

SITHNEY PARISH COUNCIL
Chairman: Councillor Philip Martin

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Minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held at Sithney school on Tuesday 3rd February 2026 at 7.30pm.

Cllr P Martin (chairman)
Cllr S Hilditch
Cllr I Bulavs

Cllr M Tresidder (vice-chairman)
Cllr L Penrose

Parish Clerk Jodie Ellis, Cornwall Cllr Loveday Jenkin and one member of the public.

- 1. Apologies for absence** – were received from Cllr G Richards.
- 2. Acceptance of minutes** – The minutes of the ordinary council meeting held on the 6th January 2026 were unanimously agreed and signed by the chairman.
- 3. Declarations of interest for items on this agenda** – none.
- 4. To consider any applications for dispensations under section 33 of the localism act 2011** – None received.
- 5. Public participation** – none.
- 6. Chairman's comments** – Cllr Martin noted there are various flooding and pothole issues in the parish. It is disappointing to hear that there could be charging fees applied to the Fairground car park in Helston which is a well-used community asset and should remain free of charge.
- 7. Councillors' questions and comments** - 24-hour notice in accordance with Standing Orders advisable – The footpath through Crowntown has a hedge growing out from a property just after the old pub, clerk to report. It was noted that the disposal of the contents of Septic tanks is being carried out as far away as Bristol. It was agreed to place on next months agenda to discuss putting pressure on Southwest Water to look into options. Potholes are developing a cross the parish and need to be reported online for CC to take action.
- 8. Cornwall councillor's comments** – Cllr Jenkin advised there are currently more than 4000 potholes in need of repair at present. Government funding to carry out highways repairs and maintenance has still not been received and some highways schemes are being put back to next year. There is a Storm surgery at Nancegollan village hall on the 18.02.26 from 3.30-6.30pm for anyone who would like to drop in.
- 9. Planning** – PA26/00308 - Land At Nancegollan Nancegollan Helston TR13 0AR - Erection of an agricultural building and a polytunnel. Cllrs discussed the application and had some queries around the feasibility of the proposal, as the numbers of animals currently being reared were not given, nor any indication of finances or proposals of how the enterprise would grow. It was agreed no comment would be made and further information is needed regarding stock numbers and feasibility from the applicant.
- 10. Public rights of way** –
230/14/1 – to note that the issue is currently with CC enforcement team.
230/30/1 – a fallen tree from the storm has been reported to CC. It was noted the surface needs to be looked into as it is currently not suitable for a bridleway.
- 11. Clerk's report and correspondence**
CIL funds – to note CIL funds of £5910.59.
Flooding by the Grove has not been dealt with as well as the junction on the A394 to Roseladden, clerk to report to highways.
Dog waste Bins – the cost for CC to provide a bin, installation and emptying per bin for 01.04.26-31.03.27 is £899.84. It was RESOLVED to purchase one bin for Chapel Bridge at Lowertown. The cost for emptying per year at present is £204.97 per bin. CIL funds would be used.
The Audit has been carried out this evening with Cllr Bulavs and the clerk, and no issues were found and all accounts verified and checked for the period up to the 31.01.26.
- 12. Payments** - It was RESOLVED, all Councillors in favour that the following payments are authorised and paid via Unity online banking:

Cornwall Pension Fund (LGPS) – Clerk	£159.62
Jodie Ellis – Clerk Salary	£824.33
Jodie Ellis – reimbursement postage	£39.50

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HMRC – PAYE employer NIC	£26.60
SLCC – membership 2026	£75.80
Mr R Sanders – Plovers Field Cut x 1	£96.00
	<u>£1221.85</u>

13. Financial report of the clerk – There are payments to pay totalling £1,221.85 as reported in item 12. The bank reconciliations and budget monitoring reports at the end of January 2026 for the Current Account and Business Saver have been circulated to members in the Rialtas reports, it was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the bank reconciliation and budget monitoring reports.

14. Grant Application – Cllrs discussed the grant application received from 1st Sithney Green Brownies and Rainbows, and it was RESOLVED to donate £300.00.

15. Time and date of the next meeting – Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at 7.30pm