St Buryan, Lamorna & Paul Parish

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors – 18 May 2026

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Electors held on Monday 18 May 2026 at St Buryan Village Hall, commencing at 7.00pm.

Councillors present: Councillors: J Pascoe (Chair), S Gough (Vice-Chair), M Corley-King, D Groves, P Macis, S Stevenson, P Thurstans, L Wilkin and B Wynter.

In attendance: 3 Members of the public.

Officer support: Clerk/RFO

1. **Persons present and apologies for absence**

   No apologies received.

2. **Minutes** of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19 May 2025

   Resolved to receive and note the minutes of the previous meeting of electors.

3. **Annual Report from the Parish Council**

   Councillor Pascoe, as Chair of the Parish Council presented the annual report:

   As Chair of St Buryan, Lamorna and Paul Parish Council, I am pleased to present this report summarising the Council's work over the past year 2025-26.

   Our parish covers a unique and valued part of west Cornwall, including the rural communities of St Buryan and Paul, and the coastal area of Lamorna. The Council continues to work to protect the character of our area while supporting the needs of residents.

   The Council
   The Council met 11 times over the year.
   Parish Council monthly meetings continue to be split between St Buryan Village Hall (seven meetings) and Lamorna Village Hall (four meetings) so we are able to provide better access for all our community members should they wish to attend our monthly meetings.

   All meetings were open to the public, and residents are encouraged to attend and participate.

   Key Activities and Achievements

   Planning and Development
   The Council reviewed a significant number of planning applications, many relating to:
   - Housing development and extensions
   - Tree Preservation Orders

   A total of 17 planning applications were brought before the Parish Council this financial year. We made 12 recommendations to Cornwall Council for approval, 3 recommendations

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to approve with conditions and we objected to 2. Our opinions were agreed with in the vast majority of decisions made by Cornwall Council, who have the final say on all planning matters. In the rare instances that us the Parish Council and Cornwall Council were not aligned on an application we were able to provide further feedback prior to their final decision.

We have sought to ensure that all developments respect the character of the parish and the needs of the local community.

Environment and Local Services

The Council has continued to support:

- Footpath maintenance across rural and coastal routes. Long awaited work on Galligan Lane which took place last April is still proving effective and another of our footpaths has recently been reinstated. This work took place on the St Buryan, Lamorna & Paul footpath 35, which is located between Mousehole and Lamorna in Cornwall and was delivered in partnership with Cormac, Ramblers and other agencies.
- Grass cutting and general upkeep of public spaces such as St Buryan Cemetery which underwent a complete overhaul and tidy in time for Christmas.
- Protection of the parish's natural environment and heritage by safeguarding the character of our unique locality.

Community Facilities and Support

The Council has:

- Supported local halls and community open spaces like the green area at Kew Pendra
- Considered grant applications from local organisations, including a local facility made use of by young people from our community
- Worked to maintain assets for community use such as the play park

Highways and Infrastructure

Ongoing concerns have included:

- Speeding traffic and parking pressures, especially during peak tourist seasons and the volume of Minack traffic
- Engagement has taken place with Cornwall Council on highways issues in an effort to formulate a long term plan that would help alleviate the fore mentioned issues
- Over capacity issues concerning the sewage farm at Pendra; SWW have been contacted on numerous occasions with evidence to support problems raised

Finance Summary

The Council's finances are managed in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

Our Precept this year was £49,719 with spending directed towards local services, maintenance and community support.

This year a £500 S137 grant was made to the YMCA and £2,000 was awarded to Lamorna Village Hall Committee for its Resilience Fund. An equal amount has been ring-fenced for St Buryan Hall to assist with Emergency Planning.

Full details are available in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), published on the Council's website.

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Governance and Transparency

The Council remains committed to openness and accountability:

- Agendas and minutes have been published regularly
- Financial information has been made available to the public
- The AGAR has been completed in line with statutory requirements

Challenges and Priorities

Key Challenges

- Maintaining services with limited and reduced financial resources
- Managing the impact of new developments on infrastructure and the environment
- Recruitment of new councillors in order to maintain numbers and to ensure that Lamorna is represented

Priorities for the Coming Year

- Continuing to consider possible solutions to improve road safety and address road traffic concerns
- Continuing to protect the natural and historic environment
- Strengthening engagement with the residents of both St Buryan and Lamorna
- Facilitate the proposed upgrade to St Buryan public toilet facilities
- Purchase a new item of play equipment to replace the condemned roundabout at our play park

Thanks and Acknowledgements

I would like to thank:

- All councillors for their continued commitment and service
- The Clerk for her professionalism and dedication
- All local volunteers and community groups and individuals who contribute so much to parish life
- It was a priority this year to increase involvement with Lamorna so we are delighted to welcome our 3 new councillors from that area of the parish

Conclusion

St Buryan, Lamorna and Paul is a special place to live and work. The Parish Council remains committed to representing residents and preserving the character of our communities.

Residents are encouraged to attend meetings, raise concerns, and stay informed through the Council's website and noticeboards as well as face to face meetings arranged throughout the year.

4. Reports from Community Groups

St Buryan Village Hall:

The Village Hall Committee have the Deeds and the freehold, so can proceed with renovations.

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Funding applications have been made for the proposed renovation works, including the meeting room (false ceiling, lining the walls, replacing flooring and chairs). Funding also sought for solar panels. Storage area to be improved.

Risk Assessment has been carried out, with an action plan being drawn up. Works have already started on this, with works carried out to remove unsafe wiring.

Aware that they can apply for resilience funding from the Parish Council. Will visit Lamorna Village Hall for ideas.

Benches have been sourced and are being installed, works continue on improving the garden area. Aiming to hold a community event outside to seek views from local residents.

St Buryan Parish Church.

A representative attended to extend a welcome to anyone who wishes to be involved in the running of the Church and Churchyard. The Church are willing to be involved in community events and projects in the village. Work continues to find ways to improve accessibility into the Church.

5. **Public Forum**

A question was asked: What is happening about the car remaining in the ditch after recent road incident?

Meeting closed: 7.20 pm. Signed by Chair: …….

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