

**Minutes of a the Tywardreath and Par Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting
held on 7th May 2026 in the Methodist Church, Well Street, Tywardreath at
6.45pm**

Present Cllrs C Wildish (Chairman), Hazeldean, Hughes, Nicholls,
Phillips, Truscott and A Wildish

In attendance The Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Cllr I Wilson
3 members of the public

25/142 Apologies Cllr Oxenham, Cllr Rickard

25/143 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 3rd April 2025

The minutes had been confirmed for accuracy on 22nd April 2025. It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Truscott and RESOLVED that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

25/144 Matters Arising

None

25/145 To receive the Annual Report of the Parish Council

As another council year ends I would like to thank our Clerk Mrs Vincent, Cllr Wilson and fellow councillors for their support. This year we welcomed Phil Oxenham and Renay Rickard as Councillors. Cllr Roy Taylor resigned for health reasons we would like to thank him for his many years of service and wish him well. We are able to co-opt an additional councillor so if you are interested please let the clerk know.

Polmear Orchard. After many years of waiting this has been devolved to the parish. If you haven't been there it's a quiet green space with view of sea and free apples later in the year. We obtained the trees with a grant from Forresters 6 years ago so are now starting to have apples. Thanks to PL24 for maintaining this space.

Par beach toilets. These were damaged by anti-social behaviour last summer including a fire on one occasion. Please make sure you know where young people are as this is just one place where expensive damage has been done. The toilets are maintained by APS Construction whom have done a great job keeping them open. Please make sure that toilet doors are locked when you leave them. Leaving them open just makes it easier for damage to be done and increases the financial burden on the parish budgets. The shop space is vacant again so if you have ideas for future use please let us know.

Vine place. After lengthy negotiations we were unable to reach a satisfactory conclusion and with large business rate charges it would have been a very expensive acquisition each year with significant work needed if devolution went ahead. The land behind Vine Place has been barriered off after a parishioner was lucky not to be badly injured. The fly tipping has continued and the boat that the Council wanted moved has not been removed from the site. If you have any issues with this area please report to Cornwall Council.

Tehidy Road. After consultation with Cornwall Council and Cormac there is agreement that Cormac will put in yellow lines and bus stops at the top of

Tehidy Road. Yellow marks are on the road so I expect this to happen soon and it will make it safer for vehicles to go up and down Tehidy Road.
Tywardreath Hill. This has reopened at long last after the works finished. Please take care on this road as people are not used to traffic particularly after such a long closure.

20 mph Consultation- Cornwall Council have a consultation currently about extending 20mph. One area is Par and it's worth having a look to make sure that they haven't missed anything obvious.

Neighbourhood Planning Statement. People will remember the Neighbourhood Plan and we now need to do more work to ensure that our planning views are still taken seriously and our needs understood. If you are interested in being involved, please get in touch.

Allotments. The dangerous trees on Wood Lane allotments have been reported to the school as they are on their land and the school have agreed to remove them. If you would like an allotment, please get in touch with the Clerk who will let you know when one becomes available.

Anti-social behaviour. Last years problems look like they may be starting again. Please make sure that you report to council or police or to Crime stoppers if you don't want to give your name. They can't help if they don't know it's taking place. The damage inflicted affects the community and costs tax payers money diverting money from other projects.

Emergency Plan. Councillor Adrian Wildish has written a plan for us to enhance the existing plan. It is on our website if you want to read it. We are looking for more flood and emergency wardens please get in touch if you are happy to help with this, training and protective equipment will be supplied.

Parking. We objected to the councils plans to charge for parking at Hamleys Corner, Par beach all year round and St Andrews nature reserve. Despite numerous objections Hamleys Corner car park will have first hour free and charges after that. No signage has gone up yet but one to be aware of. Par beach parking they have decided to charge all year which is very disappointing and is likely to increase parking in Par. They did agree not to charge at St Andrews Nature Reserve.

Beach huts. We were offered the beach huts with very tight conditions including maintenance of them and told it was a commercial opportunity. After discussion the councillors agreed that this would not be a good use of our funds and Cornwall Council have said they will be removed

Caroline Wildish, Chairman

25/146 To receive the Police Report

No report.

25/147 To receive the Financial Report

Cllr Hughes gave the annual financial report

This year's accounts show that our total income of £71,978 was £25,920 less than the previous year, which was inflated by £29,772 from the sale of the Hamley's Corner Toilets with Planning Permission. In theory the Parish Council is liable to pay Cornwall Council 50% of the sale price. Although it is understood that this will not be enforced, it was considered prudent to include a provision for this amount in the 2026-27 budget.

We received £1,255 income from the Par Beach toilets, down £530 from the previous year. But we received £1,500 from renting space in the building. VAT Reimbursement was just over £700 greater at £5,025.

Excluding exceptional items, expenditure, at £52,962, was roughly in line with the previous year, in spite of inflationary increases in administration cost., There was a welcome reduction of some £1,200 in maintenance costs for Par Beach toilets, although this still represents almost 25% of our regular expenditure, only offset by some £2,750 of income. Allotments showed a surplus of just under £300.

In setting the budget for 2026-27, we consider that we have made adequate provision for foreseeable operating costs and the impact of inflation and taxation changes and ensuring prudent reserves provision for anticipated future commitments and obligations. At the time of budget setting, this included a reasonable provision for costs associated with taking over the Vine Place site from Cornwall Council. This is now unlikely to take place, and the situation will be reviewed at the setting of the next budget. With this in mind, we determined that we would not need to increase our Council Tax precept this year.

My thanks to our Clerk, Sally Vincent for her meticulous book-keeping and sound guidance and to my committee.

David Hughes, Chairman

25/148 To receive the Annual Report of the Planning Committee

Cllr Hughes gave his annual report

The Planning Committee has met 11 times in the past year. To minimise the number of meeting-days to comply with government guidelines, planning meetings have been taking place immediately before Full Council meetings. This has made for long evenings for Planning Committee members, especially on occasions when they have multiple applications to consider. I am grateful to members for their efforts to attend in these circumstances.

The committee has considered 23 planning applications over this period, registering “No Objection” to 17 and “Objecting” to 6. Of the objections, 4 of our objections were refused by county planning officers; on 3 we “agreed to disagree” as, in officers opinion refusal would not be sustained on appeal. 2 objections were supported by Cornwall Council officers, both were taken to appeal by the applicants and in both cases, the appeals were rejected by the inspector.

Without doubt, the proposed major development at Hendra Court Nursing Home has been the most controversial application considered and has created strong popular reaction. The applicants came back with revised plans, but these were not considered to address the objections, particularly the impact on neighbouring properties. Following a site visit, the inspector supported, at least in part, our objection. Whilst there is widespread public concern that planning appeals are determined by inspectors from “up-country” and we are aware that they apply a very strict interpretation of planning rules and regulations, it is clear from their reports on both above cases that they made careful site visits and gave due cognisance of the reasons given for refusal. It is heartening to note that applicants, agents and officers are making serious reference to our Neighbourhood Plan, as they should, since it is now a “material consideration”. Unfortunately, those sections, such as “development

boundaries”, which are not deemed compliant with the government’s policies on freeing up land for housing development and revised housing targets, have been weakened.

With ongoing pressures on funding, the Enforcement Section of Cornwall Council’s Planning Department has been reduced to a size where it struggles to meet its statutory obligations. There are now fewer enforcement officers for the county than Restormel had for the borough prior to the move to the unitary authority. Even when they recognise that a breach has been committed, they often do not have the resources to pursue the matter.

A development on our boundary with Lanlivery, to which we objected in 2021 and was refused by Cornwall Council, and had its appeal refused.

However, the applicant seems to be ignoring the Planner’s decision and, as far as we are aware no action has been taken.

The controversial proposal by SW Water for a desalination plant by Par Harbour, connecting by pipeline to the Restormel Water Treatment Plant could have significant planning implications for our parish. It is understood that a revised application may be submitted. However, no planning documents have been published to date, and it would be inappropriate for the committee, or its members, speaking in their official capacity, to express opinions on the subject.

We were “consulted” in 2024 by Cornwall Council regarding traffic calming measures on Par Green. However, our suggestions were ignored and, in the opinion of local residents, the measures put in place have not made a significant contribution to the excessive speed of some vehicles using this stretch of road.

As Chairman, I would like to thank the members of the Committee for their hard work over the past year, especially for their assiduous reading of the many planning documents involved in advance of the meeting. The Hendra Nursing Home application alone generated well over 250 documents, including written objections from residents, which had to be read to allow us to make a balanced judgement, particularly in the light of the obfuscations included in some of the applicant’s submissions.

David Hughes, Chairman

25/149 To receive the Annual Report of the Cornwall Councillor

Cllr Wilson gave the following report.

My thanks to all the Parish Councillors over the last year for their work.

The past year has been very busy and has often been frustrating and disappointing trying to deal with Cornwall Council and their bureaucracy but there have been a few successes along the way. In summary and in no particular order, significant events in our Parish.

Hendra Court PA24/02955. This was a controversial planning application that received an unprecedented level of objections locally. This was taken to Planning committee on the 22nd September 2025 and was almost unanimously (9 Votes against and 2 abstentions) rejected. The Committee decision was appealed by the developer, but the Secretary of State's Planning Inspector agreed the proposal was overbearing and out of character for the neighbourhood and rejected the appeal.

Tywardreath Hill has been closed for 5 years after a landslip and after several months of pushing a schedule was finally agreed to get the road reopened.

Although delayed several times, the road did eventually reopen earlier this year.

In Search of Tywardreath have been putting on numerous excellent and informative Talks and an exhibition. I thank them for all their hard work in keeping Tywardreaths History alive and well and in the public consciousness.

Cornwall Council and the Emergency Services really stepped up to the plate with the storm damage caused by Storms Goretta, Ingrid and Chandra in February. We lost a significant number of trees and suffered severe flooding in certain areas. Particular thanks go to National Grid who worked in very challenging conditions to restore power.

Speeding There have been numerous reports of Speeding around Tywardreath and Par, and I have had speed monitoring set up in many areas. Although speeding does indeed happen, the statistical analysis shows it is mostly below the necessary threshold for consideration of further action. Although it has to be said, most roads around Par and Tywardreath will become 20mph Zones if they are not already and this does appear to show the average speed does come down significantly.

Par Beach Huts I had to express my disappointment with Cornwall Council who, at first, seemed interested in working with me to get the Par Beach Huts in use. Sadly, negotiation broke down with the Council being unable to untie itself from its own bureaucratic knots and thus no agreement was reached. Sadly, £125,000 of Taxpayers money has been wasted by Cornwall Council. This was a big disappointment for me as a lot of effort went into trying to get the Huts back in use.

Par Beach was subject of a very controversial Invasive Species removal, which caused a lot of distress locally to some residents. However, many residents also felt it was justified. You can't please everybody, but the damage done to the local ecosystem did seem excessive for what was the removal of only two species of plant, one of which is not on the Status 9 List of Invasive Species. Cornwall Council have committed to be more transparent and consult the public in good order next time.

A public consultation was held regarding the proposal to change the parking Fee regime in five of our Ward Car Parks. The public consultation came back with a resounding 85% against the move, but unfortunately in spite of me objecting in the Cabinet meeting and in previous correspondence with the Transport Portfolio holder Cllr Dan Rogerson, the Cabinet voted unanimously to implement the new charges.

Anti Social behaviour On a more negative note, ASB has become a serious problem around Par and Tywardreath by a known group of individuals wreaking havoc throughout the area. It has started to cost the Community significant amounts of money and as yet the police have not been able to stop it.

25/150 To receive Reports from Representatives

Cllr Hazeldean gave the report of the Par Beach Management Group
The Par Beach Management Group meet quarterly with a mixture of face to face and online meetings. In addition to T&PPC representation, the group includes the Community Link Officer from Cornwall Council, Cormac's Countryside Officer, Cllr Wilson, representatives from Friends of Par Beach,

Par Sands Holiday Park and other relevant organisations who attend as and when appropriate. There has been some discussion around the broadening the scope of the group to a wider range of stakeholders, including PL24 and St Andrew's Wetlands.

Making Space for Sand, a DEFRA funded Project continues its involvement with Par Sands, adopting and encouraging an ecosystem approach to dune management. On this note, considerable work has been carried out by Cormac for the mechanical removal and burial of invasive plant species. The scale of this work was not popular with many people within the local community and a public meeting was held to discuss this issue. Cornwall Council and Cormac have recognized that better communication is essential for future work.

The beach huts are destined to have a new future at Bude – Cornwall Council and Cormac should be providing advance notice of their removal date. The concrete plinths will remain – hopefully with some future funding for some furniture and signage in due course.

Anti-Social Behaviour and damage to the toilets continues to be discussed at every meeting. Annabel Lamy, an ASB caseworker has attended a number of meetings and recommends people continue to report incidents to the police to build up a record of events, reiterating that 999 was the correct option to call. Equality of access is an issue that needs further discussion, to include community members with direct experience of disabilities.

Water quality continues to be monitored by citizen scientists – with some concerns. Questions have been raised regarding storm overflows and sewage entering the Par River and impacting bathing water at the beach.

Cornwall Wildlife Trust has received funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to continue and implement the Tor to Shore project.

And finally, thanks to Par Sands Park who host the meetings whenever possible.

Deborah Hazeldean, Representative

25/151 Public Participation

A member of the public highlighted issues of Anti Social Behaviour in Par and particularly at the Community Garden. He explained that over the 10 or so years that the Garden has existed, there have been sporadic bouts of anti-social behaviour there, and there is a certain amount of littering which the Garden Team and members of the community have cleared up. However, in the past few months, there has been an escalation in severity including:

- damage to the furniture and fittings - benches, litter bin, guttering, table
- stones and drinks cans being thrown around and into the road
- bikes have been ridden over the raised beds
- taps on water tanks have been opened
- a den has been built using wood that was stored in an area behind a shed and screened by pallets that were fixed to the shed, and old carpet that had covered the compost heaps. One of the volunteers found that someone had defecated in the den.
- rowdy behaviour in the evening, with some individuals climbing onto the roof of a shelter and putting their bikes up there.

The police have been notified on repeated occasions, and have attended when neighbours have rung 999, most recently last Thursday. When the police

officers left the scene, I was told that the rowdy behaviour continued. There are now neighbours, including a 92-year-old living alone, who are kept awake but are afraid to contact the police in case they are targeted.

Our response so far has been to:

- log events that are reported to us
- report incidents to the police
- ask neighbours to keep a diary of anti-social behaviour they witness using the form on ourwatch.org.uk
- ask Kernow Youth to hold outreach sessions in the Garden and engage with the people there. Their first session seemed to be positively received by the young people, and they were invited to Monday sessions in the Fourways centre in St Blazey
- remove the den, benches and the broken table. We intend to put up a notice to state that this removal is temporary, and replacement of the benches will happen if there is no damage or poor behaviour and litter is put in bins over the next few weeks.
- inform the Cornwall councillor for the area, Ian Wilson
- talk to police officers who do surgeries at Par Track.

One member of the community has also talked to young people in the Garden on many occasions and has got to know some of them, to try to encourage them to look after the space that they do enjoy using.

These incidents have caused a great deal of upset locally, and we want to respond positively, but we are finding it difficult to see what else we can do to resolve this issue. This behaviour is not only at the Community Garden but in other places in the area. People are frightened as stones are being thrown, fires lit and, on one occasion, a pallet thrown into the road. The police are fully aware of the youngsters identities but seem unable to resolve the problem but something must be done.

Cllr Wilson responded that he was trying to arrange a meeting with the police and also involve Cornwall Council but had been unsuccessful to date. Cllr C Wildish offered to help with this and would liaise with Cllr Wilson and the representative of the Community Garden in respect of this.

A member of the public asked permission for volunteers to tidy up Well Street Wells. Members thanked the gentleman and gave their permission but requested that he liaise with the Parish Clerk in respect of siting a new seat.

Meeting Closed 7.21 pm