DOBWALLS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Dobwalls Parish Council held at Dobwalls United Church Hall on Wednesday 21 October 2026

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

158/26	**Apologies** Councillor S Jackson
159/26	**Declarations of Interest** None
160/26	**Unitary Councillor's report** Councillor Pascoe reported that the CEO Kate Kenally has left Cornwall Council and her wife Rachael Rothero, director for People and Communities left last week. An interim CEO is in place and recruitment will begin for a replacement CEO. Last week I was pleased to officially launch the new bus station in Liskeard. This welcome investment in the town goes towards the completion of another part of the former Cattle Market site. On the same day National Highways were in town outlining their plans for the proposed safety improvements to the A38 between Liskeard and Trerulefoot. In excess of 350 local residents attended the consultation and the National Highways officers were on hand to answer their questions all afternoon. Whilst we understand the crucial need to improve the safety of all road users, the scheme appears to have a detrimental impact on the rural road network and many negative comments were submitted. At the SECCAP meeting last week in St Germans, a further discussion took place between the Parishes and an overview was taken about the A38 scheme. The majority of the Parish representatives agreed to send a letter to National Highways from the CAP stating that the scheme was not appropriate and they would like their concerns to be recorded. We do want to continue to work with them to get it right for this area. We also had a presentation from Claire Hurley, Head of Business Service and Place. She spoke about the Devonport Defence Growth Fund and what future benefits may come for SE Cornwall. The Transport and Economic working group have proposed that we make a SECCAP NPS, contributing to the new Local Plan with and also setting out our stall to compete with Team Plymouth for funding for Transport, Skills/Training, Housing/Leisure. The group will ask all Parishes to submit information to them to contribute to the statement. Cornwall Council will now be working to set the budget and we have a difficult task because the Council debt has increased. There is a new survey about Anti social behaviour on Lets Talk Cornwall. Please visit the site and fill in the survey. Cornwall Council survey online on proposed changes to Council Tax Support closes 13th December.
161/26	**Public Participation** None
162/26	**Planning** **<u>Applications</u>** There were no objections to the following applications:- • PA26/07006 Menna House East Tuelmenna Installation of ground mounted solar panels with cable run to garage • PA26/06228 In-Line Filters Doublebois Extensions to light industrial unit and associated works

	Approved • PA26/05319 5 Tremabe Park Single storey flat roof extension on the south western elevation • PA26/01452 Erection of light industrial unit (use class E.c.iii, E.g.i, E.g.iii), change of use of land, installation of new mains services and associated works Looe Mills Farm
163/26	**To confirm the Non-Confidential Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 September 2026** It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 16 September 2026 which were confirmed as a true and correct record.
164/26	**Matters arising from the above minutes** None
165/26	**LMP 2026/2027 footpaths** Deferred until the next meeting.
166/26	**Community Emergency Plan** Ongoing
167/26	**Skate Park CCTV** It was agreed to find out who installed the CCTV in Liskeard.
168/26	**The Villager Distribution/T&C** It was agreed to accept the terms and conditions that had been circulated and order 1100 copies of the next Villager.
169/26	**Lane to Jubilee Field** Following a concern regarding drainage earlier in the year and a quote for works residents met with Councillors on site. A further quote had been obtained and circulated to residents. Three responses had been received, none confirmed they would like to go ahead.
170/26	**Meeting dates 2027** Dates for 2027 were agreed with one change to December. Clerk to confirm with the Church.
171/26	**Precept/Budget proposals** Councillors were reminded to put forward any suggestions to the Clerk before the next meeting.
172/26	**Grounds Maintenance Community Field** A suggestion from F&W Forestry to prepare a beat-up survey and restock of tree losses was suggested. It was agreed this wasn't required at present. It was agreed to ask the contractor to put up signage when the weed spraying is taking place. Post meeting note. Contractor has confirmed they are able to do this. For the record the chemical in use has no record of injuring pets unless directly ingested and has no record of being fatal. The chemical is significantly diluted before use in a knapsack sprayer, and the volume of diffuse spray onto the grass patch is a tiny amount of this diluted mix. The majority of the mixture is taken up by the vascular system of plants/grass within two hours. Any risk to pets would come from the neat chemical when it is being mixed/diluted and this is done off-site initially and if more chemical is needed during the day, then the team would do this outside of the community field at their vehicles.
173/26	**Correspondence for action** • It was agreed to sign the CIL Zone 5 Legal Agreement
174/26	**Correspondence for information (Circulated to All)** • Minutes for Strategic Planning Committee, Thursday, 20th August, 2026, 10.00 am • Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy consultation • Invitation: Wales & West Utilities Social Commitments Stakeholder Workshop • Scoping Consultation for the Cornwall Local Plan • National Highways: A38 Saltash Tunnel technology upgrade - Upcoming works and update on overnight tunnel closures • PCSO S Edser Since 2/9/26 to 30/9/26 there have been no crimes in the Dobwalls area that are disclosable.

	• If there is anything you wish to make me aware of or any concerns that need to be raised, then please message • Action notes of the Tamar to Moor Community Area Partnership Meeting • Forest for Cornwall Autumn Update - New community funds now open and all our project news! • CALC Training & Development Bulletin | October to December 2026 • Key Update: Weed and Public Realm Management • Affordable housing newsletter
175/26	**Finance** It was resolved to approve the financial statements that had been circulated including expenditure totalling £4757.24
176/26	**Any other business (Members are reminded that no decisions can be made under this item it is for information only)** None
177/26	**Date of the next meeting** Wednesday 18 November 2026 6.30 pm Dobwalls United Church Hall PL14 6NS