

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STITHIANS PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Wednesday 14th January 2026

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

1. **APOLOGIES :**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr P Blease and Cllr Mrs S Cotton. The Chairwoman informed the Members that Cllr J Gill had resigned.
2. **URGENT ITEMS:**
The Chair advised that there were no Urgent Items for consideration.
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 10th December 2025.
RESOLVED: to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 10th December 2025 as a true record of the proceedings.
Proposed by Cllr Mrs J Taylor seconded by Cllr W Thomas.
MINUTE: 01/01/26
5. **MATTERS ARISING:**
Matters arising from the Council Meeting held on the 10th December 2025 and not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda.
No matters arising reported
6. **Public Participations:**
No members of the public were present.
7. **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JOHN THOMAS**
CCllr Thomas was not present, email report received. Members asked that concerns are formally reported to Cllr J Thomas regarding the lack of an Emergency Plan in response to the recent storms. Communication was challenging and information lacking. Many lessons to be learnt.
8. **PLANNING**
 - 8.1 *Notification of Planning Decisions Received:*
No planning decisions had been received.
 - 8.2 *To note Planning Decisions Received after publication of Agenda*
None
 - 8.3 *To consider Planning Applications received*
No planning applications had been received.
 - 8.4 *To consider Planning Applications received after the publication of the agenda.*
None Received
9. **CLERK /RFO's Reports**
 - 9.1 *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 December 2025.
Proposed by Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs J Thomas and carried unanimously.
MINUTE : 02/01/26

- 9.2 *Authorising of Payments, to include invoices received after publication of the agenda and regular payments / direct debits for January 2026.*
RESOLVED: to authorise the payment of all invoices received & regular payments due for the period 11th December 2025 to 14th January 2026 Voucher No's: 174 – 188 and additional payments No's:189 - 190 , total: £6,703.21 (net).
Proposed by Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs C Sylvester and carried unanimously.
MINUTE: 03/01/26
- 9.3 *To appoint additional Portfolio Holder for Finance*
RESOLVED that Cllr Mrs V Nicholas be appointed as additional Portfolio Holder for Finance, the Clerk to submit the necessary application to Lloyds Bank for access to the Bank Accounts.
Proposed By Cllr Mrs J Thomas seconded by Cllr W Thomas and carried unanimously.
MINUTE:04/01/2026
- 10 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**
- 10.1 *Notes from the EMC Meeting held on Tuesday 6th January 2026*
RESOLVED:
 1. **To agree content, actions and associated expenditure detailed in notes.**
 2. **That a Notice be prepared for publication on Facebook, encouraging users of the BMX track to come forward and discuss their proposals for the track. Also stating that the on-going unauthorised work to the track must cease immediately to ensure that riders are not put at undue risk.***Proposed by Cllr Mrs J Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs C Sylvester and carried unanimously.*
MINUTE: 05/01/26
- 10.2 *Footpaths, Highways and Environment*
 Cllr W Oakley-More was not present.
- 10.3 *Arrangements for the next Councillors PROW Walk.*
RESOLVED that this would take place on Saturday 7th February, starting 1:30p.m. Cllr Miss H Downing to draw up a list of PROW to be covered.
Proposed by Cllr Mrs J Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs J Taylor and carried unanimously.
MINUTE: 06/01/26
- 10.4 *Community Highways Improvement Plan – to confirm submission for EOI.*
RESOLVED that the final submission be 'To Address Matters Relating to Pedestrian & Road Safety'
Proposed by Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs C Sylvester and carried unanimously.
MINUTE: 07/01/26
- 11. PLAYING FIELD**
- 11.1 *Plans/Quotes for Tennis Court Fencing*
 Cllr W Thomas briefed the Members on progress to date. Only one quote received, this didn't include all the work discussed. Further quotes being sought.
 Content of the report was noted.
- 12. The Stithians Times**
 The Clerk informed the Members that the Jan/Feb edition had now gone to print, sufficient advertising revenue had been invoiced to cover the cost of printing. Meeting of the sub-committee to agree responsibilities and future timelines was being arranged for the end of January.
 The content of the report was noted.
- 13. Stithians Christmas Lights**
 Cllr Mrs C Sylvester advised the Members that this years Christmas Lights had been well received, whilst there had been a few minor glitches it had all gone well. The committee were thanked for their hard work and commitment.

14. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items for consideration.

15. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

Village Green Deregistration Application

16. Date of Next Meeting:

To confirm the date of the next meeting of the Council as Tuesday 17th February 2026 at 7p.m in the Hendra Room of the Stithians Centre.

The meeting Closed at 20:30 hrs.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

..... *H. Downey* Chairwoman

Date: *17-2-26*