

LANREATH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LANREATH PARISH COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 16 June 2026 commencing 6.30pm

Present: Cllr David Heard (Chairman), Cllr John Gundry (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Sandie Christiansen, Cllr Mike Roberts, Cllr Stephanie Vickery, Cllr Shelley Honeyman, Mrs Rebecca Warren (Clerk).

Also Present: Cty Cllr Sarah Preece, three members of the public and Mr Duncan Irvine.

1. Members of the Public are invited to address the Council

Two members of the public introduced themselves and were welcomed by the Chairman. With the agreement of the Council they were permitted to participate intermittently throughout the meeting where relevant to agenda items.

2. Apologies

No apologies were received.

3. Members of the Council to disclose their interests in matters to be discussed and to decide requests for dispensations

No interests were declared and no dispensations requested.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2026

The Vice-Chairman proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2026 be approved. Seconded by Cllr Christiansen and unanimously agreed by those who attended that meeting. The Chairman signed the minutes.

5. To consider applications for Councillor Vacancies

The Council considered the application submitted by Mr Duncan Irvine. The Chairman proposed that Mr Irvine be co-opted with immediate effect to one of the three vacant seats that had remained unfilled since the election. Seconded by the Vice-Chairman and unanimously approved.

RESOLVED: That Duncan Irvine be co-opted as a Councillor of Lanreath Parish Council.

6. County Councillor's Report

Cty Cllr Preece presented her report and responded to questions from Councillors. Detailed discussion took place regarding the continued refusal of Cornwall Council to extend the 20 mph speed limit along St Marnarch's Road despite concerns raised by residents. Councillors

highlighted the absence of pavements and street lighting and the regular use of the route by pedestrians. Cty Cllr Preece agreed to liaise with Cllr Christiansen before the July meeting.

The County Councillor's report can be accessed at:

<https://www.lanreathparishcouncil.co.uk/app/download/20131687625/Report%20to%20Lanreath%20Parish%20Council%20Jun%202026.pdf?t=1781797211>

7. Clerk's Report

Millennium Green Fence: The Council considered whether hedging could replace the existing fence. It was noted that there was insufficient soil depth due to previous wall reconstruction works. The existing fence was considered fit for purpose at present.

CALC AI Training: The Clerk reported that she would attend the third session of the CALC AI training course on 17 June.

Grylls Park Brick Circles: No quotations had been received. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Clerk draft a letter to nearby residents seeking views on removing the loose bricks and allowing the circles to become naturally grassed over. The Clerk would liaise with Cllr Honeyman regarding distribution.

Shop Footpath Light and Punch Bowl Inn Fence: It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Clerk remind the owner of the Punch Bowl Inn of his previous commitment to provide and install a replacement light. Quotations would be sought for connection and removal works. Cllr Christiansen would raise the matter with the Shop Committee.

Herodsfoot Signage: The Chairman continued to await a response from Cornwall Council.

Overnight Campervan Parking: Cornwall Council had requested evidence of usage. The Council agreed to defer further consideration until September after the summer season.

Defibrillator: The replacement defibrillator funded by the Bocaddon Turbine Fund had been installed.

Community Garden Handrail: Although wobbly, the handrail remained serviceable and no action was required.

AGAR and Public Rights Notices: The Clerk confirmed completion and compliance with publication requirements.

Website and Emails: The new website and email system were operational. The Clerk had completed training and would assist Councillors with email setup. Efforts continued to secure transfer of the former domain.

Notice of Vacancy: Cornwall Council had issued the formal notice following the death of Cllr Peter Bartram. Publication would take place on 19 June 2026.

8. Significant Items of Correspondence

The correspondence circulated by the Clerk was noted. Councillors were advised that Cornwall Council would require Register of Interests forms to be completed online in future. The Clerk would circulate the relevant link.

9. Planning Application PA26/03055 – Covered Dung Store, Land East of Woodsaws Farm

The Council considered the application.

It was proposed and seconded that Lanreath Parish Council had no objection to the proposal. Agreed by a majority.

RESOLVED: That comments of no objection be submitted to Cornwall Council.

10. Unauthorised Building in the Parish – Site Near South Park Farm

The Chairman reported that no further substantive response had been received from Cornwall Council regarding the South Park site. Concerns remained regarding the building to the west of the B3359 at the South Park site. In addition, concerns were expressed regarding the occupation of the site referenced as “Nowhere” and relevant environmental issues, including drainage and foul water entering a watercourse. The Chairman agreed to pursue the latter matter with Cllr Preece in her capacity as Planning Portfolio Holder.

11. Community Preparedness / Emergency Planning

The Vice-Chairman reported progress on preparation of a Parish Emergency Plan. Lanreath Village Hall had been identified as the primary place of refuge and St Marnarch's Church as a secondary location, subject to formal agreement. A parishioner had volunteered to act as Vulnerable Persons Co-ordinator. The matter remained work in progress and would return to the next meeting.

12. Lanreath Playing Field Land

The Chairman reported on discussions with representatives of the Village Hall Committee and Lanreath Football Club. Further information would be presented at the July meeting. The landowner's planning consultant was present and stated that the landowner has no intention to stop the use of the football pitch in its current location.

13. Neighbourhood Priority Statement

The Vice-Chairman outlined the possibility of preparing a concise Neighbourhood Priority Statement. Councillors agreed that the matter was not urgent, particularly given the absence of an emerging Cornwall Local Plan. The matter would remain under review.

14. Village Footpaths – Consideration of Repairs

Photographs taken by Cllr Christiansen would be circulated by the Clerk. The matter would be reconsidered at the next meeting with a view to identifying any necessary action.

15. Public Rights of Way in Lanreath Parish

Councillors discussed undertaking inspections of individual Public Rights of Way. The Clerk was asked to recirculate the definitive map. Further consideration was deferred until July.

16. 20 mph Zone Implementation – Lanreath Village

This matter had been considered under Minute 6.

17. Safety Measures – Junction of Windwards and St Marnarch's

The Vice-Chairman reported concerns raised by a resident regarding the safety of the junction. Further investigations would be undertaken and reported back.

18. Review of the Council's Policies and Procedures

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk reported on their review of the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. Proposed amendments had been circulated.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be adopted.

The General Privacy Notice and Code for Handling Complaints would be reviewed at the July meeting.

19. Asset Inspection Report

Cllr Honeyman reported that the play area required significant improvement. Councillors noted that previous discussions with residents had not progressed despite information regarding funding opportunities being provided.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the matter be deferred until September 2026 and that residents be invited to participate in a steering group to consider replacement or renewal of equipment.

The Clerk also reported that the Shop Committee intended to repaint the exterior of the shop. Councillors welcomed the proposed improvements.

20. Village Hall Report

A forthcoming car boot sale was noted. The Village Hall Committee continued to seek a cleaner.

21. Community Area Partnership Report

No report was available as the next CAP meeting had not yet taken place. The Chairman undertook to circulate the action notes after the meeting.

22. Climate Change Report

Cllr Vickery reported on information from National Residents for Civic Accountability concerning the potential impact of net-zero policies on farming communities. Further information would be circulated.

23. Financial Report

The Clerk sought retrospective approval for Community Garden hedge cutting undertaken as urgent work. Approval was also sought for payments made under Financial Regulations since the previous meeting, payments due before the July meeting and an inter-account transfer.

The Chairman proposed that all payments and transfers be approved. Seconded by Cllr Roberts and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: That all payments, transfers and expenditure undertaken under Financial Regulations be approved.

24. Items for Next Meeting Agenda

Bus service concerns, including alleged speeding and damage to the kerb near the Millennium Green, would be included on the July agenda together with ongoing matters.

25. Public Participation

No further matters were raised.

26. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 21 July 2026 at 6.30 pm. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed Chairman

Date