

St John Parish Council

Draft minutes of the meeting of St. John Parish Council (PC) on Thursday 19th February 2026 at 7.30pm at St John village hall.

Those present : Cllr Richards (Chairman), Cllr Hoskin, Cllr Honey, Cllr Tanner, Cllr Hirst, Cllr Collins, County Cllr Ewert ,Mrs Allen Clerk to St John Parish Council and 4 members of the public (MOP).

49.25 Apologies for absence. None

50.25 Declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda.

Cllr Honey declared an interest as he rents a garage from the local landowner who owns land and potential Prows (Public rights of way). Cllrs Hirst, Hoskin and Honey declared they are members of Freathy Management Company.

51.25 County Councillor report.

- **Ymca closure.** Cllr Ewert reported that the lease held by YMCA for the sports hall owned by Torpoint community college is ending in March 26. Currently neither Torpoint town council nor Cornwall council can take on this commitment.
- **St John potholes. Action :** Cllr Ewert to report to Cornwall council.
- **Jacks lane collapsed drain. Action:** Cllr Richards to report again and Cllr Ewert to chase Cornwall highways.
- **Antony to Tregantle flooding.** Cllr Ewert reported that the relevant french drain will be cleared out shortly.

52.25 Public forum.

- A MOP raised the issue of dog waste along the cliffs in the parish. See 54.25c.
- A MOP raised the issue of the Charles III footpath proposals. See 54.25 b.
- Military road update . See 54.25d.

53.25 The minutes of the meetings held on 20th Nov 2025 and 5th February 2026 were unanimously approved by the full PC.

54.25 Matters arising from the previous meeting.

54.25 a 41.25 a 26.25 a 7.25 a 64.24 c **Enforcement issues.** No further update.

54.25 b 41.25 b 26.25 c 67.24 a 48.24 b 36.24b 24.24 b 8.24 **Public rights of way (PROW)/ Coastal footpath improvements.** The subject of the Charles III footpath improvements along Whitsand bay (notably from Freathy to Tregantle) were discussed at length. It was noted that this road is 60mph, buses, tractors and lorries regularly use this road which makes it dangerous for walkers. One proposal could be reduce traffic speeds or one-way system, but given the road infrastructure on

the Rame peninsula, it is unlikely that this route would be made one way with a dedicated cycle or footpath lane on the road. Evidence also confirms that traffic is faster on one-way roads.

The Parish Council has been made aware of a petition of over 1000 concerned residents and coastal footpath users (walkers) has been signed requesting that the footpath be relocated from the road onto land seaward side of the road. The Parish Council support this on safety grounds and are monitoring events, but are not leading on this project. Both Natural England and Cornwall highways have the legal powers to initiate such changes.

Action : Cllr Honey agreed to meet with the landowner to discuss a proposed route.

54.25 c 41.25 d 25.25 e 15.25 a **Dog waste Military Road and cliffs.** The subject of placing 1 or 2 dog waste bins at Tregonhawke and or Freathy was discussed in length. The cost of installation is of each bin has been quoted at £ 675 and annual charge for each bin £ 473. Members requested that TCCOA and Freathy Mgt Company be asked if they would pay the annual collection fees. **Action :** Cllr Honey to approach Freathy Mgt Company and Mr Crane would approach TCCOA and would report back.

54.25 d 41.25 f 25.25 h 10.25 **Military Road subsidence / Inter-parish meeting.**

The condition of Military Road is of major concern to residents and businesses in all the local parishes as Cornwall highways have no contingency plans if and when this road fails. Cornwall highways confirmed that they have no powers to rectify the situation until the road actually fails.

Cllr Ewert chaired a meeting of all affected parishes (Antony, St John, Millbrook and maker with Rame on January 26. It was agreed they should take a multi-parish approach and submit an appropriate letter to Dan Rogerson, the portfolio holder for roads at Cornwall Council. This letter will ask for a geotechnical assessment to be undertaken, and an emergency plan that can be implemented immediately when the road inevitably fails, and with some consideration of possible future capital works to maintain the road.

Following a site visit and response from Cllr Rogerson, a public meeting may then n be held.

Action : Cllr Ewert to co-ordinate this joint response to be submitted by the end of February.

55.25 Planning.

Planning Applications 2025/26			Application Validated	Application Decision
PA25/01943	Blue Lagoon	Freathy	14/03/2025	Approved
PA25/03579	St Anthony	Freathy	27/06/2025	Granted
PA25/06385	Monbretia	Freathy	24/09/2025	Approved
PA25/05393	Woodland	Freathy	10/10/2025	
PA25/07174	Eddystone café	Freathy	23/10/2025	Withdrawn
PA26/00080	The view	Freathy	07/01/2026	

56.25 Policies for review: None.

57.25 Training. Cllr Richards to attend National planning policy framework course in March 26.

58.25 Finance Reports 2025/2026.

58.25 a The payments listed below were reviewed and approved unanimously by the full PC.

		Incl Vat	Vat	Excl Vat
R Hoskin reimbursement xmas trees	300068	£220.00		£220.00
H Everard reimbursement xmas decs	300069	£8.68		£8.68
C Allen clerking Dec 25	300070	£309.54		£309.54
Hmrc Dec 25	300072	£8.60		£8.60
Banking charge Dec		£6.00		£6.00
Cllr Honey reimbursement fire eq box	300067	£480.00		£480.00
Cllr Richards xmas tree event	300073	£85.08		£85.08
R Williams stand	300075	£100.00		£100.00
Green thumb Jan 26	300076	£30.50	£5.08	£25.42
C Allen clerking Jan 26	300078	£392.17		£392.17
Banking charge Jan 26		£6.00		£6.00
St John Hall rent	300079	£100.00		£100.00
C Allen clerking Feb 26	300080	£317.77	£1.22	£316.55
Freathy hall rent	300081	£20.00		£20.00
Banking charge Feb 26		£7.00		£7.00

Total

£2,091.34

£6.30

£2,085.04

CCC housing survey £241.48

Clerking costs subject to invoice March - May 26

Bank charge Mar 26 - May 26 £7 pm

Green thumb subject to invoice

Rent for hall subject to invoice.

58.25 b Income.

It was noted that:

Vat reimbursement was applied for and received £ 125.19 (19/1/26)

Awaiting Paye Tax reimbursement £ 77.00. NB Claim required in 2026/27 Financial year.

Solar benefit funding £ 3,083.20 was received on 16/2/26.

58.25 c Solar benefit fund . Balance £ 3,083.20. £ 348 was allocated to help purchase a Fire equipment box for Freathy. The Freathy allocation for 2026/27 should be reduced by said £ 348.

Action: Annual meeting to allocate these funds to be convened shortly. Cllr Richards to confirm a suitable date.

58.25 d Bank statement reconciliation report was reviewed and unanimously approved by the full PC.

BANK RECONCILIATION 19/02/2026	CHEQUE	Payments	Receipts	Combined
Payee and details		Dr	Cr	Bank balance
Funds bfwd 31/3/2025				£9,833.42
Freathy sports & social solar	300031	£1,542.00		
St John village hall solar	300030	£1,193.00		
Calc	300036	£275.39		£9,558.03
C Allen clerking April 25	300035	£287.56		£9,270.47
Hmrc Apr 25	300036	£6.80		£9,263.67
Precept			£5,520.00	£14,783.67
Service charge Apr		£6.00		£14,777.67
C Allen clerking May 25	300039	£301.46		£14,476.21
Hmrc May 25	300040	£7.00		£14,469.21
R Hancock audit fee	300037	£80.00		£14,389.21
Service charge May		£6.00		£14,383.21
Zurich insurance	300038	£323.00		£14,060.21
K Overton trees	300041	£25.39		£14,034.82
Green thumb	300042	£30.50		£14,004.32
Service charge June		£6.00		£13,998.32
Calc training	300043	£30.00		£13,968.32
C Allen clerking June 2025	300044	£291.26		£13,677.06
Hmrc June 2025	300045	7.00		£13,670.06
Service charge July 2025		£6.00		£13,664.06
Interest			£45.29	£13,709.35
Calc	300046	£129.00		£13,580.35
Green thumb	300047	£30.50		£13,549.85
C Allen clerking July 2025	300048	£294.32		£13,255.53
Hmrc July 2025	300049	£7.00		£13,248.53
Hmrc Aug 25	300050	£14.20		£13,234.33
C Allen clerking Aug 25	300051	£317.08		£12,917.25
Service charge Aug 2025		£6.00		£12,911.25
Precept			£5,520.00	£18,431.25
Microsoft office	300052	£104.99		£18,326.26
Hmrc Sept	300053	£9.40		£18,316.86
C Allen clerking Sept 25	300054	£296.93		£18,019.93
Cornwall Council election fees cancel	300055	£0.00		£18,019.93
Hall fees Freathy	300056	£20.00		£17,999.93
Calc training	300057	£30.00		£17,969.93
Calc training	300058	£42.00		£17,927.93
C Allen clerking Oct 25	300059	£308.54		£17,619.39
Hmrc Oct 25	300060	£8.60		£17,610.79
Service charge Sept 25		£6.00		£17,604.79

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RBL wreath	300061	£50.00		£17,548.79
Interest			£44.16	£17,592.95
CC election fees	300062	£295.44		£17,297.51
C Allen clerking Nov 25	300063	£418.78		£16,878.73
Hmrc Nov 25	300064	£8.40		£16,870.33
All seasons gardening services cancelled	300065	£0.00		£16,870.33
Service charge Nov 25		£6.00		£16,864.33
Business web solutions	300066	£291.25		£16,573.08
R Hoskin reimbursement xmas trees	300068	£220.00		£16,353.08
Cllr Honey reimbursement fire eq box	300067	£480.00		£15,873.08
H Everard reimbursement xmas decs	300069	£8.68		£15,864.40
C Allen clerking Dec 25	300070	£309.54		£15,554.86
Hmrc Dec 25	300072	£8.60		£15,546.26
D Richards reimbursement xmas lights event	300073	£85.08		£15,461.18
Interest			£43.16	£15,504.34
All seasons gardening services	300074	£1,180.00		£14,324.34
R P Williams Xmas tree stands	300075	£100.00		£14,224.34
Service charge Dec 25		£6.00		£14,218.34
Green thumb	300076	£30.50		£14,187.84
C Allen clerking Jan 26	300077	£392.17		£13,795.67
Service charge		£6.00		£13,789.67
Vat reimbursement			£125.19	£13,914.86
St John Hall rent	300079	£100.00		£13,814.86
C Allen clerking Feb 26	300080	£317.77		£13,497.09
Freathy hall rent	300081	£20.00		£13,477.09
Service charge Feb 26		£7.00		£13,470.09
Solar benefit payment			£3,083.20	£16,553.29
TOTAL		£7,216.36	£11,297.80	

Unity bank current statement 19/2/26	Current	9,123.47
Unity bank savings statement 19/2/26	Savings	£7,874.59
Uncleared cheques/ Income received		-£444.77
TOTAL FUNDS 28/2/2026		£16,553.29
Solar benefit funds available 28/2/2026		£3,083.40
PARISH COUNCIL FUNDS 28/2/2026		£13,469.89

(Excluding Solar Community benefit fund)

Highlighted items are uncleared items

58.25.e 2025/2026 Financial Management Report was reviewed and approved unanimously by the full PC.

**St John Parish Council
Financial Management Report
19/02/2026**

2024/25	Including Community Benefit Funding	2025/26	Budget
Audited		Actual	2025/2026
£	RECEIPTS	£	
£10,743	Brought Forward Reserves	£9,833	£9,833
£9,000	Precept	£11,040	£11,040
£109	Interest	£133	£25
£0	Grant bus shelter/bench	£0	£0
£189	VAT refund	£125	£250
£3,083	Community Benefit funding	£3,083	£3,083
£12,381	TOTAL RECEIPTS	£14,381	£14,398
	PAYMENTS		
£173	VAT	£97	£250
£2,434	Clerk Salary	£2,902	£3,300
£545	Clerking expenses	£502	£425
£222	Subscriptions CPD	£426	£600
£1,423	Grass control/ Footpaths	£1,256	£1,200
£5,818	Community benefit projects	£348	£3,431
£543	Bench / Signage St John	£0	£250
£160	Hall Rent	£140	£200
£778	Misc wreath Xmas tree NDP	£625	£600
£0	Election	£295	£325
£0	Chairmans discretionary fund	£0	£250
£472	Website and new email accounts	£396	£700
£80	Audit fee	£80	£100
£125	Computer and printer	£125	£125
£0	Section 137	£0	£250
£375	Insurance	£323	£400
£142	Printing Postage and Stationery	£145	£150
£13,291	TOTAL PAYMENTS	£7,661	£12,556
-£910	Profit/ (Loss)	£6,720	£1,842
£9,833	Cfwd	£16,553	£11,675
	Represented by:-		
	Barclays Current Account bank statement	£0	
	Unity bank current statement 16/2/2026	£9,123	
	Unity bank deposit statement 16/2/2026	£7,875	
	(less O/s cheques/ O/s Income)	-£445	
	TOTAL	£16,553	
	Community Benefit Fund	£3,083	
	Total Funds excluding CB fund	£13,470	

59.25 Appointment of Internal auditor for 2025/26 accounts.

Members of the full PC unanimously agreed to appoint Mrs Hancock as Internal auditor for the year end accounts in April 26.

60.25 Personnel issue (Held in a closed session, all MOP left the building).

The clerk notified members of the PC of her intention to retire at the end of May 26. **Action** : Cllr Richards to liaise with the clerk to organise the necessary paperwork and advertisement in readiness for the Feb 26 St John newsletter. Closing date for application 31st March 2026.

61.25 Items to note. None.

62.25 Provisional dates of St John Parish Council meetings.

Future meetings 21st May 2026 (St John village hall) ,17th Sept 2026 (Freathy Social Club), 19th Nov 2026 (St John village hall) and 18th Feb 2027 (St John village hall).