

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STITHIANS PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Tuesday April 21st 2026

Persons Present: Cllr Miss H Downing (Chairwoman), Cllr Mrs J Thomas, Cllr W Oakley-Moore, Cllr Mrs S Cotton, Cllr W Thomas and the Clerk.

Also present: 7 Members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES :

Apologies were received and accepted from: Cllr Mrs C Sylvester, Cllr T Smith, Cllr Mrs J Taylor, Cllr Mrs V Nicholas and Cllr P Blease

2. URGENT ITEMS:

The Chairwoman informed the Members that there was one urgent item for consideration:

Request to consider action in relation to South West Water's performance by "Dowr Glan"

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION:

None were received.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Th March Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 17th March 2026.

RESOLVED: to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 17th March 2026 as a true record of the proceedings.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Cotton seconded by Cllr Mrs J Thomas and carried unanimously.

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5. MATTERS ARISING:

Matters arising from the Council Meeting held on the 17th March 2026 and not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda.

No matters arising reported.

6. Co-Option of Councillor:

The 2 applicants were invited to address the Members; they then left the meeting whilst the Council considered the applications.

RESOLVED that Denis Nightingale be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Cotton seconded by Cllr W Thomas

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The Chairwoman closed the meeting at 19:07hrs

7. Public Participation:

The Chairwoman agreed that those present could address the meeting at Agenda Item: 11.4

The chairwoman reopened the meeting at 19:08hrs.

8. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JOHN THOMAS

CCllr Thomas was not present.

9. PLANNING

9.1 Notification of Planning Decisions Received:

PA26/00479 – APPROVED - Ashley, Longdowns, Penryn – Retention of kitchen extension and conversion of garage with removal of garage door and installation of window.
(Stithians Parish Council Supported)

9.2 To note Planning Decisions Received after publication of Agenda

None received.

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9.3 To consider Planning Applications received.

9.3(a) **PA26/01849 – Tretheague Farm Tretheague, Stithians** – Lised Building Consent for the re-roofing of main farmhouse building.

RESOLVED to support this application.

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

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

PA26/02337 – Little Tresevern, Tresevern, Stithians – Erection of proposed stable barn building (including BNG enhancements).

RESOLVED: to support this application, however it notes that the plans do not include details of the location or provision of a dung heap. The Parish Council feels that this should be considered, the location should be identified and the siting should be in accordance with relevant environmental and agricultural guidance. In particular, careful consideration should be given to the potential environmental impact, including the risk of runoff affecting nearby land, watercourses, or drainage systems. It is requested that this is included as a condition should the application be approved.

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

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9.5 To consider response to Appeal Notifications

Appeal notifications received in relation to Little Menerdue, Rame Common Cross, Penryn.

RESOLVED that no further comments were to be added to the appeal process.

Proposed by Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs S Cotton.

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10 CLERK /RFO's Reports

10.1 Council's Current Financial Position

RESOLVED to agree the financial position as of 31st March 2026.

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

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10.1(a) End of Year Financial Report

RESOLVED that:

1. The final accounts for 2025/26 are received and approved.
2. The 2025/26 Interest received of £1,310.27 be transferred from the General Reserve to the Playing Field Development Reserve,
3. The remaining budget balance of £382.55 be transferred from the General Reserve to the Playing Field Development Reserve.

Proposed by Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs S Cotton and carried unanimously.

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10..2 Authorising of Payments, to include invoices received after publication of the agenda and regular payments / direct debits for April 2026..

RESOLVED: to authorise the payment of: Voucher No's : 234 – 236 (25/26) and 1 – 17. (26/27)

Total expenditure: £10,743.25 (net).

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

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11 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

11.1 Notes from the EMC Meeting held on Tuesday 14th April 2026

RESOLVED that

1. The actions and financial outlay of the report are agreed
2. That the Parish Council sign up to the CORMAC Volunteer Scheme and that the first session to be held on Saturday 23rd May, at the Crelow Fields Amenity Area.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs J Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs S Cotton and carried unanimously.

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- 11.2 *Report from Portfolio Holder on Footpaths, Highways and Environment*
No further reports.
- 11.3 *Report from Cornwall Council: Proposal for Weed Treatments throughout County / Parish*
The Clerk reported that an email had been received notifying Parishes that this had now been put on hold, pending a period of public consultation.
- 11.4 *Report from resident in relation to DMMO WCA584 – Kennal Farm for consideration*
Mr K Twigger addressed the Members to outline his proposal to offer an alternative route to that detailed in WCA 584 and the outline for a possible extinguishment order. He was requesting support in principle from the Parish Council.
RESOLVED to agree the permission in principle for:
 1. The proposed route for consideration for a diversion order and
 2. The proposal for a potential extinguishment order.*Proposed by Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs S Cotton.*
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Mr Twigger and 3 members of public left the meeting on conclusion of this item.
- 11.5 *Tregolls Common*
Cllr W Oakley-Moore addressed the Members in relation to Tregolls Common.
RESOLVED that the Clerk write formally to the landowner, to outline the concerns regarding the fence that is on Tregolls Common and request that it is removed.
Proposed by Cllr W Oakley Moore seconded by Cllr W Thomas.
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One member of public left the meeting on conclusion of this item.
- 11.5 *To set dates for 3rd Council Footpath Walk. -*
RESOLVED: that this will be held on Saturday 13th June, starting at 10:00hrs. Areas for walking to include: Polkanuggo and Longdowns.
Proposed by Cllr Miss H Downing seconded by Cllr Mrs J Thomas
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12. **Albert Collins Community Hub**
The Clerk informed the Members that no further correspondence has been received regarding the Village Green registration. She has requested an update on timescales but had no response to date. *The content of the report was noted.*
13. **Emergency Plan.**
Cllr Miss H Downing updated the Members on the Meeting held on the 12th April. The previously agreed actions were being worked through. *The Content of the report was noted.*
14. **Scarecrow Festival 2026**
The 2026 Stithians Festival is scheduled for the 4th & 5th July, the theme this year is 'Occupations'.
RESOLVED that:
The Stithians Parish Council representatives for the Scarecrow Festival 2026 are Cllr Miss H Downing and Cllr Mrs S Cotton.
That the beneficiary for the 50% share of profits on behalf of Stithians Parish Council is the Defibrillator Group.
Proposed by Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs J Thomas and carried unanimously.
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15. **The Stithians Times**
Cllr Mrs S Cotton briefed the Members on the current position, efforts continuing to engage editorial support. It is hoped that this will be in place in time for a My / June edition.
The content of the report was noted.

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16. **Star of Stithians Award 2026.**

Cllr Miss H Downing informed the Members that a total of 17 nominations had been received.

RESOLVED that: Phil Matthews is the recipient of the Star of Stithians Award 2026 and that the 3 runners up would be presented with a Certificate of Recognition.

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

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17. **URGENT ITEMS**

Communication received from Dowl Glan, group requesting that Parish Council consider the motion challenging South West Water's performance.

RESOLVED that Stithians Parish Council notes the systemic failure of South West Water to manage the sewage system in Cornwall. Despite record bills and government intervention, raw sewage continues to impact our environment and public health. It commits to

1. Declaring a vote of No Confidence in South West Water.

2. Signing the collective letter to the Secretary of State demanding the removal of South West Water's management through a Special Administration Order.

Proposed by Cllr D Nightingale seconded by Cllr W Thomas and carried unanimously.

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18. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.**

Litter picking.

19. **Date of Next Meeting:**

To confirm the date of the Annual Meeting as Tuesday 19th May at 7p.m in the Hendra Room, in the Stithians Centre, this will be followed by the Council Meeting at 7:30p.m.

The meeting Closed at 21:35hrs.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

..... *H. Downing* Chairwoman

Date: *19-5-26*