

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 September 2025 at 7.00 pm.

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

Clerk Jodie Ellis, Cornwall Councillor B Clemens and three members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** – All Cllrs present.
2. **Acceptance of minutes** – The Minutes of the ordinary council meeting held on the 09th July 2025 were unanimously agreed and signed by the chairman.
3. **Declarations of interest for items on this agenda** – Cllr Shannon in Items 12 and 20 Sennen Beach Toilets. Cllr Burt in Item 20 lease of Sennen Beach toilets.
4. **To consider any applications for dispensations under section 33 of the localism act 2011** – none received.
5. **Public participation** – The applicant of PA25/05857 advised he can answer any questions on the application if there are any and to advise that the planning agent has incorrectly been recorded on the application as the applicant.
Helen from the YMCA updated Cllrs on their current project to build 4 new units in Penzance to go alongside the current 50 units to help homeless and vulnerable people aged between 16-24 years. To date the project has raised over £152,000 and it is hoped that one unit will be completed by January 2026.
It was RESOLVED to move item 16 Grant Application to Item 6 on the agenda.
6. **Grant Application** - YMCA – Cllrs discussed the application, and it was RESOLVED to award £500 to the project.
7. **Chairman's comments** - Cllr Burt welcomed all back after the summer break.
8. **Councillors' questions and comments** - 24-hour notice in accordance with Standing Orders advisable
Affordable Housing – Cllr George asked if the parish council could do anything to support and move forward the issue of lack of affordable housing in the parish. Cllrs discussed the issues and the small intake of children to the primary school this year due to families leaving the area because of lack of affordable housing. The call for sites by CC has identified a couple of sites. All Councillors agreed that the parish council supports the concept and would encourage landowners to contact the affordable housing team at Cornwall Council to discuss their options and site suitability. Clerk will also contact CC affordable housing team to see if anything else can be done.
9. **Cornwall councillor's comments** – Cllr. Brian Clemens gave the following report: 'I will start my report this month with an update from the Local Government office regarding local authority borrowing which in August reached £122.2 billion a rise of 7% on last year this equates to £1700 per UK resident, most of this borrowing was through the Public loans work Board a specific arm of the treasury which lends money for major works such as schools road improvement projects and other major infrastructure projects, the previously low rate of interest has increased since 2022 but is still cheaper than other lenders, this borrowing cannot be used for the day to day running of the authority except in special circumstances which must be approved by Government, this year 30 local Councils have been granted permission last year the figure was 19, more Councils are having to sell assets simply to provide services. While some of you may have heard that Cornwall is listed as twelfth on the list of high borrowing Councils it is a fact that reserves and the net value of assets are not shown on the balance sheet and as with many local authorities yes we have a debt but it is a managed debt that can be covered, the 151 officer and the cabinet continue to check every line on the budget sheet to ensure we continue to be on track. With government support for local Councils now running at close to £10 billion per year no doubt there will be cuts that are not popular, but needs must. On a positive note, some savings are already being achieved with contracts coming up for renewal there is a new tendering process in place that is bringing savings to the Council.
I have spoken with Andy Hoskin having received numerous complaints regarding speeding on Cove Hill the outcome was that Andy has retrieved the recorded figures for the last period and the average from the roundabout to Marias Lane was 22 miles per hour and from Marias Lane to the bottom of the hill was 16.2 miles per hour, with regards the parking on pavements in the Cove I have asked that enforcement provide extra patrols, if possible, especially if the crew need to get to the Lifeboat station.
The police and Crime Commissioner has made funding available to both the Council and the neighbourhood Policing team at Penzance to carry out safety patrols at primary schools and Sennen along with other schools in the area will be included in the list this is a joint venture following concerns raised by officers and staff alike.
With regards the situation with Busse following the withdrawal of the coaster service I have had a meeting Cllr Dan Rogerson the portfolio Holder for transport and took the opportunity to forward an electronic version of the survey compiled by Emilly Cantrill, this I feel will give all the information from members perspective not just that of officers and the Bus operators something I feel is important. He has agreed to attend the CAP meeting on the 1st of October virtually and give an update on any progress made with Government around the issue of rural transport and effects on residents many of whom rely entirely on public transport being fit for purpose.

Cllr Clemens advised that there is the possibility of funding from the Peninsula transport, which could help replace the Number 7 bus route which has been discontinued. A funding application could be submitted on behalf of Sennen, St Levan and St Just parish councils for a twice a day service 5 days a week, Tuesday to Saturday from Trethewey to Sennen Cove, Morvah, St Just and back by a local taxi firm. All Cllrs RESOLVED to allow the clerk to look into and submit a funding application for this.

10.Planning:

PA25/04252 - to note a no objection comment was submitted to CC planning.

PA25/05124 - Creagle Cove Road Sennen Cove Penzance - Demolition and construction of replacement dwelling and associated works. It was RESOLVED to object to the application on the grounds that the planned dwelling is still overbearing for the area and the position on the crest of the hill will cause a loss of cherished views. It will result in a loss of privacy for neighbouring properties and the design and appearance is not in keeping with local vernacular. The property is too large for the plot and will cause a loss of light for neighbouring properties.

PA25/05857 - Island View Sennen Cornwall TR19 7AR - Extend into roof space to create additional accommodation supplementary to existing rearward first floor residential apartment. It was RESOLVED to support the application.

11.Public rights of way –

118/6/1 FP down to Nanjizel - Cormac are looking into the issues and will be adding it into their works program.

Stone chair Lane – the pavement weed issues were treated by CGS at the end of July and the tarmac reheated and rolled.

Cllrs thought the tarmac had not been reheated and rolled, clerk to contact CGS.

Roundels for Sennen infrastructure and Accessibility and improvement project – Cllr Puddiphatt will forward details to the clerk to be ordered.

Lengths man scheme – Cllr Burt read out the list of Lengths man scheme jobs and it was agreed that most items other than pavement weeding are covered by Ian Watling for the council. Clerk to look into the cost of the training to achieve a highways certificate to work along the roadside and then possibly asking Mr Watling if he would be interested in doing the highways jobs.

118/21/1 – Missing way marker signs have been requested through the West Cornwall Footpath association.

Enhanced LMP - 118/16/1 has been submitted to CC for a new surface.

12.Amenities Sennen Beach Toilets - Cllr Shannon left

The Portaloo's have now been removed.

Wall gate system – only one unit is currently working due to the cost to repair the broken one. The toilets will be closed for winter soon.

A new Drain chamber cover has been fitted today. *Cllr Shannon returned*

13.Cemetery –

Annual risk assessment –Cormac can carry out an annual inspection / topple test for £234.81+vat. Cllr Patterson-Beedle saw a Corserv worker in the Cemetery carrying out a test. Clerk to find out if the report has been carried out by Cormac already.

14. Clerk's report and correspondence –

Dogs on Beaches consultation – Cllrs noted the 10am-6pm ban for Sennen.

Sennen Gateway signs - Cllrs advised they have not been cleaned, clerk to contact Ian Watling.

15.Payments - It was RESOLVED that the following payments be made:

August: Source for Business – Toilet Water	£1006.33
Mark Ayotte – Fix wall gate issue at Sennen Beach Toilets	£102.00
Stevens and Nicholls- Replacement emergency alarm for Sennen Beach Toilets	£201.60
Sennen Community Centre – Storage facilities for 30.06.25-31.12.25	£260.00
CALC – Code of conduct training – Cllrs x 3	£90.00
Zurich Municipal – Insurance 2025/2026	£495.51
Cystal Clear – Toilet cleaning 19.07.25-25.07.25 Portaloo's & 18.06.25-25.07.25 Beach toilets	£1405.07
ICT Connect – Monthly website cost	£12.00
TP Tree Services Ltd-Footpath and Cemetery cutting	£1486.50
Jodie Ellis – Clerk Salary	£1063.61
HMRC- Paye / Tax/ NI	£297.23
Ian Watling - noticeboard, telescope and VAS sign inspection/maintenance visit for July 25	£75.00
August Total	£6494.85

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September Payments	
BDO – External Audit 2024/2025	£504.00
Truro and Penwith Academy trust – 2024/2025 annual maintenance contribution towards playground	£400.00
CGS – Stonechair lane repair work	£160.00
Crystal clear – Toilet cleaning 26.07.25-22.08.25	£3218.93
Cornwall ALC Limited – Code of conduct training – JG	£30.00
ICT – Connect Ltd – monthly website cost	£12.00
Jodie Ellis – Clerk Salary	£979.37
HMRC – PAYE	£264.47
T P Tree Services Ltd – Cemetery and footpath cutting	£504.00
Total	£6072.77

16. Financial report of the clerk – It was RESOLVED to approve the budget monitoring statement as at 01.09.2025

17. Items for next month's agenda – SNAG group, Bus funding, Newsletter and booking Portaloos for 2026.

18.Exclusion of the Press & Public – It was RESOLVED that in accordance with S.1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Press & Public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following business due its confidential nature.

19.Highways – Cllrs discussed the three quotes for a solar powered VAS sign for the new pole by the Spar shop. Quotes from Elan City, Swarco and RT Roadside were discussed. It was RESOLVED to accept the quote from Elan city of £2500 + vat and have the VAS delivered to Cllr Shannon.

Cllr Shannon and Cllr Clemens left.

20.Sennen Beach Toilets rebuild and transfer –

Building control drawings – it was RESOLVED to accept the quote for the building control drawings from Hurditch architecture of £5935 to allow the drawings to be created so that tenders can be sourced for the rebuild.

Cllr Burt left

Sennen Beach Side letter for Transfer - Cllrs discussed the letters and documents and agreed they would like more time to discuss in particular with new Cllrs and to also have a meeting with the solicitor acting on behalf of the PC.

Cllr Burt returned.

21.Time and date of the next meeting – Wednesday 8th October 2025 at 7.00pm for the ordinary parish council meeting at Sennen Churchtown Hall.