

St Pinnock Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of St Pinnock Parish Council held in the East Taphouse Community Hall on Monday, 19th January 2026 at 7.00pm.

Item No.		Action by
1	<p>To record Councillors present. Cllrs. J Dingle (Chairman), J Simmonds (Vice Chairman), G Crabb, R Jessop, H Knapman, P Matthews, J Lawman.</p> <p>Also attending: Mrs J Hoskin (Parish Clerk) Cllr. J Pascoe (Cornwall Council)</p>	
2	<p>Public Session. There were no members of the public present.</p>	
3	<p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Stevens.</p>	
4	<p>Members Declarations of Interest on items on the Agenda. None declared at this stage of the meeting.</p>	
5	<p>Report from Cornwall Council – Cllr J Pascoe spoke about the damage caused during recent storms.</p> <p>The Tamar Bridge Tag administration costs were recommended to increase from 80p to £2.00 per month. This was being discussed at Cabinet and Full Council with the recommended the cost stays at 80p, but was still under consultation.</p> <p>Councillors were encouraged to look at the car parking charges consultation “lets Talk Cornwall” on the CC portal.</p> <p>Cllr Pascoe highlighted the CIL funding of £10,921 from the new development open space contribution, on land west of Braddock School.</p> <p>The Leader of Cornwall Council, Cllr Leigh Frost intended to visit all CAP areas within the county.</p> <p>The CAP meeting on the 6th January 2026 was well attended.</p>	
6	<p>To approve the Minutes of the Meetings held on the 17th November 2025. The minutes of the meetings held on the 17th November 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman following an amendment to Item 12, proposed by Cllr Knapman, seconded by Cllr Jessop and unanimously agreed by those who attended.</p>	
7	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes not listed on the agenda. None.</p>	
8	<p>Accounts / Financial Matters – Cllr Crabb declared an interest and abstained.</p> <p>a) To approve the accounts presented for payment. The council approved the payment of accounts presented. Proposed by Cllr Jessop, seconded by Cllr Crabb and unanimously agreed.</p> <p>Ch 1122 & 1123 J Hoskin - Clerks payment & HMRC = £ 988.48 Ch 1124 Not issued Ch 1125 Zurich Municipal – Insurance renewal = £ 997.94</p>	

	<p>Ch 101126 D Mills – Parish magazine printing = £ 101.00 Ch 101127 Corserv – St Pinnock winter grit bin = £ 377.52 Ch 101128 St Pinnock Hall – Rom hire = £ 22.00</p> <p>b) Precept for the 2026/2027 financial year. The Clerk presented the bank reconciliation up to December 2025, the anticipated year end balance and the budget for 2026/2027. It was agreed to request a precept of £ 14,000. Proposed by Cllr Simmonds, seconded by Cllr Lawman and unanimously agreed.</p> <p>c) Asset Register and updates. The Clerk will circulate the updated Asset Register before the next meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
9	<p>CIL funding. Update on the projects. It was noted that additional CIL was available through Cornwall Council (5th round) and expressions of interest could be submitted. The Chairman suggested the Parish Council revisits the project to install a pedestrian crossing at East Taphouse and money be requested to cover the design costs. Previous documents were still relevant and could be used. It was agreed Cllr Dingle submit an expression of interest application for CIL funding and also an application to Cornwall Council (CAP) for the Community Highways Improvement Programme (CHIP). Proposed by Cllr Jessop, seconded by Cllr Matthews and unanimously agreed.</p>	<p>JD</p>
10	<p>Planning Applications – to record the council’s response on the following applications and consider any further applications received between the publication of the agenda and the meeting.</p> <p>a) PA25/09202 East Taphouse Community Hall, Salts Meadow, East Taphouse – proposed storage container in grounds of St Pinnock Band Community Hall. Support, proposed by Cllr Knapman, seconded by Cllr Matthews and unanimously agreed.</p>	
11	<p>Playing Field, East Taphouse -to report on inspections and any work required. Cllr Crabb had carried out inspections with no issues to report. The surface of the path had not yet been reinstated with tarmac by the contractor.</p>	
12	<p>Community Area Partnership Meeting – Report from the next meeting held on the 6th January 2026. To decide if action should be taken on Items reported from a previous CAP meeting (Child Poverty and Community Engagement Network). Cllr Dingle was unable to attend the meeting. Also discussed under Item 5 of this meeting. Topics covered at the meeting included the graffiti that appeared on many local pubs within the South East Cornwall area during the night of Christmas Eve, the Tamar Crossing, Neighbourhood Watch, the installation of a pedestrian crossing at Tideford on the A38 and the effect of the street lighting switch off throughout Cornwall. The next meeting was scheduled for the 7th April 2026, hopefully at the East Taphouse Community Hall. Councillors discussed the NHS outreach services and possible forthcoming changes.</p>	

	Cllr Simmonds had met the Headteacher at Braddock School to address the topic of Child Poverty in Cornwall and reported back on the meeting. All children under the age of seven were currently entitled to a free school meal. The pupil premium was explained and the extra resources available at the school. It was agreed there was little the Parish Council could do on this subject.	
13	Correspondence to be noted. Noted.	
14	Post Horn parish magazine – update on the next publication. Cllr Simmonds reported the next edition would be out in March 2026, and she asked if anyone from Trevelmond could submit an article to cover that area of the parish.	
15	East Taphouse Community Hall – to note the contents of the Constitution for the Hall Management Committee and Trust Deed. The Parish Council had no issues with the constitution for the hall management committee. It was confirmed that the Parish Council were custodian trustees but had now management function for the day to day running of the hall. The Clerk and Cllr Dingle offered to obtain further information from Land Registry.	JD/ Clerk
16	Trevelmond Shute – response from Cormac. The Chairman reported that Cormac had visited. They were going to see if work could be done in their budget for this year.	
17	Provision of Allotments – to note the response for allotments and agree a way forward. It was noted that seven expressions of interest had been received. A section of land belonging to Cornwall Council was identified. The Clerk will contact Cornwall Council to see if part of this land could be made available for the provision of allotments.	Clerk
	Cllr Jessop left the meeting at 8.30pm.	
18	St Pinnock Show – to consider reinstating the annual show. Feedback from Hall Committee meeting. Cllr Simmonds reported the Hall Committee had welcomed the idea of reinstating the annual show and the local Womens Institute were keen to assist. Cllr Simmonds stated this needed to be led by the Hall Committee but asked Parish Councillors to help should the show go ahead.	Cllrs.
19	Parish Council Responsibilities – to address the appointment of Councillor responsibilities. The Chairman spoke about the responsibilities already being done by Councillors but suggested this be expanded into other areas of the Councils business. He handed out a list of responsibilities and offered to speak to every Councillor before the next meeting to establish if this was something that they wished to do.	JD
20	Parish Matters / Items for the next Agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Litter Picking. Cllr Matthews, independent to the Parish Council, had met with Biffa and organised a public litter pick around East Taphouse for Sunday, 1st February 2026. Risk assessments had been completed. Litter pickers and hi-vis vests were being borrowed. Biffa will dispose of the bags of litter collected. 	PM GC/

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Winter Grit Bin. Following a discussion it was agreed to move one of the two grit bins in Hillside (approx. 80 metres) making it more accessible to residents of Treffry Grove. Cormac will be asked to top up the salt. ○ Siting of a bin at the new Bus Stop. Cllr Crabb offered to supply a bin bag. ○ Dog bin for Farmers Lane. Item to be placed on the next agenda. ○ Councillor Training. CALC and Cornwall Council ran various training courses should Councillors be interested in attending. ○ Fibre Broadband. It was noted that Wildanet were rolling out fibre broadband in Trelveford and East Taphouse. 	Clerk GC
21	<p>Review of Parish Council policies – Standing Orders (final draft). Media Policy. The council agreed to adopt the final draft of Standing Orders. The Clerk will circulate the Media Policy. The Clerk will look at IT and Data Protection policies.</p>	Clerk Clerk
22	<p>Date of the next Meetings – Monday, 16th February 2026 at East Taphouse Community Hall.</p>	
23	<p>To close the Meeting. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm</p>	

Dated. 16th February 2026

Signed