

MINUTES OF MEETING of Mawnan Parish Council on Tuesday 21st April 2026 at 7.00pm in The Mawnan Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllrs Biggin, Whibley, Moyle, Shepherd, Head and Clerk.



Minutes

2627.01 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Cllrs Potter, Mason, Holloway and Stabbins already received.

Cllr Morris sent apologies she is delayed travelling.

Member of public Sheila Portsmouth

PROPOSED Cllr Whibley, SECONDED Cllr Shepherd, RESOLVED that Cllr Moyle chair the meeting. All in Favour.

2627.02 MEMBERS TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA OR REQUEST DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Holloway to sign Carwinion Playing Field Dispensation

PROPOSED Cllr Shepherd, SECONDED Cllr Whibley, RESOLVED to accept the dispensation for Cllr Holloway as he also forms part of the sole trustee of Carwinion Playing Field Trust. All in Favour.

2627.03 PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA ONLY

The residents of 1 Lowenna Fields spoke about their frustration with the ongoing situation with the SID. The two households consulted about the new location, placing the SID within eye sight of their house, have said they are not happy with the new location. There was a lengthy discussion. Mr and Mrs Bennett feel they have been accommodating with accepting a new location that would still make the unit visible from their household, and anything closer to them would be unacceptable. Issues with the accuracy of the data were raised as the SID is picking up vehicles before they enter the 20 mph zone. However, a perfect location needs 60 metres (ish) of straight road- which doesn't exist in this location- but this is the area the community identified as a need for traffic/ speed control. With the island outside the garage being privately owned it makes the only other viable location before the turning into Lowenna Fields. This would mean extending the 20 mph zone out of the village before Boskensoe junction (which is also dangerous). This was met with approval from all parties. The clerk explained that Viv Bidgood at Cornwall Council Highways had categorically said no to doing this. Cllrs decide they want a meeting with him in person and would like him to come to the village.

PROPOSED Cllr Moyle, SECONDED Cllr Holloway, RESOLVED that they would like a meeting to consult with Viv Bidgood in person to discuss the 20 mph zone. All in Favour.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange meeting with Viv Bidgood.

2627.04 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 17th MARCH 2026

PROPOSED Cllr Whibley, SECONDED Cllr Shepherd, RESOLVED to accept the minutes with some minor amendments made in pen on the signed and scanned copy. All in Favour.

2627.05 REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL WARD MEMBER

Cllr Anna Thomason- Kenyon focused on the motion raised in County Hall earlier that day regarding the reintroduction of glyphosate as weedkiller on the highways and the lack of due process and consultation from Cornwall Council when 'rolling' the initiative out to local councils. She read out the speech she had made in favour of the motion to essentially pause and do a thorough investigation and consultation. The issue is not only the damaging effects of the glyphosate itself but the financial structure of the opt out scheme.

The county councillors passed the motion raised and therefore Cornwall Council have agreed to pause and conduct a full consultation.

The parish council expressed their thanks to Cllr Thomason Kenyon for her work to help pass the motion.

Her full speech is available at the bottom of these minutes.

2627.06 CLERK'S UPDATE AND ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM PAST MINUTES NOT ON THE CURRENT AGENDA

1. SID new location unresolved- as minuted in 2627.03
2. CIL application unsuccessful- Cllrs agree a Plan B needs to be drawn up asap. Cllr Biggin and Shepherd agree to meet outside of Council and work on a plan.
3. The Parish Council grant window is now open until 10th June and local community groups are invited to apply via the website.
4. PiP application at Penwarne for 9 affordable houses withdrawn.
5. Ridifarne completely cleared, Footpath 35. Cllrs thank Cormac for their work on the path to the steps. However a PROW sign needs to be reinstalled asap.
6. Cllrs also thanked Jonathan Thornton and the team of volunteers for the wildflower cutting in the community graveyard. The majority of the cuttings went onto the new foraging hedge at Mawnan Park.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange meeting between ~Cllrs Shepherd and Biggin to discuss Mawnan Park

ACTION: Put grant window out on socials and mailing list newsletter.

ACTION: Clerk to email Penny Hodgson at Cormac to get a PROW sign installed asap.

2627.07 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL BY DATE OF THIS MEETING

1. **PA26/01344 Well Meadow Old Church Road** Proposed renovation and extension of an existing dwelling and replacement of an existing garden store.

Cllrs discussed this application and whilst they think the scheme is acceptable they made the following comments that need to be looked at:

- a) It is an incredibly large renovation and extension- it could be considered a complete redesign, yet no one nearby seems to know about it. Cllrs do not believe neighbours have been consulted widely enough. This is reflected in the lack of public or consultee comments from anyone on the planning portal. They think an extension should be given to enable neighbours to appropriately look at the plans and comment.
- b) Cllrs asked that from now on can the architects submit plans that make it clear which part is the original house and which part is the extension or renovation as it is often difficult to work out what's existing and what is new. A simple red line around the new part would suffice.
- c) The scheme has a lot of roof lights including a particularly large one and thought needs to be given to the dark skies policy in Mawnan- especially given the very rural location of the property. Please can automatic blinds or some thought be given to minimising light pollution.
- d) There needs to be a scheme for rainwater collection.
- e) A construction management plan will need to be a condition of planning. Despite the rurality this is a busy location all year round but especially in the summer months. However it is still a small country road/ lane with farm vehicles coming and going all day everyday. The property is also opposite a very popular path 220/23/1 and walkers often park on the road. Where will builders park their vans? Where will materials be stored and dropped off? This needs to be looked at and a suitable plan drawn up to manage user need and minimise disruption.
- f) It's well designed and makes the property more usable. The extension is to the rear and is not overlooked. They note it references the NDP.
- g) Resident and visitor parking must remain onsite and not spill onto the road.

PROPOSED Cllr Whibley, SECONDED Cllr Shepherd, RESOLVED to support the application based on an extension being given for neighbours to be consulted and on the condition of looking at ways to minimise the light pollution from the roof lights with respect to the dark skies policy of the village and that a Construction Management Plan must be put in place. All in Favour.

- 2. **PA26/01729 River House Budock Vean Lane** Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order, Remove both T1 and T2, both Monterey Pine. Cllrs agree with the decision of the tree officer and with the replacement trees conditioned.

PROPOSED Cllr Biggin, SECONDED Cllr Shepherd, RESOLVED to support the application. All in Favour.

- 3. **PA26/02115 Ballynoe Little In Sight** Replacement of existing garage with a single storey side extension.

Cllrs discussed this and think it's a suitable change and materials proposed are favourable.

PROPOSED Cllr Whibley, SECONDED Cllr Biggin, RESOLVED to support the application. All in Favour.

2627.08 TO RECEIVE A LIST OF PLANNING DECISIONS MADE TO DATE BY CORNWALL COUNCIL

- 1. **PA25/08815 Firs Lodge Maenporth Road** Replacement of the existing conservatory polycarbonate roof with a slate roof. New sun lounge extension to

east elevation. Construction of bedroom and en-suite extension to the north elevation. **APPROVED**

2. **PA25/09145 Goldmartin Carlidnack Road** Renovation, extension and alteration works to a semi-detached dwelling. **APPROVED**
3. **PA26/00322/PRE Ridifarne Bar Road Helford Passage** Exception notice for works to clear dangerous trees that have fallen and to remove 3/ 5 standing trees that has been severely damaged by other trees. **CLOSED- ADVICE GIVEN**
4. **PA26/01668 Henskol Sul Carwinion Road** The Electronic Communications Code (Conditions and restrictions) Regulations 2003 (as amended) Regulation 5 Notice of Intention to Install Fixed Line Broadband Apparatus. **CLOSED- ADVICE GIVEN**
5. **PA26/00364/PRE Tide End Budock Vean** Exception notice for works to mature Ash. **CLOSED- ADVICE GIVEN**
6. **PA26/01348 Mittle Berry Carwinion Road** Non Material Amendment in relation to Decision Notice PA19/06836 dated 16.10.2019 to increase the size of the two first floor windows and add an additional Velux window to the property. **APPROVED**
7. **PA26/00496 Land North Of Mannshone Penwarne Road** Permission in Principle for proposed erection of 9 dwellings (5 affordable) (minimum of 9,maximum of 9). **WITHDRAWN**
8. **PA26/00391/PRE River House Budock Vean Lane** Exception notice for works to fell T1 (Mature Monterey Pine) to ground level. **CLOSED- ADVICE GIVEN**
9. **PA26/00429/PRE Pedn Billy Bar Road Helford Passage** Exception notice for felling 5 dead trees. **CLOSED- ADVICE GIVEN**

2627.09 UPDATE ON THE FINANCIAL POSITION AND APPROVAL OF THE LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR APRIL AND APPROVE AGAR END OF YEAR FIGURES

1. **Review** and **agree** monthly figures, payments and bank reconciliation

Cllr Shepherd requested that next year we look at the council tax base with regards to setting the budget for 27/28. The council tax bill reflected a reduction in the amount households pay despite a 3% increase. Clerk agreed to make sure this was considered when setting the 27/28 budget.

PROPOSED Cllr Shepherd, SECONDED Cllr Moyle, RESOLVED to agree monthly payments and bank reconciliation. All in Favour.

2. **Sign** Conflict of interest with external auditors form
PROPOSED Cllr Moyle, SECONDED Cllr Moyle, RESOLVED to agree there are no conflicts of interest with BDO external auditors. All in Favour.

3. **Review** AGAR and year end docs

Cllrs discussed the AGAR and why some boxes on page 4 have been marked 'no'. Clerk explained this was due to the risk assessment for the parish council not being updated during the year as requested by the internal auditor.

PROPOSED Cllr Shepherd, SECONDED Cllr Head, RESOLVED to engage Barbara Goraus as the internal auditor and accept her quote of £150. All in Favour.

PROPOSED Cllr Holloway, SECONDED Cllr Head, RESOLVED that the announcement date for the period of exercise of rights will be 2nd June with the start date of the 3rd June and end date of 14th July. All in Favour.

ACTION: Send Cob Cottage deeds to Cllr Whibley

2627.10 WEED TREATMENT

- 1. Discuss and decide** how Cllrs wish to proceed
ITEM NO LONGER NEEDS DISCUSSING DUE TO VOTE IN COUNTY HALL TO DELAY AS PER ITEM 2627.05

Cllrs comment they have seen people going round the parish killing weeds on the highways. Clerk to find out who this was as it's not part of the paths contract.

Cllrs agree to ask questions of the parish council's contractors as to whether they use it.

The clerk noted she had received a large number of emails from residents objecting to the use of glyphosate in the parish or anywhere.

PROPOSED Cllr Shepherd, SECONDED Cllr Head, RESOLVED to write to Esther Richmond at CAP to let her know the residents comments and to voice the parish council's support for Cllr Thomason-Kenyon and the outcome of the Motion and Cllrs look forward to receiving a revised proposal. All in Favour.

ACTION: Clerk to find out who has sprayed highways in the parish in the last 12 months and ascertain from our contractors if and how glyphosate is used within the parish.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Bob Saunders and make sure he is aware of the new planting and how to treat it.

2627.11 RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BURIALS COMMITTEE

Recommendations need to be voted on at full council meeting:

Regarding two ash trees on the boundary of the community burial ground and the old graveyard; one is in a poor state and the other is multi stemmed and needs to be dead wooded:

PROPOSED Cllr Moyle, SECONDED Cllr Whibley, RESOLVED that the council will put the work out to tender, get quotes which will then be forwarded and subject to PCC approval and contribution, and then be able to go ahead with the works. All in favour.

Regarding the topping up project for the left hand section on the southern side of the church as you walk into the old graveyard:

PROPOSED Cllr Whibley, SECONDED Cllr Moyle, RESOLVED that the contractor's quote for topping up should be recommended to the parish council for approval but using a mix of sub soil (from temporary path) and bought in top soil. All in favour.

Regarding the maintenance jobs highlighted by the contractor that are not included in his contract but need doing- edge the vegetation of hardcore pathways and slab

area up to beech hedge (£300) and to cut down the vegetation in front of the bench on the southern boundary of the graveyard (£275):

PROPOSED Cllr Whibley, SECONDED Cllr Moyle, RESOLVED that the contractor's quote for cutting the area of foliage on the southern boundary of the old graveyard and clearing the pathway borders should be recommended to the parish council for approval. All in favour.

Regarding the spacing of graves and whether to change it to increase capacity by 28 spaces:

PROPOSED Cllr Whibley, SECONDED Cllr Moyle, RESOLVED to arrange a site meeting between the committee and Tim Lugg to look at practicality of putting graves closer together to increase the longevity of the field. All in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to get quotes for tree felling in churchyard

ACTION: Clerk to action Robbie to start topping up project and maintenance jobs.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange site meeting with Tim Lugg

2627.12 CABLES IN PARISH AND DOG POO BINS

1. **Agree** to form a working group to undertake Parish wide fact finding- i.e dog poo bins, looking at overhead cables that could be buried etc.
2. **Agree** members for working group to be established at May AGM.

Cllrs agreed to defer this to May's meeting.

PROPOSED Cllr Whibley, SECONDED Cllr Moyle, RESOLVED defer item 2627.12 to May's AGM. All in favour.

2627.13 TOILET CLEANING CONTRACT

Agree to an annual review clause from April 2027- linked to the Real Living Wage and general operating costs.

PROPOSED Cllr Whibley, SECONDED Cllr Biggin, RESOLVED to agree to an annual review clause in the toilet cleaning contract. All in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to amend contract and get it signed.

2627.14 TELEPHONE BOX REPAIRS

Agree to quote for repair to stop water coming in

PROPOSED Cllr Shepherd, SECONDED Cllr Biggin, RESOLVED to agree to the quote for fixing the phone box for £100. All in favour.

Cllrs also wondered if he'd be able to construct better shelves in the phone box and fix the benches at Mawnan Park.

ACTION: Clerk to action the work to be done by contractor.

2627.15 ANY OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nothing urgent

2627.16 ANY URGENT BUSINESS THAT HAS COME IN SINCE THE AGENDA WENT OUT

Cllrs briefly discussed the contract supplied by Cornwall Council which is replacing the contract the parish council currently has with Biffa. Because it has been sent with less than a week to review and sign Cllrs agree to read through and make amendments via email before sending back to Cornwall Council. Certain items need to be addressed including additional collections if needed- how to book them, costs etc.

2627.17 ACTION: Clerk to follow up with Cornwall Council and Cllrs to get contract signed. TO AGREE RESPONSES REQUIRED TO ANY CORRESPONDANCE

Open Letter to MPs: Building Personal Climate Resilience

PROPOSED Cllr Whibley, SECONDED Cllr Head, RESOLVED to support the letter. All in favour.

Old Mawnan Stamp

The house it is from was identified and the clerk will pass ~~it~~ onto the owner.

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ACTION: Clerk to support Open Letter to MPs and get email regarding stamp to owner of the house in question.

2627.18 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION AND MAKE DECISIONS ON ANY NOTED ENVIRONMENT ISSUES INCLUDING TRAFFIC, ROADS, FOOTPATHS & COUNTRYSIDE

1. Any CAP, HMVC updates
2. Public enquiry set for PRW -WCA 758 (Tank Track)
3. Carlidnack Road will be closed 7th May 9.30- 3.30

<https://one.network/?tm=GB148836047>

ACTION: Clerk to put enquiry on website

2627.19 MATTERS OF COMMUNITY CONCERN

- a) Cllr Biggin is running a BioBlitz day on 29th August in Mawnan Park.
- b) Cllrs also wish to thank the ^{Cornwall} Mark Foundation for their generous donation to the Mawnan Park Project Fund. *Cl*
- c) A member of the public expressed concern about the state and height of the overgrown hedgerows and trees on roads across the parish. What are Cornwall Council going to do about trimming them back? Cllrs agree that this will be looked at by the Highways group when it is established at next months meeting.
- d) On footpath 220/9 there is a loose fencepost as you enter the field next to Lowenna Fields.

ACTION: Clerk to let the landowner Mark Tomlinson know.

2627.20 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION AT THE NEXT MEETING

- a) Cables in parish and dog poo bins
- b) Working groups

2627.21 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

19th May 2026 7pm but may be moved forward because all the local groups come in for the parish AGM.

2627.22 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

The council resolves under the 1960 Public Bodies Act to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of items to be discussed.

1. Burial Ground- tendering of grave digging

Cllr Holloway declared an interest in this item as the current gravedigger is a personal friend of his. He then left the room.

There is concern that every other work in the parish is tendered for yet there is no tender for the gravedigger. Should the parish be putting a tender out? Cllrs discussed this and whilst they expressed concern about the health and safety over lone working in the burial ground there have been no complaints about Mr Lugg, he is local, knows the graveyard and his costs are a private matter between the undertakers and Mr Lugg.

Cllrs decide to ask for a risk assessment and look at health and safety and ask undertakers if his fees are in line with other diggers.

PROPOSED Cllr Whibley, SECONDED Cllr Shepherd, RESOLVED to leave the situation as it is for now but request a risk assessment and if Cllrs are not satisfied to revisit the issue. All in favour.

2. Burial Ground- un-consecrated graves

Cllrs previously thought the two consecrations meant the entire community burial ground was consecrated apart from a small section of cremation plots on the north as one enters the field.

This has resulted in some burials taking place in un-consecrated ground when the internment form requested consecrated ground. It is also a legal requirement to offer un consecrated ground for burials.

Cllrs decide to get the Bishop in asap to consecrate the ground currently un-consecrated and then un-consecrate an area at the southern edge of the field and have this left for un-consecrated burial plots.

PROPOSED Cllr Moyle, SECONDED Cllr Whibley, RESOLVED to book the Bishop to consecrate the un-consecrated ground and un-consecrate a section to the southern border of the graveyard. All in favour.

3. Meudon Hotel- update

Cornwall Council has offered a meeting, and the clerk has asked for dates for an enforcement officer from Cornwall Council to meet with Cllrs to discuss the development.


ACTION: Clerk to contact Bishop

ACTION: Clerk to ask Tim Lugg for his risk assessment

ACTION: Clerk send risk assessment to Cllr Shepherd

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Guy Potter
Chair


19/05/2026

Date



ITEM list

1	Minutes of meeting 17th March 2026
2	Bank Reconciliation
3	AGAR 25/26 to be submitted to internal audit
3A	Rec & Pay account report 25/26
4	Weed treatment for Highways in parish
5	Email re toilet cleaning contract
6	Quote to repair telephone box
7	Open Letter to MPs: Building Personal Climate Resilience
8	Email about Old Mawnan Stamp
9	Agenda for upcoming HMVC meeting

Current bank balances as at 13th April (31st March)

- Nationwide £48,343.60
- Current account £76,251.30 (£12,286.97)
- Deposit account £69,383.04 (£69,353.59)
- CPFT £12,626.69
- JPFT £11,407.02

Spending March

Item	Cost Centre	Supplier	What	VAT £	Total £	Paid?
261	JPF inspection	SWPSi	Feb JPF inspection	9.00	54.00	Y
265	Toilets- Utility Charges	WaterPlus	Feb Water charges		92.81	Y
271	Toilets Electric	YU Energy	Feb invoice	0.38	7.95	Y
273	IT support	Objective IT services	Feb support	27.44	164.64	Y
279	Bank charges	Lloyds	Account charges		4.25	Y
272	Phone and Internet	BT	Phone and internet March	6.99	41.96	Y
267	Toilet Cleaning	Passmore	Feb Charge	65.00	390.00	Y
281	Office Admin	Adobe	Acrobat Pro	3.33	19.97	Y
266	Green spaces	R Sanders	Feb cut	98.00	588.00	Y
276	Clerk Salary	Melissa Mercer	Wages Feb hours 9 hours overtime		1409.21	Y
275	Clerk and PC Pension contribution	NEST	Clerk £65.63 PC contribution £114.84		180.47	Y
277	Clerk PAYE and NI	HMRC	PAYE and NI		165.81	Y
260	Meeting Room Hire	Bowling Club	10 & 15 th Dec meeting		66.00	Y
262, 278	Graveyard Maintenance	Robbie's Garden Services	Jan, Feb, Mar maintenance Sorted compost piles Extra cuts of some areas		1852.00	Y
263 & 264	Training	CALC	Code of conduct for Cllr Moyle- attended? Assertion 10 training for Clerk	7.50	45.00	Y

268	Mawnan Park Forest for Cornwall Grant	MacSalvors	Gardening Equipment	49.22	295.29	Y
269	Mawnan Park Forest for Cornwall Grant	Screwfix	CleverRoll Easy Set	48.33	289.98	Y
270	Mawnan Park Forest for Cornwall Grant	B&Q	Gardening Equipment	21.42	128.53	Y
274	Mawnan Park Project	Andrew Jon Bathe	Fence repairs in MP Minute ref 2526.209		250	Y
280	Title Deeds	Land Registry	Cob Cottage		14.00	Y
283, 282	Mawnan Park Forest for Cornwall Grant	Forest Garden	Shrubs and Trees for Mawnan Park		997.40	Y
			Total	£336.61	£7057.27	

Receipts March/ April

Item	Cost Centre	Supplier	What	VAT £	Total £
R40	Mawnan Park Crowdfunder	Crowdfunder	Donation		16.77
R41	LMP/ SWCP Grant	Cornwall Council	Grant for path cutting 25/26		1711.46
R1	Precept	Cornwall Council	Precept instalment 1		57,490.00
R2	Burial Fees	Pascoe and Sons	Internment and Memorial (cremation)		250.00
R3	VAT Refund	HMRC	VAT repayment Oct 25-March 26	6680.82	
			Total	£6,680.82	£59,468.23

Payments/ To approve for April

Item	Cost Centre	Supplier	What	VAT £	Total £	Paid?
3	JPF inspection	SWPSi	March JPF inspection	9.00	54.00	N
4	Toilets- Utility Charges	WaterPlus	March Water charges		92.81	Y
9	Toilets Electric	YU Energy	March invoice	0.50	10.47	Y
7	IT support	Objective IT services	March support	27.44	164.64	N
TBC	Bank charges	Lloyds	Account charges		4.25	N
10	Phone and Internet	BT	Phone and internet April	7.72	46.34	Y
TBC	Toilet Cleaning	Passmore	March Charge	65.00	390.00	N
TBC	Office Admin	Adobe	Acrobat Pro	3.33	19.97	N
5	Green spaces	R Sanders	March cut	465.40	2792.40	N
11	Clerk Salary	Melissa Mercer	Wages March hours		1296.88	N
13	Clerk and PC Pension contribution	NEST	Clerk £59.02 PC contribution £103.28		162.30	Y
12	Clerk PAYE and NI	HMRC	PAYE and NI		278.38	N

6	Grants	Paul Glover	Little Wembley Cutting plus authorised tree removal		170.00	N
TBC	Graveyard Maintenance	Robbie's Garden Services	April maintenance		484.00	N
8	Training	CALC	Annual membership Calc and Nalc	104.91	747.95	N
2	Mawnan Park Crowdfunder + MP project	TK Play	Fencing in Mawnan Park	2458.20	14749.20	N
1	Graveyard Rates	Cornwall Council	Business rates		362.44	Y
			Total	£3,141.50	£21,826.03	

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Mawnan Parish Council

Prepared by: *[Signature]*
Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Date: 21-4-26,

Approved by: *[Signature]*
Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

Date: 21/4/26

Bank Reconciliation at 31/03/2026			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2025		82,678.52
	ADD		
	Receipts 01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026		162,316.36
			244,994.88
	SUBTRACT		
	Payments 01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026		115,010.72
A	Cash in Hand 31/03/2026 (per Cash Book)		129,984.16
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	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash	31/03/2026	0.00
	Current Account - Lloyds	31/03/2026	12,286.97
	Deposit Account - Lloyds	31/03/2026	69,353.59
	95 Day Saver Account - Nationwide	31/03/2026	48,343.60
			129,984.16
	Less unrepresented payments		
			129,984.16
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
B	Adjusted Bank Balance		129,984.16
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A = B Checks out OK			



Councillor Report – April 2026



Cllr. Anna Thomason-Kenyon

Cornwall Council

Division: Constantine, Mabe & Mawnan

Introduction

It is always a pleasure to join parish council meetings when I am able. Unfortunately, some recent parish meetings have coincided with mandatory Cornwall Council meetings and other duties associated with my role as Cornwall councillor for the three parishes of Mabe, Constantine and Mawnan.

I have recently set up a Cornwall councillor Facebook page, where I will be publishing my full Parish Council reports for residents who wish to read them in full.

Planning in Principle (PIP) – clarification

Following the recent display of a Planning in Principle (PIP) site notice in Mawnan, I am aware that this caused understandable concern for some residents, particularly given the sensitive location of the site.

To reassure residents, a Planning in Principle is only an early and high-level stage in the planning process, considering whether a site may be acceptable *in principle only*. No detailed assessment takes place at this stage.

More detailed matters will only go on to be assessed if a further, separate application is made at a later stage.

I will continue to share clear explanations and updates through my Facebook page so residents have access to accurate and up-to-date information in one place.

Local Council Updates

Cornwall Council Meetings

During April, I attended a number of scheduled council meetings, including Corporate Finance & Performance, the West Sub-Area Planning Committee, and the Miscellaneous Licensing Committee, to represent local interests, contribute to decision-making, and maintain oversight of financial, planning, and regulatory matters affecting our communities. I will also be attending the Full Council meeting on 21 April.

Cost of Living Support – Heating Oil Scheme

I have shared information with residents via the parish Facebook page about Cornwall Council's Cost of Living Support Scheme relating to heating oil, to ensure local households who may need assistance are aware of the support available.

Support remains available for households who are off the mains gas grid through the Crisis and Resilience Fund Energy Support Scheme. Further information and

applications can be found at:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/housing-benefit/crisis-and-resilience-fund-energy-support-scheme>

Highways Update – Cabinet Member Briefing

The Portfolio Holder for Transport has reported that, thanks to the excellent work of the teams at Cormac and improving weather conditions, the number of live road defects across Cornwall has fallen from 5,296 to 3,987 over the past four weeks. This improvement has enabled more durable, long-term repairs to be carried out, including the use of Elastomac, a hard-wearing material that helps reduce recurring potholes. While further work is still needed, this progress is encouraging. As we move into the spring now we are seeing fewer defects appearing, and we are able to not only undertake more repairs, but are also able to carry out long-term fixes, which is beginning to make a real impact on those numbers.

An update on the highway works at Ponjeravah, Constantine: the cause of long-standing water damage was identified and repaired, new permanent drainage has been installed, and the road has now been fully reinstated to provide a long-term solution. Given the level of disruption and complexity of the works, I provided regular updates to residents to ensure accurate information was shared throughout the process.

Community News – Project Updates

I was very pleased to be invited to attend the official opening of the newly refurbished kitchen at Mawnan Memorial Hall, following the successful completion of the works.

I understand how significant an improvement this will be for the ongoing use of the Hall by the community, particularly for the many events and activities that take place there. This work has been made possible through the hard work of the Hall Committee and volunteers, with support from local funding including my Community Chest allocation.

I look forward to joining the Chair and team at the opening and would like to thank everyone involved in delivering this improvement for the community.

Casework & Residents Issues

During April, the main themes raised by residents included:

- Responding to resident concerns regarding a recent Planning in Principle (PIP) application, providing clarification and reassurance
- Supporting residents with tree-related concerns, including making enquiries where further checks are required and matters remain ongoing
- Assisting a resident with concerns about planning compliance, including arranging an enforcement officer visit to provide reassurance
- Liaising with Cornwall Council planning and enforcement officers to support residents and ensure appropriate processes are followed

Community Area Partnership (CAP) Update

Through my role as Vice Chair of the Falmouth and Penryn Community Area Partnership (CAP), officers are currently working to build a clearer picture of youth provision across the CAP area.

It has been recognised that a range of youth activities and support already exist locally, but that this provision is not currently mapped in one place. Parish councils hold valuable local knowledge, and I will therefore be gathering information on existing youth provision within Mawnan to feed back into this wider evidence-gathering work.

The purpose of this is to recognise and understand what is already in place, help avoid duplication, and ensure future discussions at CAP are informed by local reality rather than assumptions.

I will share any relevant updates with the Parish Council as this work progresses.

Current & Future Priorities

My focus for the coming month includes:

- Continuing to press for improved highways maintenance and repair performance locally
- Supporting residents with cost of living concerns
- Providing support and clarification for residents on planning matters, helping people understand planning processes
- Supporting individual residents with complex and sensitive casework, including liaison with Cornwall Council services where appropriate
- Supporting community groups and organisations, including signposting to funding opportunities
- Exploring local priorities and potential funding opportunities into the new financial year
- Ensuring effective representation and follow-up across Mawnan, Constantine and Mabe

Message to Residents

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me this month about local issues. Your feedback helps ensure Cornwall Council remains accountable and responsive to rural communities like ours. Please do continue to share any concerns or ideas.

Useful Links

- [Cornwall Council Planning Portal](#)
- [Roads and Transport Information](#)
- [Waste and Recycling Services](#)

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My Representation - Public Realm Weed Treatment Update

On 21 April 2026, I spoke in the main chamber in support of a motion **calling for a pause and review** of the re-introduction of glyphosate weedkiller in public spaces.

Below is the full representation I prepared, setting out why proper consultation and a fairer approach matter.

While I was unable to deliver it in full due to the three-minute time limit, the majority of these points were made.

Chair,

This motion goes to the heart of how we make decisions in Cornwall — and whether we bring our communities with us when we do so.

I support it, and I do so with conviction.

Because this is **not simply about weeds on our streets**.

It is about **trust**, about **public health**, and about whether we, as a Council, remain **consistent with the commitments we have made** to our residents and to our environment.

The proposal to reintroduce glyphosate is, as the motion sets out, a **significant policy reversal** — one with real **ecological, health, and democratic implications**.

Over the past decade, Cornwall has taken pride in leading the way on environmental responsibility.

We have declared climate and ecological emergencies.
We have adopted a Nature Recovery Strategy.
We have supported pollinators.
And we have reduced chemical use across our public spaces.

This decision risks **undermining that progress**.

Now, I want to be clear.

This motion is not about neglecting the public realm.

Clean, safe, and well-maintained streets are a core part of our responsibility as a Council —
and this is an issue that residents regularly raise through casework, correspondence, and local meetings.

**The question before us is not whether we manage weeds —
but how we do so.**

Because this is also about people.

It is about what we are prepared to apply in the places
where children play,
where families walk,
and where pets live their daily lives.

The evidence presented raises serious concerns:

- about potential links to serious health conditions
- about impacts on biodiversity and waterways
- and, critically, about whether this approach actually solves the problem at all

Because killing weeds chemically does **not** address the underlying build-up of soil and debris.

Without tackling that root cause, we risk locking ourselves into a **cycle of repeated chemical use**,
rather than delivering a **sustainable, long-term solution**.

There is also a fundamental issue of **process and fairness**.

Town and parish councils — the bodies closest to our communities — have been given just **three weeks** to respond to complex opt-out arrangements, over a holiday period.

That is **not meaningful consultation**.

And it is **not partnership working**.

Even more concerning is the **financial structure** of the opt-out scheme.

As it currently stands, councils that choose — often on clear democratic mandates — to avoid glyphosate face financial penalties and the loss of wider improvement works.

That creates a situation where **doing what a council believes is right for its community comes at a cost**.

That cannot be right.

This motion does **not** demand an immediate or permanent ban.

It asks for something far more reasonable:

- to pause
- to consult properly
- to review the financial fairness of the scheme
- and to provide clarity for town and parish councils

In short, it asks us to **step back and get this right**.

Chair,

Good decision-making is not about rushing ahead.

It is about listening, reflecting, and acting in the **long-term interests of our residents**.

So let us pause.

Let us listen.

And let us make a decision we can stand behind — not just today, but in the years to come. **Thank you.**