

LANREATH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting

17 February 2026 commencing 18.30

Present

Cllr Peter Bartram, Cllr Sandie Christiansen, Cllr John Gundry – Vice-Chairman, Cllr David Heard – Chairman, Cllr Michael Roberts, Cllr Stephanie Vickery, Mrs Rebecca Warren – Clerk. In attendance PCSO Cocks.

No members of the Public.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

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

PCSO Cocks stated that 1 to 31 January 2026 one crime of theft of heating oil had been reported in the Parish. He advised Parishioners to ensure that oil storage tanks be properly secured to prevent opportunistic thefts.

He stated that some roads in and around the Parish are in poor condition, and more bad weather is due, possibly icy. Concerns were expressed that Bodinnick Road is not on the Cornwall Council gritting schedule – Lanreath Parish Council queried this with Cornwall Council previously. Regarding road repairs, PCSO Cocks urged Parishioners to do as he does - report issues via the portal at Cornwall Council <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something/>

He asked that Parishioners with CCTV or Ring doorbells to please register with NiCE Investigate online. This is so that if needed the Police can make contact should any incidents occur nearby: dcpbusinessregistration@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

2. Apologies

Cllr Honeyman due to illness.

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

None.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2026

Proposed, seconded and approved unanimously by those who had attended. Chairman signed the minutes.

5. County Councillor's report

Cty Cllr Preece had sent in a report via email, being unable to attend. This had been circulated to the Councillors by the Clerk and was briefly discussed by the meeting.

The County Councillor's Community Chest is making a contribution towards the cost of replacing the broken storage unit for the new Gardening Group. Chairman thanked Cllr Honeyman, and Duncan Irvine (the new Garden Group organiser) for securing this.

Vice-Chairman will review the new bus timetable and advise as to how it affects the service to Lanreath Village.

6. Clerk's report

- Handrail Community Garden access – There having been no response from the original Contractor, the handrail would need to be replaced. The Clerk had provided a report as to costing. It was proposed that the Clerk proceed with purchase of materials and installation in accordance with her report, with an additional sum for the installer. Seconded and unanimously approved.
- PA25/09421 (proposed construction of two, detached dwellinghouses land south of Bosuen Manor). Consultee comments had been submitted.
- Lloyds Bank. A second signed form of authority for Cllr Roberts to have online access was emailed taken into St Austell branch on 26 January. A response was long overdue. Clerk to chase.
- Broken brick circles on verges at Grylls Park – Chairman had inspected and found numerous places where these decorative circles were badly broken up. He will pursue with Cornwall Council, and report to the next meeting.
- Councillor vacancies recruitment handout – Bernie Douglas will print 80 handouts. The Shop have agreed to put some in newspapers, Chairman will ask if the Royal Mail post person for his area will deliver some, and he asked for Councillors to deliver up to 10 each – which was agreed by all present.
- Salt bins – Thanks to the Chairman – who had made sure the contents of the two bins were loosened for ease of distribution – both bins were full and ready to use. Cllr Honeyman had prepared a poster for display in the Village encouraging Parishioners to use the contents when necessary. The design was praised by Councillors, and Chairman proposed that laminated copies be placed on the Shop Notice Board, at the Village Hall, and on the bins themselves. Seconded, and unanimously approved.
- Shop footpath light. This has been installed by the owner of the Punch Bowl Inn.
- Punch Bowl Inn car parking near Shop. Replacement fence. Clerk will contact the owner of the car park.
- Signpost cleaning at Herodsfoot. Chairman had cleaned the sign but it, and others in Herodsfoot, need replacing. Chairman will report online to Cornwall Council.
- The Parish News has moved to quarterly publication. Continuing participation to be reviewed in November.

7. Significant items of Correspondence – All correspondence received via email unless otherwise indicated; all circulated by the Clerk, or the Chairman, to Councillors.

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- Community Emergency Plan – 15 January (Vice-Chairman has this in hand to review).
- Local Council Training: Revised NPPF and other planning consultations and changes 24 February – 15 January (Clerk and Vice-Chairman will attend).
- Closure intention – Road from Trecangate to junction west of South park, Herodsfoot 23 to 27 February – 16 January
- Cornwall Council services (document scanning services) – 14 January
- Neighbourhood Priorities Statements (NPS) – 2 February (see item 8 below).

Other correspondence

- Request to fly the Ukrainian flag – 4th Anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on 24 February – 15 January. There was a proposal that this be agreed, seconded, and

by a majority approved. Clerk to obtain a Ukrainian flag and ask Derek Stephenson to install on the Millennium Green – if he is able and willing to do so.

8. Neighbourhood Priority Statements (NPS) pilot scheme and email 2 February

Chairman confirmed that the latest email from Cornwall Council Planning Dept. is further encouraging Parish Councils to engage in the process of providing NPS, despite none on the pilot scheme being completed yet.

Vice-Chairman's opinion was that the process of completing NPS is complex and time consuming. With a shortage of Councillors Lanreath Parish Council would be hard pressed to deliver such a document. He questioned its value to Parishioners, in circumstances where there are feelings that new development in Lanreath Village would be undesirable.

Matter to be kept under review and Clerk will check from time-to-time to ascertain whether any NPS have been completed on the pilot scheme.

9. Cornwall Council Community Highways Improvement Programme (CHIP) 2026-29 CAP email 30 October refers.

Chairman confirmed his understanding that CHIP funding is not for maintenance work, such as for the repair/cleaning of pavements in Lanreath Village

No Parishioners or Councillors had contacted the Clerk with proposals for Lanreath Parish under the scheme. Cllr Roberts queried whether funding would be available for cycle ways – there had been an initiative for a Looe Valley cycle way. Proposed that Cllr Roberts be tasked with raising this issue with Catherine Thomson at Cornwall Council, seconded, and unanimously agreed.

Cllr Vickery asked whether the programme would cover the cost of decorative planters. She will look into this further as to feasibility in Lanreath Parish.

10. Local Maintenance Partnership (LMP)

Lanreath Parish Council has participated in the LMP for a number of years – funding is provided by Cornwall Council for the cutting/trimming of the Public Rights of Way (PROW) in the Parish. The Gold Standard PROW from the Village to Tresawson Farm is required to have two cuts a year, and Clerk had secured a quote from a contractor who met Cornwall Council's requirements. Vice-Chairman proposed that the Parish Council continue with the LMP, and engage the contractor in accordance with the quote for the work, seconded, and unanimously agreed.

Councillors considered which other PROW in the Parish may require attention and it was suggested by Cllr Roberts that funding may be utilised to clear some of the Silver and Bronze PROW, if an informal survey revealed that work was required. In due course a walk by Councillors along some of the PROW would be beneficial to carry out such a review.

Any LMP funds not spent on PROW may be available for other foot paths, as per the guidance from Cornwall Council. To be considered further at a future meeting regarding Village footpaths which are currently the subject of reports to Cornwall Council as to their poor state of repair.

11. Village Footpaths

Following reports to Cornwall Council, Highways have carried out some cleaning of the footpaths on St Marnarchs. Cllr Christiansen stated that the cleaning was limited, and not along the full extent of the footpaths on the cul-de-sac. The condition of the road there was still a matter of concern to residents. Cornwall Council to be pressed to carry out thorough cleaning/repair..

12. 20-mph zone implementation Lanreath Village

Chairman reported that he had submitted photographs of the proposed new siting for the 20-mph zone to Cornwall Council and is awaiting a response.

13. Lanreath toilet cleaning services and supplies

Clerk requested permission to instruct Lanreath Shop to purchase supplies for the Toilet as required, to be invoiced to Lanreath Parish Council. The Shop Manager has agreed. Proposed that this be approved, seconded, and unanimously agreed.

14. Broken Fence on Millennium Green

The post supporting a section of the fence on the Millennium Green was broken. Clerk had prepared and circulated a report showing cost of repair. Chairman suggested that the existing post could be bolted to the wall. Proposed that Clerk check if that was possible, and either proceed to do so, or order materials and instruct installer as per her report, with an additional contribution towards installation. Seconded, and unanimously agreed.

15. Asset Inspection Report and Community Areas Grass Cutting

Cllr Honeyman's report given in her absence by Cllr Christiansen.

The Householder responsible for the overgrown shrubs obscuring the street light on St Marnarchs was endeavouring to find a contractor to cut back the shrubs.

There were no concerns regarding the Toilet.

The Play Area was all in good shape – Chairman had repaired the loose wooden slat on the perimeter fence.

There remained a large quantity of wood and materials on the Village Hall car park grass verge. Chairman has raised this with Bernie Douglas as it is a matter for the Village Hall Management Committee.

A quote had been received and circulated from a contractor to carry out grass cutting in the Village. It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously agreed, that the existing contractor be given notice to end their contract, and the new contractor appointed.

16. Village Hall Report

Cllr Vickery stated that a new dishwasher, and cooker had been purchased for the Hall kitchen. There will be another Car Boot Sale at the Hall on 1 March. A WhatsApp group has been set up for volunteers. They are looking for a Treasurer.

17. Community Area Partnership (CAP) report

No report as there has been no meeting since 20 January.

18. Climate Change Report

Cllr Vickery will be attending an online meeting of the SECCAP Environmental Group on 10 March.

19. Financial Report

The payments approved 20 January had been made save for Lloyds Bank charges (invoice awaited), plus (under Financial regulations) the purchase of defib batteries and pads, and the SWW invoice.

Inter-account transfers of £14,044.16 – toilet drain work (£12,144), approved transfer (£1,600), Financial Regs transfer to cover defib supplies required urgently, and the SWW bill (£300.16).

A VAT reclaim for £2,224.73 was submitted online 1 February.

Clerk sought approval for Financial Regulations payments and transfer, and for outstanding payments due before the March 2026 meeting amounting to £979.48 plus costs of replacement handrail, and repair of fence post, as previously discussed.

Bank balances at 31 January 2026 were as per bank reconciliation and statements circulated to all Councillors. Cllr Roberts had agreed the Bank Reconciliation and signed as correct.

Clerk further sought approval for an inter-account transfer of £1,000.

Chairman proposed approval as per the Clerk's requests, seconded by Cllr Roberts, and unanimously agreed.

20. Items for next agenda

Change of start time for meetings throughout the year to 18.30 hrs.

22. Public Participation - None

23. Date and time of next meeting - Tuesday 17 March 2026 at 18.30.
Meeting closed at 20.10.