

# ROCHE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

### IN THE MAIN HALL OF THE ROCHE VICTORY HALL

ON MONDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026 AT 6.30PM

Present	Cllr. D. Inch (Chairman)	Mrs. J. Burdon (Parish Clerk)	Cllr. B. Kretowicz (Vice-Chairman)
	Cllr. G. Rowe	Cllr. P. Dunn	Cllr. P. Kent
	Cllr. D. Yelland	Cllr. D. Brown	2 Reps from Police
	2 Members of Public		

57/26	<b>Welcome and Opening of the 2026 Annual Parish Meeting:-</b> Chairman opened the 2026 Annual Parish Meeting and welcomed all.	
58/26	<b>Apologies for non-attendance:-</b> Councillors M. Taylor, M. Edyvean, Mrs. A. King, Mrs. S. Tippet.	
59/26	<b>Annual Report from Cornwall Councillor:-</b> No report received from Cornwall Councillor S. Trevelyan.	
60/26	<p><b>Annual Report from Police:-</b> Report received for 2025-2026 as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the end of the 2025 financial year the St Austell and St Blazey Neighbourhood Team currently comprises of 1 Police Sergeant (PS) known as a Neighbourhood Team Leader (NTL) 7 Police Officers known as Neighbourhood Beat Managers (NBM), 7 Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) and 2 Tri-Service Safety Officers (TSSO).</li> <li>• The Neighbourhood Inspector responsible for the St Austell area is currently Inspector Matt Trevivian.</li> <li>• The Neighbourhood Team Leader (NTL) is PS Martin Easter.</li> <li>• PC Steph Tann, PC Danielle Moore Dunstan, PC Yasmin Vokes, PCSO Alison Relf, PCSO Laura Putt and PCSO Steve Tibbles are the neighbourhood officers responsible the parishes outside of St. Austell. They are assisted by TSSO Lewis Rosewell currently operating from St. Dennis Fire Station.</li> <li>• The team also works closely with Cornwall Council Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) case worker Annabelle Lamy and the ASB and housing teams working for the various social housing associations with housing stock in the area to deal with ASB and low-level crime.</li> <li>• There have been several changes to the neighbourhood team over the past 12 months. 3 PCSO's joined the team in April 2025 and were successful in achieving independent status following a period of tutorship. They have continued to develop their skills and knowledge in neighbourhood policing and establishing good working relationships with residents and community stakeholders.</li> <li>• PC Chris Wallbank, PC Ben Jones and PC Jamie Martin joined the team in March and April 2026 as NBM's for St. Austell town and St. Blazey respectively.</li> <li>• They also assist in delivering neighbourhood policing outside of St Austell and St Blazey.</li> <li>• An additional NTL will be joining the team in May 2026.</li> <li>• PCSO Steve Tibbles is currently from work due to long term illness. Other members of the team are continuing his work in the parish with patrols and managing community concerns.</li> <li>• <b>NHT activities</b> - We continue to address and manage ASB and crime related to ASB in the community.</li> </ul>	

- We recognise ongoing community concerns in regarding nuisance vehicles both on and off the road We have completed operations targeting nuisance riders in the Clay Villages and have seized a number of illegal motorcycles, electric pedal cycles and e scooters. We have also issued Section 59 warnings to drivers and riders who have been identified as driving or riding vehicles in an anti-social manner.

**Roche Parish crime from April 2025 to March 2026:-**

A total of 258 crimes were reported during this period broken down as below:

<b>Crime type</b>	<b>Number</b>
Assault Offences	90
Stalking and harassment	55
Miscellaneous theft offences	24
Criminal damage	23
Public order offences	18
Sexual offences	13
Burglary offences	8
Shoplifting offences	7
Miscellaneous crimes against the state	7
Vehicle offences	5
Possession of Drugs offences	4
Robbery	1
Possession of weapons offences	1
Drug supply/trafficking offences	1
Death/serious injury driving offence	1

There has been an increase in the number of harassment offences recorded due to how such offences are now recorded, especially regarding reported neighbour disputes. These may have been previously recorded as incidents of ASB. If information is reported where an individual allegedly engages in a course of conduct (more than one occasion) and that conduct allegedly causes alarm or distress, it is now recorded as a criminal offence of harassment.

Chairman thanked the police for their annual report.

**Action:** Clerk to send last year's figures to police as a comparison.

Two representatives left the meeting at 7.02pm.

**Clerk**

**70/26**

**Chairman's Annual Report:-** Clerk circulated report prior to the meeting for 2025 as follows: -

- During the past year, a great deal has been achieved within our Parish. Without everyone's collective efforts, we would not be able to maintain the high standards of our village. This includes all those who help run the many clubs and groups in the area, so much hard work and dedication often go unnoticed. On behalf of the village, thank you.
- We also saw the long-awaited opening of the new road, and what a difference it has made for everyone.
- Work is about to begin on a selection of new projects within the village to further enhance traffic calming measures and improve safety for pedestrians, including safer routes to the train stations, the school, and the village centre.
- As mentioned last year, we planned to initiate several projects focused on improving the village. You will have noticed that we continue to work hard to make our Parish better.

	<p>We have made significant improvements at Trezaise and Harmony Road - changes that, I am sure, many will agree are already making a positive difference. We have also supported further planting of daffodils and hydrangeas throughout the village.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We remain committed to maintaining the natural beauty of our village. Following a very wet and windy winter, we have had to invest additional funds in tree inspections and the removal of any trees that have become dangerous. Wherever possible, we will plant new trees and enhance the areas affected.</li> <li>• Our vision is to create well-used and cherished spaces for the community. This year, we delivered on that promise with the new Pump Track, which has been extremely well received by residents of all ages. We have also provided space for an additional cricket pitch and created an area for future refreshment opportunities.</li> <li>• Over the next 12 months, we will be reviewing and hopefully improving the toddler area within the park. Our primary focus will remain on keeping the entire park an exciting hub for recreation and community engagement.</li> <li>• Furthermore, our commitment to public safety remains a top priority throughout the Parish.</li> <li>• Our Neighbourhood Plan continues to be a vital tool in shaping the future development of our village, and as a Parish Council, we fully support its ongoing progress.</li> <li>• We also have clear and responsible spending plans that allow us to invest in future Parish projects. This is only possible with careful planning and well-defined objectives for the year ahead. I am delighted to say that, once again, we have been able to financially support many of the village's clubs and groups.</li> <li>• We should also be proud of the fantastic volunteers who remain committed to keeping our village litter-free - Thank you from all of us.</li> <li>• Finally, as always, my sincere thanks go to our Clerk, Julie Burdon. Her support and dedication to Roche Parish are truly a credit to her.</li> </ul> <p>Dan Inch - Chairman to Roche Parish Council.</p>	
<b>71/26</b>	There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.03pm	

Signature: .....

Chairman

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026