:**

A representative from the Swamp Circus Trust attended the meeting to provide further information about the organisation and its intention to bring an event to the area. The Trust previously delivered a large-scale annual festival for eight years prior to Covid, offering young people access to services, workshops, and performance opportunities. Following the pandemic, they reassessed the viability of events of that scale and now plan to deliver smaller “mini-festival” style summer shows across multiple locations.

Their work involves collaboration with organisations such as Cornwall Wildlife Trust, Surfers Against Sewage, local schools, and community groups, with each event tailored to local needs. The Trust aims to promote youth culture and support active play, creativity, confidence, connection, and physical skills, and is considering St Dennis as a potential location due to previous engagement with young people from the parish.

They attended the meeting to seek the Council’s views on the concept. During the question session, Cllr Clarke asked where the event might be held; the representative advised that several areas, including Nanpean, the playing field, as well as potential farmland sites that could be used, all of these are being assessed for suitability.

Questions were raised regarding health and safety and insurance, and the Trust confirmed that, having toured internationally, these considerations—alongside accessibility—are central to their planning. In response to concerns about facilities, they confirmed that toilets and other necessary provisions would be brought in where required.

Cllr Kelsey asked about additional activities, and it was noted that elements such as folk music or Cornish wrestling may be included, with the overarching aim of bringing communities together. The Trust is already working with Bodmin and Liskeard Town Councils on events this year and is currently only exploring the feasibility of bringing a show to St Dennis. The proposed big top can accommodate around two hundred people per show,

with events typically running over three days, potential dates for this event would fall in July or August, either linked to another local event or held independently.

In response to CC Cole's question on funding, the Trust explained that support comes from Arts Council funding, other grant applications, ticket sales, and income from stalls and food and drink, with Bodmin and Liskeard Town Councils also contributing financially to the events being held there.

Cllr Clarke thanked the representative for attending and for the presentation, confirming that the Parish Council will consider the proposal.

b) Cornwall Cllr Dick Cole: (CC Cole)

CC Cole Provided an update on Wellington Road car park advising that it should not have been included within the consultation for off street parking and there are no plans bring in parking charges for this location. A copy of the report can be found [here](#).

291/25 To adopt the minutes of the [Ordinary Meeting](#) of the Parish Council held on the 13th January 2026.

Resolved – To accept the minutes. Proposed and seconded, all present in favour.

292/25 To note the Minutes of the following meetings and Full Council to adopt the recommendations therein.

[Planning](#) – The Consultation responses for Trerice Solar Farm were reviewed, it was agreed to submit an objection response to the appeal in relation to PA24/09234 (Trerice Solar Farm), it was agreed to note a consideration in the objection response highlighting the need for a community benefit fund should permission be granted for Trerice Solar Farm. Two decisions made by email were ratified. Updates on decision by Cornwall Council were provided for seven applications.

Education Bursary Scheme Meeting – The expansion for the area of benefit was considered and it was agreed to review this again in a year. The promotion of the scheme and associated cost were approved. Financial balances were reviewed. Outstanding receipt actions were agreed. Nine applications were reviewed 8 were approved one declined. Total predicted spend from the meeting £3049.13.

It was **Resolved** to accept the recommendations. Proposed, seconded all present in favour.

293/25 Matters Arising – Information only.

- The No Cold Caller Zone has been officially installed.
- Agreed responses to consultations have been submitted.

294/25 To agree the delegated decisions in made in the past month.

None.

295/25 Financial

a) To approve this month's payment to creditors and income as tabled.

It was **Resolved** – To accept the payment schedule as presented and to agree the payments of education grants during the month to be approved retrospectively at the next meeting. Proposed seconded all present in favour.

b) To approve the bank balances as of 31st December 2026.

It was **Resolved** – Proposed and seconded to approve the bank balances. All present in favour.

Community Account

CHQ No:	Name	Invoice Number	Cost	Reason
DD	Barclays Bank	13.11.25- 14.12.25	£ 9.10	Bank Charges
DD	Barclays Bank	15.12.25 - 12.01.26	£ 8.50	Bank Charges
DD	Giff Gaff	1768522937147	£ 10.00	Monthly Package
DD	Nest Pension		£ 419.70	Pension Contributions
DD	Coast to Coast Communications	36444	£ 17.89	Service Charge
DD	HP Instant Ink	IIUKDN1122059680	£ 89.99	Printer Ink
DD	Smarty	Dec - Jan	£ 18.00	PF CCTV
DD	Smarty	Dec - Jan	£ 18.00	Cemetery CCTV
DD	Smartest Energy	FLQG5TXHA/006	£ 10.98	PF CCTV
DD	Smartest Energy	FLQG57X6Y/006	£ 36.67	Public Toilets
DD	Smartest Energy	FWJMA4M6G/004	£ 7.12	Cemetery
BACS	HMRC		£ 2,059.05	Tax & NI
BACS	Staff costs		£ 6,898.07	Staff Costs
BACS	Central Cleaning	2441	£ 496.00	Cleaning of Public Toilets Dec
BACS	Piran Tech	64268	£ 15.74	Monthly Service Check
BACS	Mays Country Store	36131	£ 39.30	Maintenance Supplies
BACS	Complete	SINv04402926	£ 17.40	Stationery
BACS	Cormac	CINV-194249	£ 1,264.97	Salt Bin Refills
BACS	GM Computers	SI- 114660	£ 156.00	Anti-Virus Licenses
BACS	Holloway Electrical Ltd	5505	£ 144.00	Public Toilet Replacement Lights
BACS	Sutcliffe Play SW Ltd	7712	£ 2,070.00	Outside Gym Repairs
BACS	Sutcliffe Play SW Ltd	7713	£ 1,060.94	Zip Line Repairs
Card	Amazon	GB6SL4NRAEUI	£ 49.00	Office Equipment
Card	Gardening Express	70123420	£ 166.98	Playing Field Trees
Card	Microsoft	E0300YMEMD	£ 15.12	Online Services
	Total		£ 15,098.52	

Education Grants

CHQ No:	Name	Invoice Number	Cost	Reason
DD	Barclays Bank	13.11.25 - 14.12.25	£ 8.50	Bank Charges
DD	Barclays Bank	15.12.25 - 12.01.26	£ 8.50	Bank Charges
	Total		£ 17.00	

Playing Field Trust

CHQ No:	Name	Invoice Number	Cost	Reason
DP	Barclays Bank	13.11.25 - 14.11.25	£ 8.50	Bank Charges
DD	Barclays Bank	15.12.25 - 12.01.26	£ 8.50	Bank Charges
	Total		17.00	

**Grand Total for
January 2026 15,132.52**

296/25 Clerks Report:

A copy of the report can be found here.

Cllr Clarke asked if any of the fencing damage can be seen on CCTV and was advised that we are currently awaiting a replacement camera for this area.

Cllr A Griffin asked if the sycamore tree has been removed at the same time the bushes were cut back – she was advised that staff have only just undertaken training in chainsaw use, so this has not yet been done.

297/25 To note the change in interest rates from Barclays and Unity Trust.

It was **Noted** that from the 23rd March unity Trust will be reducing the interest rate to 1.95% and from the 24th March the interest rate for Barclays will reduce to 1.05%.

298/25 To consider a request from Sunflowers & Choughs to fly the Ukrainian flag on the 24th February 2026.

It was **Resolved** not to fly the flag as St Dennis Parish Council do not have a flagpole. It was also felt that the Parish Council should take a neutral stance as there are so many conflicts going on at the moment. Proposed seconded, all present in favour.

299/25 To discuss and agree the 2025-26 Citizen of the Year Award and agree how this will be managed.

It was **agreed** to place a post on Facebook inviting nominations and for Cllrs to put forward suggestions to the office. Cllr Clarke, Cllr Kelsey & Cllr A Griffin will review the nominations and feedback suggestions for the April Meeting of the Parish Council.

300/25 To agree litter pick dates for 2026 – 2027.

It was agreed to hold two litter picks on Thursday the 16th April and another on Saturday the 15th August. The Clerk to confirm room availability by email to all Cllrs.

301/25 To decide on the provision of additional grit bins for the Parish.

It was **Resolved** to seek permission for the installation of two new bins one near Stock's Yard and one near Downs Close. Proposed, seconded all present in favour.

302/25 To Discuss a Parish Council promotional event / Workshop.

It was **Resolved** to attend other community events to promote the Parish Council and the vacancies and the work of the Council. Venues and events to be agreed via email. Proposed Seconded all present in favour.

303/25 To consider the provision of a vape disposal point.

It was agreed not to pursue the provision of a dedicated vape-disposal point at this time. Instead, members **Resolved** to focus on promoting responsible vape disposal identifying local disposal options and highlighting these on the Council's website and social media channels.

304/25 To agree the cost of reference books for the office.

It was **Resolved** to approve the cost of £142.50 + postage & packing for various reference books. Proposed, seconded all present in favour.

305/25 to agree the cost of a replacement computer for the office.

It was **Resolved** to approve a budget of £650 + VAT for a replacement computer. Proposed seconded all present in favour.

306/25 To note the increase in the Section 137 allowance for 2026-27.

It was noted that the allowance has increased by 50p to £11.60 per electorate for 2026-2027.

307/25 To agree the grass cutting contract with Cornwall Council for 2026-2027.

It was **Resolved** to agree the contract. Proposed, seconded all present in favour.

308/25 To receive an update on the welcome signage and to agree any actions required.

CC Cole advised that the costs for the signage could be in the region of £10,000 but a detailed quote is still awaited. The application for a grant to cover these costs has been drafted.

309/25 To receive an update on the land at Dunstan Close and to approve any associated costs.

The Clerk advised that despite chasing, no updates have been received from the solicitor.

310/25 To approve the cost of training for Cllrs and staff.

It was **Resolved** to approve the costs for two places of Data Protection training, one place on Planning Training and one place on Cyber Awareness training for Cllrs. Proposed, seconded all present in favour.

312/25 Reports from Outside Bodies

Cllr Kelsey attended a Cornish Lithium Community Liaison Meeting. The written report can be found here.

Cllr Kelsey attended a Cyber Security Awareness Webinar and will circulate the slides in due course.

Cllr Clarke attended a Planning Workshop.

313/25 Consultations/Surveys received up to the time of meeting.

a) General Consultations:

Consultation on the Listing of Enniscaven War Memorial. It was **Resolved** to submit a response in support of the listing of the War Memorial.

b) Planning Applications received up to the time of the meeting.

None

314/25 Highways and Footpaths Matters

a) Footpaths.

The enhanced LMP work on the footpaths has almost been completed.

b) Highways.

The road surface at Domellick Bridge has been reported to Cornwall Council.

Various potholes throughout the village were discussed.

It was noted that there is currently a petition running for the installation of double yellow lines at the Spar Shop. Varying views were put forward but it was agreed to consider this further when the petition is officially presented to the Parish Council.

315/25 Grant Requests

A letter has been received from the Carnival Committee requesting the donation of a Trophy. It was **Resolved** to agree the request in principle and to consider further funding in the form of a grant application. Decision on grant application to be made via email. Proposed, seconded all present in favour.

316/25 Correspondence received.

Police & Crime Commissioner's Weekly Column. 12/01/26 - Noted.

CALC Newsletter 14/01/26 - Noted.

Police & Crime Commissioner, news release 15/01/26 - Noted.

Free Cyber Awareness Training - Noted.

Affordable Housing Newsletter 16/01/26 - Noted.

Town And Parish Council Newsletter - Noted.

Positive Planning Training - Noted.

Police & Crime Commissioners Weekly Column 19/01/26 - Noted.

Invite to Plaque Unveiling ay St Denys Church 21/01/26 – Cllr Clarke will be attending as a representative of the Parish Council.

Neighbourhood Planning Newsletter 23/01/26 - Noted.

Police & Crime Commissioner, new release 23/01/26 - Noted.

OPCC Accountability Board Assurance Statements 26/01/26 - Noted.

317/25 Items for the next agenda.

Discussion on the proposed Swamp Circus Event.

Good Citizens Award Nominations 2026-27 for the April Meeting.

Standing order 3e

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are requested to withdraw.

318/25 Confidential items –

None

Meeting closed 8.45 pm.

Signed: