

Minutes of the Meeting of St Ive Parish Council held on Monday, 13th April 2026 in the Millennium House, Pensilva at 7.00pm

1. Those Present. Cllrs. Steve Willis (Chairman), Patricia Steer, Rosemary Farley, James Bruce, Charlotte Whitehead, Vickie Bishop, Martin Corney, Marlene Carr, Nigel Libby.

Also attending: Mrs Jenny Hoskin (Parish Clerk), Cllr Jim Gale (Cornwall Council) and six members of the public.

2. Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Cllrs. A Moss, T Hodson, F Southcott and P Mann.

3. Councillors' Declarations of Interest. To receive and regrant Councillors requests for dispensations. Cllr Bruce declared an interest on any matters relating to the Pensilva Community Association, (PCA), the Millennium House staff and the Parish Pump magazine. Cllr Farley declared an interest on any matters relating to PCA.

4. Questions from Members of the Public. The Chairman invited the members of the public to address the council, if they so wished.

A member of the public raised his concerns regarding the Millennium House bar and function room, including the apparent lack of training for some bar staff, including changing barrels and gas, concerns regarding the cleanliness of glasses, staffing levels during busy periods, the bar not always opening for major sporting events or bank holidays, lack of external signage and public awareness and staff recruitment and retention, the siting and practicality of the pool table and possible concerns around 18th birthday parties and underage drinking brought into the building from outside

The Chairman thanked the member of the public for raising the issues and asked that the points be sent in by email so they could be passed on to the appropriate person dealing with building and bar operations.

A further public question was raised regarding the proposed or historic footpath link between St Ive and Pensilva, and the need for safer pedestrian access. It was noted that this remains under consideration through the Parks & Open Spaces committee and that such matters are slow-moving.

A public question was also raised about unsafe bench bases at St Ive Park, with concern that old concrete supports remain after the timber benches were removed. The Parks & Open Spaces committee to deal with this.

Further questions were raised regarding the Neighbourhood Development Plan and the Quarry Road development, particularly whether the Parish Council considers the route via Church Hill and associated roads to be safe, whether the NDP wording risks implying support for the development and whether any enquiries had been made regarding adoption and the maintenance of Quarry Road.

In response, Councillor stated that the Council has raised concerns regarding safety and increased traffic although the route as was regarded as unproblematic and concerns have already been submitted to Cornwall Council

It was confirmed that the NDP and live planning applications are separate matters, though the public understandably sees overlap. Alternative pedestrian route options are being explored where possible

It was also clarified that recent minutes now include questions from the public in summarised form, though names are not recorded.

5. Report from Cornwall Council, Cllr J Gale responded on current matters, including:

- ongoing discussions with planning officers regarding the Quarry Road development, including increased traffic, road safety, sewage concerns, and infrastructure pressures.
- the difficulty in opposing affordable housing developments where there is a demonstrated local housing need and limited five-year land supply
- that certain technical details of the Quarry Road development remain under review
- the likelihood that the previously proposed development on the opposite side of the road may re-emerge in due course

Cllr Gale also reported on wider Cornwall Council matters, including:

- funding for local highways schemes and recent successful bids in other parishes
- an update on the CIL / community project funding scheme, which received far more applications than expected
- pothole repairs across Cornwall, with some reduction in the backlog now reported
- the possibility of new pothole repair methods and equipment being considered
- scrutiny work around fire stations and historic PFI arrangements
- possible future changes to parking meter payment systems, with cash payment potentially being removed in favour of card or app-based payment
- continued concerns about adult social care provision and delayed support in the community
- the continuing Tamar Bridge consultation and its financial pressures

The Chairman thanked Cllr Gale for his report.

6. To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 9 March 2026. The minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2026 were approved and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Steer, seconded by Cllr Bruce and unanimously agreed noting a correction to the spelling of Keason.

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes. None.

8. Finance. Finance matters were acknowledged generally updated. Finance arrangements are continuing at present with support from councillors and the Clerk. Payroll is currently being managed by the Clerk.

9. Correspondence to Be Noted

Pensilva Junior Football Club. An email had been received regarding a request to place a portable cabin / portacabin at the junior football field, larger than the originally discussed container, and to carry out works to level and reseed part of the pitch boundary area.

Councillors raised concerns, including the exact size and nature of the structure, whether it would be static, whether utilities would be required, whether the school land / charity land / parish land position was fully understood and whether a site plan and clearer detail were needed. It was agreed that this matter should go to Parks & Open Spaces for further consideration, including a possible site meeting, and return to full council with fuller details.

Library Floor Covering. A complaint had been received from a resident regarding the condition of the floor covering in the library, including staining and cleanliness. This was noted for follow-up.

FOI / Information Request. It was reported that an information request relating to the NDP / planning matters had been received and responded to, including provision of relevant correspondence.

10. Reports from Committees and to Consider and Approve Any Recommendations

Parks & Open Spaces. It was reported that work was ongoing regarding a possible footpath link between St Ive and Pensilva, the committee is continuing to pursue accessibility improvements, including the wheelchair swing. Further requests are being sent to the company to inspect the skateboard ramp. New goalposts are ready to be installed at the St Ive recreation ground. Concerns had arisen regarding Cornwall Council's possible return to using glyphosate weedkiller but the consultation with parishes was currently on hold. The next Parks & Open Spaces meeting is scheduled for 24 April 2026.

Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group / Planning Committee. Cllr Steer reported that the formal consultation period had now ended. A meeting of the NDP working party would be held to consider the feedback.

Community Area Partnership Meeting. It was noted that the next meeting date was still to be confirmed. Attendance can also be online.

Finance Committee. Nothing to report.

11. Millennium House Having received a considered the details of a structural report of the building and options for repainting or re-cladding it was resolved to accept the recommendation to maintain, clean, repair, and repaint rather than strip and reclad. Cllr Bishop was thanked for obtaining this report and asked to relay the Council's appreciation to the surveyor who commissioned the report.

A further discussion took place around cleaning the lower wall surfaces, possible repainting / spraying options. It was resolved to obtain further quotations for re-painting and investigate funding sources for the work required.

Entrance Doors. The Clerk reported that a CIL expression of interest for funding application had not been accepted by Cornwall Council for improved disabled access.

CCTV Upgrade and ICO Registration. Cllr Bruce reported the current CCTV system is outdated and difficult to use, and that a newer system could be installed using equipment compatible with the existing network setup. It was suggested that a hard drive be added and newer network cameras be installed in stages. The total cost for the whole building should remain within an approximate budget of £2,000. PCA had offered to pay half the cost

It was also noted that the Council should be ICO registered in respect of CCTV use and this was to be done. It was agreed in principle to proceed with upgrading the CCTV system, starting in stages. Cllr Bruce to confirm proposed camera positions and implementation details. ICO registration to be progressed

It was proposed by Cllr Bruce, seconded by Cllr Corney and unanimously agreed the CCTV be upgraded, as above.

12. Parish Council Website – Rebuild or Replaced. Following a discussion about the current website and the meeting held between the Clerk and Cllr Corney it was noted that Cllr Bruce had now created Councillor email addresses specific to the Parish Council and a revised website design had been prepared to meet the Assentation 10 regulations. Options for moving to a hosted external website were discussed. Cllr Bruce confirmed the current WordPress-based website remains under council control and can be developed further and the key requirement was to allow for easier updating of council information and improved compliance.

Councillors agreed to continue with the current website platform rather than replacing it at this stage. Cllr Bruce and the Clerk will continue refining the site and update required content. Councillors to begin using their parish council email addresses.

13. Matters to Be Reported and Noted by the Clerk / Items for the Next Agenda. The following items were noted.

- concerns about the condition of pavements and parked cars in Pensilva
- whether a wider village accessibility or pavement review may be needed
- note of recent 20mph signage proposals / discussions in rural settlements
- continued concern about public access, safety, and local infrastructure

14. Vote of No Confidence in South West Water. Cllr Corney introduced a motion expressing no confidence in South West Water, citing repeated sewage discharges and environmental harm, including impacts on local watercourses. The proposed wording was read out in substance, calling for the Council to declare no confidence in South West Water, support for a collective letter to the Secretary of State and action regarding the management of the company

There was some discussion, including the view that the motion was largely symbolic, but members also expressed frustration about sewage infrastructure and lack of investment.

It was resolved the Parish Council had a vote no confidence in South West Water and support the collective action/letter. Proposed by Cllr Corney, seconded by Cllr Willis and unanimously agreed.

15. Date of the AGM and Next Full Council Meeting / Annual Parish Meeting It was confirmed that the AGM and next Full Council Meeting will be held on Monday 11 May 2026.

A discussion then took place regarding the Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed to hold an informal seminar to “meet your Councillors” with local organisations being invited to promote their businesses. A proposed date was set for Saturday, 30th May 2026 from 10.30am – 12.30pm with tea and biscuits to be provided.

16. Closed Session. The Clerk updated the Council on the recruitment of a Finance Officer with the closing date for applications being the 15th May 2026. There was a mutual agreement that the current member of staff on long term sick leave would not return to work ,and his employment would be terminated on the grounds of ill health. It was suggested a gift be purchased for this long-term staff member.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Dated:

Signed: