Minutes of the Meeting of St Ive Parish Council held in the Millennium House , Pensilva o Monday, 14th September 2026 at 7.15pm.

1.. Present: Cllrs. S Willis (Chairman), M Carr, C Whitehead, P Steer, N Libby, M Corney, T Hodson, F Southcott, R Farley, J Bruce.

Also attending: Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk)
Cllr J Gale (Cornwall Council)
Four members of the public.

2.. Apologies were received from Cllrs P Mann and V Bishop.

- Alan Moss resigned effective at the end of July; the Parish Clerk had received the letter that evening.
- The minutes from the parish council meeting on June 6th were approved.
- A discussion was held about new parish council email addresses. An email was previously sent with an incorrect address for Martin. The Parish Clerk's emails are currently locked, but they will chase up notification to Cornwall Council. It was requested that all new email addresses be tested.

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

- The NDP consultation has been extended until 10 August, with a stand planned at the Steam Fair on 1 August.
- The full 103-page NDP is considered too difficult for the public to read, so an 8-page summary is being used. Clear links to this summary are needed.
- The parish response rate is very low at approximately 0.4%, and more survey completions are urgently needed.
- The council will proceed with the full NDP to secure its legal weight in planning, despite reduced government funding.
- To increase participation, engagement efforts at the carnival will include paper forms, large-print copies, on-site assistance with laptops, and a raffle incentive (e.g., prosecco or vouchers) for survey completion. The goal is to get at least 30 more responses.

Millennium House Operations

- **Bar Pricing & Stock:** Drinks prices have been reviewed and updated on both tills. Soft drinks prices are static, but some beers and ciders have increased following local market research.
- **Screening of Football Matches:** Following suggestions from patrons, an agreement was made to show the England semi-final on the big screen. The Home Office has granted automatic extended hours for any further England matches, allowing the venue to stay open 30 minutes after the final whistle.
- **Relocation of Parish Office:** An informal idea was floated to move the parish office to the upstairs gallery to free up the ground-floor space for rent. The Parish Clerk expressed reluctance, citing security concerns (safe and sensitive documents), poor air

quality in the gallery, and the need for structural work. It was confirmed that any formal proposal must go through a publicly minuted committee meeting.

- **Building Maintenance:** Quotes for exterior painting are too high to cover the full scope. Only the metalwork/cladding is currently affordable; the woodwork and window frames are not. Tony Hicks has offered to do the lower cladding work. A cost summary will be circulated. Overgrown bushes at the front of the building also need to be addressed.
- **Tree Maintenance:** Marlene Carr reported a tree is ready for fruit picking and that many trees along the path are very thick.

Recreation Ground, Skate Ramp, and Local Events

- **Skate Ramp:** The old skate ramp needs to be removed. One option involves a person from the steam railway cutting it up. For a replacement, the council is considering a new ramp similar to one at St Anne's Chapel (£29,000). Dave Child from Groundchild is awaiting base dimensions to provide a quote.
- **Proposed Shade Structure:** Parents have requested shade in the play area and started a petition, expressing willingness to fundraise. A canopy or shelter was proposed as trees were dismissed due to root concerns. The Parks and Open Spaces committee will discuss the proposal on August 24th, 2026, though there is no budget.
- **"Pensilva's Got Talent":** Vickie Bishop proposed a talent evening for a Saturday near Christmas, with auditions starting around September. While some were enthusiastic, concerns were raised about poor attendance at past events. The group that previously ran the pantomime has disbanded.
- **Music Bingo:** The committee is considering hosting a music bingo night run by an external company, which is due to visit the venue to discuss logistics. The function room was suggested as a better venue than the sports hall due to acoustics.

Planning, Development, and Infrastructure

- **Planning Enforcement:** Cllr Gale is managing 8–9 enforcement cases, noting the process is complex and slow, especially when they become legal matters. An example at Cullyhugh involved a breach of planning where an appeal process is extending timelines.
- **Land South of Moy Trevethen Shoot Lane:** A planning application for two detached dwellings is awaiting a decision. A resident noted pre-existing drainage/overflow issues in the area that have been unaddressed for years. The Parish Clerk will review application documents.
- **Shute Lane:** Concerns were raised about a separate application for two new dwellings on Shute Lane, citing potential impacts on sewage, flooding, road safety, and bats. The Parish Clerk will check the planning portal for details.
- **Affordable Housing (Goldwood):** A proposal for 9–10 affordable houses in Goldwood is supported in principle, but with a strong warning that the development must not add to the already strained sewerage system.
- **Homes Cornwall Land Initiative:** The council has identified ~700 acres for social and affordable housing. Consultation is expected. It was noted that the council may not own land within the parish itself.

- **Park End/Peterman (?) Treatment Works:** A new treatment works is reportedly complete, but there are issues with residents being billed for it. A plan is in place to have residents refuse payment to trigger a legal challenge with a barrister.
- **Potholes and Road Resurfacing:** Cornwall's pothole count is down to 708 from over 6,000. The strategy is shifting from patching to full section resurfacing. Green markings locally may indicate upcoming works.

Public Services and Safety

- **Public Safety on Roads:** A member of the public reported a woman on a mobility scooter traveling dangerously near the curb on damaged road edges. Concerns were also raised about pedestrians walking with traffic, dogs on narrow roads, and damage caused by heavy lorries.
- **Go Bus Service Reliability:** Numerous issues were reported with the No. 78 bus, including failures to run, leaving elderly passengers stranded, overselling seats, and unsafe drop-off points. The service was described as "carnage." Cllr Gale is meeting with Go Bus to address these issues.
- **Cashless Car Parking:** Cornwall Council is moving car parks to cashless-only on 1 August to save on cash handling costs. Questions were raised about how those without smartphones will pay.
- **South West Water:** A motion of no confidence in South West Water leadership is scheduled for a full council vote, citing performance issues and executive bonuses. The parish previously supported a petition due to local sewage discharge at Golberdon Road.
- **Sewerage Incidents:** A specific case was detailed where a sewage spill contaminated a family's property and borehole, leading to a six-week displacement. South West Water's compensation offer of £4,000 was advised to be rejected.

Next Arrangements

- Form a committee to interview the applicant for the Project Officer position.
- Re-advertise the Financial Officer role on social media and local online groups.
- Arrange for the cutting and removal of the old skate ramp.
- The Parish Clerk to provide the base dimensions to Dave Child for a quote on a new skate ramp.
- The Parks and Open Spaces committee to discuss the shade shelter proposal at their meeting on August 24th, 2026.
- Set up NDP consultation stand at the Steam Fair on 1 August 2026, with laptops, volunteers, and simplified/large-print forms.
- Publish and prominently display a direct online link to the 8-page NDP summary.
- Implement a raffle incentive for survey completion at the fair.
- Parish Clerk to retrieve and share planning details for Shute Lane applications with concerned residents.

- Compile and send a parish summary of Go Bus issues to Cllr Jim Gale.
- Monitor and report sewage discharge at Golberdon(?) Road.
- Engage with Homes Cornwall consultation if any land within or bordering the parish is proposed.
- Support affected residents regarding Park End/Peterman billing and coordinate with legal counsel.
- Parish Clerk to review planning application for land south of Moy Trevethen Shoot Lane and share details.
- Vickie Bishop to circulate the exterior painting cost summary.
- Arrange for overgrown bushes at the front of Millennium House to be cut back.
- Vickie Bishop to coordinate the "Pensilva's Got Talent" evening, beginning advertisements around September 2026.
- Any formal proposal regarding relocation of the parish office must be placed on the agenda of a public committee meeting.
- The Parish Clerk to follow up on new council email address setup and notification to Cornwall Council.
- James Bruce to send the list of user emails and temporary passwords to the Parish Clerk for setup.