

SENNEN PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Cllr Alice Burt

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Minutes of the full council meeting of Sennen parish council at Sennen Churchtown Hall held on Wednesday 10th December 2025 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllr A Burt (chairman), Cllr K Hann, Cllr K Shannon, Cllr G Patterson-Beedle, Cllr J George and Cllr J Nicholas.
Clerk Jodie Ellis, Cornwall Cllr B Clemens and no members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** – were received from Cllr Puddiphatt and Cllr Collins.
2. **Acceptance of minutes** – The Minutes of the ordinary council meeting held on the 12th November 2025 were unanimously agreed and signed by the chairman.
3. **Declarations of interest for items on this agenda** – Cllr Shannon and Cllr Burt in item 11 Sennen Beach Toilets.
4. **To consider any applications for dispensations under section 33 of the localism act 2011** – none received.
5. **Public participation** – none.
6. **Chairman's comments** - Cllr Burt wished all a Merry Christmas.
7. **Councillors' questions and comments** - 24-hour notice in accordance with Standing Orders advisable
Cllrs thanked Cllr Burt for all her work in compiling the Sennen 2025 newsletter.
Cllr Shannon has asked the contractor to fit the new VAS this week in the village.
8. **Cornwall councillor's comments** – Cllr. Brian Clemens gave the following report: 'As some of you will no doubt have read in the press the Government have announced funding for local transport initiatives the South West Region, there have been conflicting reports of the exact amount that Cornwall will receive, as of yet we have not received the final amount but it is promising that action is finally being taken to bring the service level back to an acceptable level.
The transport for Cornwall team have been working extremely hard following the announcement that they are to look into the feasibility of running a bus franchise for the County and also the announcement that First Bus will withdraw all services from February 2026 has created a lot of work, as soon as I have anything to report on the progress I will notify the clerk and the Council will send out a social media post to keep you updated.
With regards devolution for Cornwall it would appear that the Government have taken on board the unique position and geographical challenges of combining Cornwall with its neighbours so a suggestion has been made that we may have a bespoke deal without a Mayor, as always the devil will be in the detail and there are constant meeting to try and get an acceptable deal for both sides to agree. The CAP highway scheme process has begun and EOI expressions are starting to come through, Andy Hoskin and myself have walked two proposals one at St Levan and one at St Just and we will speak with the clerks separately but both projects are acceptable to some extent and the fine detail will be explained with each project, as I said last month this is a three year scheme so feel free to set out more potential projects and get them ready for submission in the next two years. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your continued support over the last twelve months and to wish you all a happy festive season'. Homes England have shown an interest in working with Cornwall Council to provide much needed housing. In good news the CC pre-budget meeting today has confirmed the protection of our link officer and CAP's and the Community chest funds for next year remaining as they are this year.
9. **Planning:**
PA25/06822 - Stonechair Cottage Marias Lane Sennen Cove Penzance - Erection of external walling, terrace, covered ways and first floor extension. Cllrs noted that the application description of 'covered ways' was not in line with the application drawings as no covered ways are included. Cllrs RESOLVED to support the application whilst highlighting this inaccuracy of the description.
PA25/08736 - Little Cottage Old Coastguard Row Sennen Cove Penzance - Proposed extension of 2 brick chimney stacks. It was RESOLVED to support the application.
10. **Public rights of way** – the LMP contract details have yet to be received from CC. Once received clerk will work on the LMP tender documents and circulate for tenders.
Cllr Burt and Shannon left the room.
11. **Amenities Sennen Beach Toilets** – This council's solicitors have contacted the business owners in the Cove, and this has been acknowledged by their solicitors. The Side letter circulated to Cllrs was signed by Cllr Hann as acting chair for this item to allow the transfer of the toilets from Cornwall Council to the parish council to progress.
Cllr Burt and Shannon returned.
12. **Cemetery** – The headstone risk assessment report carried out by Mr Cowley was discussed and it was RESOLVED to ask him to carry out the remedial works highlighted in his report at the agreed fee of £600.00. It was RESOLVED to allow the clerk to attend the ICCM Training on the 31.03.25 online at a cost of £100.00.
13. **Clerk's report and correspondence** –
The Traffic Management course for Verge Works training (including Chapter 8) will be run at Scorrier on the 11.03.26 – Ian Watling is booked on.
The Christmas day road cones that are placed in the Cove to stop people parking were discussed and it was agreed to donate the cones to the RNLI, and they would distribute as necessary and would also have use for the cones at different times of the year as well.

- 14. Payments** - It was RESOLVED that the following payments be made and to donate the three new tables purchased from Office needs direct to Sennen Community Centre for the community.

HMRC – PAYE November 2025	£264.47
Source for Business – Sennen Toilets water – 02.10.25-03.11.25	£200.73
Keskeys Christmas Trees – village Christmas Tree	£200.00
Sennen Churchtown Hall – grant towards new Defibrillator for the outside of the hall	£300.00
Southwest Loos – balance for Portaloo’s less deposit paid of £756	£1512.00
Crystal clear – Toilet cleaning – 18/10/25-02/11/25	£813.29
ICCM – subscription to the institute of cemetery and crematorium management to the 31.03.26	£44.00
Jodie Ellis – Clerk Salary	£979.37
Jodie Ellis – Christmas Tree lights for the village Christmas Tree x 2 25m each	£217.96
ICT Connect – website monthly cost	£12.00
Office Needs Direct – 3 x space right rectangular folding tables 12 seats each	£3564.00
Ian Watling – Monthly checks, VAS, notice boards and binoculars	£75.00
Total	£8182.82

- 15. Financial report of the clerk** – It was RESOLVED to approve the budget monitoring statement as at 24.11.2025.
- 16. Budget 2026/2027** – The 2026/2027 Budget was discussed, and the expenditure was agreed with the amendment to the income to reduce the precept of £67,441 (2025/2026) by £3000 (in line with the grant donation reduction) to £64,441.
- 17. Precept 2026/2027** – It was RESOLVED that the 2026/2027 Precept would be £64,441.00.
- 18. Items for next month’s agenda** – none.
- 19. Time and date of the next meeting** – Wednesday 14th January 2026 at 7.00pm for the ordinary parish council.