

# ROCHE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

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

ON MONDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2026 AT 6.30PM

**Present** Cllr. D. Inch (Chairman) Cllr. Mrs. A. King Cllr. M. Edyvean Clean Earth Reps  
Mrs. J. Burdon (Parish Clerk) Cllr. P. Dunn Cllr. G. Rowe 3 Members of Public  
Cllr. B. Kretowicz (Vice-Chairman) Cllr. P. Kent Cllr. D. Yelland

41/26	<b>Apologies for non-attendance:-</b> Councillors Mrs. S. Tippet, M. Taylor.	
42/26	<p><b>Public Forum (Including any report from Cornwall Councillor if received):-</b> Three members of the public in attendance with nothing to raise.</p> <p>Georgina Marsden – Clean Earth Energy – Update received advising the proposed development follows initial consultation with the parishes within the China Clay area, including Roche, regarding a selection of potential sites, from which this site was considered acceptable. The proposed development comprises two wind turbines, up to 135m to tip, located at Dubbers Pit within the parish of St. Stephen-in-Brannel. The site access point is located within your parish boundary; however, no development is proposed within your boundary, as existing haulage roads will be used to access the turbine locations. The proposed turbines have a secured grid connection and are expected to generate more than 25GWh of renewable electricity annually. This output is equivalent to the average annual electricity consumption of more than 5,500 Cornish homes. Saving over 180,000 metric tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> across the projects 35-year lifetime. The proposed development will also deliver a Biodiversity Net Gain of 36.97%. This will not only offset any habitat loss arising from the proposed development but will also enhance the ecological value of the site. A selection of supporting documents was sent, as listed below. However, all supporting documents can be found on the planning portal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ZTV to tip (10km)</li> <li>• Viewpoints from within Roche parish (Viewpoint 2 Roche Rock and Viewpoint 12 National Cycle Route Goss Moor)</li> <li>• Cumulative turbine plan with parish boundaries</li> </ul> <p>Part of the land is slightly in Roche parish, hence the reason for attending tonight and the application being sent to the Parish Council. Chairman thanked the Clean Earth representatives for attending.</p>	
43/26	<b>Members' Declaration of Interest on items raised on the Agenda/Requests for Dispensation:-</b> None.	
44/26	<b>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Monthly and Closed Meetings held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026:-</b> Resolved the Minutes of the Monthly and Closed Meetings held on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2026 as circulated, were confirmed as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman (Proposed: Councillor P. Dunn; Seconded: Councillor G. Rowe) All in Favour.	

45/26	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Monthly Minutes from Meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026:-</b></p> <p><b>Page 1 Min.22/26 Parish Councillor Vacancy:-</b> Clerk reported that when a decision is made during closed session later this evening, details will be sent to Cornwall Council and all paperwork updated accordingly.</p> <p><b>Page 1 Min.222/25 Footpaths and Wooden Stiles:-</b> Update from Neil Sanland, Cornwall Council advising he is compiling a schedule of all outstanding St. Austell to A30 Link Road works and issues to be resolved, so he would add these three stone stiles to the list. He thanked Patrick Balcombe for providing the information and photographs, to ensure they are addressing the actual stiles that the Parish Council are concerned about <b>Action:</b> Keep Pending for an update and Clerk to keep Cornwall Councillor S. Trevelyan informed to also follow up as necessary.</p> <p><b>Page 2 Min.25/26 PA25/09336 – Mr. Daniel Phelps:-</b> A site meeting had been held and a decision of support submitted.</p> <p><b>Page 4 Min.29/26 Cemetery Areas:-</b> Clerk reported the grid area would be cleared by our Contractor and the owner of the field next to the cemetery had cleared back and opened up the ditch on his side. All information had been forwarded to Cornwall Council.</p> <p><b>Page 5 Min.33/26 – CIL Fund:-</b> Clerk and Chair had submitted a claim for a Village Orchard at Higher Trezaise and a response had been received thanking the Parish Council for submitting an Expression of Interest for CIL funding. The project has been allocated the reference number CILF5152. They will be in contact by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 to confirm whether the Parish Council would be invited to submit a full application, and if unsuccessful, they will give feedback as to the reason why <b>Action:</b> Keep Pending. Clerk reported she had held an online meeting with Roger Gates regarding a project they would be putting in for the Goss Moor Trail, and joining up where they had asked if the Parish Council could accept the funds, however, it was noted we could only go with one project and we had already resolved to go ahead with our own project at the last meeting.</p> <p><b>Page 5 Min.34/26 Footpath 12 Missing Sign:-</b> Clerk reported the sign has been replaced as reported.</p> <p><b>Page 5 Min.34/26 Cornwall Council – Enhanced LMP Scheme Grant 2025:-</b> Clerk reported our Contractor has now received the go-ahead and collected relevant materials and will complete work in the next two weeks or so. She will then be able to submit our claim for reimbursement <b>Action:</b> Keep Pending.</p> <p><b>Page 5 Min.34/26 Damaged Gate:-</b> Clerk reported the gate area had been repaired.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
46/26	<p><b>To RECEIVE consultation response requests and to RESOLVE a response. Formal requests from the planning authority received before the start of the meeting will be considered, including Results/Correspondence/Any Letters received for or against any Planning Applications:-</b></p> <p><b><u>Planning Applications Received:-</u></b></p>	

**PA25/09509 – Miss Georgina Marsden, Clean Earth Energy Ltd** – Two wind turbines along with associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure including access tracks, crane pads, cabling, electrical housing and a temporary construction compound, Land East of Karslake China Clay Works, Curran Vale, Nanpean – **Support** (Proposed: Councillor D. Inch; Seconded: Councillor B. Kretowicz) All in Favour

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**Planning Results Received:-**

**PA25/01268/PRE – Matthew Stead** – Targeted Planning Performance Agreement for full planning permission for the erection of 175 residential dwellings, including affordable housing, with the provision of vehicular, cyclist and pedestrian access onto Edgcumbe Road (B3274) and Harmony Road, alongside public open space, children’s play area, allotments, sustainable urban drainage systems, hard and soft landscaping and associated infrastructure (Revised Plans), Land North of Harmony Road, Edgcumbe Road, Roche – **Closed – Advice given**

**Planning Correspondence Received:-** (a) Cornwall Council Planning - Local Councils interactive mapping; (b) Cornwall Council Planning - Consultation on River Camel Local Development Order.

Two members of Clean Earth Energy Limited left the meeting at 6.44pm.

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**Monthly Accounts for Approval for March 2026, including monthly bank reconciliation and budget monitoring:-** It was proposed that the Council approve and accept the accounts for payments as circulated on schedule for March 2026, including agreement with the bank reconciliation and budget monitoring as reported (Proposed: Councillor Mrs. A. King; Seconded: Councillor B. Kretowicz) All in Favour.

Salaries, Pensions, National Insurance, Income Tax and Expenses (Including underpayment of NI)	£2,611.04	March 2026
Hiscox Insurance	£401.38	February 2026
Lanhydrock Garden Services	£715.20	Storm Damage
DMC-IT – Website Updating	£37.50	January 2026
EDF Energy – Street Lighting on Park Hedge	£154.85	1/1/26-31/1/26
Lloyds Bank – Monthly Bank Charges	£8.50	February 2026
Wayne Kendall Contractor	£420.00	Drainage Clear
Amazon	£104.99	Backup Drive
Crystal Clear Limited Bus Shelter Cleaning	£68.00	February 2026
British Gas – Toilets	£61.21	5/1/26-4/2/26
AJH Services – Cleaning Toilets	£508.95	February 2026
Minear Engineering Limited	£1,015.20	Barrier Hoops
Lanhydrock Garden Services – Maintenance	£1,795.20	Trees/hedges
Mike Morcom	£1,200.00	Hedge Trimming
Roche Victory Hall – Post Office Cont.	£86.66	March 2026
Roche Victory Hall – Hire Hall	£33.00	March 2026
Crystal Clear Limited – Waste Bin Emptying	£776.64	February 2026
Hiscox Insurance	£401.38	March 2026
DMC-IT – Website Updating	£25.00	February 2026
Biffa Waste Services Limited – Cemetery	£263.09	February 2026
<b>Receipt:-</b> Cornwall Council – Interest	£1,146.21	January 2026

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	<b>Receipt:-</b> Drew Memorials	£145.00	Jephcote	
	<b>Receipt:-</b> Lloyds Bank – Interest	£10.56	February 2026	
	<b>Receipt:-</b> Bodmin Funeral Services	£470.00	Jephcote	
	<b>Receipt:-</b> Bodmin Funeral Services	£260.00	Jephcote	
48/26	<b>Cemetery Matters (Including review and confirmation of fees, charges and regulations from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026):-</b>			Clerk
	<p><b>Review and confirmation of fees, charges and regulations from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026:-</b> Resolved to accept fees, charges and regulations as circulated to be effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 (Proposed: Councillor D. Yelland; Seconded: Councillor P. Dunn) All in Favour <b>Action:</b> Clerk.</p> <p><b>Memorial Applications approved by the Clerk:-</b>  Kerrow Memorials – Additional Inscription – Mary Jessie Jephcote – <b>Approved</b>  Larcombes Memorials – New Memorial – Denise Stephens - <b>Approved</b></p>			
49/26	<b>Roche Village Recreation Areas/Land/Property owned and under discussion (Including Update on CCTV and associated works if received and Long-term opportunity for catering in the park); Roche Public Open Space – Update on Devolution of assets (a) Land at Tregeagle Road (nearby Pebbles Nursery); (b) Land at Tregarrick Road (nearby Dukes Court); (c) Land at Farrow Fordh (nearby Finsbury Rise); (d) Public Conveniences:-</b> Clerk reported Rospa had emailed to inform of the scheduled annual play area inspections for April. Clerk reported she had also requested Keith Perks to review the mole hill situation in the park areas. Quarterly report received from inspections by Cormac showed there were some soil issues and minor repairs. Clerk to arrange for our Contractor to deal with the soil issues when the weather has improved, and Cormac to carry out the remaining repairs as listed <b>Action:</b> Clerk.			Clerk  Clerk  Clerk
	<b>CCTV and associated works:-</b> Clerk reported all paperwork had been completed and sent and we are now waiting for the payment <b>Action:</b> Keep Pending.			
	<b>Long-term opportunity for catering in the Park:-</b> To be discussed under the closed meeting this evening.			
	<b>Roche Public Open Space – Update on Devolution of assets (a) Land at Tregeagle Road (nearby Pebbles Nursery); (b) Land at Tregarrick Road (nearby Dukes Court); (c) Land at Farrow Fordh (nearby Finsbury Rise); (d) Public Conveniences:-</b> Clerk had circulated information received and obtained a quotation from our Solicitors, who advise the fee would be £1,250.00 plus vat and disbursement per transfer. All other relevant information was detailed in the response from the Solicitor. Resolved to accept the quote as set out and proceed (Proposed: Councillor M. Edyvean; Seconded: Councillor Mrs. A. King) All in Favour <b>Action:</b> Clerk. Chairman suspended standing orders for Patrick Balcombe and David Edwards to answer or raise questions.			
50/26	<b>Footpath Signs/Matters/Highways/Bus Shelters:-</b> Cornwall Council – Application for Modification of Definitive Map and Statement of Rights of Way - Addition of a Footpath from Public Road C18 to Public Footpath 23, Roche CP. Clerk reported that Patrick Balcombe had advised that this was one of his applications on behalf of the Ramblers, to regularise a missing section of footpath between a recorded footpath and the road, and he would be happy to answer any questions.			

	<p>Chairman re-instated standing orders.</p> <p>Councillor P. Dunn has been asked to establish why Tregoss is being used as a route still. He believes vehicles are doing this to avoid the iron bridge, although with the new road, there would not be a need to avoid the iron bridge. Chairman suggested the persons expressing concern submit to Cornwall Council online and raise it as an official complaint, and once they get a response to forward on to the Parish Council <b>Action:</b> Councillor P. Dunn.</p>	<b>Cllr. P. Dunn</b>
<b>51/26</b>	<p><b>Minor Repairs/Works in the Parish that may arise/Village Regeneration Works/Working Party for the Village:-</b> Update from Vicky Bundy – 14 bin bags were collected yesterday and 7 in January. It is good to have a total for the year as it soon mounts up. Without the Roche News I know the dates will not be available now which is a shame, but we have our regulars and someone else asked yesterday for the details whilst we were collecting outside his house. Clerk reported she would obtain information from Vicky Bundy and send to the Roche Village Facebook page and include on the Parish Council Facebook page. Chairman suggested photographs at the next litter pick of the black bags and Clerk can post this information to keep the momentum going.</p>	
<b>52/26</b>	<p><b>Articles for Parish Council Website/Update on Village Newsletter:-</b> Clerk reported she had followed up with John Wood and he was speaking to the person who had expressed an interest. A quote had been received from the printers – 1,000 A3 folded, full colour on 90gsm £227.00, for black/white print it would be £143.00. They print from the 15<sup>th</sup> until the end of each month.</p>	
<b>53/26</b>	<p><b>Correspondence – Clerk listed correspondence and actions required:-</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NALC – Events Newsletter</li> <li>2. Great Western Railway - Travel updates</li> <li>3. NALC – Chief Executive’s Bulletins</li> <li>4. Cornwall Rural Community Charity - Clean Cornwall Newsletter</li> <li>5. Cornwall Council - Consultation on River Camel Local Development Order</li> <li>6. Cornwall Council - Local Bus Network Change</li> <li>7. NALC - Launch bookings for an exclusive study tour at Taunton Town Council</li> <li>8. Cornwall Council - Help Us Promote the Skills and Careers Fair – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026</li> <li>9. NALC - Tickets are now on sale for our Annual Conference, the flagship event for Parish and Town Councils</li> <li>10. Cornwall Council - The latest position on the condition of our roads across Cornwall</li> <li>11. Cornwall Council - Town and Parish Council Newsletter: 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026</li> <li>12. Cornwall Council - The latest position on the condition of our roads across Cornwall</li> <li>13. Cornwall Council – Cornwall Council and Imerys Public Rights of Way Open Day to be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 between 10.00am to 7.00pm at St. Stephens Social Club</li> <li>14. Age UK coach trip to the Royal Cornwall Show, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026</li> <li>15. CALC Training Update – Planning Training Sessions with Andrew Towlerton</li> <li>16. CALC Training Update – AI in your community – presented by Breakthrough Communications</li> <li>17. CALC Training Update – ROSPA Playground Inspection Course</li> <li>18. CALC Training Update – Accessible documents presented by Mark Tomkins from Aubergine</li> <li>19. Cornwall Council - Supplier update</li> <li>20. Great Western Railway - GWR launches new Famous Five campaign</li> </ol>	

	<p>21. CALC - Information Sharing and information requests 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026</p> <p>22. Cornwall Council Pensions - February 2026   Employer Newsletter</p> <p>23. The Cornish Lithium Team - Cornish Lithium Statutory Consultation Preview Invitation</p> <p>24. The Cornish Lithium Team - Trelavour Lithium Project - Statutory Consultation under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008</p> <p>25. Cornwall Council Pensions - February 2026   i-Connect newsletter</p> <p>26. NALC - Star Council Awards 2025/26 winners announced</p> <p>27. CALC - Training Update - Finance Training Sessions with Steve Parkinson – New Schedule for training dates</p> <p>28. Cornwall Council - Emergency Resilience</p> <p>29. Rospa Play Safety - Introducing Safer Play – Take Control of Your Playground Inspections</p> <p>30. David Harman, Vistry – New Development PA23/00807 regarding street naming. (Names we come up with so far - Harmony Cott, Ireland Drive, Fair Park Road <b>Action:</b> Clerk to put on Facebook pages to ask for suggestions.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>54/26</b>	<b>To arrange any Sub-Committee Meetings required:-</b> None.	
<b>55/26</b>	<b>Any Urgent Matters the Chairman considers relevant for this meeting:-</b> None.	
<b>56/26</b>	<p><b>Date of next Meeting:-</b> Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 6.30pm to be held in the Roche Victory Hall Large Main Hall, Roche Victory Hall, to include the Annual Parish Meeting.</p> <p>There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.10pm.</p>	

Signature: .....

Chairman

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026