MINUTES OF VERYAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT PORTLOE UNITED CHURCH, PORTLOE ON MONDAY, 20th OCTOBER 2025

Minute No. *Action*

311/25 **1. PRESENT** were Cllrs Couch (Chair) Carbis, Clark, Dunstone, Garner, Leach, Ling and Trounce.
Clerk – Mrs M Symons
CC Cllr German
1 member of public – Ms J Wheatley

312/25 **2. APOLOGIES** – were received from Cllrs Darby and Strongman

313/25 **3. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS & DISPENSATIONS**

1. Declarations of Interest, in accordance with the agenda –
   - Cllr Dunstone and Cllr Clark declared an interest in discussions regarding The Ship Inn, SOS
2. Declarations of gifts over £50.00
3. Dispensations – none

4. OPEN PERIOD

314/25 No members of the public raised any issues to discuss.

315/25 **5 COUNCILLOR VACANCY – CO-OPTION**

Following the resignation Cllr Cannon, and after the completion of the vacancy period with no requests for election, the parish council had advertised the vacancy for filling by co-option, with the submission date of 10th October. One qualifying application has been submitted by the closure date. This has been circulated to all parish councillors It was proposed Cllr Couch, seconded Cllr Dunstone that Jenny Wheatley be co-opted to Veryan parish council. Carried. Ms Wheatley took her seat and was welcomed to the parish council by the Chair and Councillors .

316/25 **6 THE MINUTES** of the meeting held on Monday, 15th September 2025 had been circulated previously. Resolved that the minutes were adopted as a true record.

7. MATTERS ARISING

317/25 277/25 – Public toilets – Clerk has contacted and spoken with the current cleaner again about the situation and the requirements of the parish council to complete a daily sign-in sheet and submit a monthly time sheet. She will not comply with those conditions, and offered her resignation at the end of October.
Councillors accepted the resignation.
This means that the contract for cleaning the public toilets will finish at the end of the month. There was a discussion about the way forward. A new contract needs to be drawn up to ensure continuation.
Cllrs Clark and Garner agreed to form a sub-committee to draw up requirement conditions to advertise and produce a temporary contract from November 25 – 31 March 26. Carried.
Agreed to advertise and have submission of tender to be received by 10 November – to discuss at next PC meeting.
Discuss new full term contract when temporary in operation.

318/25 278/25 –Site visit Elerkey Lane development –Clerk has written again to Fraser asking for a site visit by Councillors to look at progress and properties.

8. PLANNING.

319/25 6.1 PA25/07099-Application for trees within a Conservation Area: Sycamore (T1) - Fell/coppice, allow to regenerate|Church Of St Symphorian Veryan Truro Cornwall TR2 5QA
Proposed Cllr Couch, seconded Cllr Clark – note the application.

320/25 6.2 PA25/07485 -Proposal Rear extension to incorporate new porch and bathroom. - Eschol House, Veryan.
Proposed Cllr Carbis, seconded Cllr Garner – No Objection - Carried

Planning Applications determined by Cornwall Council

321/25 6.3 PA25/05222- Proposed green oak garden room extension - The Old Lodge Veryan TR2 5QA
Status: Approved with conditions

322/25 6.4 PA25/05223 - Listed building consent for a proposed green oak garden room extension - The Old Lodge Veryan TR2 5QA- *Status: Approved with conditions*

323/25 6.5 PA25/05184 - Addition of a conservatory to the end of the property - Aldworth Veryan Green TR2 5QQ
Status: Approved with conditions

324/25 6.6 PA25/06404 - Listed Building Consent for the proposed creation of new opening - Trengrouse Farm Ruan High Lanes TR2 5LB - *Status: Approved with conditions*

325/25 6.7 PA25/06403 - Proposed Creation of new Opening - Trengrouse Farm Ruan High Lanes TR2 5LB - *Status: Approved with conditions*

326/25 6.8 PA25/06404- Listed Building Consent for the proposed creation of new opening -Trengrouse Farm Ruan High Lanes TR2 5LB- *Status: Approved with conditions*

327/25 6.9 PA25/07281- Land To The North Of Ship Inn Portloe TR2 5RA- *Status: Discharge of condition - not acceptable*

Other Planning Matters

328/25 6.10 CC - Town and Country Planning (Hearings and Inquiries Procedures) (England) (Amendment) Rules 2009 – Appeal made in respect of:
APP/D0840/W/25/3373503- PA24/00042- Proposal -Demolition of part existing buildings, conversion of part existing hotel building and erection of 3 replacement open market residential dwellings (C3 Use Class) and 20 unit apartment hotel (C3 use class restricted by holiday use only planning condition), 2 key worker units, restaurant/shop E (a&b) and A5 use class, off site highway improvements and stabilisation, access, car parking, landscaping and biodiversity, infrastructure and ancillary works. Site: Pendower Beach House Hotel, Rocky Lane, Ruan High Lanes Truro – CC Refused appl 3 October 2025

329/25 6.11 Chloe Britten, Planning Dept - PA25/06223, Hideaway, Tregongon, Ruanhighlanes – 5 Day Protocol Notice – Removal of roof and creation of first floor. 1 1/2 storey extension to the north-east of the dwelling. Single storey extension to the south-east, erection of balcony to the north-east, and construction of car port. Parish Council views sought – closing date 22/10/25
Proposed Cllr Couch, seconded Cllr Leach – Agree to Disagree. Carried.

9. CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

330/25 Cllr German reported to the meeting :

- Speed Watch – need to continue to raise awareness again, and get group started. Ruanlanihorne have got a group together and started to monitor traffic in Ruanhighlanes
- Park an Dreas – following raising concern in the local press by Cllr Dunstone of empty properties 11& 16, the landlord has come back with the news that both properties an going through the process of receiving a possible sale agreement. The Local MP has been making request of Live West- Paul Crawford for more information about the delay.
  Also questions should be raised with Cornwall Council about properties looked after by Cornwall Housing – currently 32 Four Acres is still empty. Currently 64 properties remain empty for more than 6mnths. Is Cornwall Council charging Council tax on these empty properties?
- Homeyard Homes – the Almshouses in Veryan – is a charity and is looking for a Trustee to join the Charity's committee. The site offers six small homes for residents to ren tand one larger property that is let on the open market. The Charity stipulates that originally the units are let to 'widows of seamen'. This has been relaxed in recent years, but Trustees look after the running of the Charity.
- Heatly Gardens – Highways Surveyor Adrian Hosking has been to site and will be arranging repair and drawing up a scheme. Currently no timescale give as to when this will be. Fencing is in place and the area safe.

10. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS & LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

331/25 10.1 Moor Launder & Play area – Cllr Dunstone and Keith Reynolds have been carrying out repairs and doing general maintenance work in the area.
Little Cygnets area- some items have been repaired and bolt overs replaced.
Safety fence at the end of the 'pipe has been made up to size, after replacing some parts. The steps have been repaired and replaced with wood on Monday. The picnic table will need to be replaced.
The large info sign needs re-making – contact Cornwall Signs
Jamie Trounce has also done some work in the area, and not charging – many thanks.
Need to speak to the contractor about doing more strimming work in the field on a more-frequent regular basis, rather than ad-hoc – On and around the mound; around all play equipment and more pro-active about tackling nettles – need to strim them right back around pathways and not allow to form into clumps in hedges and less-used areas etc.

332/25 10.2 Watergardens – Gardening work continuing. Councillors would like to have a report on what has been done and the plans for the area in the future.
Two dead birds have recently been found in the area – one was a pigeon, obviously by an air gun, but a heron

was also found dead, but unable to identify if it was shot. Councillors are suspicious, and all asking questions/ watching locally.

333/25 10.3 Veryan Parish Hall- A fundraising event was held on Friday 17th October – Silent Auction – and the Management Committee reported a very successful event, raising £6300 for Hall funds.
Next management committee meeting is 20th November.

334/25 10.4 Footpath Committee – The Rights of Way Improvement Plan questionnaire has been completed and submitted by the Footpath Committee.
Treviskey – The new owners of a property on the footpath from the village have removed the old stile. Cllr Dunstone and Mr Dingle have acted to ensure the proposed new kissing gate is stock-proof and has arranged that the necessary paperwork for CC has been completed.
Public help with footpaths – there has been discussions about getting parishioners involved in looking after the inland paths. Cllr Clark told Cllrs about a parish on N.Cornwall where they have a 'stimming party' one day at the beginning of the cutting season and all available helpers are assigned stretches of path to cut back – then everyone meets for a pasty and pint at the end of the cutting. Parishioners feel invested in their own parish and hopefully helps to realise the work involved. Suggest putting an article in the Roseland magazine in Spring and start up a working party. Another parish runs an 'adopt a path' and gets willing parishioners to keep stiles and gateways cut out. Footpath committee to discuss further.
Back Lane – needs a new directional sign and post – Penny Hodgson

335/25 10.5 Veryan Sports Club – the Tennis Club have appointed Coodes to handle the change of lease regardinf the proposed new Paddle court.

336/25 10.6 Allotments – the new barn has been erected and members have entered Veryan and District Annual Autumn Show; also have provided produce for Harvest Festival at Church

337/25 10.7 Portloe Car Park - YourParkinSpace takings for September are £2014.65

338/25 10.8 New replacement bridge, Watergardens – the timber has been delivered to Cornwall, but work hasn't begun yet.

11. SOS SAVE OUR SHIP –PORTLOE COMMUNITY PROJECT UPDATE

339/25 Cllrs Dunstone and Clark declared an interest, and left the room, but gave the meeting some updates before leaving.

- Solicitors have been instructed to complete on the property purchase – hoping to complete in mid-November. It is intended to open over Christmas/New Year only, on a temporary basis, then a permanent opening starting in Spring 2026. Pledges and funds are coming and are sufficient to complete the purchase. On-going funding will be a problem with the costs associated with property purchase. Investigations are ongoing for a year-round grant funding. The building will owned by a Community Benefit Society and will be available as an optional place for the Community to meet and use.

340/25
- Grant Request – A further request by the SOS group to the parish council has been received. Following on from an earlier decision to invest £1000, the SOS group are seeking a possible £5000 to the next stage of the project's plans.

341/25
- A very vibrant and well balanced discussion took place between Councillors.
The Chair put forward the motion- 'is the parish council prepared to put more funds into the project?'
Councillors voted 4 For the motion; 3 Against - the motion was accepted.

342/25
- Cllr Leach proposed and Cllr Trounce seconded- ' funds will be given as a purchase of shares, as was the previous funding decision'. Carried unanimously.

343/25
- Cllr Garner proposed and Cllr Couch seconded '£3000.00 of shares be purchased' Carried.

Cllrs Clark and Dunstone re-entered the meeting.

12. FINANCE

344/25 Payments Schedule presented: £

1.	Chris Davidson – grass cutting – 2 cuts	280.00
2.	Royal British Legion – poppy wreath	21.00
3.	SW Water – Veryan toilets July-Oct	100.67
4.	Cornwall Council – Uncontested Parish Election Recharges	327.88
5.	SeaDog IT - monthly support (Stripe)	34.95 (DD)
6.	HMRC – PAYE	167.60 (STO)
7.	NEST – pension	29.01 (DD)

8. Clerk salary 641.95 (STO)
9. AJH Services – toilet contract 802.50 (STO)
10. Google Cloud (email support) 18.00 (DD)

Receipts Received

11. Your Parking Space –August 2014.65
12. Car park takings - Portloe 220.00
13. Veryan Allotments Society- Annual lease 300.00
14. Cornwall Council – half year precept 21000.00

The schedule was agreed and payment authorised.. Proposed Cllr Trounce , seconded Cllr Carbis .

345/2 Cllrs Dunstone presented cash received from the honesty box at Portloe car-park - £582.00

13. CORRESPONDENCE

346/25
1. Stephens & Scown, Ruby Wyeth - ID request- Variation of Lease of Veryan Tennis Club- VERY-3-6 [S-S-SSLIVE.FID50893979
2. Community Speedwatch – Elaine Fell
3. Graham Webb- Allotments Society - Estimate 1144 from Jamie Trounce Mini Digger Services
4. Open Spaces Society – September updates
5. Speedwatch – update volunteers – Jacqueline Bell
6. Farmplus – invoice – delivery barn construction, Allorments
7. CC Adrian Hosking – Collapsed culvert/ drain,Veryan
8. CC - AGENDA: Invitation to Roseland and Truro CAP, 7 October, Kea Community Hall
9. Clean Cornwall: CRCC Newsletter
10. Your Parking Space- September Remittances - £2014.65
11. NHS Cornwall& Isles of Scilly : Together Newsletter
12. CC Alison Webb – Vacancy Veryan PC
13. Julian German – Portloe
14. Stephen Lennon - update
15. Julian German -Defect Report - Reference W252133505 – Portholland
16. Jenny Wheatley – Co-option application
17. Women in Westminster – who has inspired you?
18. CIL Neighbourhood Payments 2025
19. CC Sandra Oram - Appeal Notification PA24/00042 Pendower Beach House Hotel
20. Scribe: Price increase for Veryan PC – 2026
21. CC Planning – Chloe Britten - PA25/06223 - Hideaway, Tregongon, Ruan High Lanes
22. CC Steph Good - Connecting with Parish and Cornwall Councillors - Neighbourhood Watch in Your Community
23. Hand rails replaced at Portloe- Harbour up to toilets.

14. OTHER PARISH ISSUES/ CONCERNS

347/25 14.1 Four Turnings crossroads – vision is a problem here – concern that vision isn't good – could road marking be improved? SLOW put on through road both sides of the junction perhaps. Some road hedges have been cut, but some not.

348/25 14.2 Precept planning is due at the next meeting – Finance committee to meet in advance – but Cllrs to think about any projects felt needed in next financial year and have suitable costings at hand as will need discussing before being included.

349/25 **16. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS –**

It was resolved to exclude members of the press and public to undertake confidential business.
Proposed Cllr Couch, seconded Cllr Dunstone.
Following completion, Cllr Couch re-convened the parish council meeting.

The date of the next meeting was given as Monday, 17th November 2025 at 7.30pm, Veryan Parish Hall, Veryan.
The Chair thanked Councillors for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.