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

Persons Present: Cllr Miss H Downing, Cllr Mrs J Thomas, Cllr W Thomas, Cllr Mrs V Nicholas, Cllr Mrs J Taylor, Cllr D Nightingale, Cllr W Oakley-Moore Cllr T Smith, (from point noted) and the Clerk.

Also present: CCllr John Thomas and 1 member of public.

1. APOLOGIES :
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs C Sylvester.

2. URGENT ITEMS:
The Chairwoman informed the Members that there was one urgent item for consideration in relation to South West Water:

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION:
No declarations of interest or requests for dispensation received.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:
Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 16th of June 2026.
RESOLVED: to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 16th of June 2026 as a true record of the proceedings.
Proposed by Cllr Mrs J Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs V Nicholas and carried unanimously.
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5. MATTERS ARISING:
Matters arising from the Council Meeting held on the 16th of June 2026 and not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.
Clerk advised that the drafts of the GDPR / Data Protection & Complaints Policy would now be presented at the September meeting.
The application for PSPOs had been submitted, further information was required, which the Clerk was preparing.

The Chairwoman closed the meeting at 19:05hrs.
6. Public Participation:
The member of public present did not wish to address the meeting.
The chairwoman reopened the meeting at 19:06hrs.

7. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JOHN THOMAS
CCllr Thomas addressed the Members and briefed them on the following matters:
South West Water – requested an urgent update on the timescale for the previously advised programme of works at Foundry.
Cornwall Council had passed a motion of 'no confidence in South West Water.
Speed watch – first training session completed, have requested that Stithians have their own equipment.
19:11hrs – Cllr T Smith joined the meeting.

8. PLANNING
8.1 *Notification of Planning Decisions Received:*

PA26/02911 – APPROVED – 10 Gordons Close, Stithians – Conversion and extension of detached garage to form workshop and sunroom. *(Stithians Parish Council Supported)*

PA26/02712 – APPROVED – Pencoose Farm, Trebost Lane, Stithians – Construction of an agricultural building with the installation of a roof cover over an existing cattle feed yard.
(Stithians Parish Council Supported)

PA26/02337 – APPROVED – Little Tresevern, Tresevern, Stithians – Erection of proposed stable barn building (including BNG enhancements) (*Stithians Parish Council Supported)*

8.2 *To note Planning Decisions Received after publication of Agenda.*
No further applications had been received.

8.3 *To consider Planning Applications received.*

8.3(a) **PA26/03829 – Treweege Barton, Trewithen, Stithians** – Provision of an earth banked slurry lagoon to support existing dairy enterprise.

RESOLVED: to support this application subject to the following caveats:

- **The applicant should demonstrate that the proposed slurry lagoon has sufficient capacity to accommodate the anticipated volume of slurry generated by the holding and that the proposed 'earth banked' open design addresses the potential for rainwater egress.**
- **The Local Planning Authority should be satisfied that the proposal will not have an adverse impact on the surrounding environment, noting that the area to the south of the proposed lagoon is prone to flooding in adverse weather.**

Proposed by Cllr Mrs J Thomas seconded by Cllr W Oakley-Moore and carried unanimously.
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8.4 *To consider any Planning Applications received after the publication of the agenda.*
No further applications had been received.

8.5 *To agree protocol for dealing with Planning Applications during August*.
RESOLVED that in order for the applications to be considered at the September meeting, the Clerk request an extension of time for submission from the relevant planning officer. If an extension is not granted the following protocol is adopted:

1. **Non-contentious Applications: powers be delegated to the Planning Portfolio Holder, and one other Councillor, depending on availability, to prepare a response to Cornwall Council on behalf of the Parish Council, with their recommendations being reported to the September meeting of the Parish Council for ratification.**
2. **Contentious Applications: a suitable response be agreed by means of an email vote.**

Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Cotton seconded by Cllr W Oakley-Moore and carried unanimously.
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9. CLERK /RFO's Reports

9.1 *Council's Current Financial Position*
RESOLVED to agree the financial position as of 30th June 2026.
Proposed by Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs J Taylor and carried unanimously.
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9.2 *Authorising of Payments, to include invoices received after publication of the agenda and regular payments / direct debits for July & August 2026.*
RESOLVED: To authorise the:

1. **Payment of direct debits & invoices received for the period, 18th June to 22nd July 2026. Voucher No's: 41 – 57 Total: £7,780.23 (Net)**
2. **Regular payments and direct debits due for August 2026.**

Proposed by Cllr Mrs J Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs J Taylor and carried unanimously.
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20:05hrs CCllr J Thomas left the meeting.

9.3 *To consider request from Citizens Advice for donation.*
RESOLVED that decision regarding a donation is postponed, the Clerk to prepare an appropriate policy be prepared to deal with requests from organisations outside the Parish.
Proposed by Cllr W Oakley-Moore seconded by Cllr Mrs S Cotton and carried unanimously.
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9.4 *Parish Council Representation at the CALC EGM*
Resolved that Cllr Miss H Downing will represent the Council at the EGM scheduled for 23rd July at 10:00hrs. Voting rights on behalf of the Parish Council are authorised.
Proposed by Cllr Miss H downing seconded by Cllr W Thomas and carried unanimously.
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9.5 *Following the resignation of Cllr P Blease the following appointments / positions of responsibility to be allocated:*
RESOLVED that the following appointments / positions of responsibility are to be held by:

- **Vice Chairman – Cllr Mrs S Cotton**
- **Portfolio Holder for Planning – Cllr Mrs J Thomas**
- **EMC Meeting attendance – Cllr W Oakley-Moore**
- **Council Representative (with voting rights) Community Area Partnership – Cllr D Nightingale**
- **Council Representative (with voting rights) Mining Villages Regeneration Group (MVRG) – Cllr Mrs J Thomas**
- **Public Relations Officer / Social Media & Facebook – Cllr D Nightingale**
- **Council Representative at the Geothermal Plant Liaison Meetings – all Members to be invited and attendance confirmed in accordance with availability.**

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

10.1 Notes from the EMC Meeting held on Tuesday 14th July 2026
The content of the report and works / costs identified were noted.

10.2 *Report from Portfolio Holder* on *Footpaths, Highways and Environment*
No report received.

10.3 *Report from Portfolio Holder on Tregolls Common*
RESOLVED that no further action be pursued at this time regarding the removal of the barbed wire. That as a strategic objective or measurable benefit to the Parish Council has not been shown, it was considered that it would not be appropriate to commit further resources to the matter at this time.
Proposed by Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr D Nightingale.
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10.4 *Report on Speed Watch & Traffic Data from MSAS System.*
Clerk reported that the original speed camera had been interrogated, however there appeared to be an error within the memory. Reported to EVOLIS Update at September Meeting.
Content of the report was noted.

10.5 *Report on Litter Picking Event held on 27th June 2026.*
Cllr D Nightingale addressed the Members, the event had gone well, it was hoped to organise another session and encourage participation.
Content of the report was noted.

10.6 *Report on Councillor Footpath Walk and Works Identified*
RESOLVED that

a) **The Environmental Management Contractor be asked to buy and install the posts and waymarkers as detailed in the report.**
b) **The Clerk write to the Landowners/tenants of the land where paths are overgrown, or crops encroach on path to remind them of their obligations regarding footpaths.**
c) **Cornwall Council approached to enquire when signage on the new path will be installed and whether improvements to 231/17/5 could be made as this is now likely to have more frequent use as part of a circular walk.**

Proposed by Cllr H Downing seconded by Cllr W Thomas and carried unanimously.
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11. *Request from Hayle Town Council requesting action / support following recent traffic accidents on A30.*
RESOLVED to support this motion. The Clerk to notify Hayle Town Council and write to Perran Moon MP acknowledging situation and calling for action in relation to this matter.
Proposed by Cllr Miss H Downing seconded by Cllr W Thomas and carried unanimously.
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12. *Request from Football Club for permission to install temporary toilet facilities and consideration for the siting of a portacabin on the playing field to provide changing facilities*

RESOLVED that the

a. **Football club be allowed to install a Portaloo on the playing field for a 6-week trial period. To be sited by the pavilion, the facility to remain locked when not in use during matches, the football club to be responsible for the maintenance and cleaning of the facility.**
b. **Request to install a portacabin on to the sports field is denied.**

Proposed by Cllr W Thomas seconded by Cllr J Taylor and carried unanimously.
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13. *Consultant's Preliminary Report on Redesign of the Skateboard Park*
RESOLVED that Cllr T Smith contact the consultants to gain further information, to prepare a brief for September Meeting, to include funding opportunities, designs, and construction. To clarify consultants' charges for their services.
Proposed by Cllr D Nightingale seconded by Cllr Mrs J Taylor and carried unanimously.
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14. Scarecrow Festival 2026
Cllr Miss H Downing informed the Members that the weekend had gone well once again. The beneficiaries of this year's funds, Stithians Cricket Club and Defibrillator Group would each receive the sum of £671.06.
The content of the report was noted.

15. The Stithians Times
Cllr Mrs S Cotton updated the Members, a volunteer editor had been appointed, Nicola Von Wurzback, the working group had met and agreed timescale for publication. The next edition to be published in September.
RESOLVED that the content of the report and publication costs are approved.
Proposed by Cllr Mrs J Thomas seconded by Cllr Mrs V Nicholas and carried unanimously.
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21:40hrs the member of public present left the meeting,

16. URGENT ITEMS
South West Water
Cllr Mrs J Taylor addressed the Members to express her concerns regarding the lack of action for the planned work by South West Water in Foundry.
RESOLVED that the Clerk contact South West Water to express concerns regarding the lack of progress for the previously notified improvements at Foundry and request confirmation of start date.
Item to remain on Agenda until resolved.
Proposed by Cllr Mrs J Taylor seconded by Cllr T Smith and carried unanimously.
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17. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

Policies
CORMAC Volunteer Gardening Session
Lease Renewal due 2027 Sports Field

16. Date of Next Meeting:
To confirm the date of the next Council Meeting as Tuesday 15th September at 7p.m in the Hendra Room, in the Stithians Centre.

The meeting Closed at 21:50hrs.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

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Date: ……………………………………..

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