

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 8th April 2026 at 7.00 pm.

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

It was RESOLVED that Cllr K Shannon would chair the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence** – were received from Cllr A Burt and Cllr R Puddiphatt.
2. **Acceptance of minutes** – The Minutes of the ordinary council meeting held on the 11th March 2026 were unanimously agreed and signed.
3. **Declarations of interest for items on this agenda** – Cllr Shannon in item 10 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 Shannon raised the issue of the roadside fence and bank around Buryas Bridge on the left-hand side as you head towards Penzance. The road has a sheer drop and with the fence now broken there is nothing to stop the cars. Where trees have fallen there is also issues with the roots and bank slipping onto the road. Cllr Clemens will raise with the Highways manager.
7. **Councillors' questions and comments** - 24-hour notice in accordance with Standing Orders advisable – Cllr Hann advised an email has been sent to SNAG members to arrange a date to meet up.
8. **Cornwall councillor's comments** – Cllr. Brian Clemens gave the following report: 'I will start my report this month with an update on the CIL funding applications received by the Council submissions received within the timescale amounted to £27.4 million and this as you can imagine has left the team with some difficult decisions as a result the initial offer for the CIL funding has been increased from seven hundred and fifty thousand pounds to two million pounds, which means that a total of 40 projects across the ten CAP areas will be invited to submit a full tender by the end of July 2026, disappointing for many but as I said initially this year was always going to difficult with no funding coming down from central Government that was not ring fenced.
I have also this week received the bus usage numbers for the 7 service between Sennen and St Just 82 operational days over 4 months with 491 passengers with the majority of passengers using a concessionary pass, which in turn means very little income for the service, this in turn means if the service is to run next winter the Council will have to add to the amount paid to Go Cornwall Bus to ensure an acceptable return.
On a more positive note, the 7 service was to end on the 2nd of April, but the provider has said they will run it until after the easter period and cease on the 17 of April instead also they intend to the 7 service in the school half terms and the summer holidays as they did last year. Continuing with the bus theme it has been decided by the Transport Portfolio Holder that he would like a cross-party working group involved with the bus operation in the county and I have been asked to represent the Independent Group on this panel.
The meeting of the CAP on the 1st of April will be my last as Chair as I have decided to step down and this time there will be no going back, having chaired the CAP previously the CNP since 2019 I feel it time for someone else to take up the batten and to that end I will be nominating my vice chair Jonny Wells at the AGM, he has been a pleasure to work with and is fully behind the CAP and the opportunities it can provide for local accountability and I have every confidence in his ability to deliver positive outcomes for members'. Cllr Clemens added that unfortunately the three abandoned vehicles have not yet been moved. The Final Local government finance settlement has been circulated to division members and in 2026/2027 urban councils will receive 32% more in Government funded spending power per head than rural councils. By 2028/2029 urban councils will see the government funded spending power rise by 20% for rural councils this will only rise by 2%.
The national planning consultation currently taking place will move more applications away from planning committees with no automatic member option to call an application to committee. Most applications will be determined at office level. After that it would be the Chief planning officer, officer for the application and chair of the committee who make the decision. Only those that the secretary of state allows will be called to committee.
9. **Planning:** no applications.
Cllr Shannon left.
10. **Amenities Sennen Beach Toilets** – An online meeting was held with the Clerk, Cllrs Collins, Hann and Puddiphatt the parish council solicitor, two representatives from Cornwall Council and the Business owners of the Cove and their solicitor. Options were discussed and there was a common ground for the same aim of ensuring the toilets

and carpark remains in Perpetuity. The business owners are meeting with their solicitors to run through an option that would be suitable for them which will then come back to the parish council's solicitor.

Cllr Shannon returned.

11.Cemetery – There are no issues to report.

12.Public rights of way – LMP 2026/2027 - Our grass cutting contractor T P Preddy has advised he can cut the paths when he is in the parish cutting the grass areas, the main path will only receive two cuts. The contractor has been asked to cut the main paths as short and wide as possible when they are cut. It was RESOLVED to accept the LMP contract.

Weed spraying – The weed spraying program of works from CC for Sennen has been circulated to Cllrs and it was agreed that this would be suitable for Sennen as the parish council can only opt out if they can justify weed removal through other methods, which currently the PC cannot.

13.Clerks Report

Savings Rates – a report of savings options has been circulated to Cllrs, and it was RESOLVED to set up a 6-month Fixed term savings account with Unity and transfer £80,000 to it.

The Telescope engineer visited on the 23.03.26 and met with Cllr Collins. The telescope has been touched up to see it through the summer months after which it will be removed and sent back to be repainted.

The asset register was confirmed as at 31.03.26, clerk will check with Cllr Puddiphatt if there is a small interpretation board still to go out.

Clerk Contract – It was RESOLVED to sign the clerk contract circulated with the agenda.

The 2025/2026 AGAR has been completed and will be passed to the Internal auditor this week.

14.Payments – It was RESOLVED that the following payments be authorised:

HMRC – month 12 PAYE	£264.47
Jodie Ellis – Clerk Salary, cloud backup, stationery and Norton antivirus	£1087.50
Cormac Solutions Ltd - traffic management for verge works	£132.00
Source for Business – Toilet water charges	£5.49
Sennen Community Centre – storage 01.01.26-01.06.26	£260.00
ICT Connect – Monthly website cost	£12.00
Total	£1761.46

15.Financial report of the clerk – It was RESOLVED to approve the budget monitoring statement as of 29.03.26 and the reserves as at 31.03.2026.

16.To confirm the following policies: It was RESOLVED to adopt the following policies: Standing Orders, Financial regulations, Code of Conduct, Risk Assessment 2026 and Internal Control policy 2026.

17.Items for next month's agenda

18.Time and date of the next meeting – Wednesday 13th May 2026 at 7.00pm for the annual and ordinary parish council meeting at Sennen Churchtown Hall.