

Parish of St Mawgan-In-Pydar
Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Electors
held on
Wednesday 8th day of April 2026, 5.30pm
At Mawgan Porth Village Hall

001/26 *Present:* Dr E McKenzie, Chairman of the Parish Council and Cornwall Cllr R O'Connor

002/26 *In attendance:* Parish Clerk, Angela Hayne, Clerk-in-waiting, Heather Hillman and 9 members of the parish.

003/26 (a) *Apologies received* from Mrs C Tyson

004/26 (b) **Approve minutes of meeting held 16th April 2025.** It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** to approve by those present at the last meeting.

004/26 (c) **Address by Cornwall Councillor Rowland O'Connor**

Chair, Members, and residents,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak this evening.

An interesting set of circumstances brought me to be your Cornwall Councillor. I feel extremely grateful and humbled to be serving this beautiful area and its residents, and I will continue to do my best for the people of both St. Mawgan and Cornwall.

I want to start by reflecting on the past year since the May 2025 elections — and in particular, the working relationship between myself as your Cornwall Councillor and St. Mawgan Parish Council and in all honesty, that relationship has been one of the real positives of the last twelve months.

We have worked together constructively on a number of important and, at times, complex issues.

The reintroduction of the Airport Consultative Forum is a good example of what can be achieved when we align our efforts and focus on long-term strategic engagement.

Taking the Lovatt Parks application to committee was another — ensuring that significant decisions are properly scrutinised and that local voices are heard at the right level.

And perhaps most importantly, we have navigated some very challenging planning issues within the Area of Great Landscape Value — not always easy, not always comfortable — but we have approached them with a shared commitment to finding a constructive way forward.

That spirit of cooperation is something I want to recognise and thank you for. But I also want to be honest this evening — because honesty matters if we are going to keep improving.

One of the ongoing challenges we face is the lack of clarity and consistency in Cornwall Council's planning protocols — particularly in a division like ours, where such a significant proportion sits within an Area of Great Landscape Value.

Too often, the process can feel like a grey area. That creates frustration — not just for councillors, but for parish councils, applicants, and residents alike. If we are serious about good planning, about protecting our landscape, and about giving communities confidence in the system, then that is something we have to address.

So, what does that mean in practice? For me, it means we need to move towards:

- Earlier and more meaningful engagement between Cornwall Council, parish councils, and divisional members
- Clearer and more consistent advice from planning officers
- Joint briefings where needed, so everyone is working from the same understanding
- And a more shared and transparent approach to how we interpret and apply AGLV policy

None of that is about conflict — it is about clarity and ultimately, it is about strengthening the system so it works better for everyone. Because if the last year has shown anything, it is that when we work together — genuinely together — we get better outcomes. Not perfect outcomes, but better ones and that matters.

So, as we look ahead, my message is a simple one: Let's continue to build on what is working. Let's be honest about what isn't and let's keep working together to improve it. Because we are all here for the same reason — to serve our communities and to do the best we can for the places we represent. That is something we will only achieve — together.

Thank you.

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Last year we welcomed two new councillors – Holly Harris and Nick Shield – at the May meeting. We then had two vacancies on St Mawgan ward, which were advertised and filled by co-option.

At the June meeting we welcomed Neil Lobb as a new councillor and Gwen Jennings as a returning councillor, on to the council.

We also welcomed our new Cornwall Council ward member, Rowland O'Connor at the May meeting. Rowland has been responsive to local needs and proactive in seeking good outcomes for the parish.

Amenities

Holly and Deborah are continuing to work to add accessible equipment to the play area and have applied for funding.

The playing field continues to raise challenges, last year it was moles, this year it has been the drains. During what was an exceptionally wet winter the field suffered badly due to blocked/damaged drains. The Clerk and the OJT have worked tirelessly to map the drains and establish the location of the problems, currently awaiting CCTV inspection to know exactly what is going on. Then we'll need to decide on the best course of remedial action.

Thanks to George Williams, Mike Farmer and Angela Hayne, for pursuing this relentlessly.

With the approval of Mr Paul Young-Jamieson the PC agree to fund the cost of an electrical supply to the Bier shed, using S137 monies. This will be used for the Christmas lights as it is too far to run cables from the external socket at Community Hall.

Some repairs have been necessary at the Bier shed, firstly due to wear and tear and then when it was hit by a vehicle.

Tony Roberts continues to keep the toilets sparkling clean and reports any issues to the Clerk. We've received complimentary letters about the standard of the toilets, so this year we have created a special award to recognise Tony's hard work and a framed copy presented to Tony at this meeting.

Tom Preddy is the contractor for the maintenance of the playing field, church yard and cemetery, along with cutting the footpaths. Thanks to Tom for all he does.

Mower shed

Due to changed circumstances the PC no longer needed the mower shed, so this has now been removed and the land levelled as requested by the landowner. Still awaiting consent to remove the trees.

Fortunately, the roof at the Community Hall has survived another winter. The repairs to the roof timbers have been delayed by the requirements of the planning application. The final requirement a bat survey, will be completed in June and July, which will then determine when work can take place and what mitigation may be necessary.

Transport and Rights of Way

The PC is continuing to support traffic calming measures at Trevarrian. The speed monitors continue to be moved about during the past year. Nick Shield is managing the monitor data for us and reporting on a three-monthly basis. We are grateful to George Williams, Mike Sterling and Nick for maintaining the monitors.

The PC is in the process of submitting evidence forms for a Definitive Map Modification Order following residents' concerns about signs erected at the Maladyke and the convent footpaths.

After a lapse, regular Airport meetings have been reinstated and have been attended by Deborah – and Rowland.

Beach and environment

We remain very grateful for the tireless efforts of Mike Farmer and his family, who remove and sort the rubbish from the beach. They really do go above and beyond to ensure that the beach is kept clean.

We hope that the businesses around the bay will continue to contribute to the costs of rubbish removal, so that the beach cleaning can continue as the PC couldn't meet the full costs.

Planning

Planning applications continue to comprise a major component of PC business, both at meetings and in between.

Last year I mentioned the proposal to develop the Arla site at Trevarrian which had been approved at Planning Committee despite local objections. The Decision Notice has finally been issued, so that will now go ahead.

The PC also went to Planning Committee over the proposed addition of further holiday lodges at Sun Haven and despite strong parish representations and the support of our Cornwall Councillor, Rowland O'Connor, we were unsuccessful and the expansion has been approved.

The Neighbourhood Plan group has continued to meet regularly to work on developing the plan with the help of our consultant, Steve Besford- Foster. The draft plan has been submitted to Cornwall Council and underwent the statutory 6 week consultation period during February and March. We held three 'drop-in' events at different locations which showed support for the plan. The online survey feedback has also been positive. Currently our consultant is collating all the feedback from parishioners and the statutory consultees. The draft plan will be amended in the light of the feedback and the revised draft will go back to Cornwall Council for the next phase of consultation.

The succession of winter storms and heavy rainfall led to flooding at various locations in the parish, but particularly at Mawgan Porth, where businesses were flooded with water containing raw sewage. Fortunately the flood defences installed in the Village Hall meant that it remained relatively dry. There are ongoing issues at locations in the area where sewage is leaking onto landowners' property. SWW have been informed.

All the parish councillors are being issued with new dedicated email addresses for their council business and the switch to these is being managed by Mark Perkins, who does a lot of IT work in the background for the PC, such as maintaining the PC's website - thanks to Mark

So, here we are, around to April again and on behalf of the Parish Council I would also like to thank all of the contractors. I have mentioned their hard work for the Parish. I'm sure we all appreciate everything they do to maintain the Parish for the benefit of all of us.

Being a parish councillor is a big commitment for people who are volunteers, so thanks to everyone for the time they give to all their PC duties, attending meetings and contributing to working groups: Amenities, Transport and Rights of Way, Beach and environment, Planning, Neighbourhood Plan group and the Community Hall – and particularly to my vice chair for all the support she provides.

I also need to give our wholehearted thanks to our Parish Clerk, Angela Hayne, who has kept all the Parish Council processes going over the past ten years. I don't think she realised just what she was taking on ten years ago – and the role has grown and changed over that time too.

Angela has met every challenge with a positive attitude and a smile. She has ensured that our meetings take place in accordance with the regulations, keeps all the records and as the Responsible Officer she oversees all the financial matters. She has provided me with invaluable support, making the role of Chair easier to manage – thank you so much Angela.

Angela has decided that it is now time to stand down from the role – we will miss her terribly, but we have appointed a new Clerk, Heather Hillman, who will be taking over in May. So I'd like to welcome Heather and we look forward to many years working together.

[006/26 \(e\) Parish Affairs in general](#)

Kate Mullard gave thanks to Liz for all the work she has done on the Neighbourhood Plan and Deborah Carter thanked Liz for all the work she does behind the scenes on so many things in the parish.

[007/26 Meeting Closed at 6pm](#)

Signed as a true record of the meeting
date: April 2027