

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STITHIANS PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 18th November 2025

Persons Present: Cllr Miss H Downing (Chairwoman), Cllr Mrs J Thomas, Cllr J Gill, Cllr Mrs J Taylor, Cllr Mrs V Nicholas, Cllr W. Oakley-Moore, Cllr Mrs C Sylvester, , and the Clerk.

Also Present: Mr B Piper (SEG) and Planning Agent from Collaborative Planning.

1. APOLOGIES :

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr P Blease, Cllr Mrs S Cotton and Cllr W Thomas

2. URGENT ITEMS:

The Chair advised that following items would be added under the relevant headings for discussion.

Football Club – Planning Letter Fee

Concern raised from resident regarding traffic speeds on New Road.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION:

None were received.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 21st October 2025.

RESOLVED: to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 21st October 2025 as a true record of the proceedings.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs J Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs J Taylor and carried unanimously.

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5. MATTERS ARISING:

Matters arising from the Council Meeting held on the 21st October 2025 and not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda.

No matters arising reported

The Chairwoman closed the meeting at 19:03hrs

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

6.1 Presentation from Collaborative Planning on Proposed ‘Veterans’ Housing Scheme in Longdowns.

The planning agent outlined the proposal for the scheme; they would be working with the ‘Lest We Forget’ organisation. The proposal was in the very early stages; development would prioritise veterans with a local connection.

Members were invited to ask questions.

*The Chairwoman thanked the agent for the presentation; the Meeting was opened at 19:18hrs.
19:18hrs The planning agent left the meeting*

7. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JOHN THOMAS

CCllr Thomas was not present, report had not been received.

8. STITHIANS ENERGY GROUP:

Brian Piper addressed the Members, his report, including his announcement that he was stepping down from SEG. Brian was thanked for his commitment to the group over the last 8 years, his hard work and dedication to the cause had ensured that climate change remained high on the agenda in the parish.

9. PLANNING

9.1. *Notification of Planning Decisions Received:*

PA25/04852 – APPROVED – Land East of Little Acre, Tresevern Croft, Goonlaze – Erection of two detached dwellings. (*Stithians Parish Council supported*)

PA2525/04931 – APPROVED – Little Seaureaugh, Stithians – Demolition of existing garage and storage and replace and extend to provide garage/workshop, log store/storage, WC and mower shed on ground floor and to add storage space to first floor (All of the proposed is for domestic use) (*Stithians Parish Council supported*)

9.2 *To note Planning Decisions Received after publication of Agenda*

None

9.3 *To consider Planning Applications received.*

9.3(a) **PA25/07798 Land Adj to Little Acre, Tresevern Croft, Goonlaze** – Application for Permission in Principle: Erection of two dwellings (minimum 2. Maximum 2)

RESOLVED to Not Support the proposal. The Council's reasons for objection are as follows:

Increased Traffic on the Access Lane: The proposed development is expected to lead to an increase in vehicle movements along the existing access lane. This lane is narrow, Council is concerned about the safety implications for existing residents, pedestrians, and other road users, as well as the potential for conflict between vehicles due to restricted passing opportunities.

Cumulative Impact of Additional Properties in the Hamlet: The Council notes that approval has already been given for further development within the hamlet. The cumulative impact of continued expansion is considered unsustainable and contrary to the intention of maintaining the hamlet's rural identity.

Pressure on Poor Existing Drainage Infrastructure: Residents in the area already experience issues with foul water and surface water drainage. The current infrastructure is known to be substandard, with reports of regular capacity problems. The Council is concerned that any additional dwelling(s) would place further strain on an already inadequate system, increasing the likelihood of further failures and detriment to residential amenity and the local environment.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs J Thomas seconded by Cllr W Oakley-Moore

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9.4 *To consider Planning Applications received after the publication of the agenda.*

None Received

10 CLERK /RFO's Reports

10.1 *Council's Current Financial Position*

The Clerk / RFO presented her report a copy of which is attached to these Minutes.

RESOLVED to agree the financial position as of 31st October 2025.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs J Thomas seconded by Cllr J Gill and carried unanimously.

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10.2 *Report on Budget for 2026/27*

The Clerk presented her report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

RESOLVED that:

The 2026 / 27 Budget is accepted

That the PRECEPT be submitted to Cornwall Council for the amount of £104,185.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs C Sylvester seconded by Cllr Mrs J Taylor and carried unanimously.

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10.3 *Authorising of Payments, to include invoices received after publication of the agenda and regular payments / direct debits for November 2025.*

RESOLVED: to authorise the payment of all invoices received & regular payments due for the period 23rd October to 19th November 2025 Voucher No's: 140 – 157 and additional payments No's:154 – 157 , total: £7,414.37(net).

Proposed by Cllr Mrs C Sylvester seconded by Cllr J Gill and carried unanimously.

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- 10.4 To consider the quote from Mr Zipwire for the annual service of the Zipwire to maintain warranty.
RESOLVED to accept the quote for the amount of £400, from Mr Zipwire for the annual service of the Zipwire.
Proposed by Cllr Ms H Downing seconded by Cllr Mrs C Sylvester.
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11 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

- 11.1 *Notes from the EMC Meeting held on Tuesday 11th November 2025*

RESOLVED:

1. To agree content, actions and associated expenditure detailed in notes.
2. That the previous agreement to allow the BMX track to be amended by the 'riders' be cancelled. Cllr T Smith to be asked to look at the design of the track and improvements wanted. Notice to be published on Facebook page.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs J Taylor seconded by Cllr Mrs C Sylvester and carried unanimously.

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- 11.2 *Footpaths, Highways and Environment*

Cllr W Oakley-Moore gave a verbal report to the Members.

RESOLVED that

1. Cllr W Oakley-Moore will discuss the issue of 'dogs being allowed to run off leads' at Trelusback with the landowner. The Clerk to contact the Open Spaces society for advice. Cllr Oakley-Moore to contact Countryside Access. Investigate signage options.
2. Footpath 11 – Long standing issue with 'German Shepherd' type dogs running loose in farmyard blocking access to footpath. The Clerk to investigate legal options.
3. Footpath 11 – alternate routes – possible DMMO application?

Proposed by Cllr W Oakley-Moore seconded by Cllr J Gill and carried unanimously.

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- 11.3 *Reports on Parish Footpath Walks completed on Sunday 2nd November.*

1. **RESOLVED** that a budget of £500, (from Enhanced LMP & Finger Post Reserves) be allocated for the purchase of stakes / posts / way markers to carry out improved signage on footpaths. The Clerk have delegated responsibility to order the resources required.
2. Quotes for works to stiles be sought.
3. Next walk to be arranged for January / February 2026.

Proposed by Cllr W Oakley-Moore seconded by Cllr Mrs J Thomas and carried unanimously.

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- 11.4 *Community Highways Improvement Plan – to consider possible improvements for submission of EOI.*

RESOLVED that the submission be 'To Address Matters Relating to Pedestrian & Road Safety'

Proposed by Cllr Mrs C Sylvester seconded by Cllr J Gill and carried unanimously.

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12. PLAYING FIELD

- 12.1 *Report from the Albert Collins Community Hub sub-committee.*

RESOLVED that the proposal from Marraum to engage their services for the next phase of the project be agreed in principle, with the proviso that this will be on hold until the 'village green status has been resolved.

: Proposed by Cllr Mrs J Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs J Taylor and carried unanimously.

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- 12.2 Report on Application to deregister the Playing Field as a Village Green and authorise payment of fee for £4,900

RESOLVED to authorise the Clerk to complete the de-registration process, to include allocation of Crelow Fields Amenity Area as alternative space and authorise the payment of £4,900.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs J Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs J Taylor and carried unanimously.

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13. The Stithians Times

The first edition had been well received.

Cllr J Gill briefed the Members on the current position; Members were assured that sufficient advertising revenue would be forthcoming to allow the next edition to go ahead. Consideration will also be given to on line editions being available in the future.

For final review at the December Meeting.

14. Stithians Christmas Lights

Cllr Mrs C Sylvester advised the Members that the Insurance renewal had been received: the cost being £399.

RESOLVED that the Insurance Renewal premium of £399 is authorised for payment.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs J Taylor seconded by Cllr J Gill and carried unanimously.

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15. URGENT ITEMS

Request from Stithians Football Club for assistance with their application to Cornwall Council Planning Dept for letter confirming 'planning not required' status to support their grant application to the Football Foundation. Cost would be £250, to be recovered from the Football Club.

RESOLVED that the Clerk is authorised to assist with the application and payment of £250 is approved to be reimbursed by the football club.

PROPOSED BY Cllr Mrs J Thomas seconded by Mrs C Sylvester and carried unanimously.

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Concerns raised by resident regarding speed of traffic joining New Road from South Road. Discussion ensued. Location to be included in the Highways Improvement Plan EOI if approved.

17. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

December Meeting:

Stithians Times Publication approval

January Meeting:

Tennis Court Fencing

19. Date of Next Meeting:

To confirm the date of the next meeting of the Council as **WEDNESDAY 10th December** at 7p.m in the Hendra Room of the Stithians Centre. For **Essential Business Only**.

The meeting Closed at 21:32 hrs.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

..... **Chairwoman**

Date: