

St Beward Parish Council 2025/26

Minutes of the Council meeting for
Monday 1st December 2025 at 7:30pm
Held in St Beward Institute & War Memorial Hall

1) Parish Councillors Present: Darren Wills, Paul Frost, Stuart Dodds, Val Hill, Alistair Philp, Veronica Stansfield, Stephen Nankivell, David Cornelius, David Clark

Unitary Authority Councillor Present: David Garrigan

Clerk to the Parish Council: Anita Cornelius

Public Present: Joan Webb, Bonny Bryan, Hazel Burrows, Sara Burrows, John Stonefield, David Poxon, Peter Glaser, RG Nankivell, John Overton, Janice Chivers, Ivor Chivers, Denton Bourne, Jane Stedman, John Stedman, Jeremy Hooper, Caroline Hooper, Bob Kirby Harris, David Brattle, Kevin Foster, Sue & Michael Matthews, Paddy McShee, James Ellis, Jodie Price, Victoria Nankivell, Julie Greenaway, Jess Greenaway, Dawn Hamilton Barrett, Mr & Mrs Steve Hyde

Agenda Item	Notes from Meeting	Person Responsible
Public concerns and issues raised prior to start of the PC meeting	Conversations were presented to the Parish Council about a) Mr K Foster - various b) Denton Bourne - James Ellis, Ivor Chivers, David Poxon, Dawn Hamilton Barrett, Richard Nankivell, Jan Chivers - Walk Wheel Cycle trust project re Cycle Route 3, c) Bob Kirby Harris, Jeremy Hooper, Church graveyard	
2) The Parish Council will complete the co-option process for their new Councillor	David Clark completed his acceptance of office form, witnessed by the Clerk and submitted supporting documents –register of interests form, registration of approval to receive documents by email and confirmation of duty to adhere to code of conduct including the principles of public life.	
3) Apologies	FC (holiday)	
4) Declaration of members registerable, non-registerable and disclosable pecuniary interests (in accordance with Part 3, 5A & 5B Code of Conduct)	None	
5) Minutes of the meeting held on 6 th October 2025	The PC approved the minutes of the meeting held on 3 rd November 2025. Proposed by PF seconded by VS. All in favour	
5) Matters Arising from previous meetings	a) SN – gorse cutting around Rylands - discussion with Commoners has taken place and the gorse around silver springs & bottom of Rylands - will be pared at the end of March. b) Clerk to follow up on community emergency toolkit – agreed to focus on this in new year	Complete Clerk

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	<p>c) SN has asked the Commoners if they could cut gorse/ferns near seat at Mine Hill War memorial. They confirmed that they do not want to undertake this paring but are happy for parish council to arrange for paring to take place at their expense/group of volunteers to undertake</p>	complete
6) Public Concerns & Comments	<p>a) Mr Foster asked the Parish Council to consider the following items at their next PC meeting – i) damage to the 20 are plenty signs, which has reduced how many there are in place, ii) he has 1 ½ bags of rock salt at his property for use in winter, iii) consideration for Penvorder Lane to be restricted to a 20mph speed limit and he would like to ask the community for their ideas/support in developing Brake Farm for people aged 55+. He plans to look at a scheme with Community Land Trust.</p> <p>b) Denton Bourne initiated a summary regarding the WWCT designs that have been uploaded on to their website. He confirmed that on Saturday 29th Nov he and Ivor Chivers organized a drop in session from 11-4pm for parishioners to review the plans. Approx. 100 people attended the event. He accepted that some designs have changed and not one attendee supported the proposals. He explained that communication and engagement to date has been poor from WWCT and the people attended were all in opposition and surprised and shocked with what has been produced. He was asking the Parish Council to not support this scheme and wants WWCT to not proceed with its current scheme. All members of the public applauded Denton Bourne for his summary at this point of the meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that WWCT had contacted the PC by email today and confirmed that the design period will be extended. Darren Wills (Chair to PC) extended thanks to Denton & Ivor for their time and attention in this matter to date, and for holding the event on Saturday.</p> <p>Richard Nankivell explained that he was opposed to the previous proposed road closures, noting this has now changed. He continued that the lack of engagement is disgusting and that there had been no engagement with the commoners, some of the designs affect the Triple SI, there are no figures to support the scheme that are meaningful or relevant to this route re: accidents/injuries, there is no need for this scheme and asked the Parish Council to support their parishioners.</p> <p>Dawn Hamilton Barrett read the concerns submitted to WWCT from the perspective of the community shop committee in St Beward. Concerns included the effect upon parking and deliveries to the shop and stated there was no support for this scheme from the shop committee.</p>	

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	<p>James Ellis expressed his views to the scheme – no need for a cycle lane, proposals are stupid and not thought through, tractors and lorries will be affected in how they can access the village which is nonsense and reducing the size of small roads presents a new safety concern.</p> <p>Ivor Chivers confirmed how to submit feedback to the latest set of WWCT plans and advised there is no clarity on a deadline date for feedback at this stage. He read a letter from Nancy Hall who advises that she will not give any permission for any changes to common land in St Beward, especially for additional signage, picnic areas or any of the suggestions.</p> <p>Jan Chivers advised that the communication and engagement from WWCT has been unprofessional.</p> <p>David Garrigan confirmed his attendance and gratitude for the event held on Saturday by Denton and Ivor. He explained that he has a meeting scheduled with WWCT and Cornwall Council next week.</p> <p>His intention is to stress that there has been a failure to consult and the survey and proposed scheme is not fit for purpose.</p> <p>The economic benefits will not come to fruition and it is ludicrous to implement a 20mph speed limit throughout the village – this village should not be turned into a cycle theme park.</p> <p>He would clarify what the role of highways is within this scheme.</p> <p>He confirmed that the funding sits with WWCT, who would pay Cormac to deliver the scheme – and he is aware that nothing has gone to any planning committee at this stage.</p> <p>He responded to Steve Hyde who said that there were no metrics, numbers or data which supports this scheme by agreeing that he doesn't think the data exists.</p> <p>Mrs Matthews added that there have been no accidents in the past 20 years for cyclists on the route 3.</p> <p>He said that he is an experienced cyclist and would not cycle through St Beward – and recommended that a feasibility study is commissioned to review the scheme via the river Camel or old railway route. It would probably be a scheme that would be 10 years in the making from engagement through to delivery.</p> <p>c)Bob Kirby Harris, John Overton and Jeremy Hooper gave an update regarding the sale of Glebe Lane and the next steps (see agenda item 8)</p>	
7) Walk Wheel & Cycle Trust event on 4 th November 2025	The Chairman noted that many Councillors attended this drop in event and were concerned about the proposals being shared by WWCT.	

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	<p>David Clark proposed that the PC do not support the WWCT scheme, seconded by Stephen Nankivell – all Parish Councillors in support of this resolution. Stephen echoed the lack of detail in the proposals so far and any accidents should only be cited against the cycle route 3.</p> <p>SN asked that WWCT share the money spent on this scheme so far and noted his strong objection, especially as the Parish haven't asked for this scheme, or anyone who is linked with the parish or works within it. Stephen added that the current proposal does not support a reduction in carbon – as parishioners will have to use longer, alternative routes in motorized vehicles. The existing cycle route 3 has served the village well for about 30 years – so why is there a need to alter anything? David G agreed to ask about the money spent so far.</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed the following plan, having listened all who attended the meeting and David Garrigan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) David Garrigan to attend the meeting with Highways & WWCT next week. He aims for the outcome for this meeting will be that the scheme is scrapped, and aims to negotiate on behalf of the numerous examples of opposition received.2) David plans to ask for a feasibility study after this scheme is scrapped.3) The suggestion of forming a working party was discussed and will be decided at the next PC meeting, once outcome of David Garrigan's meeting is known.4) Any working party would be asked to consider what the village wants and reps should include walkers, cyclists, horse riders and drivers of motorized vehicles. <p>20:06hrs All members of the public except Mrs Webb and Mr Glaser left the meeting at this point.</p>	
8) Limited burial facilities at St Breward Church	<p>The PC received the following update from Mr Kirby Harris and Mr Hooper within the public comments & concerns part of the meeting:</p> <p>The decision to sell this land has been deferred. A public meeting will be held on 13th January 2026 in the village hall. The Diocese will be presented and other significant personnel. The Glebe committee's aim is to maximize the funds they make for the Diocese. They will want to secure a sale at a modest price, so the PCC would want to buy the land.</p> <p>Mrs Matthews advised that there could be a concern for generations to come as the village grows and thrives, and would want to be buried in the parish. She shared a map showing the right of way and that they own access to the field in question.</p> <p>Mr Hooper briefed the meeting:</p>	

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20:15hrs 20:30hrs	<p>a) History should be considered and the PC needs to consider a resolution of does the parish need to have a burial ground for parishioners.</p> <p>b) In 1970 the land was taken from the village – 60 acres in Glebe Farm and the land next to the village hall. This was taken without any negotiation or payment at all. Jeremy wrote to the Archdeacon who was not helpful.</p> <p>c) There is case law regarding the compulsory purchase of land, explained in the Criche Down Rules(The Criche Down Rules) - where land must be offered back to the original owners.</p> <p>d) It is hoped that at the meeting on 13th January 2026 – the community will seek to persuade the Diocese/Glebe Committee not to drive a hard bargain.</p> <p>e) John Overton advised that this piece is the only remaining piece of Glebe Land remaining and it has been taken off the market at present.</p> <p>VS proposed that the Parish Council supports the PCC in having a village graveyard, seconded by PF – all the Parish Council were in favour of this resolution.</p> <p>The PC temporarily stopped the meeting for a comfort break.</p> <p>The meeting resumed</p>	
9)Planning Matters & Applications	<p>a) PA25/08184 Churchtown Farm Churchtown St Beward. Prior approval for conversion of hay and livestock barns for the housing of storage containers to use as storage space. The area of land outside of the barn that currently is used as bale and farm machinery storage to also be converted to storage container use. The PC discussed the application and felt there was insufficient information to make a decision. The information which would be useful is:</p> <p>the implications for traffic management in this area will there be 24hr access to the storage facility? will the containers be for rental as a business venture? how many containers will there be in total? Will the containers be positioned within the barn, what will be the designed layout? Will the facility impinge on access to FP 13 for pedestrian/wheeled users? The Clerk was asked to send this representation back to the Planning dept.</p> <p>b) PA25/08411 3 Ryland Terrace St Beward Bodmin PL30 4LR Erection of porch to the WNW elevation of the property Ms Linda Hancock. The PC discussed this application and PF proposed that the PC support this application, seconded by AP – all in favour.</p> <p>c) PA25/08555 Penpont Cottage St Beward Bodmin PL30 4QN Proposed ground and first floor extension with internal alterations S Cowley. The PC supports this application,</p>	

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	proposed by DCI, seconded by VS – all in favour. b)Decisions: PA25/02973 & PA25/02972 approved, PA25/07180 approved. c)Correspondence – 1) Cornwall Local Plan and Neighbourhood Priority statement 2) Parish call for sites	
10) Police Report	December newsletter received by all Councillors.	
11) CALC Updates	DCI has been booked in for Code of Conduct training on line – 8 th December The Clerk asked the PC for support in her attending training in January – internal controls, update on VAT – cost = £70. The PC resolved to support this training, proposed by VS, seconded by PF – all in favour.	
12) Play Area Rylands	PF reported that the gate and closer has now been fixed and thanked Alistair for his help. No other items to report.	
13) Village Seats, grit bins, bins & notice boards	The PC agreed the noticeboard at Hill needs attention , maybe replacement. PF & DW agreed to take a look at it. VS will check if the grit bins have had their annual refill with Cornwall Council.	
14) Footpaths	VS confirmed that the Mill Lane works will commence the week beginning 5 th January 2026. Communication needs to be undertaken with the residents. VH advised that the Camel Trail group confirmed that they had left the PC out of the communication and apologized. This would not happen again. VH also confirmed that the Camel Trail car parks have been improved and are looking good.	
15) Public Conveniences	Councillor Clark agreed to be the rep who links with Jonquil and any work linked with this facility. DW gave a handover about the actions and review undertaken to date. Prices will be obtained for a new switch for the disabled alarm cord.	
16) Precept Planning for 2026/27	The Parish Council discussed the precept planning and asked the Clerk to notify Cornwall Council that they will finalise the precept after their meeting on 5 th January 2026.	Clerk
17) The PC will note all reports made to Cornwall Council/others in past month & update on progress	a) W252130841 Culvert @ Silver Springs – issue is continuing.	
18) Reports will be received by Unitary Councillor and/or the members of the Parish Council	a) CALC AGM was attended by VS & AC – and a brief resume was shared with Councillors. b) Paul Frost is completing the application to improve the road from Wenfordbridge to St Tudy crossroads. It was agreed that there needed to be a conversation with St Tudy PC. The submission has to be completed by the end of Jan/beg February. c) David Garrigan gave an update Council's SPF funding – where some could be	PF

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	<p>devolved to Parishes – there is no motion at present but he is thinking that he will vote against this devolution. He spoke about the 2nd home revenue may be used for ‘difficult to inhabit’ homes. Possibly 50 homes per month for families. This is being proposed by Kate Ewart and David G seconded this motion.</p> <p>d) PF gave an update re Leats. He has unblocked 3 blockages under Trevor and is awaiting a response from David MacKellar regarding responsibilities.</p> <p>e) DCC advised that he thinks the PC should explore the feasibility of installing a cattlegrid after the school. He asked that this be included on next month’s agenda. VS will ask highway steward for a quote.</p> <p>f) SN gave update re commoners feedback (see matters arising)</p> <p>g) DW suggested that a roadsweeper is needed from top of Mine Hill down to Gam Bridge on both sides to help with winter drainage. VS offered to contact David MacKellar.</p>	
19))Financial Matters	<p>The PC reviewed all payments, BACS payments and inter account transfers and all actions supported. Transferred £1100 from savings account to current account payments. Proposed VS seconded by VH – all in favour.</p> <p>The PC noted the following Payments due/paid in December 2025:</p> <p>Clerk: £494.64</p> <p>Cleaner: £260</p> <p>PAYE: £153.79</p> <p>Payroo £6</p> <p>British Gas: £53.39</p> <p>New padlock for toilet electric cupboard - £10.99 reimburse Darren Wills</p> <p>Current account on 1st December: £61.90</p> <p>Savings account on 1st December: £35883.98 (interest £20.71 on 10 Nov)</p>	
20) To review all correspondence – the PC will view or discuss specific items of correspondence received via post/email	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Town & Parish Council newsletterb) School Admission Arrangements Consultation – Stuart Dodds fed back and advised that this was predominantly Devon. St Breward Primary school and Sir James Smiths are members of this Trust. There are implications to admission criteria which could change, and sometimes consultation takes place on changes. Schools need to consult with parents.c) Affordable Housing newsletter shared with all Councillors.	

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21) Forthcoming Training/Meetings/ seminars	a) Personal safety for Councillors 12 th Feb 2026 2- 3:40pm b) Handling on line abuse & intimidation for Councillors 19 th Feb 2-330pm	
22) Proposed PC meeting dates for 2026/27	Dates were reviewed and agreed for 2026/27 All meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month in 2026 except for April and May which will take place on the Tuesday after the bank holiday Monday.	
23) Items for discussion at next meeting	WWCT proposal update Update after the public meeting on 13 th January re Church graveyard and Glebe Land extension options Cattle grid feasibility between school and silver springs Update re grit bins in parish 20 is plenty sign replacement of broken signs	
25) Date/time of next mtg	Meeting closed 21:30hrs. Next Meeting Monday 5 th January 2026 at 7 30pm in Institute & War Memorial Hall.	