



MINUTES OF THE PELYNT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Present: Councillors: Kevin Wakeham – Chairman, John Philp, Debbie Jones, James Dingle, Molly Boxall, Serena Blake, Benita Garrott, Andy Talor and Mike Axon
And nine members of the public.
Officer: Robert Horskins, Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer.

WELCOME

Kevin Wakeham, Chairman, welcomed all to the meeting. He took a moment to reflect on the sad news of the death of a local parishioner, Geoffrey Maddaver, who was known throughout the Parish for his contribution to the village.

AGENDA

1) 25128. *APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE*

Apologies for absence were received from Cornwall Councillor Jim Candy, and from PCSO Steve Cocks, Devon and Cornwall Police. *A post meeting apology was received from Cllr Steve Smith who had been unavoidably detained.*

2) 25129. *DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA*

None.

3) *PUBLIC PARTICIPATION*

3.1) 25130. POLICE REPORT – The following report from Devon & Cornwall Police on local issues was read out to the Council:

Dear Councillors,

Please accept my apologies for my nonattendance at this months' Parish Council meeting.

From 01/08/2026 – 31/08/2026 there were 2 crimes in the public domain including a theft from motor vehicle and a dog out of control causing injury.

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The No Cold Calling zone has now gone live with new signage in Richmond Road, Tower Close and Tregarrick. This is a collaboration between the Police & Trading Standards whereby failure to leave your property when requested could be a criminal offence, uninvited callers should be reported to the Police.

Numerous patrols have been conducted around the Parish, and all was found to be in order.

If there are any questions or matters arising for my attention, then please contact me in the usual manner.

3.2) **25131. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR** – The following report, from Cllr Jim Candy, was read out to the council.

Pelynt Report 10.9.2026

- A) *I had reported the overgrown hedges on Wilton Terrace and believe they have been trimmed. Has the work on Summerlane Road been done, as I have not had a chance to inspect?* It was commented that the work had yet to be carried out.
- B) *I did look around Sentry Meadow, all seemed ok, but please let me know if I missed anything?* The Chair asked if Councillors had been to view Sentry Meadow? No one had to date. It was agreed to include as an agenda item for October's meeting.
- C) *I will be meeting Coastguards to discuss their allowance payments. This dispute with management about their attendance allowance is obviously not an abuse of workers rights, and I hope it can be resolved.*
- D) *The Community Highway Improvement Plan options for Pelynt involving traffic calming on the main road are being developed and costed*
- E) *Cornwall Council joined the vote of No Confidence in SW Water at its recent Full Council meeting*
- F) *Andy Burnham PM has supported the Government's plan to make Cornwall a single Foundation Strategic Authority. Details of the plans to keep strategic decision-making within Cornwall are progressing, without a Mayor being imposed.*
- G) *I was sad to hear of the passing of Geoff Maddever, a fellow farmer who was always community minded.*
- H) *I was pleased to attend the Cornwall Civic Award presentation to Jan Cook by Cllr Rob Nolan, Chair of Cornwall Council, a much deserved honour.*

Councillor Jimmy Dingle expressed concern that the Clerk had included in an email to Councillor Candy a reminder that his report was the only part of the meeting in which he could speak. The Clerk explained this was covered within Standing Orders that non Parish Councillors could only speak in Public Participation. Cllr Dingle replied that Cllr Candy

brought a lot of knowledge and contributions to the meetings and as such he should be allowed to comment with Standing Orders being suspended, if required, for such input.

3.3) **25132. PARISH FORUM** – A member of the public reported that the shrubbery on the footpath along the side of the Surgery was very overgrown. The Chairman explained that this matter had been referred to the owner of the property. The member of the public continued by saying that the continuing pavement at the end of the footpath was eroding in places and was becoming a trip hazard. The Chairman replied that the path there was owned by Cornwall Council and that The Clerk would report it to them. The resident added that the overgrown hedge was blocking out the street light. The Chairman explained that the owner of the hedge had been written to by the Clerk and they had replied that they would be obtaining quotes to rectify this. The Chairman reminded all present that anyone could report such issues online to Cornwall Council themselves or report it to the Clerk who would do it on their behalf.

A resident gave an overview of the dementia safeguarding scheme initiated by Devon and Cornwall Police. He showed examples of a wrist worn interface, which would give details of the wearer, via Bluetooth, and a GPS Tag that people could wear. He asked people to pass on knowledge of the scheme. Posters were provided for the village notice boards.

4) **25133. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday, 30th July were agreed.

Proposed by Councillor John Philp Seconded by Councillor Molly Boxall

Voting: For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 4 No Vote: 0

5) **25134. MATTERS ARISING ACTIONS & FOLLOW UPS**

There were no matters arising from the minutes. The actions and follow up list was reviewed.

Actions and Follow ups

Reference	Date	Action	Owner	Due By	Note
25092	28/05/26	Obtain Quotes for Village Green Works	RH	25/06/26	Surveyed. Awaiting quote
25101	28/05/26	New email addresses to be in use	ALL PPC	30/06/26	One Councillor was still to sign in. The Chairman would assist.
25101	28/05/26	General Matters. Overgrown Path Wilton Terrace	Jim Candy	25/06/26	JC reported.
25101	28/05/26	Coastline: Sentry Meadow Establish whose responsibility to maintain.	Jim Candy	25/06/26	Agenda item for October meeting.
25101	28/05/26	To view Sentry Meadow	ALL PPC	25/06/26	Councillors to visit.
25101	28/05/26	Draft letter to Coastline	RH	25/06/26	Following October meeting.
25105	30/07/26	Path behind toilets	RH	10/09/29	Ongoing

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25107 30/07/26	Noisy drain B3359	RH	ASAP	Reported to CC
25107 30/07/26	Noisy drain cover Barton Meadow	RH	ASAP	Reported to CC
25107 30/07/26	Possible faulty lamp Barton Meadow	RH	ASAP	Confirmed as off 00.00-0500
25107 30/07/26	Missing “Keep Left” arrow on central refuge. B3359 adj to Public Toilets	RH	ASAP	Cornwall Council actioned temp sign.
25108 30/07/26	Solar Panel Roof Survey To seek a Structural Engineer to confirm the strength of the roof	Kevin Wakeham	10/09/26	Councillor Axon to pass details to Clerk of a contact.
25123 30/07/06	Parking Policy	ALL PPC	10/09/26	Agenda item.

6) 25135. *ACCOUNTS*

The Parish Council Accounts were reviewed and signed off totalling £2625.32.

Proposed by Councillor John Philp Seconded by Councillor Molly Boxall

Voting: For: 9 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 No Vote: 0

7) 25136. *CORRESPONDENCE*

Correspondence forwarded to Councillors was noted.

It was noted that a letter had been sent to the owner of the overgrown hedge bordering the Surgery Path. The property owner’s gardener had posted to Social Media stating that the hedge was too big for him to undertake and many prospective contractors had come forward with details. It was agreed that the Clerk could not make recommendations on hearsay but would write to the property owner explaining the above details and suggest he ask for contacts through his own gardener.

Allotments: A parishioner had emailed asking what provision the Parish Council made for allotments? Historically there had been allotments but these fell into poor use. That land is now part of the school field. The Chairman explained that a group of people would need to express an interest before any action could be reviewed. The Clerk would write to the parishioner.

8) 25137. *PLANNING APPLICATIONS*

None.

9) 25138. *PLANNING RESULTS*

None.

10) 25139. *STANDING ORDERS*

The Clerk went through the changes proposed to Standing Orders.

Proposed by Councillor John Philp Seconded by Councillor Debbie Jones

Voting: For: 9 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 No Vote: 0

11) 25140. *PARKING POLICY*

The Clerk went through the amendments to wording within the Parish parking policy.

Some discussion took place and it was agreed to change the duration of parking from 7 days to 24 hours. It was also agreed to add in contact details for the Clerk and to change the Annual 24 hour closure to any closure and to remove the word “commercial”.

A resident wished to speak and The Chairman agreed. A question was asked as to why parking bays could not be installed on the verge along Wilton Terrace thus removing the need for on road parking. The Chairman explained there was insufficient room for such a bay and the cars parked along the terrace did give a benefit in reducing the speed of vehicles passing through.

Proposed by Councillor John Philp Seconded by Councillor Molly Boxall

Voting: For: 9 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 No Vote: 0

12) 25141. *CLERK'S RENUMERATION*

It was noted that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) had agreed the new pay scales for 2026-27 to be implemented from 1 April 2026. This was agreed retrospectively to 1st May, The Clerk's start date, at a cost of £138.70.

Proposed by Councillor Jimmy Dingle Seconded by Councillor Benita Garrett

Voting: For: 9 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 No Vote: 0

13) 25142. *GRANTS*

13.1) Pelynt Male Choir

A presentation was made by a representative from Pelynt Male Choir requesting a donation towards a new Keyboard for the group. It was agreed to grant £350 towards the new keyboard.

Proposed by Councillor Kevin Wakeham Seconded by Councillor Benita Garrett

Voting: For: 9 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 No Vote: 0

13.2) Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust

A request had been received from Cornwall Air Ambulance for a donation. Following discussion it was agreed to make a grant of £100.

Proposed by Councillor Molly Boxall Seconded by Councillor Serena Blake

Voting: For: 9 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 No Vote: 0

14) 25143 *ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA and ITEMS TO REPORT*

Councillor Molly Boxall expressed her disappointment at not being informed of the recent presentation to former clerk Jan Cook. The Chairman explained that all councillors had been emailed through their designated .gov.uk email addresses.

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Councillor John Philp asked about the “Road Closed” sign on the road leading to Budley Waters. The Chairman explained that the road crossing the ford had collapsed. This had been reported to Cornwall Council and the Clerk would chase up a completion date.

Councillor Debbie Jones said she had noticed there were a few graffiti “Tags” around the village and asked Councillors to be aware.

15) 25144 *DATE OF NEXT MEETING*

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 29th October at 7.30pm in The Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.20pm.

Robert Horskins
Clerk to Pelynt Parish Council

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25132 10/09/26	Poor footpath – Richmond Road	RH	29/10/26	Reported online to Cornwall Council. Ref: W262187690
25136 10/09/26	Allotment Provision	RH	29/10/26	To review duties and contact resident

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25136 10/09/26	Overgrown Hedge – Surgery Path	RH	29/10/26	Resident Written to: Obtaining Quotes.
25143 10/09/26	Budley Waters Ford - erosion	RH	29/10/26	Cornwall Council asked for completion date. W262187694