

## St Ive Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting of St Ive Parish Council held on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.00pm in the Millennium House, Pensilva.

**1.. Those Present.** Cllrs. S Willis (Chairman), P Mann, P Steer, R Farley, J Bruce, C Whitehead, V Bishop, M Corney, M Carr, N Libby, T Hodson.

Also attending. Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk), Cllr J Gale (Cornwall Council) and three members of the public.

**2. Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs. A Moss and F Southcott.

**3. Councillors Declarations of Interest. To receive and grant Councillors requests for dispensations.** Cllr Bruce declared an interest on any matters relation 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

A Member of the public raised concerns regarding the **Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)** and its apparent wording in relation to development sites, particularly the perceived preference for one site over the Amanda Way development.

Points raised included:

- concern that wording in supporting NDP documentation could be interpreted as endorsing a live planning application
- concern over possible inconsistency in comments about pedestrian access and highway safety
- concern that certain dangerous route sections had been omitted or downplayed

Council members clarified that:

- comments should be submitted formally through the **NDP consultation process**
- some of the wording referred to by the public appeared to be in supporting or background documents rather than the main draft NDP itself
- the NDP remains in draft form and is still subject to consultation and revision

A further public question was raised regarding **historic footpaths and rights of way** between St Ive and Pensilva, with concerns expressed that former routes had been lost or not properly recorded. This was discussed at length and referred for further consideration under a later agenda item.

## 5. Report from Cornwall Council, Cllr J Gale

Cllr Gale reported on the following matters:

- The recent **community project funding scheme** had received a much higher number of applications than expected, making awards uncertain.
- A proposed **one-way scheme at Wesley Road, Pensilva** had not been taken forward due to local objections.
- A revised planning application had recently been received by Cornwall Council and would be reviewed.
- There is currently a **Clean Cornwall** scheme through which equipment can be obtained for volunteer litter-picking.
- The **Tamar crossings consultation** remains open.
- Cornwall Council's budget has been approved with a **4.99% council tax increase**, but significant financial pressures remain. Cllr Gale expressed concern about Cornwall Council debt levels and ongoing cuts.
- Cornwall Council is currently repairing around **378 potholes per day**, but new reports continue to outpace repairs.
- Concerns remain around the **Keystone Estate sewage plant** and the position of residents affected.
- Enforcement action concerning a sign at **Scott's Houseman's Mine** had been resolved.
- The proposal to introduce **parking charges at local rural car parks**, including **Pensilva**, appears likely to be withdrawn following consultation and challenge.

Cllr Gale also undertook to **chase the planning officer** regarding the current development application and report back.

## 6. To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 9 February 2026

The minutes of the previous meeting were considered.

One point of clarification was raised regarding the ownership and replacement of tables at Millennium House.

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on **9 February 2026** be approved. Proposed by Cllr Mann, seconded by Cllr Steer and unanimously agreed by those who attended.

## 7. Matters Arising from the Minutes-

- **Item 11 Millennium House** - Risk assessments are being restarted from scratch, as previous work could not be relied upon.
- **Item 8** - Finance work remains ongoing with external support.

- A request had been received for the usual **annual contribution toward upkeep of the Methodist cemetery/churchyard area**. Members questioned whether this should continue given changes to ownership and use of the church building. It was agreed that further clarification should be sought before any decision is made.

## 8. Finance

a) **Authorisation of payments / payroll / direct debits.** It was proposed by Cllr Hodson, seconded by Cllr Carr and unanimously agreed payments be authorised.

## 9. Correspondence to Be Noted. Noted.

One email concerning the **website and compliance matters** was noted and taken forward under agenda item 12.

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

### Parks & Open Spaces

- Progress is ongoing in relation to improving **accessibility at the play park**, including the possibility of a disabled parking bay and improved wheelchair access.
- Discussion continued regarding **historic footpaths**, especially routes between St Ive and Pensilva. It was noted that evidence was required to support applications for reinstatement or modification of routes. It was agreed that **Parks & Open Spaces Committee** should take this matter forward and explore what can realistically be progressed.

**Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group / Planning Committee.** Cllr Steer gave an update on the first **consultation drop-in event**, which had taken place on the Saturday before the meeting. It was reported that:

- attendance had been modest but generally positive
- most attendees were supportive of the NDP overall
- concerns raised mainly related to development sites and how the draft might be interpreted in relation to current planning applications
- further consultation sessions are scheduled

It was also noted that the NDP process is still likely to take several more months, with referendum timing now more likely to be in the **autumn** of 2026.

**Community Area Partnership Meeting** Cllr Corney reported he continues to push for improved safety on the **A390**, especially dangerous bends and the Newbridge area

- **SmartWater** marking had been discussed as a crime-prevention tool
- the parish **Emergency Plan** needs updating
- the next meeting is on **4 June 2026**

**Finance Committee.** No date had yet been fixed, but it was reported that a meeting would be arranged.

**11. Millennium House Report: Options for Repainting / Re-cladding the Exterior. Entrance Doors** A lengthy discussion took place on options for the **exterior of Millennium House**, particularly repainting or recladding.

A quote of approximately **£19,000** had been obtained for repainting, including scaffolding

- rough material pricing had been obtained for timber cladding, though the full scope and underlying condition of the existing structure remain unclear
- Cllr Bishop offered the services of a local building surveyor who had offered to inspect the building and provide a written report on the condition of the structure of the building including the cladding.

**Resolved:** To defer any decision on repainting or recladding until a survey/report has been obtained.

The Clerk reported an expression of interest for CIL funding had been submitted in relation to the cladding and doors.

## **12. Parish Council Website and Compliance / Parish Councillor Email Addresses**

The Council discussed website compliance and governance requirements. It was noted that:

- each councillor should have a **parish council domain-based email address**
- the website needs to meet current compliance standards, including accessibility and governance requirements (Assertion 10)
- some of the issue is not the website platform itself, but outdated content and member information

It was confirmed that:

- Cllr Bruce will set up councillor email addresses, subject to access to the relevant control panel
- Cllr Corney will meet with Parish Clerk regarding website access and updates

The Clerk advised that compliance information had been obtained, including indicative setup costs for a new website, domain email and website compliance support.

## **13. Pensilva Car Park: CC Decision Not to Introduce Parking Charges. Devolution to Parish Council**

It was reported that Cornwall Council's consultation outcome currently indicates that parking charges will not be applied at Pensilva Car Park.

The Parish Council has already made an enquiry about the possible devolution of the car park to the Parish Council. This was currently a Cornwall Council asset and partly owned by the Village Hall.

Councillors indicated that if parking charges are dropped, there may be little benefit in pursuing devolution further at present.

#### **14. Matters to Be Reported and Noted by the Clerk / Items for the Next Agenda**

- New councillors Cllr Bishop and Cllr Whitehead asked about training opportunities
- Councillors were invited to send training requests to the Clerk
- Cllr Bruce indicated he had further matters but would send them separately for future consideration

#### **15. Date of Next Full Council Meeting** The next Full Council Meeting will be held on **Monday 13 April 2026.**

Members of the public and Cllr Gale left the meeting.

#### **16. Closed Session**

- An update was provided on the position of the Finance Officers health and employment position. John was due home soon, but it was considered unlikely that he will return to work. The Council noted that the position cannot be formally advertised until his position is confirmed. It was suggested that the situation be confirmed by the end of March 2026.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Dated:

Signed: