DOBWALLS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Dobwalls Parish Council held at Dobwalls United Church on Wednesday 18 February 2026

Present: Councillors: T Kitto (Chair), B Champion, M Exall, S Jackson, M Taylor, Parish Clerk, Councillor J Pascoe (CC)

019/26	**Apologies** Councillors B Clark, D Allen
020/26	**Declarations of Interest** None
021/26	**Unitary Councillor's report** Councillor Pascoe reported that the winter storms have created many problems in the rural areas, issues have mainly been blocked drains, floods, power and broadband outages and many falling trees. I wish to thank you all for your understanding and patience whilst the Highways Teams and Utilities services have worked tirelessly to restore power and clear the highways. The next meeting OF SECCAP will take place in the East Taphouse Community Hall on 7th April at 6.30pm. All Councillors and members of the public are very welcome. At Council on Tuesday Cornwall Councillors will be asked to consider and support 2026/27 budget proposed at Cabinet last week. A maximum increase of 4.99% in Council Tax, proposed increase in car park tariffs. Cornwall Council has to make savings and cuts up to £154 million over the next 3 years, due to the Government favouring funding for metropolitan Councils and ignoring rural areas. The Council has scrapped the PSO (Public Service Obligation) flights from Newquay to Gatwick, in favour of using it as a commercial route which will take the financial burden off the Cornish Taxpayer. Cornwall Council is in a better financial position than many Councils. It does have a debt but it is well secured by assets in bricks and mortar. At a further meeting of the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee on 12 th January, it was agreed not to increase the Tamar Tag administration fee to £2 and it will remain at 80p per month. Cllr Pascoe was saddened to learn of the passing of Mr Steve Champion and Mr Peter Mutton, both will be greatly missed by their family, friends and the residents in Dobwalls and especially the Dobwalls Football Club. Her thoughts and prayers are very much with their families at this sad time. The Call for Sites public meeting at Trewidland was well attended.
022/26	**Public Participation** None
023/26	**Planning** **<u>Applications</u>** It was resolved to object to the following application:- • PA25/09090 Land West Of Dobwalls Primary School Construction of 26 affordable dwellings to include access and associated works. **<u>Approved</u>** • PA25/09437 1 Higher Meadow Single-storey side extension • PA25/06451 Partial demolition of barn and construction of a replacement dwelling with associated amenity and parking. North Penhale Dobwalls
024/26	**To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 January 2026** It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 21 January 2026 which were confirmed as a true and correct record.

025/26	**Matters arising from the above minutes** None
026/26	**Skate Park** The grant for part funding of CCTV had been successful. We are waiting for confirmation to be able to use the electric from the lamppost closest to the site. It was agreed to organise an additional sign. A litter pick is planned for 25 April.
027/26	**LMP 2026/2027** It was agreed to sign up to the scheme and double check the footpath list from the contractor.
028/26	**Grit Bin Doublebois** A request for a grit bin in Doublebois had been made. It was noted that this area was on a CC gritting route.
029/26	**Neighbourhood Priority Statements** No further action at present.
030/26	**CAP highway improvement scheme** It was agreed to submit a request for a VAS in the opposite direction to the current one.
031/26	**CIL grant** It was agreed to submit the CIL EOI for a path around the community field following quotes received.
032/26	**Appointment of Internal Auditor** It was resolved to appoint L Coles who had been confirmed as independent.
033/26	**Lane to Jubilee Field** It was agreed to obtain quotes for repairing parts of the Lane and speed bumps. Concerns were raised regarding the drainage.
034/26	**Correspondence for action** None
035/26	**Correspondence for information (Circulated to All)** • Dobwalls CSW Group • Neighbourhood Priorities Statements (NPS) • Closure Order - Road From Moorswater Estate Road, Liskeard • Anna Gelderd MP's Weekly Update • Emergency Closure - Tremabe Lane, Dobwalls • Youth Transformation Pilot launces Support Fund • Planning News for Local Councils and Agents - latest quarterly newsletter • Call for sites in St Keyne Parish • Response to Storm Chandra • Closure Intention - Junction East of Lantoom, 23-27.326 March 2026 • New CIL fund 2026 • Community Highways Improvement Programme – update • Network Rail - Upcoming work in your council area • South East Cornwall Community Area Partnership - Terms of Reference for Tamar Bridge & Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee
036/26	**Finance** It was resolved to approve the financial statements that had been circulated including expenditure totalling £1610.96
037/26	**Any other business (Members are reminded that no decisions can be made under this item it is for information only)** None
038/26	**Items for inclusion in future meetings** Community Emergency Plan
039/26	**Date of the next meeting** Wednesday 18 March 2026 6.30 pm Dobwalls United Church PL14 6NS