

Minutes of St Dominic Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 6 May 2026 at 7.00pm at St Dominick Parish Hall

Present: A Cox (Chair), G Brown, D Potter, J Wenmoth, G Wilkins, K Hughes, D Fry, S Clewes, D Hunn

Also in attendance: Cornwall Cllr A Long, AM Clark (Clerk), and 4 members of the public.

Item		Action by
1	<p>Apologies Cllr Brady submitted a written apology for absence to the Clerk.</p>	
2	<p>Public Participation and Council's Response The applicants were present to answer any questions regarding their planning application.</p>	
3	<p>Report from Cornwall Councillor Andrew Long C Cllr Long gave a detailed report and responded to items on the agenda. Cllr Long informed the Parish Council that a large number of planning applications are being submitted and that applications for substantial housing developments are likely to be approved. Callington Town Council are supporting the grass roots campaign to remove South West Water and return water to public ownership. Cllr Long informed the meeting that Cornwall Council had voted to suspend the use of glyphosate and to undertake a full consultation process. Regarding mining at Kit Hill, it was reported that the estimated value of the tungsten reserves alone is approximately \$1.9 billion. The site is also believed to contain some of the highest-quality tin deposits. It was confirmed that the development would not involve open-cast mining. It could have a very positive impact economically on the Callington area and surrounds. The planning application will be submitted this year.</p>	
4	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Interest in Agenda Items None b) Gifts to declare None. c) Written Dispensations requested None. 	
5	<p>Approval of Minutes It was proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Fry and agreed to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1 April 2026 as a true record of the meeting, with all in favour.</p>	
6	<p>Matters arising from Minutes None.</p>	
7	<p>Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Planning Applications Considered <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning applications PA26/02365 & PA26/02366 (linked applications) were considered together. The applications were approved subject to the car port entrance being turned to face the property. Proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Wenmoth, with all in favour. 2. PA26/00751 was considered and approved. Proposed by Cllr Wilkins, seconded by Cllr Potter, with all in favour. b) Planning Applications received after the publication of the agenda 	

	<p>1. PA26/02366 was considered with application PA26/02365 as linked (see above).</p> <p>2. PA26/02809 it was proposed by Cllr Wilkins, seconded by Cllr Hunn to consider the application in this meeting. Application was approved. Proposed by Cllr Wilkins, seconded by Cllr Hunn, with all in favour.</p> <p>c) Planning Decisions None.</p> <p>d) Planning Correspondence None.</p>	
8	<p>Footpaths</p> <p>a) The Countryside Officer has been contacted regarding Dilleys. Cllr Wilkins has requested a confirmed timescale for the works. The Clerk will follow up should no date be provided before the next meeting.</p> <p>b) An application has been submitted to add the lower footpath to the Definitive Map. Cllr Wilkins advised that the Parish Council is believed to retain responsibility for the path until responsibility is formally transferred to Cornwall Council.</p> <p>c) Signage between Coombe Park and West Brendon has now been completed.</p> <p>d) Signage for the Heritage Trail has been installed. Cllr Wilkins reported that a number of posts are deteriorating and rotting.</p> <p>e) Cllr Wilkins will submit an application to amend the Definitive Map in order to resolve the Radland Mill mapping issue. Work is ongoing to establish the identity of the landowner. An update will be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p>f) The Countryside Officer has been contacted regarding a fencing obstruction on the path north-west of Brendon. The Countryside Officer has advised that there are ongoing issues with the landowner. Item to remain on the agenda.</p>	<p>Cllr Wilkins</p> <p>Cllr Wilkins</p> <p>Cllr Wilkins Cllr Wilkins</p>
9	<p>Highway Matters</p> <p>a) Cllr Cox has spoken with the resident who requested the installation of a salt bin. Residents are to meet to determine a suitable location for the bin. Cllr Cox will report back following the meeting.</p> <p>b) No update on bollard at Squirrel Cottage. Clerk to follow up with C Cllr Long.</p> <p>c) The Clerk has contacted Chris Sims, Communities Link Officer, regarding limited access signage for large vehicles using the road between The Who'd and Cotehele. The Clerk will provide Mr Sims with the exact location for the proposed signage.</p>	<p>Cllr Cox</p> <p>Clerk Clerk</p>
10	<p>Safety Inspections</p> <p>a) Nothing to report from inspections.</p> <p>b) Cllrs Clewes and Potter volunteered to carry out inspections for June.</p> <p>c) Cllr Fry to send photos of properties needing attention in Baber Court to Clerk to forward on to Cornwall Housing.</p>	<p>Cllrs Clewes, Potter Cllr Fry</p>
11	<p>Play Equipment and Recreation Ground</p> <p>a) It was agreed to await the ROSPA report in relation to the assault course.</p> <p>b) The Gym Equipment Working Party has met. A questionnaire was circulated within the village and the responses have now been collated, with feedback being very positive. The Working Party has also been investigating potential funding opportunities for the equipment. The next meeting is scheduled for 25 May, at which funding options will be discussed further. Cllr Hughes has also obtained quotations from suppliers for the proposed equipment.</p> <p>c) Lovells gate has been fixed.</p>	<p>Cllr Hughes</p>

	d) Cllr Wenmoth reported that a resident had queried why the village does not currently have a basketball facility. The Clerk will discuss the feasibility of such a facility with the Trust.	Clerk
12	Bus Shelter and other Assets a) Cllr Fry reported that the shelves in the bus shelter will be installed before the next meeting. b) The Clerk will progress signage for the “Chatty Bench” and provide a draft design for consideration at the next meeting.	Cllr Fry Clerk
13	Reports a) Parish Hall Gutter has been repaired, bollard needed on the corner of the building and car park needs repairing. b) Community Shop New financial year, new budget. More shoppers are needed to support the shop and more volunteers are also needed. c) Community Area Panel No update.	
14	Correspondence a) The Clerk reported that the National Trust had provided information regarding empty properties. Further detailed clarification is required in relation to the properties identified. The Clerk will contact National Trust for more detail. b) Proof copy of Halton Quay signage was discussed. No objections. Proposed Cllr Wilkins, seconded Cllr Potter, all in favour. c) Cllr Clewes volunteered to speak to a representative from Pentillie Castle about the proposed bench at Halton Quay. d) Clerk reported that Cornwall Council will not be reintroducing glyphosate this year. e) The Parish Council considered adding its signature to the vote of no confidence in South West Water, organised by the Dowr Glan campaign. It was proposed by Cllr Hunn, seconded by Cllr Wenmoth with 8 in favour and 1 against.	Clerk Cllr Clewes
15	Community Engagement a) Cllr Brown waiting on feedback for IT support scheme for older adults in the village.	Cllr Brown
16	Training a) Cllr Fry and Hughes requested training on Planning. Clerk to investigate. b) Nothing to report.	Clerk
17	Finance a) Payments for April were approved; however, payment to HMRC will be withheld pending resolution of the issue relating to the PAYE submission (see item f)). Proposed by Cllr Wilkins, seconded by Cllr Potter, with all in favour. b) The cashflow and bank reconciliation were noted as accurate. Proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Potter, with all in favour. c) After research, Clerk reported that she is happy to continue with spreadsheets until the end of the year. d) It was agreed to appoint Grainne Richardson of AIMS as internal auditor. Proposed by Cllr Wilkins, seconded by Cllr Hunn, with all in favour. e) It was agreed to move £30k of council funds to a 32-day saver account. Proposed by Cllr Hunn, seconded by Cllr Wilkins, with all in favour.	Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk

	f) The Clerk explained that, although a refund is due from HMRC, an issue relating to the PAYE submission in November 2025 has prevented the financial year from being finalised. The Clerk is currently working with HMRC to resolve the matter.	
18	Urgent items not on the agenda None.	
19	Items for next agenda a) Toilets for Lovells. b) Speed limit through the village.	
20	Date of Annual Parish Meeting It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 17 June at 7pm. Clerk to issue invites to village groups. Proposed by Cllr Wilkins, seconded by Cllr Fry, with all in favour.	Clerk
21	Date of Next Meeting The next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held at St Dominick Parish Hall on Wednesday 3 June 2026.	

It was proposed by Cllr Wilkins, seconded by Cllr Wenmoth, with all in favour that the meeting be extended by ten minutes. The Chair closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

Signed.....Chairman Dated.....