

LANIVET PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE ONE FOR ALL LANIVET PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRE, LANIVET

ON THURSDAY, 9TH APRIL 2026 AT 7.00PM

Present:	Cllr. D. Batten (Chairman)	Mrs. J. Burdon (Parish Clerk)	Cllr. Ms. B. Winter-Baker (Vice-Chair)
	Cllr. D. Williams	Cllr. Miss J. Stocks	Cllr. C. Vercoe
	Cllr. Miss P. Bolton	Cllr. G. Udy	Cllr. A. Harris
	Cllr. S. Jennings	Cwll. Cllr. C. Batters	1 Member of Public

Minute	AGENDA ITEMS	Action
54/26	Chairman's Welcome:- Chairman welcomed all to the Annual Parish Meeting of Lanivet Parish Council. There will be a Public Forum in the Parish Meeting to follow on from this Annual Parish Meeting.	
55/26	Apologies:- Councillors Mrs. H. Akehurst, Mrs. K. Masters, D. Austin.	
56/26	Members Declaration of Interest and Dispensation Requests:- Councillors D. Williams & A. Harris declared a non-registerable interest under Paragraph 3.5A in the Lanivet Charities. Councillors A. Harris & D. Batten declared a non-registerable interest under Paragraph 3.5A in the Lanivet Sport & Recreation Trust. Councillors D. Williams & A. Harris declared a non-registerable interest under Paragraph 3.5A in the Lanivet Church.	
57/26	Chairman's Report:- Chairman's Report circulated as follows for the financial year 1 st April 2025 to the 31 st March 2026:- - I am unashamed in repeating my thanks again this year for all the volunteers, especially Parish Councillors, who help make the administration of the parish run smoothly. - Sadly, we have said goodbye to Janet Stickland, who has served on the Parish Council as a Councillor for many years. She has been a stalwart for many years, bringing a wealth of knowledge with her of the history of the Parish. This has often been invaluable in our decision-making. In her place, we have been able to welcome Graham Udy, who is already proving a valuable member of the Parish Council. - I also want to take the opportunity to thank our Ward Member Chris Batters, who has returned to support the parish once again. - The crowning glory for the parish this year must go to Jessica Finnemore and her team for the completion of the building for the Under 5s near the Lanivet Community Centre. I am pleased that the Parish Council has been able to grant some £50,000 over the past two years in order to secure a valuable asset for many years to come. - Finally, we are now the registered owners of the Lanivet Village Green and Car Park. This will mean we should be able to control the use (and misuse) of that area. We are also negotiating with the Cornwall Council to secure the ownership of the public toilets, which are currently on a long-term lease. - Other noteworthy projects are the improved drainage of the Village Green and Play area, together with the installation of a new play area for the children, both near and far.	

	We are at the planning stage, but hope to have something in place by the end of 2027. I am reminded so often of the preciousness of village life that cannot be replicated in any other setting. We are truly blessed with some remarkable people who give their time and themselves selflessly for the benefit of the whole community. To them I again say Thank You. Danny Batten – Chairman of Lanivet Parish Council.	
58/26	Annual Report from Cornwall Councillor:- Report received from Cornwall Councillor C. Batters as follows:- - Firstly, can I say what a pleasure I have found the past ten months since being returned as your Cornwall Councillor in the election of May 2025. - I never had any intention to return to Cornwall Council but whilst working closely with our MP Ben Maguire throughout his successful 2024 election campaign, alongside Ben on the doorsteps of many of the properties in Lanivet, the residents made it clear that they would like to see me stand yet again and to hopefully return. - On hearing this, Ben offered me his encouragement and was keen for me to stand again, and from the comments I received, you might say my fires were re-ignited, and yes, I did still have the energy to return, so I accepted the invitation. - The support I received in the election from my villages was excellent, and in particular, I had a large percentage of the vote in Lanivet, which brought me a very strong victory with a large majority. - Although some faces had changed during my four-year absence, I find it a pleasure to once again work alongside the present Lanivet Parish Council, and of course, working once again with your excellent Clerk, Julie Burdon. - I have been busy following my return, and to date, have enjoyed getting quite a few successful results for residents. Please remember as always, I am 24/7 as your councillor and only a phone call away, and I can promise you a speedy reply to any emails you might send me. I am always happy to call and meet with you if it is your wish, and of course I am already a regular visitor to the Hub Café. Chris Batters Cornwall Councillor for Blisland, Lanivet & Bodmin St Lawrence The Chairman thanked Cornwall Councillor C. Batters for his annual report for 2026. There were no questions from the Councillors present on this report.	
59/26	Lanivet School Annual Report:- No report received. The Parish Council were disappointed we had not received a report since 2024.	
60/26	Nanstallon School Annual Report:- Clerk circulated the Annual Report 2025/2026 from Mr. Ben Stephenson, copy attached to these minutes.	
61/26	Lanivet Parish Sport & Recreation Trust Annual Report:- Clerk circulated the Annual Report from Barry Cornelius as follows:- Introduction - 2025 was another busy year for the Trust with the Community Centre in constant use with all previous groups plus some key additional ones. Hire income for the year is on a par with the previous year (after allowing for a price increase in 2025) as the centre is reaching full capacity and we are currently turning away hire enquiries (48 from the middle of February to the end of March 2025). The Community Centre is highly regarded in the county and we have had a number of visits from other bodies planning to create such venues.	

Café - The cafe continues to provide a much-needed service in the community, providing affordable food and drink, a safe warm space and signposting people to the appropriate agencies. The income for 2025 was again similar to 2024 (despite the Manager being away for a month after surgery). We do utilise a proportion of the grant we receive from Volunteer Cornwall as a Community Hub towards the cost of the café, as it enables us to keep our prices as affordable as possible and keeping us below the VAT threshold.

Transport - Transport is an area of growth with the Camel Valley Connect project being led by the Trust. This radical initiative, working with the majority of Parish and Town Councils in the Camel Valley area co-ordinating Community Transport in the area. We are very pleased that Lanivet Parish Council are supporting this venture. The 2 minibuses are in constant demand with organisations as far as Tintagel and St Eval hiring them. The Ev has again been a workhorse doing over 12,000 miles, delivering 332 prescriptions and undertaking 131 medical journeys, conveying 319 passengers including 50 in wheelchairs. The imminent arrival of a second EV for the Wadebridge area will free up the current EV to concentrate on the Lanivet and Bodmin area.

Sport - Football, Netball, Short Mat Bowls and Table Tennis are the main sports. The youth football now consists of 5 teams ranging from u9's to u14's and we have entered into a partnership with Bodmin Community College to use their pitches as we have outgrown the Community Centre. We are very proud of our ladies walking netball squad who meet every Tuesday in all types of weather and have formed a great social group supporting each other. We still work with Plymouth Argyle Community Trust who run regular roadshows during school holidays and with them we host the "Time to Move" holiday sessions also providing free meals to the children, which is funded by Cornwall Council.

Grants - We have been successful in obtaining the following grants in 2025 Peninsula Transport £37,800 to fund the Transport Co-Ordinator role and run Camel Valley Connect. Active Cornwall £9,600 to run free exercise classes and yoga classes for people with mobility and frailty issues. Cornwall Community Foundation £5,000 emergency grants given to 20 families in the year and providing funding for the social prescribers at Bosvenna Health to give to deserving cases. Volunteer Cornwall £18,000 towards running activities such as the café, Dementia activities and supporting people in 4 areas of life – start well, live well, age well and die well. Lanivet Parish Council £5,000 towards the running costs of the community centre and services.

Running Costs - Unfortunately, the costs of running this organisational are ever increasing especially with the cost of living and current economic climate.

We currently spend per year

Electricity £9,600

Water £1,427

Waste and cleaning £6,600

Salaries and Wages £ 94,000 (of which £8,000 covered by grant)

Insurance £8,400

Transport £10,000

Building Maintenance £8,400 (including £2,000 on new power assisted door mechanism)

	2026 Key Developments - We have obtained funding to provide free counselling sessions for men for the next 3 years, working with other agencies to identify those in need. Through funding from the Bosvenna and Three Harbours Integrated Neighbourhood Team and Volunteer Cornwall we have recruited a Hub Buddy on a fixed term contract to work with us to encourage people to use the community centre activities with an emphasis on reducing frailty. We are also working with Bosvenna Health to introduce some of their services to the Community Centre. The first part is to look at providing a pharmacy service in the Community Centre. Radio Cornwall are planning to host their breakfast show from the Community Centre in the middle of May. We are also hopeful that the lease for the neighbouring fields will be finalised. Summary – We thank the Parish Council for all its support and how the grant money helps in the constant battle to keep our charges both affordable and sustainable and we will continue to strive to provide a quality facility that caters for all the people in the Parish and surrounding area. Councillors felt this report from the Sport & Recreation Trust was very well received.																
62/26	Lanivet United Charity Annual Report:- Report received from Katrina Verran, Secretary of the Lanivet United Charity - Over the past year, Lanivet United Charity continued to financially support the completion of a very successful Lanivet & District Under Fives building, provided a grant towards new flooring for Nanstallon Pre-school and have supported community events such as the church Christmas tree festival and the annual Remembrance Day service within the village. The charity also provided 54 parishioners with a fuel grant.																
63/26	Nanstallon Cemetery Annual Report:- Clerk circulated report from Tamsin Stickland as follows:- • This report is for the period of April 2025 to April 2026. • It has been a fairly quiet year with 2 burials and the interment of 4 people's ashes. • The maintenance continues as normal with Mr. Butler mowing the new cemetery and George Kestell strimming the old cemetery. We have now been able to establish patches of Yellow Rattle, a plant that is parasitic on vigorous grass. It is hoped that this will encourage the number of native wildflowers in the cemetery. • Remembrance Sunday again was well attended, with several people placing remembrance wreaths. I have heard from a local gentleman who could hopefully assist in looking into getting our war hero Alfred Perrymans' grave recognised as a war grave. • Finances are in a healthy state. We have recently updated our bank account to enable online banking. Tamsin Stickland Nanstallon Cemetery Secretary.																
64/26	Annual Report from Police:- PC Thomas Cornwell sent a report for February 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 as follows:- <table><tr><th>Details</th><th>February 2025/2026</th><th>February 2024/2026</th></tr><tr><td>Burglary – Business and Community</td><td>2</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>Burglary – Residential</td><td>0</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Criminal Damage</td><td>7</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>Miscellaneous Crimes against society</td><td>2</td><td>1</td></tr></table>	Details	February 2025/2026	February 2024/2026	Burglary – Business and Community	2	4	Burglary – Residential	0	1	Criminal Damage	7	5	Miscellaneous Crimes against society	2	1	
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	Other Sexual Offences	1	1	
	Other Theft	26	30	
	Public Order Offences	5	2	
	Rape	1	0	
	Robbery	0	1	
	Stalking and Harassment	11	8	
	Vehicle Offences	0	2	
	Violence with injury	9	7	
	Violence without injury	10	5	
	TOTAL	74	67	
	He apologised that he could not break the figures down to individual crimes, as the increase in crime is very small. There were no questions from the Councillors present on this report.			
65/26	Parish Matters:- None. Resolved to request annual reports from Lanivet and Nanstallon Churches for the 2027 meeting Action: Clerk. Meeting Closed 7.05pm			Clerk

Signature:

Chairman

Date: 14th May 2026

