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Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Ponsanooth Parish Council held at Ponsanooth Hall, on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7.00pm

In attendance: Chairman Cllr M Ferris, Vice Chairman Cllr D Willcocks, Cllr M Beckett, Cllr H Davies, Cllr S Fitch, Cllr A Palmer, Cllr M Palmer, Cllr D Udy.

Also present: Emma James, Clerk; Cllr R Gripper, Cornwall Councillor, and 6 members of the public (3 until point mentioned)

**01/26 Chairmans Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**02/26 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Calyon and McGee-Harrison.

**03/26 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests**

Cllr Fitch declared that they might be seen to be pre-determined on the agenda item in relation to Save the Stag and would therefore abstain from any vote on the matter.

**04/26 Declarations of gifts and hospitality**

There were no declarations of gifts and hospitality.

**05/26 Public Participation**

There were no requests from the public to speak. Applicants for planning would be given leave to speak on those agenda items.

**06/26 Minutes**

The Chairman signed the minutes of the meetings of Full Council meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 as true and accurate record with the addition to minute 280/25 as follows:

"The Clerk pointed out that formal proposals cannot be made by any individual Councillor."

Proposed: Cllr Beckett      Seconded: Cllr Davies

**07/26 Report from Cornwall Councillor Ruth Gripper**

Councillor Gripper reported that the aftereffects of the storm had been her main preoccupation and asked to be advised of any ongoing issues. Her community chest still had a small amount of funds and the deadline for applications was the end of February 2026.



**08/26**

**PA25/06571 – Cosawes Barton – Construction of new parking area and domestic pathway**

The NDP Group noted that they understood the need for parking and could see the footprint avoided trees but felt this proposal wasn't a good design solution to the needs. The site sat in a green and verdant area just outside the village boundaries where there was a clear distinction between urban and rural character. The proposal would introduce a relatively large area of gravelled hardstanding and with the widening of the traditional field gate too would introduce an urbanising effect in a relatively rural setting. Further, the layout required users to park and then walk to the main building via a connecting path, and the logic for this was questioned as residents would likely prefer parking as close as possible to the main house. It was also noted the existing entrance was relatively wide enough for residents and could serve a parking area nearer to the house without the need for a large hardstanding and connecting pathway and gave rise to lesser impact.

The applicant discussed the application and advised the placement preserved trees and kept the character of the courtyard.

Following a discussion it was **RESOLVED** to support this application.

**09/26**

**PA25/09165 – Goonreeve Nurseries – Proposed demolition of existing agricultural building together with a section of the glasshouse, erection of a self-build dwelling in lieu of Class Q change of use (PA25/06947) and change of use of surrounding land to garden together with associated works**

The NDP Group commented that they accepted the principle of a new dwelling in the location and raised no overall objection but raised concerns that the choice of external materials may not be appropriate in this area. They noted that the location of the proposed house was not the same location as the Class Q conversion and so did not think that the Class Q decision represented a genuine 'fall back' position for this application, if that was what was inferred. However, the principle of a new dwelling just next door was taken into account. The low-level nature of the building would mean it would not be visible in wider viewpoints. In terms of design, they thought the extensive use of corrugated aluminium sheets may look a bit overbearing and wasn't in keeping with the design of the other more traditional looking houses in the area, however, it was accepted that the decision on that lay with the case officer. It was noted from the drawings that that building that was subject to the Class Q decision was proposed to be demolished and recommended that the planning authority ensured that the removal was secured by planning conditions on any approval. Overall, recommended no objections.

It was **RESOLVED** to support the application in principle but that the parish council would like to see the new dwelling be in keeping with other dwellings in the area.

3 members of the public left the meeting at 7.47pm.

**10/26**

**Update on the Community Area Partnership**

There was nothing to update. The next meeting would be the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026.



**11/26 Website Upgrade**

Members received three quotes for a new website. It was **RESOLVED** to instruct Aubergine to provide the Council's new website. The website would be produced as soon as possible and funded by reserves. The reserves would be replenished from the 2026/2027 budget for a new website.

**12/26 Cornwall Council Consultation regarding Cornwall's bus services and agree a response**

The bus services for the area were discussed, and it was **RESOLVED** to put the following response to Cornwall Council:

What worked well? The U2 service.

What could be improved? A direct link to Truro that was more frequent.

What would make buses a better choice for your community? Improved frequency; services that have better connections with other bus and rail services; reduction in wait times between linked services; better consistency; and availability of printed timetables rather than just online access.

**13/26 Cornwall Council Consultation regarding PSPO Renewal (Alcohol Consumption in Public Places) and agree a response**

It was noted that there were currently no sites covered by the order in Ponsanooth. It was **RESOLVED** to request that Ponsanooth Playing Field be added to the areas covered by the order.

**14/26 Clerk's report – for information only**

The Clerk reported on updates from the December meeting. Members were also advised of damage to the Kemeneth Krowji building as a result of the recent storm and what actions had been taken as well as what was still outstanding.

**15/26 Flooding issues at Lower Treluswell and agree any future actions**

Cllr Gripper reported that the issues had originally been caused by a blocked culvert which had now been cleared. This culvert had been checked the previous week and was clear. The issue had been flagged with the Flood Forum and the Environment Agency for further action.

**Action:** Clerk would follow up with Highways, the Flood Forum and the Environment Agency.

**16/26 Finance Report and Budget Update 2025/26**

The bank reconciliation for December 2025 and the payment schedule for January 2026 were received and approved.

**17/26 Save the Stag**

An update was given on the events held in the Stag over the Christmas period and progress so far. Save the Stag has requested the Parish Council consider investing in the project.

There was a heated debate over the request for an investment and what amount may be suitable. A proposal of a £500 investment was made but there was no seconder. The item was deferred to the next meeting.

**18/26 Methodist Chapel**



The chapel had been withdrawn from the auction due to paperwork issues but would be going to auction again in February. It was noted that the chapel could not be donated to the village.

The application to register the chapel as an asset of community value had been resubmitted in December.

**19/26 Road Safety Working Group**

There was no update from the Road Safety Group. The next meeting would be at the end of January.

**20/26 NDP Group**

All comments from the consultation had been received. These were now being reviewed to decide if the NDP required any updates. There would hopefully be an update in February.

**21/26 Representations made to Ponsanooth Parish Councillors**

Following the storm, it was suggested that there should be a place in the village where people in need could congregate in similar circumstances. **Action:** to review the Cornwall Council Community Plan.

There was a tree down over Commons Lane. **Action:** Clerk to write to homeowner regarding the tree.

The meeting ended at 9.23pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_