

DRAFT MINUTES

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Minutes of a Tywardreath and Par Parish Council Meeting held on 1st October 2026 at 7pm at the Methodist Church, Tywardreath

Present Cllrs C Wildish (Chairman), Cllr Hughes, Cllr Nicholls, Cllr Truscott, Cllr A Wildish, Cllr Wilson

In attendance The Parish Clerk, Sally Vincent
3 members of the public (1 part)

Ian Wilson made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed on to the Council by the Chairman

26/78 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr Hazeldean, Cllr Oxenham, Cllr Phillips, Cllr Rickard

26/79 Declaration of Interests

1. Pecuniary – None
2. Non Registerable – None
3. Dispensations – Cllr Hughes has been granted a dispensation by the Parish Clerk in any matters pertaining to allotments, effective until 2029.

26/80 Public Questions

A member of the public clarified that the community group was mostly interested in the Vine Place car park but would take the green space if necessary to secure the designation.

26/81 Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd September 2026

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr A Wildish and RESOLVED that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

26/82 Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda – *for report only*

None.

26/83 To receive and note any minutes from Parish Council Committees

Planning – noted
Finance – no report

26/84 Correspondence

Correspondence had been electronically circulated to members and was ‘left on the table’ for Councillors attention.

26/85 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Truscott, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £4,361.82 should be approved.

26/86 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

26/87 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives

Luxulyan Valley Partnership No report.

Par Beach Management Group No report

26/88 To receive the Cornwall Councillor's Report

Cllr Wilson had supplied the following report

Discussions have recently taken place with Cornwall Council, regarding the continuing problems around the careless use and discarding of Fishing Tackle and Line within the St Andrews Road Nature Reserve (Duck Pond). This has caused a noticeable increase recently in serious injury and fatalities amongst the wild fowl population (ducks, geese and swans) in the reserve. An estimated 30 birds have been injured this summer according to the 'Friends of St Andrews Road Nature Reserve.' The banning of fishing altogether, and/or the removal of pike from the pond has been discussed. I think it would be a great shame to have fishing banned altogether, as the Nature Reserve is a community asset that should be able to be enjoyed by all. I also would not like to see the pike removed from the pond if possible. However, if the anti-social behaviour of some anglers continues, together with the verbal abuse inflicted on those who complain of poor behaviour, Cornwall Council may have no choice other than to carry out one or both of these measures. Can I ask the community, especially anglers, to spread the word on the importance of good angling practices and respecting the wider environment.

I have received another complaint from a resident, stating that I haven't answered their Facebook message. I would like to make it clear that I do not use Facebook, so nobody will receive any reply from me using that method. The correct way to contact me in the first instance is via email. I do have a phone number, but this may not always be answered, as I may be in meetings or driving. My up-to-date contact details can be found on the Cornwall Council website.

I have signed up as a Cormac Volunteer with the specific aim to help keep our local War Memorials clean and tidy, and have emailed all the Parish's in order to help compile a list of Memorials in our division. I currently have two volunteers including myself, but welcome hearing from anybody interested in joining me. I also understand that there may be local people who periodically clean the monuments unofficially, and I certainly don't want to step on anybody's toes, but would welcome them to join me, such that they would be covered under Cormac's volunteer 3rd party insurance.

26/89 Neighbourhood Priorities Statement

The notes of the inaugural meeting held on 1st September had been circulated. Cllr C Wildish reported that the Steering Group would be meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the future. Cllr Hughes noted that a first draft of a NPS document had been circulated to the Steering Group and Councillors.

26/90 Par Beach Toilets

Arrangements to lease the open space in the building were ongoing. Cllr C Wildish would advertise the vacancy on social media.

26/91 Asset of Community Value

Cllr A Wildish had prepared and circulated a draft copy of the nomination form. This draft only referred to the car park area and not the green space and Cllr C Wildish queried if this was what the members wanted to achieve. Cllr Wilson stated that he did not think that Cornwall Council would split the car park area off. Cllr C Wildish proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that the application should cover all the Cornwall Council owned land at Vine Place. Any additional narrative concerning this should be sent to Cllr A Wildish as soon as possible and the Parish Clerk would then submit the final application to Cornwall Council, together with supporting letters from the community.

26/92 Notice of Conclusion of Audit

The Parish Clerk confirmed that BDO LLP had concluded the 2025/2026 audit and that she had placed a notice to that effect on the Parish Council notice boards and the website. Two items had been brought to the attention of the Council

1. Box 11 in the accounting statements was incorrectly answered as 'No.' The AGAR was returned for amendment and was appropriately amended. The accounting statements do not include any trust transactions.
2. The Parish Council should have regard to reserves when considering precept requirements.

26/93 St Andrews Road Finger Post

Deferred, see minute 26/63.

26/94 Parish Councillors Reports

Cllr A Wildish had attended the Cornwall Council Whole Society Resilience Conference on the 22nd September and gave the following report. The main topic of the meeting was about communications during an Emergency. Cornwall Amateur Radio Society was represented and gave a talk about the various methods of communicating during emergencies and particularly about a system called Mesh which is a low level method of texting using radio rather than relying on Telephony the cost is small and can be used by downloading an app onto your mobile phone which then effectively makes your phone a radio. I will do more research on this and give a recommendation later on. It is becoming apparent that Starlink, which was seen as the best way to go is about to become more expensive as they do not like customers keeping these phones on standby as this is not making the company much money so prices for having Starlink phones are about to go up. CB radio and UHF radios were all discussed but they are line of sight and black spots in the area would have to be checked and marked on a local map. Boscastle have an up and running Emergency Plan and have recently devised and sent out a leaflet to all their residents with links and what to do in an emergency with the leaflet being coloured red and green, the idea being in an emergency you can put the red part of your leaflet in your front window if you require assistance from the emergency services or the green side if you are OK and don't require assistance. This would work well in areas like the Par Triangle or in Tywardreath village, however in outlying areas this would not be so effective. I asked Boscastle Council for a copy of this leaflet which they

have sent me and I will pass this around to councillors to look at. There was also discussion about residents to have a grab bag to hand with important items needed if you have to evacuate in a hurry. I will endeavour to go through these lists and add it to the Emergency Plan and put a link on the leaflets so residents can view it. At this meeting there was also apparent that after this summer there does need to be a section of what to do in the event of wildfires, which I will be doing over the winter.

Cllr A Wildish had also attended a meeting about the footpath alongside the railway; the Cormac solution is to block off the original footpath where it meets the running track by the pump track and divert through Par Running Track to Moorland Road. He did point out that some people use the entrance for access so they can walk their dogs off lead in that area, and Cormac says that part will remain as it is. This solution is the cheapest way to upgrade the path using Mid Cornwall Metro funds; it is acknowledged that parts of the path will have to be redone because of the tree roots breaking up the present pathway. Cormac intends to put this to Cornwall Council, probably in January 2027, and once costed it will go to consultation when funding is found.

Cllr Hughes reported that he had received a complaint about the planters in Moorland Road being very untidy. The complainant understood that three Cllrs had assumed responsibility for maintenance there. The Parish Clerk confirmed that this was not the case; Cllr Rickard had tidied up the planters on a one-off basis and future maintenance had yet to be decided.

Cllr Hughes reported that there had been further vandalism at the Par Community Garden, sadly to the extent that the seating would unfortunately have to be removed.

Date of Next Meeting 4th November 2026

Meeting Closed 7.52pm