DOBWALLS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Dobwalls Parish Council held at Dobwalls United Church Duloe Road, Dobwalls, on Wednesday 20 May 2026

Present: Councillors: T Kitto (Chair), D Allen, M Taylor (Vice Chair), B Champion, M Exall, S Jackson, Parish Clerk, Councillor J Pascoe (CC), 3 members of the public

077/26	**Election of Chair** Nominations for Chair were invited. It was resolved that Councillor T Kitto be elected to stand as Chair. No other nominations were received.
078/26	**Election of Vice Chair** Nominations for Vice Chair were invited. It was resolved that Councillor M Taylor be elected to stand as Vice Chair. No other nominations were received.
079/26	**Representatives for other bodies** M Taylor – The Villager B Clark – Village Hall T Kitto - CAP representative S Jackson – CAP Transport & Economics S Jackson - Footpaths
080/26	**Annual Review of Policies & Procedures** There were no proposed changes to the policies and procedures following annual review.
081/26	**Banking & Signatory Arrangements** There were no changes proposed to the banking & signatory arrangements.
082/26	**Unitary Councillor's report** Councillor Pascoe reported that she was pleased to join in with the Litter Pick, alongside Councillors and the villagers. We disposed of the bike and other miscellaneous goods at the HWRC. It was heartening to find that the skate park was tidy with barely any litter, but disappointing to find a bike and tyres in the stream. New Planning Process is being introduced in the way that applications in Schedule 1- will be delegated decisions by Officers only. Schedule 1 includes Householder, Minor Residential up to 9 homes and PIP (Planning in Principal) Schedule 2. Others -Usually delegated but can sometimes go to committee. The Liskeard and District Twinning Association held their AGM last week and it was extremely well attended, with lots of interest and ideas for exchange visits. There was a mixed attendance of sports groups, French learning groups, individuals and families. Please do pass on to neighbours, Dobwalls FC and the school and others that they will be made welcome. The AGM was held at Cornwall Council yesterday and Cllr. Leigh Frost was re-elected as Chairman. He has retained the same Cabinet members and their portfolios remain the same. A motion was put forward and discussed about the Mental Health and Wellbeing of our young people in Schools and Communities. Concerns have been raised about disciplinary actions in Multi Academy Trusts and the effect it is having on the pupils. The recommendation to Council was to set up an informal Cabinet Advisory Group and to write to the Secretary of State for the Dept of Education with its findings and ask for their support in tackling any issues found. A further Motion Students - 16 plus and Adult Transport -Concerns have been raised, about overcrowding on buses transporting school and college students. There have been reports of standing in the aisles, near the front windscreen and up the stair well. I have

	raised this with the bus company in the past having followed a Callywith bus down the Glynn Valley. At the time they addressed the issue. However, other Councillors have concerns. The contract is managed by the bus company and not Cornwall Council. A report from the Standards Committee was accepted. Interesting to note that: The impact of social media is contributing to an increase in complaints. Concerns that the way members of the public treated Councillors appeared to be worsening, with a lack of respect and no clear provision within the Standards regime to address this; The lack of respect shown to frontline staff; The Challenges faced by Councillors in managing public expectations, which could subsequently give rise to complaints. From 1st April 2025 – 31ST March 2026 there have been 180 formal ethical complaints. This as against 127 in the previous year. Of the 180 complaints 77 related to Cornwall Councillors and 103 related to Town and Parish Councillors. Of these complaints 70 were rejected, 52 were processed 45 withdrawn and 13 are ongoing. Of the 52 complaints processed 36 were not considered to be a breach of Code of Conduct, 14 were found to be a breach of code of conduct and 2 were subject to other action. Reasons for breach were failing to treat others with respect, failure to uphold high standards or bringing office or authority into disrepute.
083/26	**Public Participation** The Chair of the Memorial Hall raised concerns about parking on the pavement outside the Memorial Hall and proposed a bollard on each side of the entrance. The Parish Council and Councillor J Pascoe were in support of the proposal.
084/26	**Apologies for Absence** PCSO S Edser
085/26	**Declarations of members interests** Councillor Kitto and Allen declared an interest in planning application PA26/02604.
086/26	**Planning** **<u>Applications</u>** Councillor Allen left the meeting and did not vote or take part in the discussion. PA26/02604 Land South Of Twelvewoods House Twelvewoods Business Park Dobwalls Construction of drive through coffee shop with associated works and engineering operations, including stopping of existing vehicle access, formation of new access and car park. The Parish Council strongly object to this application on the following grounds:- • The proposed opening hours are outside those previously approved under the existing planning conditions and would result in unacceptable intensification of use. • The development would adversely affect the surrounding dark sky buffer zone through increased artificial lighting, illuminated signage, vehicle headlights, and extended operating hours. • The drive-through operation would generate increased traffic movements at the nearby roundabout, leading to congestion, queuing, and potential highway safety concerns. • Vehicle idling and queuing at the order point and collection windows would result in increased air pollution and noise emissions, adversely affecting nearby residents and the local environment.

	• Noise and disturbance arising from refrigeration units, extraction systems, and associated plant equipment would have a harmful impact on neighbouring occupiers, particularly during early morning and late evening hours. • The scale and nature of the development would create visual blight and reduce the amenity and outlook of nearby residential properties. • The proposal would result in the loss of an existing business/employment use without sufficient justification or evidence that the existing use is no longer viable. • The operation of a drive-through coffee outlet is likely to increase littering, attract vermin and pests, and place additional pressure on local waste management services. • Approval of this application could set an undesirable precedent for further drive-through developments in the area, leading to cumulative harm to residential amenity, traffic conditions, and the character of the locality. **<u>Approved</u>** • PA26/00919 19 Pendray Gardens Change of use from play park to domestic garden curtilage
087/26	**To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 April 2026** It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 22 April 2026 which were confirmed as a true and correct record.
088/26	**Matters arising from the above minutes** None
089/26	**Skatepark update** Councillor Pascoe offered to take up the concerns about parking spaces near the skate park and parking in the turning circle. Councillor Exall to put the sign back into place. Councillor Pascoe offered to help follow up the request to use the streetlighting electric for the CCTV.
090/26	**Repairing The Lane** It was agreed to do a final chase for a quote for works to The Lane. There is a pothole in the car park and it was agreed to get a quote to repair it.
091/26	**Benches** It was agreed to review the painting of the benches at the next meeting.
092/26	**CSW Jacket** It was agreed to pay for the CSW jacket.
093/26	**Dobwalls Beer & Cider Festival grant request £800 – Profits go to Cornwall Air Ambulance** It was resolved to make a donation of £800 to the festival whose profits go to Cornwall Air Ambulance.
094/26	**Correspondence for action** • None
095/26	**Correspondence for information (Circulated to All)** • National Highways: A38 Saltash Tunnel update (12 May 2026) • Neighbourhood Priorities Statement Presentation • South East Cornwall CAP Climate Change network – dates • Cornwall Bus Conference - Wednesday 24 June • Cornwall Council - Enhanced LMP Grants for 2026 – 2027 • Parish Councils Link to Cornwall Hospice • Planning News for Local Councils and Agents - Spring 2026 now published • Joint Letter to Local Councils re Public Realm • Weekly Update from Anna Gelderd MP • Notice of intention to commence preparation of the Cornwall Local Plan • Agenda for East Sub-Area Planning Committee, Monday, 11.5.26 10.00 am

096/26	**Finance** I. To approve the latest Financial Statements and payments of £3879.26 It was resolved to approve the financial statements that had been circulated including expenditure totalling £3879.26. II. Confirm there are no conflicts of interest with BDO LLP It was confirmed that there were no conflicts of interest with BDO LLP III. To receive and note the internal auditor's report The internal audit report had been circulated and was noted. IV. Approve year end accounts 2025/2026 The end of year financial report had been circulated to Councillors. It was resolved to approve the year end accounts. V. Approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement The AGAR had been circulated and Councillors approved the Annual Governance Statement which was signed by Councillor Kitto. VI. Approve and sign the Accounting Statements The Accounting Statement was approved by Councillors and signed by Councillor Kitto.
097/26	**Any other business (Members are reminded that no decisions can be made under this item it is for information only)** None
098/26	**Items for inclusion in future meetings** NPS Emergency Planning
099/26	**Date of the next meeting – Wednesday 17 June 2026 6.30 pm at Dobwalls United Church**
100/26	**Clerks Salary Review** It was resolved to increase the Clerks salary to SCP 26