

# SENNEN PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Cllr Alice Burt

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## Minutes of the Ordinary council meeting of Sennen parish council at Sennen Churchtown Hall held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

Cllr A Collins (vice-chairman), Cllr R Puddiphatt, Cllr G Patterson-Beedle, Cllr K Hann, Cllr K Shannon, Cllr J Nicholas and Cllr J George.

Clerk Jodie Ellis, Cornwall Cllr B Clemens and no members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr A Burt.
2. **Acceptance of minutes** – It was RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the annual council meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026.
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** – none.
7. **Councillors' questions and comments** - 24-hour notice in accordance with Standing Orders advisable – none.
8. **Cornwall councillor's comments** – Cllr. Brian Clemens gave the following written report: 'I will apologies in advance for the lengthy report this month but there is a lot happening and I think it important that you are kept up to date with the changes coming forward.

On Tuesday of last week I attended the Cap Chairs meeting which amongst other topics touched on the upcoming Government proposals for the way in which Local authorities engage with Town and Parish Council's this is known as the English Devolution Empowerment Act basically the act will require local authorities set out how they intend to maintain and enhance localism within the council as with everything this government suggest timescales and detail are vague at best but we are advised that further detail will be forthcoming in the summer, when the bill was first put forward the presumption was that the Area Committee Model would be used whereby Cornwall Councillors would be the vote holders and decision makers something I strongly oppose as I believe the Town and Parish Council's should be front and centre of every decision we make as with the CAP, many local authorities have nothing like the CAP and are contacting us to see how we manage localism and are looking to mirror the CAP system so as to comply with the new legislation, there are many things mentioned but nothing decided which is frustrating to say the least namely how the membership will be made up and how

the devolution of some functions may be handed to Parishes and if and how this will be funded or if the Parish will have to raise the precept to cover the cost. As of yet the council have no idea what role the CAP will play going forward but the way I and many of my CAP colleagues see it we have covered many of the requirements and simply by enhancing the CAP profile in line with any new legislation we could simply carry on with full Parish membership and vote and make decisions as we do now, of course we will be kept informed and I will relay any information as soon as I can. You will see I have attached a copy of the terms of reference for the new Bus Working Group that I am the Independent Group member on, the terms are self-explanatory and we will meet at regular intervals before anything goes to scrutiny or the cabinet who will remain the decision makers.

The Cabinet member for Adult Social Care as written to Government urging them to reconsider abolishing the Healthwatch organisation who are the best option for scrutiny of our health care system many of us feel this is a retrograde step as we would have nothing in place that compares with the work they do.

It has been mentioned to me that the no7 service between Sennen and St Just did not run over the half term this was due to urgent road works at Kelynack and was completed two days ahead of schedule which I imagine nobody will think to mention but I certainly did appreciate as little disruption as possible and would like to thank the Cormac team involved. Finally, I have been re-elected as Chair of the West Sub Planning Committee for another year and anticipate a raft of changes in the Autumn which will have a considerable impact on the way in which applications will be dealt with in future. A neighbourhood watch meeting should be taking place in July.

9. **Planning:** PA26/03624 Non-Material Amendment in relation to Decision Notice PA25/04252 dated 17th October 2025, namely, the re-siting of proposed building - Land East of Sewage Treatment Works Sennen Cornwall TR19 7AD - It was RESOLVED to support the application.

*Cllr Shannon left.*

**10.Amenities Sennen Beach Toilets** – Cllrs have all received and read the background information and options circulated from our solicitors. Cllr Collins gave an explanation of how the legal framework works for a ransom / nuisance strip. Cllr Collins has asked our solicitor about keeping a percentage of the ownership to cover concerns of future use. Cllr Puddiphatt gave a history on the toilets and previous meetings and outcomes. The land registry concerns from last month have been checked by our solicitor and he is confident they are correct and as they should be. Cllrs discussed the possibility of refurbishing the current building. It was agreed that the clerk would ask our solicitor to in principle ask if the business owners would be happy with option 5 for the freehold transfer to SPC from CC and then a freehold transfer to the business with a positive restrictive covenants, with SPC remaining ownership of a percentage of land and the agreement that suitable toilet provision is provided and car parking. That agreement being a lease back to the business or an agreement sitting alongside with de facto restrictive covenants (5 Cllrs in favor, 1 objected (RP)).

*Cllr Shannon returned.*

**11.Cemetery** – no issues to report.

**12.Public rights of way** – LMP Contractor 2026/2027 – clerk advised the current contractor was unable to get to the paths within the time frame, therefore it was RESOLVED to agree the new LMP contractor for 2026/2027 as Penrose Garden services. Costs from the new contractor have been circulated to cllrs.

SNAG – volunteers are hoping to arrange a working day in the next month to work on the Cornish hedge.

Marias Lane tarmacking – clerk has been chasing Cormac, but no date has been given as yet.

Pavement Weeds – clerk circulated costs for weed removal machines. Cllrs all agreed these were expensive and had issues with storage, cost and use. It was agreed that Cllrs would rather see the weeds removed by manual methods. Clerk would speak to Mr Watling or the LMP contractor to see if either would be willing to carry out the task using Manual methods.

### **13.Clerks Report**

Neighbourhood priorities statements – Cllrs discussed for Sennen and it was agreed that a NPS would be beneficial. Cllr K Hann kindly agreed to work on this.

Sennen Surfing Centre plastic free community – Cllrs discussed and agreed to the request to support the Phasing out the use of single use plastics altogether, to nominate Cllr K Shannon as a member of this council to sit on a steering group if needed and support Plastic free initiatives going forward. This will mainly be based on the beach with beach cleans and events that promote Sennen as a Plastic free community.

**14.Payments** - It was RESOLVED to authorise the following payments from the Unity account.

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| HMRC – PAYE Mth 2                                           | £264.47          |
| Jodie Ellis – Clerk Salary                                  | £979.37          |
| Source for Business – Toilet water                          | £316.32          |
| Ian Watling – Beach toilets repair cistern + monthly checks | £156.00          |
| Crystal Clear – Toilet Cleaning 02.05.26-29.05.26           | £994.31          |
| ICT Connect – Monthly website cost                          | £12.00           |
| T P Preddy – Cemetery cutting + grass cutting May 2026      | £504.00          |
| <b>Total</b>                                                | <b>£3,226.47</b> |

**15.Financial report of the clerk** – It was RESOLVED to Approve the financial reports including Budget monitoring report from Rialtas circulated to members.

**16.Grant Application:** Sennen Cove recreational centre - £500 request towards the rebuild. Cllrs discussed the application and felt that more information was required. Clerk will ask a representative to attend July's meeting.

**17.Items for next month's agenda** – none.

**18.Time and date of the next meeting** – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 7.00pm for the ordinary parish council meeting at Sennen Churchtown Hall.