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REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER 2026 MEETING

AGENDA ITEM 11

Clerk's Report for Meeting on 17th November 2026

11.1 Council's Current Financial Position

Decision Required:

To note the Council's current financial position.

The Council's financial position as at 31st October 2026 are detailed in the attached appendices:

- Summary Report
- Bank Reconciliation as at 31st October 2026
- Reserves Balance

11.2 Authorisation of Payments for November 2026

DECISIONS REQUIRED:

To authorise the payment of invoices received, direct debits & regular payments due for the period: 18th October – 18th November 2026, Voucher No's: 102 – 114, total: £6,101.36 (Net)

REPORT:

The attached Payments Awaiting Authorisation Report dated 9th November 26 details all invoices received, or payments made since the meeting held on 17th October 2026. Vouchers 102 – 118 total amount payable: £6,165.03 (Net)

Explanatory Notes (where applicable

Voucher No	Details
103	Invoice from The Grower – this relates to the purchase of a Memorial Tree, funds donated from the family of V Kavanagh.
104 - 105	Details the Clerk's Salary & HMRC Payment for October 2026
106	Details the payment for the Environmental Maintenance Contract payable in 12 equal payments.

11.3 Draft Budget

1. **To agree the Budget for 2027/28**
2. **To agree the PRECEPT of £119,127.00 for submission to Cornwall Council for 2027/28**

As authorised at the October meeting, the final draft of the 27/28 Budget has been prepared, a copy is attached at Annex A. As there has been no further development on the proposed lease costs & rent for the playing field, the budget has been drawn up with the current position, as reported previously, should this change, any surplus funds will be transferred to the Albert Collins Community Hub Reserve.

The CPI figure applied, was confirmed for September as 3.5%, this has been applied to the EMC Contract cost.

Cornwall Council have not issued Precept documentation to date, residents' costs are based on 2026/27 data, the proposed precept of £119,127 would see a Band D property increase from £11.02 per month to £12.61. (documentation received cost £12.35)

11.4 Update on PSPO's Granted by Cornwall Council.

You may recall that at the June meeting it was resolved that the Clerk was to submit PSPO applications to Cornwall Council in relation to various Dog related activities (MINUTE: 14/06/26). As a result of this the following PSPOs have been granted;

Dog Exclusion Order: Stithians Playing Field, Fenced area, toddler park.

Dog Fouling Order – The fouling requirement applies generally to public land where the public have a right of access, so unlike some of the other dog control measures, it does not need a schedule listing individual locations. This is why there is no longer a list of specific sites attached to that Order.

Dogs on Leads The schedule has not yet been published.

Jane E Richards.
Clerk / RFO,
November 2026

Stithians Parish Council

Prepared by: _____ Date: _____

Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

Bank Reconciliation at 31/10/2026

	Cash in Hand 01/04/2026			149,270.47
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2026 - 31/10/2026			120,409.45
				269,679.92
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2026 - 31/10/2026			57,835.59
A	**Cash in Hand 31/10/2026** (per Cash Book)			**211,844.33**
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements			
	Petty Cash	31/10/2026	0.00	
	Lloyds Current Account (Treasurer:	31/10/2026	3,288.20	
	Lloyds Instant	31/10/2026	208,556.13	
				211,844.33
	Less unpresented payments			211,844.33
	Plus unpresented receipts			
B	**Adjusted Bank Balance**			**211,844.33**

A = B Checks out OK

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Reserves Balance
2026-2027

Reserve	OpeningBalance	Transfers	Spend	Receipts	CurrentBalance
Earmarked					
Playing Field Development	578.80	3,000.00			3,578.80
Tennis Court Fencing	11,016.27				11,016.27
Albert Collins Community Hub	65,230.26	23,692.82		993.35	89,916.43
Legacies	10,572.37				10,572.37
Community Fund	424.42				424.42
Institute Fund					0.00
Contested By-Election	4,145.00				4,145.00
Fingerposts	1,120.00				1,120.00
CIL Receipts	4,631.61			3,772.68	8,404.29
KCC Event 2023					0.00
Donations for Play Equipment A	460.37				460.37
Scarecrow Festival			1,342.12	1,343.10	0.98
Benches for Parish			490.00	490.00	0.00
Enhanced LMP	2,672.50		130.00		2,542.50
Stithians Football Club Pitch Mi	2,667.00				2,667.00
Pavilion Project CC Grant					0.00
Total Earmarked	**103,518.60**	**26,692.82**	**1,962.12**	**6,599.13**	**134,848.43**
TOTAL RESERVE	**103,518.60**	**26,692.82**	**1,962.12**	**6,599.13**	**134,848.43**
GENERAL FUND					76,995.90
TOTAL FUNDS					211,844.33

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PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Payment Ref.	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
102	Bus Shelter Repairs & Maintena	21/10/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	VISA DEBIT CARD	Bus Shelter Repairs	K Small & Son Ltd	S	34.90	6.98	41.88
103	Benches & Tables for Parish	05/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	BACS	Memorial Tree	The Grower	S	101.35	20.27	121.62
104	Clerks Salary NETT	05/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	BACS	Clerks Salary Nett	Clerk / RFO	X	1,706.44		1,706.44
104	Clerks Working from Home Allc	05/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	BACS	Clerks Salary Nett	Clerk / RFO	X	26.00		26.00
105	Clerks HMRC Employer	05/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	BACS	Clerks HMRC Payment	HMRC	X	257.41		257.41
105	Clerk HMRC Employee	05/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	BACS	Clerks HMRC Payment	HMRC	X	426.60		426.60
106	EMC Closed Churchyard Mainte	18/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	EMC Monthly Payr	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	115.82		115.82
106	EMC Crellow Fields Caretaking	18/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	EMC Monthly Payr	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	80.36		80.36
106	EMC Highway Verge Maintenar	18/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	EMC Monthly Payr	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	147.41		147.41
106	EMC Litter Clearance	18/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	EMC Monthly Payr	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	188.12		188.12
106	EMC Crellow Fields Grass Cutti	18/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	EMC Monthly Payr	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	93.42		93.42
106	EMC Cleaning of Notice Boards	18/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	EMC Monthly Payr	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	10.28		10.28
106	EMC Haverigg Cemetery Mainte	18/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	EMC Monthly Payr	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	63.17		63.17
106	EMC Lower Churchyard Mainter	18/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	EMC Monthly Payr	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	94.76		94.76
106	EMC Meadowside Cemetery Ma	18/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	EMC Monthly Payr	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	209.33		209.33
106	EMC Toilet Cleaning	18/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	EMC Monthly Payr	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	257.02		257.02
106	EMC Footpath Maintenance	18/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	EMC Monthly Payr	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	359.71		359.71
106	EMC Longdowns Bus Shelter Cl	18/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	EMC Monthly Payr	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	31.59		31.59
106	EMC Crellow Fields Hedge Trin	18/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	EMC Monthly Payr	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	36.85		36.85
106	EMC Maintenance of Speed Sig	18/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	EMC Monthly Payr	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	62.12		62.12
106	EMC Weed Treatment	18/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	EMC Monthly Payr	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	64.88		64.88
106	EMC Playing Field Grass Cutting	18/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	EMC Monthly Payr	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	539.76		539.76
106	EMC Playing Field Hedge Trimn	18/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	EMC Monthly Payr	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	52.64		52.64
106	EMC Playing Field Caretaker	18/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	EMC Monthly Payr	Environment Management Con	Tyrone Martin	X	779.14		779.14
107	Bank Charges	05/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	BACS	Bank Charges	Lloyds Bank	X	4.67		4.67
108	Toilet Repairs & Maintenance	05/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	BACS	Toilet Cleaning & Security	MacSalvors Ltd	S	18.87	3.77	22.64
109	Toilet Cleaning Materials	06/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	BACS	Toilet Cleaning & Security	MacSalvors Ltd	S	32.08	6.42	38.50
110	Toilet Cleaning Materials	06/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	BACS	General Maintenance	MacSalvors Ltd	S	5.79	1.16	6.95
111	Toilets - Electricty	04/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	Direct Debit	Electricity - Toilet (Wellness Hu	Corona Energy	Z	57.34		57.34
112	Admin Expenses	06/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	BACS	Printer Ink Cartridges	Amazon	S	144.46	28.89	173.35
113	Admin Expenses	06/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	BACS	Printer Paper	Amazon	S	17.32	3.46	20.78
114	Waste Collection	06/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	Direct Debit	Waste Collection	Suez	S	81.75	16.35	98.10
115	Toilet Repairs & Maintenance	05/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	VISA DEBIT CARD	CCTV Signs	Amazon	S	7.23	1.45	8.68
116	Toilet Repairs & Maintenance	05/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	VISA DEBIT CARD	CCTV Signs	Amazon	S	4.07	0.82	4.89
117	Toilet Repairs & Maintenance	04/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	VISA DEBIT CARD	Toilet Maintenance	Booker Ltd	X	49.28		49.28
118	Toilet Repairs & Maintenance	04/11/2026		Lloyds Current Accou	VISA DEBIT CARD	Toilet Maintenance	Booker Ltd	X	3.09		3.09

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INCOME

Draft Budget 2027/28

Code		2026/27	*Forecast 2026/27*	2027/28	Increase / Decrease	
	Precept	104,185.28	*104,185.28*		-104,185.28	
	CC LMP	4,300.00	*4,300.00*	4,400.00	100.00	
	CC Closed Churchyard Maintenance	700.00	*944.42*	965.00	265.00	Now includes Haverigg Cemetery
	Football Club	540.00	*540.00*	540.00	0.00	
	Tennis Court Fees	150.00	*120.00*	150.00	0.00	
	Bowling Club	275.00	*285.45*	295.00	20.00	Rent now increases in line with CPI
	PCC Churchyard Maintenance	550.00	*568.56*	575.00	25.00	
	Wayleaves	28.00	*29.45*	30.00	2.00	
	Cemetery Fees	3,500.00	*650.00*	3,000.00	-500.00	
	Bank Interest	1,000.00	*885.00*	900.00	-100.00	
	Wellness Hut Rent	1,800.00	*1,800.00*	1,800.00	0.00	
	Electricity Recharge - Wellness Hut	500.00	*452.00*	500.00	0.00	
	TOTAL	**117,528.28**		**13,155.00**		
	Income less Precept	13,343.00		13,155.00		
	Shortfall					

Stithians Parish Council

EXPENDITURE

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3.5%

Draft Budget 2026/27

Code		BUDGET 2026/27	*Forecast end 2026/27*	BUDGET 2027/28	Increase / Decrease	
Environment, Highways & Footpaths						
16	Meadowside Maintenance & Materials	250	125	250	**0**	
18	Meadowside NNDR	600	0	600	**0**	
19	Meadowside Water	100	95	100	**0**	
22	Toilets NNDR	400	0	400	**0**	
23	Toilets Electricity	500	620	600	**100**	Expenditure is recharged back to tennant
24	Toilets Water & Sewage	450	600	500	**50**	Increase in charges
26	Toilets Repair & Maintenance	300	250	300	**0**	
27	Village Green Status	0	0	0	**0**	
28	Emergency Plan	0	0	300	**300**	
30	Bus Shelter Repairs & Maintenance	200	1200	200	**0**	Repair to roof increased cost
36	Maintenance of Grit Bins	200	120	200	**0**	
90	General Maintenance	0	300	0	**0**	Works to War Memorial
91	Meadowside Cremation Plot Prep	120	0	120	**0**	
104	Toilet Cleaning / Litter clearance Material	300	0	0	**-300**	Now included in Toilets Repair & Maintenance
105	Maintenance of Notice Boards	100	0	100	**0**	
106	Maintenance of MSAS	100	25	100	**0**	
123	Waste Collection	1200	980	1200	**0**	
	Sub Total:	***4,820.00***	*4,315.00*	***4,970.00***	**150**	
Playing Field						
70	Water	300	*120*	150	-150	
71	General Maintenance	3000	*1200*	3000	**0**	
73	Lease from Glebe	600	*600*	10500	**9900**	Worse case scenario + solicitors fees for lease negotiations
74	Annual Safety Inspection	300	*253.5*	300	**0**	
75	Electricity for Footpath	750	*520*	600	**-150**	Electricity charges reduced.
80	Signage	200	*200*	200	**0**	
126	Repairs to Play Equipment	1000	*0*	1000	**0**	
	Sub Total	***6,150.00***	*2,893.50*	***15,750.00***	**9600**	

Staff Costs

45	Clerks Salary NETT	20450	*21500*	21250	**800**	Assumed Annual Increase of 3%
46	HMRC Employer	3789	*3088*	4000	**211**	
48	HMRC Employee	4950	*5118*	5300	**350**	
	Sub Total;	***29,189.00***	***29,706.00***	***30,550.00***	**1361**	
	Finance & Administration					
37	Community Grants	300	300	300	**0**	Includes donations for 25/26
39	Public Relations	100	0	100	**0**	
40	Spotlight / Stithians Times	250	250	0	**-250**	Annual Payment to The Stithians Times?
41	Website Maintenance	1200	1345	1500	**300**	
42	Cemetery Admin System	450	415	0	**-450**	Cancel subscription
43	Hall Hire	550	550	550	**0**	
50	Admin Expenses	600	800	600	**0**	Overspend due to purchase of replacement laptop
52	CALC / NALC Subscription	782	829	850	**68**	
53	SLCC Subscription	270	270	300	**30**	
54	ICCM Membership	120	110	120	**0**	
55	Data Protection Fee	50	47	50	**0**	
56	Internal Audit Fees	500	509	510	**10**	
57	External Audit Fees	460	420	460	**0**	
58	Chair's Allowance	100	100	100	**0**	
59	Subsistence & Travel	100	0	100	**0**	
60	Insurance	3100	3121	3200	**100**	
61	Training Staff & Councilors	300	140	300	**0**	
101	Scribe Accounting	700	677	700	**0**	
102	Fields In Trust Subscription	65	65	65	**0**	
117	Clerk Working from Home Allowance	312	312	312	**0**	
120	Postage	0			**0**	
122	MVRG Annual Subscription	100	100	100	**0**	
125	Open Spaces Subscription	45	45	45	**0**	
131	Bank Charges	70	60	70	**0**	
138	Donations (to organisations)	0	0	300	**300**	New for 26/27Spilt from Grants
	Sub Total:	***10,524.47***	10,464.62	***10,632.00***	108	
	Environment Maintenance Contract					
10	Verge Maintemance	1769	1769	1831	62	
11	Litter Picking	2257	2257	2336	79	
12	Haverigg Cemetery Maintenance	758	758	785	27	

13	Lower Churchyard Maintenance	1137	1137	1177	40
14	Closed Churchyard Maintenance	1390	1390	1438	49
15	Meadowside Cemetery Maintenance	2512	2512	2600	88
20	Toilet Cleaning	3084	3084	3192	108
25	Footpath Maintenance	4317	4317	4317	0 Figure will be confirmed once LMP Payment announced.
29	Cleaning Longdowns Bus Shelters	379	379	392	13
31	Crellow Fields Grass Cutting	1121	1121	1160	39
32	Crellow Fields Caretaking	964	964	998	34
33	Crellow Fields Hedge Trimming	442	442	458	15
34	Weed Treatment	779	779	806	27
35	Cleaning Notice Boards	123	123	128	4
66	Maintenance of MSAS	746	746	772	26
67	Playing Field Grass Cutting	6477	6477	6704	227
68	Playing Field Hedge Trimming	632	632	654	22
69	Playing Field Caretaker	9350	9350	9677	327
	Sub Total:	***38,236.70***	***38,236.70***	***39,424.38***	1,187.68
Playing Field Development Loan					
77	PWLB Loan 2	1,389.26	*1,389.26*	1389.26	
	Sub Total:	***1,389.26***	***1,389.26***	***1,389.26***	
Stithians Centre Development Loans					
79	PWLB Loan 4	1566.74	*1566.74*	1566.74	
	Sub Total:	***1,566.74***	***1,566.74***	***1,566.74***	
Allocation to EMRs					
44	Election Expenses	0	0	0	
112	Pavilion Replacement	22000	22000	25000	
95	Playing Field Development	3000	3000	3000	
	Tennis Court Fencing	0	0	0	
	Sub Total	***25,000.00***	***25,000.00***	***28,000.00***	
	Budget Expenditure Total:	**£ 116,876.17**	**£ 113,571.82**	**£ 132,282.38**	

2027/28

14.3%

2026/27 Precept		**£104,185**
Total Estimated Expenditure	**£**	**132,282**
LESS Other Income	£	13,155
PRECEPT Required	**£**	**119,127**
Shortfall	**£**	**-**

SUBMISSION TO CORNWALL COUNCIL

Total Est. Gross Expenditure	£	132,282.38		
Less Other Income	£	13,155.00		
Total Estimated Net Expenditure	£	119,127.38		
Amount from Balances	£	-		
PRECEPT REQUIRED	**£**	**119,127.38**	**£**	**14,942.10**

Council Tax Calculation (estimate based on 26/27 figures)

				Cost per month
2026/27 cost on Band D Property	£	132.18	£	11.02
2027/28 Cost per annum based on Band D P	£	151.06	£	12.59
Increase cost per month	£	1.57		

NOTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT CONTRACT PROGRESS MEETING –Tuesday 3rd November 2026

Decisions required:

1. **To agree content, actions and associated expenditure detailed in notes.**

Present: Cllr Mrs J Thomas, J. Richards – Clerk, T. Martin – EMC Contractor.

Apologies received from: Cllr Miss H Downing

	ITEM	ISSUE	Person Responsible	Action	UPDATES	
1	**Skateboard Park**	Routine cracks present	**T Martin**	Repairs completed. To continue to monitor		
2	**Playing Field**					
	Safety Surface	Cracked / Raised in areas		To consider replacing all damaged safety surface in play area.	06/03/26	1 quote received to date.
	Space Net	Operational issues reported to suppliers.	**J Richards**	To chase Sovereign and confirm inspection date.	03/11/26	Inspector on site, 3/11/26, Chairwoman & Clerk present. Ground movement evident, further remedial work to be completed. Work schedule & plan to be issued.
	Playing Field & Car Park Signs	Signs need updating	**J Richards**	To prepare draft signs for approval at October Meeting. To include sign for car park & zipwire		
	Broken / rotten fence in corner of playing field	Remove or replace	**T. Martin**	To remove the broken fence.	03/11/26	Work scheduled to be completed during November

	ITEM	ISSUE	Person Responsible	Action	UPDATES	
	Footpath by Tennis Court	Light not working	**T. Martin**	Bulb to be replaced		
	Big Metal Slide	Branches overhanging top of slide	**T. Martin**	To trim overhanging branches.		
	Cargo Net on old Monkey Bars	Moss growing under cargo net	**T. Martin**	To be cleared		
	Vertical Climbing Wall	Open joints around the new posts for the climbing wall	**T. martin**	To seal any open joints to stop water ingress.		
3	**Footpaths & Open Spaces**					
	Footpath 53 (Mill Lane)	Surface damaged Existing drainage blocked / overgrown	**J Richards**	Enhanced LMP approved.	03/11/26	Start delayed .
	Kennal Vale		**JR**	Gain Consulting – Requested Meeting to discuss possible Management Plan. Kennal Vale	03/11/26	Outcome of Meeting: • Public Consultation • On line questionnaire • Drop in sessions planned for Stithians & Ponsanooth
	Footpath Works from Councillor Walks	Various	**T Martin**	To carry out post repairs / installation & placing of Waymarkers as identified in reports	03/11/26	Work progressing

	ITEM	ISSUE	Person Responsible	Action	UPDATES	
4	**Bus Shelters**					
	Bus Shelter Opposite Spar	Roof collapsed	T. Martin	Quote accepted at October Full Council. Due to condition of roof, Additional fencing to be placed around shelter to prevent children climbing	03/11/26	Work scheduled for completion in November
5	Meadowside					
	Memorial Bench	Family of V. Kavanagh have asked to install bench in memory of Vivienne	J. Richards	To seek quote for bench to match existing Granite bench and continue to liaise with family.	03/11/26	Granite Bench & Tree ordered. Remainder of funds to be transferred to Playground Equipment fund.
	Patio Area	Requires cleaning	T. Martin	Area to be pressure washed		
6	Highways					
7.	Other Areas of Concern / General Maintenance					
	Cornish Cross Old Vicarage	Not easily accessible	J Richards	To research what can be done to ensure that this valuable historical asset remains accessible to all.	03/11/26	Letter / email sent to property owner & Historic England. Awaiting response.
	Toilets	Ongoing anti-social activity in and around toilet	T Martin	To place CCTV Camera & appropriate notice on road side of building		

NEXT EMC MEETING: Tuesday 5th January 2027, Hendra Room, Stithians Centre

AGENDA ITEM 12.3

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Speed Watch & Traffic Data from MSAS October

Decisions Required:

For Noting

REPORT:

MSAS Data for 1st October – 5th November 2026

Foundry:

Towards Village:

Speed mph	%	No of Vehicles
0 – 20	87.65%	16,008
20 – 30	11.93%	2,179
30 – 40	0.42%	77

Out of Village

Speed mph	%	No of Vehicles
0 – 20	83.87%	18,073
20 – 30	15.86%	3,418
30 – 40	0.26%	57
40 - 60	Too few to record as a %	1

1 vehicle recorded at 42 mph om 9th October at approx. 20:30hrs

J E Richards
Clerk / RFO
November 2026

AGENDA ITEM 13

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Update on relocation of Cornish Cross currently located in the Garden of the Old Vicarage

Decisions Required:

1. **To delegate responsibility to agreed Member(s) and Clerk to organise meeting and discuss further the proposal once response received from Historic England.**

REPORT:

As instructed the Clerk wrote to the occupier of the premises and Historic England to open discussion regarding the relocation of the Cornish Cross.

The resident has subsequently contacted the Council to confirm that they would be prepared to meet with the Council to discuss this further.

No response from Historic England to date.

J E Richards
Clerk / RFO
November 2026

AGENDA ITEM 13(a)

Additional Report in relation to The Cornish Cross.

Having received a response from Historic England it was apparent that this subject had been discussed as recent as 2020. Investigation of relevant Meeting Reports & Minutes recorded, the information found is copied below .

As there has been no change in the demand for access to this historic monument and the advice from Historic England is basically the same, I would recommend that the potential cost of moving this cross is not viable at this time and that the resolution made in October 2020 stands.

Resolution & Report from October 2020

Cornish Cross – The Old Vicarage:
The Clerk presented his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.
RESOLVED to note the information provided in the report on the Cornish Cross situated in the garden of 1 The Old Vicarage and to agree not to pursue the matter of moving it to the Churchyard at the present time but to publicise its existence on the "Memories of Stithians" Facebook page.
Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Watt and carried unanimously.
MINUTE 07/10/20

7.6 Cornish Cross – The Old Vicarage:
In July 2020, Cllrs Viv Kavanagh and Joy Thomas reported to me that they had been informed that the Cornish Cross in the garden of 1 The Old Vicarage may have been moved. Obviously, as it is a Scheduled Ancient Monument, this is something that cannot be done without the consent of Historic England.
This led to some discussion between the two Councillors and myself and we wondered, in view of the fact that it is out of public view, whether it should be moved to the churchyard because, before it was moved to the Old Vicarage, it was buried in the Churchyard. It has been located in its current position for at least 170 years and possibly longer.
I therefore "sounded out" Historic England (HE), the owner of 1 The Old Vicarage [redacted] and the Church. All were agreeable in principle but all involved fees and there would, of course, be a considerable amount of time and effort involved in effecting the move. There would also need to be certain professionals involved such as an archaeologist, stonemason and civil engineer (although I could undertake that role!).
It was then suggested that the church could be eliminated from the equation if the cross were to be sited in Meadowside Cemetery, but HE were against this, or anywhere other than in the churchyard, its previous location.
The Cross is accessible where it is, but it involves gaining access through the [redacted] garden, something which they do not prevent, in fact their Deeds state that there is a permissive access through their garden to the cross. It is, however, necessary to knock on their door to do so.
Having ascertained that there were likely to be several hoops through which to jump in order to move the cross, I approached Andrew Langdon, an expert on Cornish Crosses and an author of several books on the subject.
It was decided that a site meeting should be held to ascertain the current situation and this was held on 5th October 2020 and was attended by myself, Mr and Mrs [redacted], Andrew

Langdon, the Chairman (Cllr Phil Blease) and the Vice Chair and Environment Portfolio Holder (Cllr Joy Thomas).

The first thing that was established was the fact that the Cross had not been moved, its present position having been compared to pictures provided by myself and Andrew Langdon. It had, however, developed a considerable lean over the years and Mr Watkins has recently rectified that whilst maintaining it in its original position. Mr Watkins also confirmed that he was perfectly happy for anyone who so desired to access the cross and advised that whilst he had owned the property, only three people had asked to see it. It was clear at the meeting that Mr Watkins had great respect and a degree of affinity for the cross.

In view of the fact that few people have asked to visit it and that there would be considerable time, effort and expense involved in moving it when there were several other projects on the Council's wish list, the Chair, Vice-chair and I felt it wise, in view of Mr Langdon's advice to conclude that the Cross should stay where it is.

After the meeting, Mr Langdon informed us that, since the houses in the Old Vicarage were constructed, he had been contacted approximately 10 times about access to the cross and each time he had advised how it could be accessed. Clearly, in view of the number who had actually visited, many of those enquiries were not followed up. Mr Langdon also said that there were many crosses in Cornwall which were in private gardens, several of which had no access whatsoever.

The Chairman suggested that the cross could be featured on the "Memories of Stithians" Facebook page with details of how to gain access to it included.

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STITHIANS PARISH COUNCIL

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Decisions Required:

1. **To agree the points outlined below.**

REPORT: Resilience

I attended the CAP Resilience sub - committee on November 5. The theme was the need to be ready for winter storms by having a resilience parish plan which has been rehearsed. The St Day plan was quoted as a model – I found their most interesting part was councillors/volunteers being allocated areas of the parish for them to check on in an emergency.

We heard from National Grid that the number of outages for Storm Austen and Storm Goretti were about the same. But they had learned so much from Goretti and were much better prepared. 75 per cent of power was restored within 15 hours. They also have food trucks and battery packs which can be deployed in event of shortages.

I have read our plan which remains unfinished and would propose we do the following:

1) Finish the plan as soon as possible and rehearse it so we know how it works and are ready for winter storms.
2) We were advised to find a building which has a UPS or Uninterrupted Power Supply. I don't know of any such building in the parish and suggest we talk to The Stithians Centre to see if we can work together to ensure the Centre has uninterrupted electricity.
3) To create an emergency box containing such items as torches, batteries, digital radios. I am being sent a complete list of what it should contain. We would then have to decide where it should be stored.
4) Ensure communications to the world outside Stithians – a suggestion was made that we invest in a satellite phone or find a list of people using Starlink who would be happy to help. We also heard it is always worth trying to contact National Grid to report problems.
5) Ensure everyone is properly briefed and rehearsed and knows how to keep clear of danger like downed power lines.
6) Ensure our plan is circulated throughout the parish – adding to what has already been done in the Stithians Times.

Cllr D Nightingale
November 2026

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Decisions Required:

1. **To note report**

REPORT: Stithians Community Noticeboard - Facebook

Hard work from Claire and myself (up to half an hour each a day) seems to be bearing fruit. Only business posts applying to events in the parish or from parish based businesses are allowed to stay. This makes the page much more welcoming and easy to read. It also seems to be boosting readership with some posts being read by three or four thousand people.

Businesses are redirected to Stithians Business Noticeboard but if they keep posting they are banned.

I have removed two posts for swearing.

In my eagerness I have wrongly removed two posts. I have apologised.

Cllr D Nightingale
November 2026