

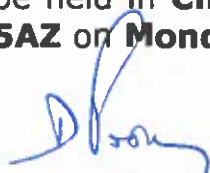
# St Austell Town Council



**To: All Members of St Austell Town Council**

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the **Meeting of St Austell Town Council** to be held in **Chi Austel, White River Place, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 5AZ** on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026** at **6pm**.



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**Town Clerk**

7<sup>th</sup> July 2026

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## AGENDA

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| <b>1.</b> | <b>Apologies for absence</b><br><br>(Purpose: To accept apologies for non-attendance).                                                                                |  |
| <b>2.</b> | <b>Declarations of interest and gifts or hospitality received.</b><br><br>(Purpose: To receive declarations of Members' interests and gifts or hospitality received). |  |
| <b>3.</b> | <b>Dispensations</b><br><br>(Purpose: To consider requests for dispensations).                                                                                        |  |

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| <b>4.</b> | <b>Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b><br><br>(Purpose: to agree that the minutes of the above meeting be signed as a correct record). (To follow).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
| <b>5.</b> | <b>Matters to note</b><br><br>(Purpose: A verbal update from the Town Clerk on the actions taken since the last meeting).<br><br>Note: No decision may be made under this agenda item.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| <b>6.</b> | <b>Mayor's announcements</b><br><br>(Purpose: To receive an update from the Mayor on his engagements and any other civic matters).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| <b>7.</b> | <b>Public Participation</b><br><br>(Purpose: To invite members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the business to be carried out at the meeting).<br><br><i>Each person addressing the Council will be allocated a maximum of 2 minutes or longer at the discretion of the Chair</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |
| <b>8.</b> | <b>Members' questions (10 minutes maximum)</b><br><br>A Member may ask the Mayor or the Clerk any question concerning the business of the Council, provided 3 clear days notice of the question has been given to the person to whom it is addressed. Every question shall be put and answered without discussion. A person to whom a question is put may decline to answer or undertake to provide a full answer within a timescale agreed with the Member. They may also agree to accept a question after the deadline.<br>(None received). |  |

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| <b>9.</b>  | <b>PC Ben Jones</b><br><br>(Purpose: To receive an update from PC Jones on Policing matters in St Austell).                                                                                                                                                                                  |                         |
| <b>10.</b> | <b>Grounds Maintenance Service</b><br><br>(Purpose: To update Members on matters relating to the grounds maintenance function and parks and open spaces.                                                                                                                                     | <b>Pages<br/>1 - 44</b> |
| <b>11.</b> | <b>University of Exeter - Announcement of job losses (at the request of Councillor Brown)</b><br><br>(Purpose: To consider recent press reports of job losses at the University of Exeter).                                                                                                  |                         |
| <b>12.</b> | <b>Draft Annual Report – 2025/26</b><br><br>(Purpose: To review and approve the Draft Annual Report for 2025/26).                                                                                                                                                                            |                         |
| <b>13.</b> | <b>Members appointed to outside bodies update reports</b><br><br>(Purpose: To receive reports of any relevant information from Members appointed to outside bodies).                                                                                                                         |                         |
| <b>14.</b> | <b>Cornwall Councillor update reports</b><br><br>(Purpose: To receive reports of any relevant information from local Cornwall Councillors).<br><br><i>Each Cornwall Councillor addressing the Council will be allocated a maximum of 5 minutes or longer at the discretion of the Chair.</i> |                         |
| <b>15.</b> | <b>South West Water – Dowr Glan Motion of no confidence</b><br><br>(Purpose: To note the response from Pennon Group in response to the motion of no confidence). (Attached).                                                                                                                 | <b>Pages<br/>45-46</b>  |

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| <b>16.</b> | <b>Planning and Regeneration Committee</b><br><br>(Purpose: To note the minutes of the Planning and Regeneration Committee held on 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 and 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2026). (Attached).                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Pages<br/>47-60</b> |
| <b>17.</b> | <b>Community Committee</b><br><br>(Purpose: To note the minutes of the Community Committee held on 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026 (attached) and 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 (to follow)).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Pages<br/>61-66</b> |
| <b>18.</b> | <b>Finance and General Purposes Committee</b><br><br>(Purpose: To note the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026). (Attached).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Pages<br/>67-72</b> |
| <b>19.</b> | <b>Schedule of Payments</b><br><br>(Purpose: To receive a schedule of payments from 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2026 to 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026). (Attached).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Pages<br/>73-80</b> |
| <b>20.</b> | <b>Town Councillor Vacancy – Bethel and Holmbush Ward</b><br><br>(Purpose: To appoint 1 Councillor to Bethel and Holmbush Ward). (Applications attached).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Pages<br/>81-86</b> |
| <b>21.</b> | <b>To consider excluding the press and public.</b><br><br><i>Under Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it is proposed that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the business specified for the following item:</i><br><br>Item 22 is confidential because it contains sensitive personal information. |                        |
| <b>22.</b> | <b>Communication Support</b><br><br>(Purpose: To receive an update on the issue of communication support for Councillor Nott).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Pages<br/>87-90</b> |

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| <b>23.</b> | <b>Dates of Meetings</b><br><br>(Purpose: To note dates of future Town Council Meetings: Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2026). |  |

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## **AGENDA ITEM: 10**

### **ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL**

#### **COUNCIL MEETING – 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026**

#### **GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICE**

##### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To update members on matters concerning the grounds maintenance function and parks and open spaces.

##### **2. LEGAL AND RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

The Town Council owns 17 parks and open spaces (11 of which have play equipment) and has duties under the Occupiers Liabilities Act 1957 to ensure the safety of people using the land.

Regular safety inspections of the playground equipment and trees are carried out on a weekly, fortnightly and annual basis.

In addition, the Town Council undertakes grass cutting on highways verges, plants highways flowerbeds, maintains roundabouts, closed churchyards, benches and other parcels of land on behalf of Cornwall Council under an "Enabling Agreement".

##### **3. RESOURCE ISSUES**

The Council employs a foreman and 7 grounds maintenance staff. The budget for grounds maintenance, including parks and open spaces, play equipment and staff is approximately £500,000 per annum.

##### **4. EQUALITIES ISSUES**

The work undertaken by the grounds maintenance team improves accessibility to parks and open spaces and footpaths. The control of weeds, trees, hedgerows and shrubs helps to maintain access for wheelchair users and families with prams.

Weed control on pavements mitigates to a certain extent against trips and falls and the regular cutting back of hedges (outside of bird nesting season), prevents users being pushed onto the edge of the kerb or into the road.

When upgrading or replacing play equipment, the Council incorporates accessible play equipment where possible.

## **5. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

The Town Council has planted over 700 trees since 2017 and maintains the trees on its land with regular safety inspections and works when necessary.

Flowerbeds, which were previously grassed over have been opened up and have been planted up with pollinators to encourage bees. Six wildflower areas have been created and are maintained by the Town Council.

Natural areas are maintained for the benefit of wildlife, bug hotels have been erected and natural habitats are encouraged where possible.

Lifting tree canopies and removing invasive plants to create sight lines and open areas have seen a decrease in anti-social behaviour.

## **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Members:

- a) Note the contents of the report;
- b) Recognise the importance of pride in place in St Austell, endorse the current balanced approach to grounds maintenance and agree to the continuance of targeted weed control with a review in December 2026 when the current licencing for glyphosate is reviewed and Cornwall Council's position has been established.

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## **Background**

The Town Council undertook a major devolution exercise in 2017 and 2018 after extensive public consultation and has embarked on a programme of maintenance and improvement to generate "pride in place" for St Austell residents.

Town Councillors agreed at the time that better maintenance would make public spaces appear more cared for which would encourage better behaviour, more appropriate usage, reduce vandalism, reduce litter/graffiti and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour generally. This has undoubtedly proved to be true.

Since 2017/18 the parks and open spaces have benefited considerably from the Town Council's investment in them and being managed locally. Over the years the grounds team has received many compliments from residents and contact from other local Councils asking how we manage our grounds operation.

### **Play Equipment**

The Town Council invests significant sums of money and resource on maintaining, checking and replacing play equipment. Most parks have benefited from improvements to play equipment in recent years.

Work to dismantle the old Helter Skelter play unit at Poltair Park started last week. The new play unit is on order and is expected to be delivered at the end of August with installation in early September. The contractor will also be carrying out repairs to the safety surfacing in other parts of the play area which have been recently vandalised, to ensure the play remains compliant with the BS EN 1176 & 1177 Standard for Children's Playgrounds.

At Truro Road Park, the recently vandalised manhole cover on the public footpath has been made safe, and our contractor will be installing a new cover in the next week.

The annual independent play equipment inspections have been completed on all parks by The Play Inspection Company. The reports have recommended a small amount of maintenance works to various items of equipment, but overall, the risk rating is the lowest in 10 years which is testament to the hard work of the grounds team.

The Operations Manager has contacted The Play Inspection Company to request an accessibility audit of Poltair Park, to ascertain the overall suitability of the park for the potential installation of wheelchair-friendly play equipment. At the time of writing, the report is still awaited.

### **Flowers and Planting**

Over the last decade, St Austell has become known for its superb flower displays, weed free pavements, well maintained parks and open spaces all of

which contribute positively to residents' perceptions of the town and creates a welcoming environment for visitors.

The grounds team are now on the 4<sup>th</sup> cut of the grass cutting season with 9 cuts expected by the end of October/beginning of November (weather dependent).

The grass cutting slowed down in early June due to the planting of 6,450 summer bedding plants around the town and this year, the team have taken on responsibility for maintaining around 12 new planters at Old Vicarage Place, Priory Road and the railings at Trinity Street. This year a larger proportion of the summer bedding flowers chosen are hardier and more drought tolerant species, due to the increasing hot, dry periods we have been experiencing over the last two summers.

Seasonal wildflower areas have been created at Daniels Lane, The Meadows, Bethel Park and Mount Charles roundabout which has received very positive feedback from residents in the Bethel area.

## **Weed Control**

### *Town Council land*

- Four of the grounds team are qualified to carry out weed control.
- Over one year 20 litres of Roundup Pro Bio (glyphosate) is used on hard surfaces such as footpaths and walls in the parks and open spaces.
- For each treatment the dilution rate is 250ml of glyphosate to 10L of water (2.5%) and is used sparingly and only where needed.
- Weeds in play areas and flower beds are controlled by hand weeding.
- Glyphosate is not used on flower beds, wildflowers, grass, inside play areas or near drains or water courses of any kind.

### *Cornwall Council land*

- In 2013/14 as part of a cost cutting exercise, Cornwall Council asked local Town and Parish Councils if they would like to take on the weed control of the kerb lines in their parish and St Austell Town Council resolved to take on this service.

- For roadsides and kerb lines in St Austell, the Town Council's contractor, Total Weed Control, uses carefully controlled glyphosate treatments as part of a balanced approach to managing weeds across the town.

It is important to note that the contractor only spot-treats kerbs where weeds are visibly present and does not blanket spray every kerb line.

- This process is carried out 3 times per year and the contractor uses the same dilution rate of 250ml to 10L of water (2.5% dilution rate). The product they use is called Amenity Pro and like Roundup Pro Bio, is fully licensed for use in the UK.
- The Parish of St Austell has 125km (78 miles) of kerb line.
- The contractor has carried out one treatment of the St Austell's kerb lines so far in 2026.
- Until practical, cost-effective alternatives become available at a scale suitable for the 125km (78 miles) of kerb line within St Austell, the targeted use of glyphosate remains an important tool in maintaining the town's infrastructure and appearance.

The Operations Manager continues to monitor developments in alternative weed control methods. At the present time, many alternatives currently require significantly more resources, repeated treatments or additional mechanical intervention to achieve similar results. This can be discussed in more detail at the meeting.

As seen in other towns in Cornwall, uncontrolled weed growth along kerb lines detracts from the appearance of the horticultural displays, gives an impression of neglect and undermines the wider efforts to improve the public realm.

Safe and effective weed management forms an important part of maintaining the quality and attractiveness of St Austell's public spaces.

#### *Cornwall Council's position (See Appendices 1 & 2)*

Like the Town Council's Operations Manager, Cornwall Council's officers have been continuously monitoring alternatives to the current chemical weed treatment and have acknowledged that there is no viable alternative at this time.

Cornwall Council cut back its weed treatment in 2014 for budgetary reasons rather than ecological reasons and now appears to regret that stance.

Cornwall Council receives many complaints about weeds on roads and pavements from areas where weed treatment stopped altogether.

The Cabinet received a report in March 2026 at the request of cabinet members on proposals to re-introduce chemical weed treatments in those urban areas where it has ceased (Appendices 1 and 2 refer).

It was acknowledged in the report that:

- Weeds damage paved surfaces allowing water penetration and long term deterioration;
- Weeds block drainage channels, increasing flooding risk;
- Overgrowth narrows footways and harms resident perception of care, safety and amenity;
- Weeds reduce accessibility and create trip hazards.

The cabinet's proposal to reintroduce targeted weed treatments was deferred pending further research and reports.

A working group made up of Cornwall Council officers and representatives from a number of Town and Parish Councils is due to meet in August to discuss this issue.

The Town Clerk has volunteered to be a member of the working group. As a resident of Bodmin and a Manager of St Austell Town Council, he is well placed to see the two extremes with regard to weed treatment.

The current chemicals used are licenced and approved by the Government until December 2026. A national review of the use of the current preferred weed treatments is due to take place at the end of this year.

## **Conclusion**

It is recommended that the Town Council agree to the continuance of targeted weed control with a review in December 2026 when the current licencing for glyphosate is reviewed and Cornwall Council's position has been established.

DAVID POOLEY - TOWN CLERK

Appendix 1 – Improving Maintenance of the Public Realm. Cornwall Council – All Member Briefing.

Appendix 2 – Public Realm Improvement and Weed Treatment – Cornwall Council - Frequently asked questions.

# Improving Maintenance of the Public Realm

**All Member Briefing, 6 March 2026**

Dan Rogerson, Portfolio Holder for Transport  
Loic Rich, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change  
Jon Mitchell, Environment Manager, Cornwall Council  
Dan Evans, Acting Highway Asset Manager, Cornwall Council

# Value of the Public Realm



*"Every time I go out, I find myself more and more frustrated with the state of the roads and footpaths..."*

*"The overgrowth is narrowing the footpaths and the roads and nettles and thistles are growing into the small part of the paths that are left"*

*"The kids can't play, it's full of weeds ...*



*"the mood of the Estate has completely changed"*

*"people have started to tidy up their gardens and are making more of an effort"*

*"there's less litter and more pride"*

*"we are very grateful"*

# Current Condition of the Public Realm



# What Level of Maintenance Currently Occurs on the Public Realm

- **Highways:** Currently no routine weed treatment aside from Schedule 9 plants (under the Wildlife & Countryside Act, 1981), such as Japanese Knotweed, reactive safety defects only
- **Environment:** Biodiversity-focused verge management since 2020/21, budget pressures have removed added value work
- **Waste:** Weed removal only in high-footfall Zone 1 areas; Clear detritus under the cleansing contract in zones 2 and 3 if below the required grade
- **Cornwall Housing:** Maintains housing-related public realm to similar standards as Environment
- **Third Parties:** Town/parish councils can manage weeds on estates independently

# Background / Context

**2013** - Stopped general highway weed treatment as a budget saving measure.

**2016** - Stopped using glyphosate and neonicotinoids on all public-access land it owns/manages, except for controlling Schedule 9 invasive plants or preventing asset risk.

**2018** - Review led to the Integrated Weed Management Plan and further policies (Environmental Growth Strategy, Pollinator Action Plan, Pesticide Guidance).

**2019** - Climate Emergency declared

**2021** - Ecological Emergency declared

**2025** - Local Nature Recovery Strategy (2025) adopted

**2026** - Nature Recovery Delivery Plan being developed to support national goals for 30% of land, rivers, and seas to be well-managed for nature by 2030.

## Complaints – Cornwall Council & Cormac, 2022-25

*...“Overgrown grass and weeds along pavements in Saltash make them single file only. Granddaughter in buggy scratched by brambles. Weeds are a disgrace. Why do we pay more council tax for less service?”*

*...“Shocked to see council workers today spraying poison (weed killer)... It’s a threat to children, dogs, and wildlife. I’d rather see weeds than have poison used to dampen them.”*

# Complaints – Cornwall Council & Cormac, 2022-25

- **Total complaints analysed = 1,952**
- **Related to weeds/defects, 2022 – 25 = 1,490**
- **Related to grass cutting Nov 2024 – Oct 2025 = 462**

## **Dominant themes:**

- Maintenance standards (e.g. overgrowth, frequency of grounds maintenance) and safety concerns (e.g. risk of trip/fall, structural damage) make up the majority of complaints.
- Clear process in place to assess whether safety report triggers action.
- Complaints generally peak in spring and summer – particularly for maintenance standards and cleanliness.
- Urban residential housing estates identified as hotspots for weed growth/public realm complaints.

# Council Priorities 2026-30

Public Realm helps deliver:

- **Strong, safe, vibrant communities with more decent and affordable homes** – where people feel connected, safe, supported and proud to live, with emphasis on **‘building strong communities through partnership’**
- **A clean, green Cornwall with healthy rivers and seas** – working together to recover nature, **create litter-free spaces that are well cared for and accessible to all, making communities feel proud of the public spaces around them, with emphasis on ‘fostering community pride’**
- **Connected, safe, reliable roads and transport** – ensuring everyone can **travel safely**, with emphasis on **‘delivering safe and reliable roads’**

## Cabinet Briefing- 8 September 2025

***“...to bring forward costed options for public realm improvement, including different levels of ambition and associated investment, for consideration as part of the upcoming budget process.”***

# Benchmarking Research

# Brighton and Hove City Council



# Brighton and Hove City Council

## **Context:**

- 2019 – Chemical usage stopped, 2024 – Glyphosate reintroduced due to network deterioration

## **Current Status:**

- Recovery phase (estimated 3 years), focusing on hotspots & safety-critical areas

## **Treatment Programme:**

- Controlled Droplet Application to reduce glyphosate concentration
- March-Sept: 3 treatments (considering reduction to 2)
- Advised higher initial concentration, then gradual reduction

## **Scale & Cost:**

- Network: 456km linear highways vs CC's 1,737km urban highways network
- £300k chemical contract (covers approx. 70% of Brighton)

## **Partnerships:**

- Opt-out scheme (40 streets); coordination/resource challenges

## **Next Steps:**

- Trial alternatives (e.g., electric equipment), expand exclusion zones & reduce chemical reliance, Improve volunteer engagement

# APSE/FHRG – Weed Control Information

Information from approximately 70 different Local Authorities (2018-2024)

## **Summary:**

- Glyphosate use remains dominant (in highways/specific areas) – cost effective and reliable but environmental/ health/ regulatory concerns
- Alternatives trialled have higher costs, increased labour/energy requirements and reduced effectiveness for root kill.
- Mechanical solutions are effective on hard surfaces but have higher upfront cost, don't kill root and may damage areas weakened by weed growth.

## **Key insights:**

- Adoption of an Integrated Weed Management approach.
- Ambition to phase out glyphosate gradually / phase in sustainable practices
- Improve public communication.
- Invest in research and innovation.

## **FHRG:**

- Mirrors the APSE findings and places further emphasis on long-term concerns over use of glyphosate – legislative review scheduled for 2026.

# Options Considered for Weed Removal



**Powered Brush**



**Thermal Lance**



**Hot Water**



**Electricity**



**Acetic Acid/ Glyphosate**

| Advantages and disadvantages of three approaches to weed control on hard surfaces |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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|                                                                                   | Advantages                                                                                                                                                                                          | Disadvantages                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Chemical                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quick</li> <li>Efficient</li> <li>Cost effective</li> <li>A fixed number of treatments per growing season</li> <li>Fewer greenhouse gas emissions</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pesticide losses to the environment</li> <li>Potential for herbicide resistance</li> <li>Public perception of spraying chemicals</li> </ul>                                              |
| Integrated                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduced risks associated with pesticide use</li> <li>Less pesticide PPE required</li> </ul>                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased greenhouse gas emissions</li> <li>Monitoring required</li> <li>Increased costs (x2)?</li> <li>Increased no. of treatments (2-6)</li> </ul>                                     |
| Non-chemical                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Avoid the risks which may arise from pesticide use</li> <li>No pesticide PPE required</li> </ul>                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greater greenhouse gas emissions</li> <li>Increased monitoring</li> <li>Greater costs (x8)?</li> <li>Persistent perennial weeds</li> <li>Increased number of treatments (3-6)</li> </ul> |

# Options Presented to Cabinet

## **Option A: Baseline Model – Keep things as they are**

Retains current minimal standards with no extra investment, causing asset decline and rising public dissatisfaction.

## **Option B: Enhanced Environmental Care**

Increases maintenance for amenity and biodiversity areas, additional cutting to amenity space, edging, and giving biodiversity areas a ‘cared for’ image.

## **Option C: Hotspot Manual Intervention**

Targets 10-20 areas yearly using mechanical and manual means to clear areas of significant growth, the intention would then be for these areas to be chemically treated and swept.

## **Option D: Chemical Weed Treatment**

Reintroduces chemical herbicides up to three times a year on the Highway network only to reduce weed growth for a short period to bring sites back to a good standard.

## **Option E: Comprehensive Recovery**

Combines Options B-D method above for full network recovery and sustained maintenance.

# Additional Actions

## Valuing Local – Working with Communities:

- Enhance civic pride, support local delivery, expand volunteering.
- Coordinate town/parish contributions and explore co-investment.



## Public Realm Actions:

- Promote Urban Verge Service Level Agreements and biodiversity-friendly cutting regimes.
- Volunteer training, Keep Cornwall Clean initiatives, exploring further devolution.



## Feedback from DLT/CDT:

- Improve consistency across Cornwall Housing land.
- Support opt-out options for chemical use with agreed standards.
- Strengthen links with Community Wellbeing (graffiti, cleansing).



# Cabinet Decision

To progress Option E and to deliver the additional actions

## **What does this mean?**

Combine B, C, and D to recover the network and then maintain it. Along side this to work with volunteers and partner organisations to realise the best possible outcome for Cornwall.

Impact: High and long-lasting sustainable improvement.

Funding split (agreed over 3 years):

33% for Environment increased maintenance (Option B)  
14% for Manual Removal of Weeds in Problem Areas (Option C)  
53% for Highways chemical weed control (Option D)

# How the Council plans to deliver Cabinet's requirement

# 1. Improvements to the Environment Assets

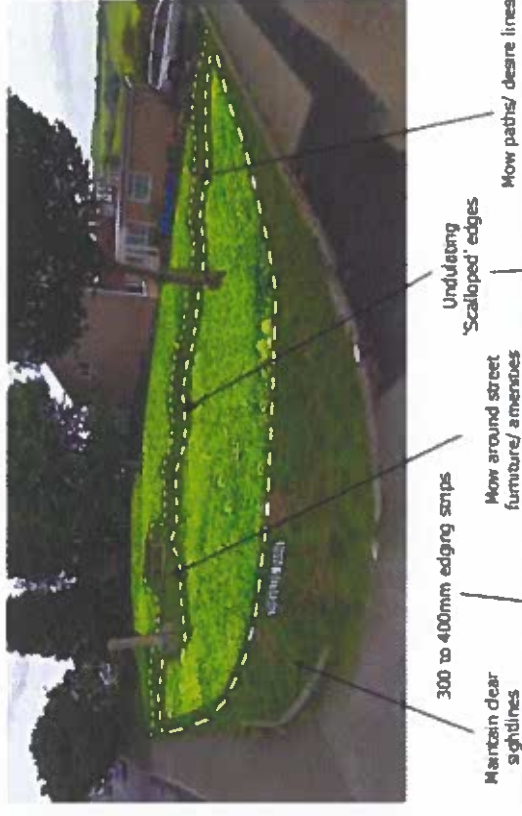
# Amenity Enhancement/ Rewilding Urban Greenspace/ Verges

- Enhanced cutting on amenity areas.
- ‘Opportunity/ Positive’ outcome arising from lockdown...delivered fresh approach to urban verge management.
- Best practice from Making Space for Nature project.
- No cutting through spring/ summer reintroduce edging, sight lines & on-site infrastructure cutting.
- Change of machinery/ ‘cut & collect’ compared to ‘drop’ to improve appearance, reduce nutrients/ enhance biodiversity.



# Workforce Development & Fleet Changes

- Operational team training with ecologists, empowering teams to make local decisions with communities.
- Further investment of specialist machinery to provide efficient, sustainable equipment using new technology.
- Review / expand MS4N towns where operating 'cut and collect'.
- 'Urban Rangers' to facilitate growth in volunteering and social prescribing.

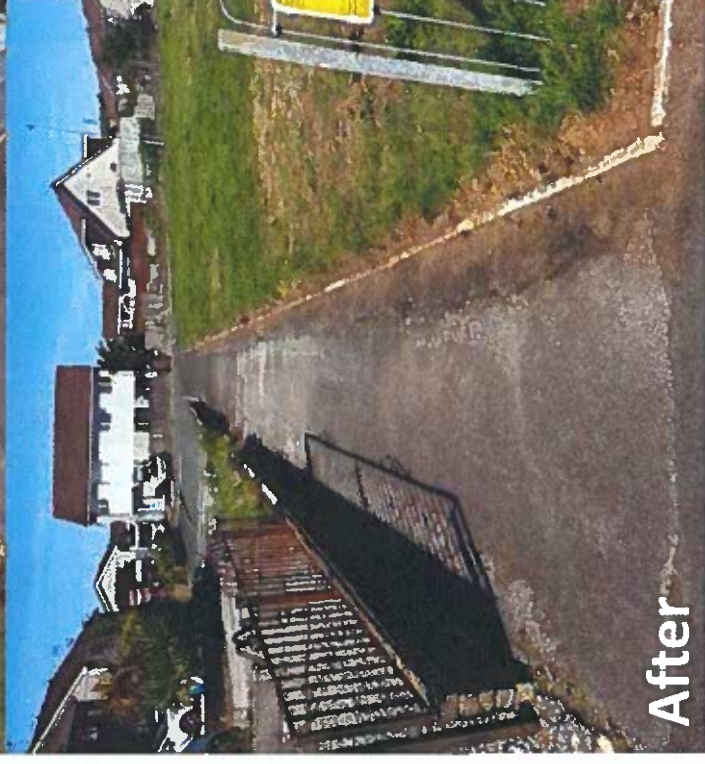


## 2. Improvement to the Highway Asset

# Targeted Treatment of Estates Mirroring Pilot



# Pilot- Hallane Road & Trenarren, Treverbyn



# Targeted Chemical Weed Treatment

**This is not a return to blanket weed spraying.**

- We will use a diluted glyphosate mix, this is widely used and HSE-approved for safe use on public highways and in amenity areas.
- This will be applied by Controlled Droplet Application (CDA).
- We will only treat within Urban limits (within reduced speed limits).
- We will not treat Zone 1 areas as they're managed by Biffa through the waste contract.
- We will not treat roads which are weed free.
- We will only treat areas of roads that have weeds present.
- Because of the above the quantity of glyphosate used will significantly reduced from 2013 volumes.
- There will be an opportunity for Town and Parish Councils to Opt Out.



# When and How Will We Undertake Treatment

1<sup>st</sup> Application - May to June 2026

2<sup>nd</sup> Application - August to September 2026

- Exact dates and streets cannot be confirmed in advance due to weather, resources, and operational changes.
- Streets with no visible weeds will not be treated.
- The first application will follow the 2013 coverage maps; the second will be updated to reflect changes to Waste Zone 1 and newly adopted highways.
- Weeds will take several weeks to die and turn brown. The herbicide only affects green, actively growing weeds; new growth after treatment will not be affected.
- Once dead, weeds will dry, break down, and be removed by Biffa as part of routine street cleansing, coordinated with treatment cycles.

# Opt-Out

- All Town and Parish Councils are opted in by default they may opt out through a formal process.
- Opting out of chemical treatment also means opting out of targeted estate treatments.
- Cornwall Council will contribute only the pro-rata chemical-treatment amount per km, and not the targeted-treatment funding.
- Contribution depends on the Town / Parish demonstrating they can meet equivalent service standards and protect asset integrity.
- Opted-out Councils must hold public liability insurance.
- Failure to meet the agreed standards means the Town / Parish cannot opt out the following year.
- Opt-out forms and details will be issued shortly via CAPs.

# Summary

- Highways, Environment and Waste teams are working together to deliver coordinated public realm improvements.
- The Environment estate will see enhanced amenity cutting and improved natural wildflower areas.
- Volunteering and local ownership of site management will be encouraged.
- After reviewing all options, chemical treatment is the only practical way to deliver a consistent, affordable standard across the highway network.
- Only roads with visible weeds will be treated; weed-free roads will be skipped.
- We will not treat weeds in grass verges or shrub beds, and we will not use neonicotinoids.
- Town and Parish Councils may opt out and manage areas themselves if they can match the same non-chemical standard; the Council will review its own approach where this is demonstrated.
- Chemical use will be tightly controlled and limited to the initial recovery phase (expected to last at least three years).



# Thank you / Meur ras

We welcome your questions or comments

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**Public Realm Improvement & Weed Management FAQ****Why are weeds a problem in the public realm?**

- Weeds damage paved surfaces, allowing water penetration and long-term deterioration.
- They block drainage channels, increasing flooding risk.
- Overgrowth narrows footways and harms resident perception of care, safety, and amenity.

**What is Cornwall Council legally required to do about weeds?**

Cornwall Council must:

- Maintain safe and serviceable highways.
- Control noxious weeds under the Weeds Act 1959.
- Prevent spread of invasive species such as Japanese Knotweed under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981.

**Didn't Full Council ban glyphosate in 2016? How can Cabinet now approve its use?**

No—Full Council did not introduce an absolute ban. The 2016 motion required glyphosate use to cease  
, and this funding has never become available.

It also allowed continued use where needed to control Schedule 9 invasive plants or to reduce material risks to asset integrity.

Because unmanaged weed growth since 2013 is now causing kerb, drainage and footway deterioration, the targeted use of diluted glyphosate on the urban highway network is required to reduce material risks to asset integrity.

**Why did routine weed treatment stop after 2013?**

Routine highway weed spraying ceased in 2013 as a budget saving measure, not for ecological, legislative or safety reasons.

**Why is chemical treatment being reintroduced now?**

Cornwall Council's modern strategy complies with the 2016 decision while recognising operational realities:

- The proposal for targeted, minimal glyphosate use on highways is to reduce material risk to asset integrity.

- Benchmarking with 70 authorities shows no alternative is as cost effective for killing roots in hard surfaces.
- Manual methods alone cannot maintain 1,700+ km of urban highway after 13 years without treatment.
- Glyphosate approval remains in place nationally

Chemical use is intended to be tightly controlled, targeted only at visible weeds, and limited to the three-year recovery phase.

### **Why can't Cornwall Council just use non-chemical methods and avoid glyphosate entirely?**

Extensive trials by Cornwall Council and benchmarking with around 70 other local authorities showed that non-chemical methods such as hot water, foam, acetic acid, powered brushes and electrical devices are significantly more expensive, often less effective at root-kill, and can cause infrastructure damage on weakened surfaces.

Non-chemical options alone cannot maintain Cornwall's 1,700+ km of urban network to the required standard. Chemical treatment is therefore required in a limited, targeted way alongside manual/mechanical clearance.

### **Is glyphosate safe to use in public spaces?**

Cornwall Council will use a highly diluted glyphosate mixture (1:40) that is approved by the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) for use on public highways, amenity areas, private land and gardens.

Application is carried out using Controlled Droplet Application (CDA), which produces large droplets, minimises drift, and targets only the weeds growing in the kerbline and channel.

National regulatory approval for glyphosate remains meaning it continues to be assessed as safe for its permitted uses under UK law.

Cornwall Council does not and will not use neonicotinoids and does not plan to use glyphosate in grassed verges, planted areas, or wider greenspace except to prevent spread of invasive species such as Japanese Knotweed under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981.

Planned use will be limited, highly controlled, and restricted to hard-surface locations where weeds pose structural and safety risks.

## **Why will operators wear PPE if glyphosate is safe?**

PPE is required because all herbicides—whether permitted, diluted, or low-toxicity—must be applied in line with product labels, HSE requirements, and best-practice safety procedures.

The PPE worn by staff protects them from:

- Accidental splashes during mixing, handling, or equipment maintenance.
- Prolonged contact when working at close range.
- Exposure during decanting or refilling, which carries higher concentration risk than the applied spray.

Cornwall Council's operators also use PPE because:

- The Council must comply with herbicide label instructions and operator-safety rules enforced nationally.
- All treatment is delivered by trained and certified staff using BASIS-advised methods, as required in the Council's own weed-treatment policies.

PPE is therefore a standard professional safety measure, not an indication that the public is at risk. It ensures compliance with legislation and protects staff who handle the product directly.

## **What treatment will be carried out?**

- The treatment of urban highways only, and only where weeds are present.
- Excludes Zone 1 streets (waste contract) and excludes verges/landscaped areas.
- Two treatment windows: May–June and Aug–Sept.
- Manual/mechanical clearance on worst estates before chemical treatment.
- Application via Controlled Droplet Application (CDA) using diluted glyphosate.

## **How will chemical treatment be applied?**

- Precise CDA low-drift method.
- Applied at 1:40 dilution, meeting the legal requirement of 25 ml active ingredient per litre of water.
- Only the kerb-to-channel hard surface is treated.
- This is not blanket spraying.

## **How much will treatment cost?**

Based on two annual treatments across 1,515 km:

- Total annual estimated cost circa £520,000
- Equivalent to £343.45 per km per year.

## **What trial of purely mechanical treatment has been undertaken?**

A trial was recently undertaken in Treverbyn Parish, St Austell this showed:

- Significant waste was generated - over 14 tonnes of waste removed.
- Manual works alone produce quick improvements but weeds rapidly regrow.
- Tap-root species require follow-up chemical treatment otherwise they quickly grow back.

## **What options were presented to Cabinet?**

Cabinet asked for "costed options with different levels of ambition".

Options ranged from doing nothing to full recovery.

Cabinet selected the comprehensive recovery option, combining enhanced maintenance, hotspot manual removal, and targeted chemical treatment.

## **How does the opt-out scheme for Town & Parish Councils work?**

T&PCs are opted in by default, but may opt out if they can:

- Maintain equal or better standards than the Council.
- Prevent asset deterioration and keep kerb lines clear.
- Handle all weed-related complaints.
- Provide a full-season delivery plan and maps.
- Hold appropriate public liability insurance.

Opting out also means losing access to targeted estate-clearance work.

## **How much funding will opt-out councils receive?**

Only the pro-rata chemical-treatment value (approx. £343.45/km/year) is contributed, and only if a plan is in place to deliver equivalent standards to the Council. No additional labour, manual-clearance or waste collection funding is provided.

### **What happens if an opted-out council cannot maintain standards?**

The Council will offer support.

If standards are still not met, the opt-out is withdrawn for the next season and the area returns to the Council programme.

### **How are noxious and invasive weeds treated?**

- Japanese Knotweed and Schedule 9 species continue under multi-year specialist programmes, with controlled-waste requirements.
- BASIS-qualified adviser involved for method selection and compliance.

### **How does this policy support environmental commitments?**

This policy will:

- Continue biodiversity-focused verge management and supports the Local Nature Recovery Strategy.
- Chemical use remains minimal, targeted, and time-limited.

### **How will residents benefit?**

Residents can expect:

- Clearer, safer footways and kerb lines.
- Improved drainage performance.
- Better appearance and community pride.
- More consistent standards across the network.

### **How will you ensure chemical use is kept to a minimum?**

Chemical treatment is restricted to:

- urban highways only,
  - reduced-speed areas,
  - locations where weeds are actually present,
  - two tightly controlled windows per year,
  - application via low-drift Controlled Droplet Application (CDA).
- There is no blanket spraying, and untreated/weed-free roads are skipped entirely.

### **Will residents see dead brown weeds left in place for long periods?**

After treatment, weeds die back over several weeks. Their removal is coordinated with Biffa through routine street cleansing cycles to avoid unsightly detritus. Timing is aligned so that cleansing follows treatment runs.

### **Are there any risks to children, pets, or wildlife from the diluted glyphosate solution?**

When used correctly, the risk to children, pets, and wildlife is very low.

Cornwall Council will use an HSE-approved glyphosate product at a highly diluted 1:40 ratio and apply it using Controlled Droplet Application (CDA), which produces large droplets and minimises spray drift.

Treatment is targeted only to kerb lines and hard surfaces where weeds are present.

Glyphosate continues to have national regulatory approval, and its use is tightly controlled under UK law to ensure it is applied safely and in a way that reduces exposure to people and animals.

### **Who decides which streets get treated?**

Route selection is based on:

- the 2013 network maps (for the first application),
  - updates for newly adopted roads and Waste Zone 1 boundaries (for the second application),
  - visual inspection confirming weed presence.
- Weed-free roads are treated.

### **How long will the recovery phase last?**

The recovery phase is expected to take a minimum of three years, after which weed growth should be at a manageable baseline for ongoing non-chemical maintenance.

### **What happens if weather conditions prevent scheduled treatment?**

Exact dates cannot be guaranteed in advance because herbicide requires dry, still conditions with appropriate drying time. Treatments may be adjusted or rescheduled to ensure legal and safe application.

### **Why can't Town or Parish Councils opt out of only *some* streets?**

Opt-outs must be for whole areas, not individual streets, to ensure consistent asset protection, clear responsibility, and enforceable performance monitoring. Partial or street-by-street opt-outs introduce safety, liability, and inspection challenges.

### **How does this link to the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and pollinator commitments?**

Chemical use remains minimal and targeted, only on hard surfaces where weeds pose structural or safety risks. The programme sits alongside biodiversity-focused verge management, "cut and collect" operations, and the Pollinator Action Plan endorsed since 2016. No use of neonicotinoids is planned and the impact on flowering weeds and therefore pollinators will be minimal and should be more than offset through the improved environmental maintenance.

### **How will the public be kept informed?**

Public-facing communication will explain:

- treatment windows,
- what to expect visually,
- why some roads are skipped,
- how dead weeds will be removed,
- options for Town and Parish Councils to opt out.

This supports transparency and helps manage expectations.



Date 24 June 2026

*Sent via email to all Parish and Town Councils in Cornwall*

Dear Sir/Madam

South West Water is aware of a motion that has already or may be due to be tabled at an upcoming council meeting calling for a vote of no confidence in our organisation. We understand this motion is being led by Dowr Glan. We have proactively engaged with them, securing a meeting to discuss our ambitious investment plans across Devon and Cornwall over the next five years — plans that we believe demonstrate our commitment to meaningful, lasting change.

Pennon Group, owners of South West Water, is committing approximately £3.2 billion between 2025 and 2030 to transform water and wastewater services across its companies — South West Water, Bristol Water, Bournemouth Water and SES Water. Of this, an exceptional £2.8 billion will be invested in the South West Water region. This represents one of the most significant infrastructure commitments in the region's history. At the heart of this programme is a £760 million investment specifically targeted at reducing storm overflows and pollution, in line with the Environment Act and the Government's Storm Overflow Action Plan.

This is not about minor tweaks — it is about leading change we all want to see. The national target is to reduce storm overflow spills to no more than ten per year on average by 2050. South West Water has set its sights higher: we are determined to achieve this a full decade earlier, by 2040.

We have listened carefully to our customers, communities, and environmental stakeholders. As a result, we have prioritised investment where it matters most — focusing on storm overflows that impact designated bathing waters and shellfish waters across our region. The results speak clearly: in Cornwall, 88 out of 89 bathing waters were classified as 'Good' or 'Excellent' in 2025, based on rigorous Environment Agency sampling undertaken throughout the summer season. These are among the highest standards in Europe, and they reflect both the natural beauty of our coastline and the progress already being made.

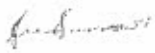
Clean, thriving beaches are not just an environmental priority — they are the lifeblood of local economies, supporting tourism, jobs, and community wellbeing. We are deeply committed to protecting and enhancing these assets so that Cornwall continues to flourish for generations to come.

We are under no illusion: meaningful environmental improvement takes time. But this is not a promise of future action — we are already delivering results. Across Cornwall, including in areas such as Falmouth, we have begun reducing storm overflow activity, and where investment has been made, measurable improvements are already being seen. This is real progress, backed by evidence.

We recognise the scale of the challenge before us — but we do not shy away from it. Our investment is bold, our ambition is clear, and our commitment is unwavering. We are ready to be held to account, and we are determined to deliver the cleaner, healthier waterways that our communities rightly expect and deserve.

We are committed to working closely with your Community Area Partnerships to demonstrate the scale of our investment over the next five years—and the transformational impact it will have on the environment in their communities. The full scale of our environmental investment across Cornwall can be explored through the Environment Agency's interactive map, bringing to life the breadth and ambition of our programme [Price Review 2024 Water Industry National Environment Programme \(WINEP\) App](#).

Kind regards



Alan Burrows,

Head of Local Government Affairs

**MINUTES of a MEETING of ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026 in Chi Austel, White River Place, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 5AZ at 6pm.**

**Present:** Councillors: Brown, Bull, Gray, Hamilton, Lanxon, Marshall, Preece, Thompson and Whitehouse,

**In attendance:** David Pooley (Town Clerk) and Sara Gwilliams (Deputy Town Clerk).

**P/26/01) Election of Chair**

David Pooley, Town Clerk, asked for nominations for Chair.

- A nomination was received for Councillor Brown

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Brown be elected Chair of the Planning and Regeneration Committee for the 2026/27 civic year.

**P/26/02) Election of Vice-Chair**

Councillor Brown asked for nominations for Vice-Chair.

- A nomination was received for Councillor Bull

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Bull be elected Vice-Chair of the Planning and Regeneration Committee for the 2026/27 civic year.

**P/26/03) Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lingham and Stephens.

**P/26/04) Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Brown declared an interest in Planning Application Number: PA26/02519 by virtue of being a close neighbour.

**P/26/05) Dispensations**

None.

**P/26/06) Minutes from the Meeting dated 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**P/26/07) Matters to note**

The Clerk advised that the Creative Kernow Local Plan consultation is scheduled to take place in St Austell on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2026 as the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2026 slot has been taken.

The Chair referred to the Pentewan Valley Parish Council extraordinary meeting scheduled for Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 at 7pm where the Gewans Farm planning application will be discussed and asked if either the applicant or agent will be in attendance. The Town Clerk advised that Persimmon Homes have been invited to the meeting but, to date, they have not confirmed whether or not they will be in attendance.

The Clerk reminded Councillors that if they attend the meeting, they should be careful not to pre-determine themselves ahead of the Town Council considering the planning application in June.

### **P/26/08) Public participation**

The Chair advised that in order to assist the two members of the public present, Planning Application Number PA26/00370 would be considered next.

### **P/26/09) Planning Applications**

The Town Council has been consulted on the planning applications listed below. The Committee is asked to consider the applications and agree a response to the Planning Authority (Cornwall Council).

The applications and their plans can be viewed on the Online Planning Register at [www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk)

- v. **PA26/00370:** Buena Vista Gribben Road St Austell Cornwall, PL25 4ED. Reserved Matters application for the construction of a two-storey dwelling with integral garage (details following outline consent PA22/10570 dated 07.03.2023).

The Clerk advised that in 2025 the Town Council raised no objection to an outline planning application for the site, but had objected to the reserved matters application considered in March 2026 on the grounds of:

- Over ambitious for the site
- Over development of the site
- Overbearing for the site
- Overlooking issues
- Poor access off Treverbyn Road

The Clerk added that the agents have addressed the concerns raised by the Town Council and the Planning Officer has advised that the new design is better and the ridge height has been lowered. The Town Council has been re-consulted to consider the improvements made.

The Chair invited the applicants Mr and Mrs Wegner to speak.

Mr and Mrs Wegner advised that they had listened to the Town Council's concerns and that the issues identified had been considered and resolved as detailed in their agent's report.

Members agreed that it was helpful to have the detailed response from the applicant's agent and that the concerns previously identified appear to have been resolved.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection to this application.

- i. **PA26/01638:** 125 Chapel Field St Austell Cornwall PL25 3EN. Proposed construction of a porch and replacement of existing conservatory.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection to this application.

- ii. **PA26/01924:** 70 Retallick Meadows St Austell Cornwall PL25 3BY. Proposed conservatory removal and replacement 2 storey extension.

The Clerk advised there were three neighbour objections to this application on Cornwall Council's planning portal raising concerns in relation to:

- Loss of light
- Loss of privacy
- Not in keeping with the street scene
- Over development
- Over shadowing

During discussion, Members expressed concern with regard to the effect the proposal would have on the neighbouring properties and agreed with the concerns raised in the three neighbour objections.

It was **RESOLVED** to object to this application on the grounds of:

- The second storey is unacceptable and over imposing
- The impact on the privacy and amenity of the neighbouring properties
- The loss of light on the neighbouring properties

- iii. **PA26/02284:** St Austell Bus And Railway Station High Cross Street St Austell Cornwall PL25 4LA. Works to trees within a Conservation Area - felling of T51 (Torbay Pine), felling of T52 (Laburnum) and T53 felling of Macrocarpa.

The Clerk advised that the Tree Officer has advised that there are no grounds for a Tree Preservation Order.

- iv. **PA26/02342:** 8 Horse Whim Drive St Austell Cornwall PL25 3XB. Application for tree works within a TPO: To reduce T1 Sycamore and T2 Sycamore trees by 2-3m in width to clear paths. To remove basal epicormic growth. To remove 2-3m basal section of ivy from both trees.

It was **RESOLVED** to support the Tree Officer's recommendation.

- vi. **PA26/02529:** 7 Jubilee Meadow St Austell Cornwall PL25 3EX. Works to Tree covered by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) - Oak - Remove to ground level.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection to this application subject to the Tree Officer being satisfied with the proposal and that a replacement tree is planted.

***\*\* Councillor Brown reiterated his interest in the following item and the Vice-Chair took the Chair\*\****

- vii. **PA26/02519:** 14 Killyvarder Way St Austell Cornwall PL25 3DJ.  
Single storey extension to side of property and boundary wall.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection to this application.

Councillor Brown abstained from voting on this item.

***\*\*Councillor Brown resumed the Chair\*\****

- viii. **PA26/02680:** 70 Slades Road St Austell Cornwall PL25 4HF. Proposed rear extension & associated works with variation of condition 2 of decision notice PA25/07603 dated 29/12/2025.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection to this application.

- ix. **PA26/02854:** 1 Church Street, St Austell Cornwall PL25 4AW.  
Listed building consent for the replacement of the internal ATM.

It was **RESOLVED** to support this application.

- x. **PA26/02382:** Co-Op Moorland Road West Hill St Austell, PL25 5BS. Installation of new shopfront to facilitate subdivision of existing retail unit with alterations to the existing landscaping comprising new hardstanding, planting and cycle racks.

It was **RESOLVED** to support this application.

Councillor Lanxon advised that she is a member of the Co-op party and abstained from voting on this item.

- xi. **PA26/02979:** Land And Buildings South East Of 128 Clifden Road Clifden Road St Austell Cornwall. Change of Use of Annexe to form separate Dwelling.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection to this application subject to the Planning Officer being happy with the access and turning arrangements.

#### **P/26/10) Premises Licence Applications**

None.

#### **P/26/11) Planning Decisions**

On reviewing the Local Planning Authority Decisions report and the number of applications where the Town Council had not been consulted, Members asked that clarification be sought from Cornwall Council on their policy for consulting Town and Parish Councils.

It was **RESOLVED** that the report and decisions be noted.

## **P/26/12) Cornwall Council – Urgent Delegated Planning Decisions**

None.

## **P/26/13) St Austell Town Centre Revitalisation Partnership**

The Clerk provided an update as follows:

**General Wolfe/Globe Yard.** The General Wolfe and Globe Yard have been sold at auction. Mark Ellis at Cornwall Council has advised that he does not know who has purchased the building/land but things may become clearer in 3-4 weeks when the legal details are finalised.

**TG Jones.** A press release has been issued with regard to potential store closures but at the present time it is not known if the St Austell store is under threat.

**Town Team.** The Clerk advised that Andrew Stickland from the Town Team has asked to meet with him and a meeting has been set up in June.

**Trinity Street.** The Trinity Street partial road closure will be put in place on 22<sup>nd</sup> June to allow the cladding works to take place on the Trinity Street flats. It is anticipated that the project will take two years to complete and that during this time the traffic flow in Trinity Street will be one way only, upwards from the Trinity Street roundabouts to the junction with Truro Road. The contractor, Classic Builders is working closely with Cornwall Council's highways team about the diversion routes around the town, the potential for additional parking at the top end of Trinity Street and additional CCTV. It was further advised that Classic Builders intend coming to a Town Council meeting to outline the project and answer any questions. They have also committed to providing regular publicly available newsletters on progress with the project.

**Mid Cornwall Metro.** Phase one of the Mid Cornwall Metro project has been completed with trains now running hourly between Newquay and Par.

**Cornwall Armed Forces Day, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026.** There are currently resourcing issues for this event which the organiser is trying to resolve. The Town Council has committed to resourcing the road closures for the parade.

During discussion, Members raised the following:

- The need to write to TG Jones and Post Office if the closures are likely to affect St Austell stressing how important the shop/post office is to St Austell
- Concern with regard to the proposed 2 year closure of Trinity Street to two way traffic
- The need for the new banners on Poundland to be washed off
- Clarification of the time scales for when the tarmac in Fore Street will be replaced with granite
- BID's hanging baskets are scheduled to be hung at the weekend.

It was **RESOLVED** that if more information becomes available which indicates that the St Austell TG Jones shop is vulnerable and the timing is appropriate, the Town Clerk should write to TG Jones and the Post Office stressing how important the shop/Post Office is to St Austell.

### **P/26/14) Local Plan**

The Clerk advised that Cornwall Council has started the Local Plan process and a Neighbourhood Priority Statement (NPS) presentation was provided to Town and Parish Councils on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026. He added that Neighbourhood Priority Statements appear to be simpler than Neighbourhood Developments Plans, but they are still a lot of work and require a consultation process. Unlike a Neighbourhood Development Plan, Neighbourhood Priority Statements do not require a referendum.

It became clear during the presentation that producing a Neighbourhood Priority Statement would probably be the main method for Town and Parish Councils to influence the Local Plan by virtue of Cornwall Council having a legal obligation to consider all Neighbourhood Priority Statements produced.

The Clerk advised that the Neighbourhood Priority Statement does not stop development but it can provide a steer towards:

- Infrastructure
- Preserving green open spaces
- The provision of hostels/HMOs
- The direction of expansion

In addition, Cornwall Council has advised that a Neighbourhood Priority Statement can be produced jointly with another Parish if that is the wish of both parties.

The Clerk expressed a view that the Town Council should try to produce a Neighbourhood Priority Statement for St Austell as a minimum.

During discussion, Members raised the following:

- The deadline for submitting a completed NPS to Cornwall Council is October 2027;
- 2 pilot NPS studies have been published (St Day and Lanner);
- The Helston NPS is likely to be most relevant to St Austell, but it has not been published yet;
- A broad agreement that the surrounding Parishes are likely to want to produce their own statements;
- The need for an informal meeting to be set up to agree a way forward;
- Concern that Cornwall Council might not have the resource to assist Town and Parish Councils, particularly if there is a large number of Parishes wishing to produce an NPS;
- Concern that producing an NPS will be a lot of work and that it might not carry much weight;
- The need to advise Cornwall Council that St Austell would like to be a designated NPS area

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk should make an application to designate a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of producing a Neighbourhood Priorities Statement to Cornwall Council using the template letter provided.

#### **P/26/15) Cornwall Bus Conference – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

The Clerk advised that Councillor Yelland had drawn the Town Council's attention to the Cornwall Bus Conference due to take place in Truro on 24<sup>th</sup> June. He added that it would be helpful if attendance at the conference could be made an approved duty for the Chair of the Planning and Regeneration Committee to attend and report back.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Chair of the Planning and Regeneration Committee should attend the Cornwall Bus Conference in Truro on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026 and that it be made an approved duty.

#### **P/26/16) Fountain House**

The Town Clerk advised that Cornwall Council no longer has an operational need to retain Fountain House but before going through a disposal process wanted to give the Town Council the opportunity to consider whether or not it would like to express an interest in the property.

Members noted that the building is in a very poor condition, consists of a lot of small rooms and has no parking.

During discussion, Members expressed a view that the property should be sold, made good and put back into use but expressed strong concern that the property could be bought and turned into move-on accommodation or similar which would add to the difficulties St Austell is experiencing.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk should write to Cornwall Council to:

- i. Advise that the Town Council does not wish to submit an interest in Fountain House;
- ii. Outline the Town Council's strong wish for the property to be sold and put back into use but not sold on as move-on accommodation or similar;
- iii. Obtain the latest temporary/emergency housing figures for St Austell.

#### **P/26/17) Dates of Meetings**

It was noted that the date of the next meeting of the Planning and Regeneration Committee is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026 and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

The meeting closed at 7.56pm.



**MINUTES of a MEETING of ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026 in White River Community Church, West Hill, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 5ET at 6pm.**

**Present:** Councillors: Brown (Chair), Bull, Gray, Hamilton, Kimber, Lanxon, Marshall, Preece, Stephens, Thompson and Whitehouse.

**In attendance:** David Pooley (Town Clerk) and Sara Gwilliams (Deputy Town Clerk).

Councillor Brown, Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and asked the Planning and Regeneration Committee members to introduce themselves.

**P/26/18) Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lingham.

**P/26/19) Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Marshall declared an interest in Planning Application Number: **PA26/03593** by virtue of being a near neighbour.

Councillor Whitehouse declared an interest in Planning Application Number: **PA26/03257** by virtue of his son being employed by the applicant.

The Chair advised that Planning Agenda Item 3 (Dispensations), Agenda Item 4 (Minutes of the meeting dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026) and Agenda Item 5 (Matters to Note) would be considered later and that Agenda Item 8 (i) Planning Application **PA26/02774** would be considered next.

**P/26/20) Planning Applications**

**i. PA26/02774:** Land South East of Gewans Farm, Tregorrick Road, Tregorrick, St Austell. Outline Planning Permission for residential led development of up to 325 residential units (Use of Class C3) including preparatory works and demolition of existing farmstead at Higher Tregorrick Farm, as necessary; with associated landscaping works and public realm; other open space including parks, amenity green space, natural and semi-natural green spaces, equipped and natural play spaces; associated infrastructure and internal access roads with all matters reserved except for detailed access off Tregorrick Road and other associated highway works.

The Chair advised that the application will be considered as follows:

- Representatives of Persimmon Homes will be asked to provide their presentation;
- Questions to the developers from the public, Pentewan Valley Parish Council, local Cornwall Councillors and Town Councillors;
- Comments from the public, Pentewan Valley Parish Council, local Cornwall Councillors and Town Councillors;
- The Town Clerk will comment on the planning application;
- Town Councillors will debate and agree their response to the consultation.

The Chair advised that the St Austell Town Council is a planning consultee and that the recommendation from the Town Council's Planning and Regeneration Committee will be sent to Cornwall Council who will determine the application. He added that the application is in the Parish of Pentewan Valley Parish Council and that the Town Council has received a dispensation to provide its recommendation to Cornwall Council later than the deadline originally imposed as it had been missed off the original consultation list.

The Chair invited Chris Thorn and Robbie Brown from Persimmon Homes to provide their presentation. They explained that the application is an outline planning application with all matters reserved except for highways access details. They highlighted the consultation and pre-planning work undertaken and advised that the detailed design would follow if the outline application is approved. They advised that Cornwall has a 3.9 year housing supply so was not currently meeting its target set by the Government. It was anticipated that the scheme would include:

- Approximately 325 dwellings with open space and orchards on the west of the site;
- 35% affordable dwellings, approximately 50% of which would be shared ownership and 50% social housing for rent;
- Highways improvements;
- 10% biodiversity net gain;
- S106 contributions towards highways, education and possibly health;
- Public open spaces and walking and cycling links.

The Chair invited questions from members of the public, parish council representatives, Cornwall Councillors and Town Councillors. Topics raised included:

- Land ownership – it was explained that the developer had an option on the land
- Position and location of affordable housing – the developer advised that affordable housing would be pepper potted around the site;
- The need for suitable housing for local people;
- Access to Gewans Farm;
- Traffic survey quality and timing;
- The number expected to live on the estate and the number of vehicle movements;
- Proximity of dwellings to Gewans Meadows;
- Connections with Gypsy Lane;
- Flooding and sewerage measures;
- Lighting;
- Archaeological investigations;
- Contaminated land remediation measures

*\*\*Councillor Kimber left the meeting during the following statements\*\**

The Chair invited statements from the public, parish councils and Cornwall Councillors. The points made included:

- The impact on the lanes and junctions in the area including Sawles Road, Tregorrick Road, Duporth Road, the access to Gewans Farm and the junctions at either end of Porthpean Road;
- The inadequacy of infrastructure including sewerage, drainage, health services, education and highways;

- The conflict with the Site Allocation DPD and emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan for Pentewan Valley Parish;
- The need for the public to make representations to Cornwall Council.

The Chair of Pentewan Valley Parish Council and the Vice Chair of St Austell Bay Parish Council outlined their Councils' responses.

The Cornwall Councillors Ashton, Mustoe and Yelland each made statements opposing the application.

The Town Councillors debated the planning application and the merits of a succinct response as opposed to a detailed response. They highlighted the need for housing, the visual impact of the proposals, the risk of reductions in affordable housing due to viability tests, the impact on education establishments, pressures on existing infrastructure and the inadequacy of local highways and the traffic assessments undertaken.

It was suggested that the Cornwall Councillors should arrange a joint site visit with the Highways Officer to view the road issues identified by residents and others in view of the level of concern regarding the potential impact on the road network.

It was **RESOLVED** to strongly object to the application by 7 votes for and 2 votes against on the grounds of:

- The proposed highways/access for both the direct routes and feeder routes around the site being totally unsuitable as they are predominantly single width lanes which will not be able to cope with a significant increase in traffic flows and are unsuitable for access by emergency vehicles;
- Loss of good quality agricultural land (Grade 3a), open countryside and the green belt between Pentewan Valley and St Austell;
- Lack of infrastructure in a town that is already overstretched;
- The site not being identified in the current Site Allocation DPD for St Austell and being contrary to the favoured development areas in the emerging Pentewan Valley Parish Council Neighbourhood Development Plan.

### **P/26/21) Recess**

The Chair advised at 8.40pm there would be a short recess.

### **P/26/22) Planning Applications**

ii. **PA26/03124:** Tregarth House, 33 Bodmin Road, St Austell, PL25 5AE. Proposed change of use of hotel (Use Class C1) to childcare centre (Use Class E(F), alterations to parking area and associated works.

The applicant, Alice Lewis advised that Baby Bugs Nursery is having to leave its current premises at Tregonissey Close due to the poor state of repair of their premises. She outlined the history and ethos of the Nursery and the plans to relocate to Tregarth House.

She acknowledged the proximity of the building to the busy Bodmin Road and the need to ensure that there are robust safety measures in place for the traffic and pedestrian movements to and from the nursery. Ms Lewis advised that the local Cornwall Councillor, Jack Yelland, is supportive of the application.

During discussions, Councillors referred to the busy road and suggested that suitable signage should be erected to reflect the presence of children.

It was **RESOLVED** to support this application subject to signage being erected to reflect the presence of children.

#### **P/26/23) Cornwall Council – Enforcement Matters**

The Chair advised of local concerns about works undertaken at the land south of Aspen Drive which were considered contrary to conditions 7 and 8 of the planning approval for Planning Application: **PA22/09143** and that Cornwall Council's Enforcement Team has agreed to investigate. The Chair added that the removal of hedgerows during the nesting season has been referred to the Police Rural Crime Unit.

A local resident advised that the site was very overgrown with deer regularly seen. Following the clearance of the site, there is now no wildlife and there are concerns that the Japanese Knotweed at the top of the site will spread into neighbouring gardens.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the update and instruct the Clerk to make further representations to Cornwall Council to undertake strong enforcement action and to ensure the Japanese Knotweed is properly dealt with.

#### **P/26/24) Minutes of the meeting dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026 subject to the word "affect" on page 3 being amended to "effect".

#### **P/26/25) Planning Applications**

- iii. **PA26/03192:** 39 Roslyn Close, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 3UN. Change of use of garage into entrance hall, family room, utility and wc.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection to this application.

*\*\*Councillor Whitehouse reiterated his interest and took no part in the discussion or voting on the following item\*\**

- iv. **PA26/03257:** 20 Mount Charles Road, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 3LD. Siting of two storage containers to rear of tyre service station, erection of security fence to part rear boundary, associated access paths and new access door in rear elevation of existing building.

It was **RESOLVED** to support this application.

*\*\*Councillor Marshall reiterated his interest in the following and left the meeting\*\**

- v. **PA26/03593:** 26 Beech Road, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 4TS. Application for Permission in Principle for the construction of up to 5 dwellings (minimum of 5, maximum of 5).

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection to this application.

#### **P/26/26) Matters to note**

The Clerk advised that he had no matters to add to the minutes considered earlier.

In response to a question the Clerk advised that the General Wolfe and Globe Yard had been sold at auction, but the name of the purchaser was not yet in the public domain.

The Clerk **AGREED** to ask Cornwall Council when the details of the purchase will be revealed to the Town Council.

In response to a further question, the Deputy Clerk advised that she would invite Classic Builders to a future meeting of the Town Council to update Members on the Trinity Street works.

#### **P/26/27) Planning Decisions**

Further to minute number: **P/26/11** the Town Clerk advised that Gavin Smith, Development Management Group Leader in the Planning Service at Cornwall Council has advised that Town and Parish Councils are not consulted on the following:

- Applications to discharge planning conditions
- Pre-applications
- Prior Notification applications

The Chair advised that he was not happy with this response and that he would follow this up with Mr Smith.

It was **RESOLVED** that the report of planning decisions be noted.

#### **P/26/28) Cornwall Council – Urgent Delegated Planning Decisions**

The Town Clerk advised that Cornwall Council's Planning Officer had issued a 5-day protocol letter in relation to planning application PA26/01924 – 70 Retallick Meadows. The Chair and Vice Chair opted to maintain the Town Council's objection, but the Officer over-ruled the Town Council and advised that the application would be approved under delegated powers.

*\*\* Councillor Bull took the Chair for the next item \*\**

#### **P/26/29) Cornwall Planning Partnership**

Councillor Bull proposed that Councillor Brown be nominated by the Town Council to be considered for a place on the Cornwall Planning Partnership.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council nominate Councillor Brown to be considered for a place on the Cornwall Planning Partnership.

*\*\*Councillor Brown re-assumed the Chair\*\**

**P/26/30) Premises Licence Applications**

There were no premises licence applications to consider.

**P/26/31) Local Plan**

The Clerk advised that there was no progress on the Local Plan to report.

**P/26/32) Dispensations**

This item was not discussed but there were no dispensations granted.

**P/26/33) Dates of Meetings**

It was noted that the date of the next meeting of the Planning and Regeneration Committee is Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

**MINUTES of ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 2026 at Chi Austel, White River Place, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 5AZ at 6pm.**

**Present:** Councillors: Cohen, Clemo, Hawken, Kimber, Nott, Preece, Stephens, Taylor, Thompson, Whitehouse and Young.

**In attendance:** David Pooley (Town Clerk) and Sara Gwilliams (Deputy Town Clerk) and Steve Skinner (Operations Manager).

**Also in attendance:** A Etheridge (interpreter).

**CC/26/01 Election of Chair**

The Town Clerk asked for nominations for Chair.

A nomination was proposed and seconded for Councillor Preece.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Preece be elected Chair of the Community Committee for the 2026/27 Civic Year.

**CC/26/02) Election of Vice-Chair**

The Chair asked for nominations for Vice-Chair.

- A nomination was received for Councillor Kimber
- A nomination was received for Councillor Hawken

Members undertook a secret ballot to elect the Vice-Chair of the Community Committee for the 2026/27 civic year. The result of the ballot was:

Councillor Kimber – 6 votes  
Councillor Hawken – 5 votes

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Kimber be elected Vice-Chair of the Community Committee for the 2026-27 civic year.

**CC/26/03) Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Lingham and Rowse.

**CC/26/04) Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Clemo declared a non-pecuniary interest in the grant application for Trewoon Pantomime Group by virtue of being the treasurer of St Austell Arts Centre which is used by the pantomime group.

**CC/26/05) Dispensations**

None.

## **CC/26/06) Minutes of the Meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 be approved and signed as a correct record.

## **CC/26/07) Matters to Note**

The Clerk advised that neither Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) expression of interest had been approved due to applications for funding being vastly over subscribed and the wall works in Priory Car Park had commenced.

Annie Etheridge asked Councillors to be mindful when speaking to ensure that Councillor Nott is given the best possible opportunity to be involved in discussions. She advised that in order to achieve this, speakers should slow down their speech slightly and pause when recommendations/resolutions are proposed and seconded.

In order to assist the guest speakers present, the Chair advised that he would bring agenda item 10 forward to agenda item 8.

## **CC/26/08) Public Participation**

The Chair advised the members of the public present that he would allow them to speak under the agenda item relating to the skatepark.

## **CC/26/09) Carefree Cornwall**

The Chair welcomed Mari Eggins of Carefree Cornwall to the meeting. She provided an explanation of the history and role of Carefree Cornwall which exists to help and support young people in care and as they progress to adulthood. She advised that in Cornwall there were 650-660 young people in the 0-18 years old range in care which was an increase of 200 over the last 5 years.

Ms Eggins advised that Carefree Cornwall provide services on behalf of Cornwall Council to approximately 160 care leavers a year, manage 11 bed spaces in Newquay and St Austell and provide floating support for 80 young care leavers. They provide personal advisors for 18–21-year-olds and provide meetings at least once every 8 weeks to help with issues such as housing, education, finance etc.

Members expressed their gratitude for the excellent work of Carefree Cornwall. The Chair thanked Ms Eggins for attending the meeting and for the interesting presentation.

## **CC/26/10) Poltair Park – Skateboard Park**

The Chair welcomed Mr Russ Holbert from Maverick to the meeting.

Mr Holbert advised that he is a Director of Maverick and since 2007 they have built over 200 skateparks including Newquay's world-renowned concrete waves. He advised that he has had a look at the existing skatepark site at Poltair Park and believes that a modern, bespoke and inclusive spray concrete skatepark can be installed on the existing site which would be sympathetic to the nearby housing and surrounding landscape.

Mr Holbert explained the benefits of using spray concrete in that it provides a seamless riding surface, is low maintenance and durable, provides improved flow and ride quality and is quieter than other modular facilities.

Mr Holbert displayed images of different skateboard park designs and stressed the need for community consultation during the design phase, particularly with local users.

Mr Holbert concluded that if the Town Council wished to proceed, they would need to identify a preferred contractor, engage with the community, seek planning permission and then identify funding streams as funders are more likely to fund something that has community engagement and planning permission than just a concept drawing.

The Chair thanked Mr Holbert for his very interesting presentation and invited the public present to speak.

Three members of the public spoke in support of the skateboard park and made the following points:

- Praise for the newly installed pump track at The Meadows;
- A high-quality modern skateboard park would attract new people into St Austell and due to the park's proximity to the town could indirectly create footfall into the town centre;
- Modern sporting facilities such as a skateboard park reduce ASB;
- Provides young people with something to do;
- A commitment to helping work up a project.

Members thanked Mr Holbert and the public for their enthusiasm and support for the creation of a new skatepark at Poltair Park. They felt that on the back of the success of The Meadows Pump Track, the creation of a new skateboard park in Poltair Park would be a very positive addition. As well as potential users, Members suggested that the newly formed Youth Council could play an integral part in the design and consultation process.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that:

1. The Town Council supports in principle the creation of a new Skatepark at Poltair Park;
2. The Town Clerk be authorised to explore how to take the project forward and report back to Members in due course.

*\*\*Councillor Taylor left during the next item\*\**

### **CC/26/11) Community Committee – Terms of Reference**

The Clerk advised that following the merger of the Climate and Environment Committee with the Community Committee, a revised Terms of Reference for the Community Committee has been drafted for approval. The Clerk added that if approved, the Committee would be re-named "Community and Environment Committee"

It was **RECOMMENDED** to approve the Terms of Reference for the Community and Environment Committee.

### **CC/26/12) Small Grants Scheme**

*Friends of Doubletrees*

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £250 to the Friends of Doubletrees towards their new playground equipment.

### *Regenerative Food and Farming CIC (Gleaning Cornwall)*

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £259 to Regenerative Food and Farming CIC (Cleaning Cornwall) to purchase a new laptop.

*\*\*Councillor Clemo reiterated his interest and abstained from voting on the next item\*\**

### *Trewoon Pantomime Group*

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £250 to Trewoon Pantomime Group towards their 2027 Pantomime - Sleeping Beauty.

### **CC/26/13) Community Engagement Policy**

The Town Clerk advised that a draft policy for community engagement reflecting previous policies but in a format recommended by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) was recommended for adoption.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Community Engagement Policy be approved.

### **CC/26/14) CASA – People’s Emergency Briefing**

The Town Clerk advised that Councillor Nott had requested that the CASA event showing the information film People’s Emergency Briefing be an approved duty and the employment of a sign language support worker be authorised subject to a budget ceiling of £500.

It was **RESOLVED** that the CASA event on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026 be an approved duty for Councillor Nott and he be permitted to employ sign language support for the event subject to a budget limit of £500.

### **CC/26/15) Events Schedule**

The Deputy Town Clerk outlined events provided and planned for the 2026 calendar year. She explained that due to limited staff resource not all events could be managed by the Town Council. Some events were managed by other organisations and supported either financially or in kind and it was important to ensure that the Town Council’s involvement was manageable and sustainable.

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that Easter Fun Day and Crazy Golf events in April had been very successful. The Mayor Making Ceremony in May was once again well received and the Pump Track exhibition and opening ceremony had proved really successful leading to requests to repeat the event annually. Members discussed the recent Eat Festival and the potential learning points from the event. Members were generally very positive and considered there was a good vibe in the town centre during the event. The use of Biddicks Court, the walkway past Chi Austel and the need for seating were all discussed. It was explained that it was hoped to get feedback from the organisers and local traders in due course.

In June climate awareness and plant swap events were planned at the library and the Cornwall Festival of Children’s Literature would take place at various locations across the town including the library.

Cornwall Armed Forces Day was due to take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> June and the Town Council staff will manage the road closure for a large parade of military personnel, veterans and cadets. Because of limited staff availability in July and August it is hoped to engage Young People Cornwall to undertake some games in parks sessions during the school holidays.

Other events in the pipeline included a "Then and Now" exhibition of historical and present day photographs of St Austell, a children's Halloween event, the annual Remembrance Day Parade and Church Service, a Schools' Christmas Concert and various Christmas events at the Library. St Austell BID plan to run town centre Christmas events as well as in previous years.

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that requests had been received for a volunteers day and a proms in the park event featuring local brass bands. In order to keep these manageable it was suggested that the volunteers event could be run by the library and the proms event by the Council in conjunction with Councillor Kimber.

Members thanked the Deputy Town Clerk for her hard work in relation to events throughout the year.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of events as set out with the volunteers day run by the Library and the proms in the park event managed by the Deputy Town Clerk with support from Councillor Kimber.

#### **CC/26/16) Projects update**

The Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk provided an update as follows:

**CCTV.** The Town Council, in partnership with Newquay Town Council manage a CCTV service from Newquay Police station. The Town Council owns 25 cameras across the town centre and the monitoring is currently on summer monitoring hours which is almost 24/7. The Town Council owns a mobile camera and this is currently at a location to assist Ocean Housing with an ASB hotspot. Grant funding from the OPCC for additional cameras has been successful but has not yet been progressed.

**Young People Cornwall.** The Young People Cornwall (YPC) meetings are held quarterly which officers and members attend. The work of YPC remains a very important service to the town and the wider area. YPC recently supported the Pump Track Opening Event and facilitated the summer games in the parks last year.

**Youth Council.** The first Youth Council meeting has been completed successfully with a good contribution from young people. Two more meetings are scheduled before the schools break up for the summer holidays. It is hoped that representatives of the group will attend the July Council meeting.

**ASB.** There are a few new faces and a number of old faces around the Town of which the Police and agencies are aware. The Priory Toilets have been vandalised on a few occasions which has resulted in them having to be closed for a few days at a time. Shop lifting is also still a problem across the town. The security guard OPCC hotspot funding which allows 70 hours of patrols will be withdrawn in September. Cornwall Council has been asked for the temporary/emergency accommodation figures but to date these have not been received.

**Grounds Maintenance.** The grass cutting rounds have started and the summer bedding plants will be planted out shortly. The grounds team assisted with the Mayor Making Event and Pump Track Opening Event at the end of last week and have been reactive to some ASB incidents in the parks (broken glass) and some small library maintenance jobs.

**Armed Forces Day – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026.** The County RBL is organising and overseeing the event with assistance from the Town Council on the parade road closure requirements. Due to the heightened national security risk assessment, the costs to the Town Council for the event will be higher than anticipated and will be funded from the events budget.

**Trinity Street Road Closure.** The Deputy Town Clerk referred Members to the e-mail received from the Cornwall Council Street Works Team in respect of the essential safety works due to be carried out in Trinity Street for a period of 2 years commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026. She advised that in order to accommodate a large freestanding scaffolding construction and maintain safety, Cornwall Council's Highways Officers have stipulated that Trinity Street should be converted into a one-way road running from south to the north for the full duration of the works. The one-way system and diversion will run as follows:

- Traffic south to north up Trinity Street
- Left down Truro Road (clear way) to Edgcumbe Triangle
- Left at Edgcumbe Triangle to Penwinnick Road
- Left at Mevagissey Roundabouts up South Street

The Deputy Clerk advised that St Austell BID and Mr Coles have requested that access to the Burton House Service Yard is permitted from the Bodmin Road/Truro Road direction as well as from the south, but this has been declined by Cornwall Council's Highways Team and Classic Builders on safety grounds.

The Town Councillors expressed a view that the traffic management for the project should be managed in accordance with the advice of the highways experts due to the potential safety issues. Concern was however expressed about the displacement of bus routes and Members asked that clarification be sought.

**Devolution – Library/The House.** Discussions with Cornwall Council on the devolution of the two buildings are progressing slowly.

**Clifden Road Car Park.** The Community Link Officer has confirmed that Cornwall Council has no desire to devolve Clifden Road Car Park to the Town Council.

### **CC/26/17) Dates of Meetings**

Due to time constraints Councillors noted the next meeting dates and the Chair deferred consideration of the remaining agenda items and adjourned the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

**MINUTES of a MEETING of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026 in Chi Austel, White River Place, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 5AZ at 6pm.**

**Present:** Councillors: Brown, Clemo, Cohen, Gray, Kimber, Lanxon, Preece, Stephens, Thompson, Whitehouse and Young.

**In attendance:** David Pooley (Town Clerk) and Sara Gwilliams (Deputy Town Clerk).

**F/26/01) Election of Chair**

The Town Clerk invited nominations for Chair for the 2026/27 civic year.

A nomination was received for Councillor Gray.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Gray be elected Chair for the 2026/27 civic year.

**F/26/02) Election of Vice-Chair**

The Chair invited nominations for Vice-Chair for the 2026/27 civic year.

A nomination was received for Councillor Clemo.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Richard Clemo be elected Vice-Chair for the 2026/27 civic year.

**F/26/03) Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Marshall and Nott.

**F/26/04) Declarations of Interest**

None.

**F/26/05) Dispensations**

None.

*\*\*Councillor Lanxon arrived during the next item\*\**

**F/26/06) Minutes of meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**F/26/07) Matters to Note**

The Clerk advised that the installation of three additional CCTV cameras at Polkyth is proving technically difficult as there is no line of sight to an existing CCTV camera. The Clerk further advised that he would chase the engineers to see if they are any further forward in finding an alternative solution.

## **F/26/08) Public participation**

There were no members of the public present.

## **F/26/09) Town Councillor Vacancy – Bethel & Holmbush Ward**

The Clerk advised that if an election is not requested, the Town Council is free to co-opt a Councillor for the vacancy in the Bethel & Holmbush Ward.

In response to a question, the Clerk advised that there has been one expression of interest in the vacancy and that if the Town Council proceeds with a co-option process, it is likely to take place at the July Council meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the update.

## **F/26/10) Register of Interest**

The Clerk advised that following a recent change by the Government, a Councillor's home address will no longer appear on the published Register of Interests unless a Councillor requests otherwise. Instead, it will be replaced with a note stating that there is an interest under this section, which is withheld under Section 32(2) of the Localism Act 2011. All current Registers of Interest will be removed from Cornwall Council's website on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026 and Councillors are requested to fill out a new form confirming whether they want their address published or withheld.

It was **RESOLVED** that all Councillors would complete a new Register of Interest Form confirming whether they want their address published or withheld.

## **F/26/11) Vexatious Complaints Policy**

Members reviewed the draft policy and noted that the word "to" should be removed from the first sentence in paragraph 2.3.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that subject to the above amendment, the Vexatious Complaints Policy should be approved.

*\*\*Councillor Thompson voted against this recommendation\*\**

## **F/26/12) Member-Officer Relations Protocol**

During discussion, Members suggested the following amendments:

### **2.2.3**

Amend the paragraph to read:

Councillors should not involve themselves in the **detailed** day to day running of the Council. This is the Town Clerk's responsibility, and the Town Clerk will **where possible** be acting on instructions from the Council or its Committees within an agreed job description.

## **2.3 Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Committees**

- Amend the heading to read **Chair and Vice-Chair of Committees**

Amend the first sentence of paragraph 2.3 to read:

Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs have additional responsibilities and **where possible**, will be involved in significant issues relating to their committee.

### **3 Expectations**

Last bullet point insert "roles and" before the word "needs".

### **4 Political Groups**

Amend the heading to read "Political parties and Political Groups"

Change paragraph 4.1 to read

"Councillors are often elected under a party-political label. Those from the same party are free to work together as they see fit. All Councillors are allocated to committees by the full Council."

Arising from the role of Chair and Vice-Chairs, the Clerk agreed to ensure that the Chairs and Vice-Chairs have an active role in the setting of the Committee agendas.

It was **RECOMMENDED** subject to the above amendments that the Member-Officer Relations Protocol be approved.

### **F/26/13) Budget Monitoring Report**

The Clerk explained the key variations in the report for the current financial year to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026 and raised no concerns.

During discussion, the Clerk confirmed that invoices from the Cornwall Armed Forces Day event will increase the event expenditure and that significant funds are being spent on toilet repairs due to an increase in ASB.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the report.

### **F/26/14) Member Training – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that it is good practice to provide an annual report on Member training and referred to the previously circulated information.

Arising from the above, the Deputy Town Clerk **AGREED** to circulate the next round of Code of Conduct Training.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the report.

*\*\*Councillor Young left the meeting during the next item\*\**

### **F/26/15) Members Allowances**

The Clerk advised that the Town Council approved a Scheme of Members' Allowances in 2022, but it has not been reviewed since.

The Clerk outlined the key types of allowances which may be paid, tax implications, mileage and subsistence allowances, car parking passes for Priory Car Park and IT equipment.

During discussion the following issues were raised:

- The law prohibits co-opted Members being paid a basic allowance;
- The HMRC mileage allowance has been increased from 45p to 55p per mile;
- Only the Mayor or Chair can receive a Mayors' Allowance (eg: not the Deputy Mayor or Vice-Chair);
- A general agreement that Car Parking Passes for all Councillors should be issued for Priory Car Park;
- Mixed views as to whether or not there should be a Mayor's allowance
- The need to increase the subsistence allowances

#### *Mayor's Allowance*

A proposal to provide a Mayor's Allowance in the sum of £3,000 per annum was lost 2 votes for, 5 votes against.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that a Mayor's Allowance would not be paid.

#### *Members Allowances*

It was **RECOMMENDED** that a Members Allowance would not be paid.

#### *Priory Car Park Pass*

It was **RECOMMENDED** that all Members should be issued with a Car Park Pass for Priory Car Park for use on Town Council business only.

#### *Travel Allowances*

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the current allowance of 45p per mile for approved travel outside of the parish should be increased to 55p per mile for Councillors and Staff in line with HMRC's recommendation.

#### *Subsistence Allowances*

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the meal allowances should be increased as follows:

Breakfast – increase from £5 to £10

Lunch – increase from £5 to £20

Dinner - increase from £10 to £20

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the accommodation allowance should be increased as follows:

Accommodation in London – increase from £100 to £150

Accommodation outside of London – remain at £100

Arising from the above, it was suggested that a Working Group be set up to look at postage costs and the potential for all Members to be issued with a tablet which might negate the need for paper copies of agendas to be sent out in the post.

A number of Councillors expressed a view that they would always prefer having a paper copy of the agenda and would not use a tablet to view the agenda in a meeting.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that a Working Group be set up, comprising of Councillors Gray, Kimber, Preece and Stephens to review the postage costs and the potential to provide each Member with a tablet for use at Council meetings.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that subject to the above amendments being reflected within the document, the Members' Scheme of Allowances be approved as drafted.

#### **F/26/16) Library**

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the Library has a full complement of staff and is performing well. SALSA remain very active and have put on a wide range of events and activities over recent months. The Cornwall Reading Challenge (previously Summer Reading Challenge) is due to commence shortly which is traditionally a very busy time for St Austell Library.

The Town Clerk advised that he is still negotiating the freehold transfer of the library with Cornwall Council but it has become very protracted due to a disagreement with regard to a "buy back" clause and a second building survey being undertaken to clarify the maintenance costs in the sum of £12,000 due to be paid to the Town Council before the transfer is made.

The Clerk advised that the above issues should be resolved shortly to enable the transfer to take place.

During discussion Members expressed their gratitude to the Deputy Town Clerk, Library Manager, Library Staff and SALSA for their continued excellent work.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the update.

#### **F/26/17) Dates of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee will be a full Council meeting, scheduled to take place on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2026.

The meeting closed at 7.39pm.



**ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL**  
**COUNCIL MEETING – 13<sup>th</sup> JULY 2026**  
**SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**  
**1<sup>st</sup> MAY 2026 to 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2026**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To approve a schedule of payments made since the last meeting.

**2. LEGAL AND RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

There is a requirement for the Town Council to approve all payments made. All payments are authorised by at least two signatories and all payments must be within the budgets approved by the Council. Payment methods used are BACS, direct debit, credit card and petty cash.

**3. RESOURCE ISSUES**

The payments made and proposed are all within the Council's approved budgets.

**4. EQUALITIES ISSUES**

None. Payments are usually made promptly to small contractors and charitable groups to help avoid cashflow difficulties.

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

Where possible items are procured locally and from sustainable sources or using recycled materials.

**6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Councillors approve the attached Schedule of Payments totalling £307,767.44 and the transfers between bank accounts amounting to £7,985.49.

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DAVID POOLEY - TOWN CLERK



**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**  
St Austell Town Council  
For the period 1 May 2026 to 2 July 2026

| Date                   | Payment Method | Contact                        | Description                                                          | Reference          | Debit           | Credit          | Cost Centre                 |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Bank Transfer</b>   |                |                                |                                                                      |                    |                 |                 |                             |
| 20 May 2026            | Transfer       |                                | Bank Transfer from NW Current Account to St Austell TC - Credit Card | D/D                | 0.00            | 4,293.49        |                             |
| 20 May 2026            | Transfer       |                                | Bank Transfer from St Austell TC - Credit Card to St Austell TC      | PY                 | 4,293.49        | 0.00            |                             |
| 19 Jun 2026            | Transfer       |                                | Bank Transfer from NW Current Account to St Austell TC               | PY                 | 1,863.32        | 0.00            |                             |
| 19 Jun 2026            | Transfer       |                                | Bank Transfer from NW Current Account to St Austell TC - Credit Card | D/D                | 0.00            | 1,863.32        |                             |
| 23 Jun 2026            | Transfer       |                                | Bank Transfer from Mayors Charity Account to NW Current Account      | EBP                | 1,828.68        | 0.00            |                             |
| 23 Jun 2026            | Transfer       |                                | Bank Transfer from Mayors Charity Account to NW Current Account      | EBP                | 0.00            | 1,828.68        |                             |
|                        |                |                                | <b>Total Bank Transfer</b>                                           |                    | <b>7,985.48</b> | <b>7,985.48</b> |                             |
| <b>Payable Payment</b> |                |                                |                                                                      |                    |                 |                 |                             |
| 01 May 2026            | Direct Debit   | B & Q Ltd                      | Payment: B & Q Ltd                                                   | 2011525786         | 0.00            | 18.06           | Library                     |
| 01 May 2026            | Direct Debit   | Corwall Council                | Payment: Corwall Council                                             | 803010122          | 0.00            | 358.00          | Priority Car Park           |
| 01 May 2026            | BACS           | Trevelth Commercial LLP        | Payment: Trevelth Commercial LLP                                     | 3771               | 0.00            | 810.40          | Stable Block/Pondhu House   |
| 01 May 2026            | BACS           | Flowbird Smart City UK Limited | Payment: Flowbird Smart City UK Limited                              | U000025010         | 0.00            | 1,249.49        | Priority Car Park           |
| 01 May 2026            | BACS           | Kent County Council            | Payment: Kent County Council                                         | G10457563          | 0.00            | 728.32          | Library                     |
| 01 May 2026            | BACS           | DJR Water Hygiene              | Payment: DJR Water Hygiene                                           | SI-904             | 0.00            | 200.00          | Stable Block/Pondhu House   |
| 01 May 2026            | BACS           | Clarke Contracting Ltd         | Payment: Clarke Contracting Ltd                                      | SI-26011130        | 0.00            | 114.00          | Stable Block/Pondhu House   |
| 01 May 2026            | BACS           | Malcolm Brown                  | Payment: Malcolm Brown                                               | CALC meeting       | 0.00            | 6.35            | Civic Ceremonial            |
| 01 May 2026            | BACS           | Newquay Town Council           | Payment: Newquay Town Council                                        | TC-1616            | 0.00            | 11,121.79       | CCTV                        |
| 01 May 2026            | BACS           | Chapman Gain                   | Payment: Chapman Gain                                                | 7222/S175          | 0.00            | 720.00          | General Administration      |
| 01 May 2026            | BACS           | Corwall Life Recycle CIO       | Payment: Corwall Life Recycle CIO                                    | SI-374             | 0.00            | 150.00          | Events                      |
| 01 May 2026            | BACS           | Screwfix Direct Ltd            | Payment: Screwfix Direct Ltd                                         | 2011469540         | 0.00            | 52.55           | Other Parks and Open Spaces |
| 01 May 2026            | BACS           | ITEC                           | Payment: ITEC                                                        | 1193609            | 0.00            | 184.13          | General Administration      |
| 01 May 2026            | BACS           | B & Q Ltd                      | Payment: B & Q Ltd                                                   | 2011524673         | 0.00            | 27.75           | Stable Block/Pondhu House   |
| 01 May 2026            | Credit Card    | Meta Platforms Ltd             | Payment: Meta Platforms Ltd                                          | Pump Track push    | 0.00            | 6.00            | Events                      |
| 05 May 2026            | Direct Debit   | Xero                           | Payment: Xero                                                        | INV-26190840       | 0.00            | 44.40           | General Administration      |
| 05 May 2026            | Direct Debit   | British Gas                    | Payment: British Gas                                                 | 14598916           | 0.00            | 50.88           | Priority Toilets            |
| 05 May 2026            | Direct Debit   | BT                             | Payment: BT                                                          | M120CR             | 0.00            | 504.00          | General Administration      |
| 05 May 2026            | BACS           | FindParkPay Ltd                | Payment: FindParkPay Ltd                                             | 1018               | 0.00            | 414.23          | Priority Car Park           |
| 06 May 2026            | Credit Card    | Alstar Business Solutions      | Payment: Alstar Business Solutions                                   | E2021946804        | 0.00            | 328.47          | Transport and Plant         |
| 06 May 2026            | Credit Card    | Royal Mail                     | Payment: Royal Mail                                                  | #416603663         | 0.00            | 180.00          | General Administration      |
| 06 May 2026            | Direct Debit   | Worldpay (UK) Ltd              | Payment: Worldpay (UK) Ltd                                           |                    | 0.00            | 2.62            | Priority Car Park           |
| 07 May 2026            | Direct Debit   | Hutchison 3G UK Limited        | Payment: Hutchison 3G UK Limited                                     |                    | 0.00            | 33.26           | Pollair Park                |
| 08 May 2026            | BACS           | ObjectiveIT Services           | Payment: ObjectiveIT Services                                        | 0003848            | 0.00            | 383.72          | General Administration      |
| 08 May 2026            | Direct Debit   | Corwall Council                | Payment: Corwall Council                                             | 8100680322         | 0.00            | 162.27          | Civic Ceremonial            |
| 08 May 2026            | BACS           | M-R-S Communications Ltd       | Payment: M-R-S Communications Ltd                                    | STA048             | 0.00            | 78.00           | Library                     |
| 08 May 2026            | BACS           | Logical Cleaning Solutions     | Payment: Logical Cleaning Solutions                                  | INV-8030           | 0.00            | 851.99          | Stable Block/Pondhu House   |
| 08 May 2026            | BACS           | Bodelva Tyres                  | Payment: Bodelva Tyres                                               | Tyres              | 0.00            | 190.00          | Transport and Plant         |
| 08 May 2026            | BACS           | Logical Cleaning Solutions     | Payment: Logical Cleaning Solutions                                  | INV-9055           | 0.00            | 1,282.84        | Library                     |
| 08 May 2026            | BACS           | Everything Stone Ltd           | Payment: Everything Stone Ltd                                        | ES7395             | 0.00            | 450.00          | Library                     |
| 08 May 2026            | BACS           | Little Rainbow Arts            | Payment: Little Rainbow Arts                                         | LR444              | 0.00            | 385.00          | Events                      |
| 08 May 2026            | BACS           | M-R-S Communications Ltd       | Payment: M-R-S Communications Ltd                                    | 1280228            | 0.00            | 78.00           | General Administration      |
| 08 May 2026            | BACS           | Lex Print                      | Payment: Lex Print                                                   | SI-3692            | 0.00            | 98.50           | Events                      |
| 08 May 2026            | Credit Card    | Meta Platforms Ltd             | Payment: Meta Platforms Ltd                                          | Pump track advert  | 0.00            | 6.00            | Events                      |
| 08 May 2026            | Credit Card    | Amazon EU S.a.r.l.             | Payment: Amazon EU S.a.r.l.                                          | GB63UJAZAEUI       | 0.00            | 25.88           | General Administration      |
| 11 May 2026            | BACS           | Greswell                       | Payment: Greswell                                                    | 4000016768         | 0.00            | 34.87           | Library                     |
| 11 May 2026            | BACS           | Book Protectors                | Payment: Book Protectors                                             | 7104               | 0.00            | 56.22           | Library                     |
| 11 May 2026            | BACS           | Medinle                        | Payment: Medinle                                                     | M000046707         | 0.00            | 42.56           | Library                     |
| 11 May 2026            | BACS           | Street Solutions UK Ltd        | Payment: Street Solutions UK Ltd                                     | Road closure signs | 0.00            | 305.93          | Civic Ceremonial            |
| 11 May 2026            | Credit Card    | Amazon EU S.a.r.l.             | Payment: Amazon EU S.a.r.l.                                          | GB63VZUJHAEUI      | 0.00            | 9.98            | Events                      |
| 11 May 2026            | Credit Card    | Amazon EU S.a.r.l.             | Payment: Amazon EU S.a.r.l.                                          | GB600FCJX47VI      | 0.00            | 89.95           | Other Parks and Open Spaces |
| 11 May 2026            | BACS           | Sam Turner & Sons Ltd          | Payment: Sam Turner & Sons Ltd                                       | 4506890            | 0.00            | 48.98           | Other Parks and Open Spaces |
| 11 May 2026            | BACS           | UK Safety Store                | Payment: UK Safety Store                                             | 000133639          | 0.00            | 136.15          | Civic Ceremonial            |
| 13 May 2026            | Direct Debit   | Alstar Business Solutions      | Payment: Alstar                                                      | E2021990955        | 0.00            | 553.13          | Transport and Plant         |
| 14 May 2026            | BACS           | J Parkers                      | Payment: J Parkers                                                   | 23246348           | 0.00            | 22.97           | Other Parks and Open Spaces |
| 14 May 2026            | Credit Card    | Amazon EU S.a.r.l.             | Payment: Amazon EU S.a.r.l.                                          | GB60C2EF88RVNI     | 0.00            | 13.31           | Other Parks and Open Spaces |

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| 15 May 2026 | Credit Card  | Amazon EU S.a.r.l.                 | Payment: Amazon EU S.a.r.l.                 | G864ZQOFXAEUD            | 0.00 | 13.68 Transport and Plant            |
| 15 May 2026 | Credit Card  | Meta Platforms Ltd                 | Payment: Meta Platforms Ltd                 | Pump Track advert        | 0.00 | 6.00 Events                          |
| 15 May 2026 | Credit Card  | Amazon EU S.a.r.l.                 | Payment: Amazon EU S.a.r.l.                 | G864YWLCAEUD             | 0.00 | 35.97 Multiple Categories            |
| 15 May 2026 | Credit Card  | Amazon EU S.a.r.l.                 | Payment: Amazon EU S.a.r.l.                 | G86019T0580LHI           | 0.00 | 49.98 Multiple Categories            |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | TK Play Ltd                        | Payment: TK Play Ltd                        | TK-INV1232               | 0.00 | 20,694.00 Pollair Park               |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | Steve Skinner                      | Payment: Steve Skinner                      | April May expenses       | 0.00 | 30.06 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | Cornwall Council                   | Payment: Cornwall Council                   | 802628607                | 0.00 | 52.00 Tregonissey Lane End           |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | CALC                               | Payment: CALC                               | 5                        | 0.00 | 594.00 General Administration        |
| 15 May 2026 | Direct Debit | Cornwall Council                   | Payment: Cornwall Council                   | 802635724                | 0.00 | 1,096.00 Library                     |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | G4S                                | Payment: G4S                                | 2026042140               | 0.00 | 776.18 Priory Car Park               |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | Trader Publications SW Ltd         | Payment: Trader Publications SW Ltd         | 074                      | 0.00 | 225.00 General Administration        |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | Gwens Garden Florist               | Payment: Gwens Garden Florist               | 2705                     | 0.00 | 141.00 Civic Ceremonial              |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | Annie Etheridge                    | Payment: Annie Etheridge                    | 000142                   | 0.00 | 90.00 Civic Ceremonial               |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | Sara Gwilliams                     | Payment: Sara Gwilliams                     | Exeter                   | 0.00 | 94.79 General Administration         |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | Fusion                             | Payment: Fusion                             | SI-549                   | 0.00 | 120.00 Events                        |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | Coast Medic                        | Payment: Coast Medic                        | 219                      | 0.00 | 500.00 Events                        |
| 15 May 2026 | Direct Debit | Cornwall Council                   | Payment: Cornwall Council                   | Business rates Priory CP | 0.00 | 3,553.00 Priory Car Park             |
| 15 May 2026 | Direct Debit | British Gas                        | Payment: British Gas                        | 14724042                 | 0.00 | 1,185.00 Stable Block/Pondhu House   |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | Steve Andrews Tyres Ltd            | Payment: Steve Andrews Tyres Ltd            | SAI-53136                | 0.00 | 19.20 Transport and Plant            |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | Steve Andrews Tyres Ltd            | Payment: Steve Andrews Tyres Ltd            | SAI-53151                | 0.00 | 29.78 Transport and Plant            |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | Steve Andrews Tyres Ltd            | Payment: Steve Andrews Tyres Ltd            | SAI-52285                | 0.00 | 19.20 Transport and Plant            |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | Steve Andrews Tyres Ltd            | Payment: Steve Andrews Tyres Ltd            | SAI-52365                | 0.00 | 19.20 Transport and Plant            |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | Steve Andrews Tyres Ltd            | Payment: Steve Andrews Tyres Ltd            | SAI-52483                | 0.00 | 22.80 Transport and Plant            |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | D May & Son Ltd                    | Payment: D May & Son Ltd                    | 27851                    | 0.00 | 11.00 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | D May & Son Ltd                    | Payment: D May & Son Ltd                    | 27950                    | 0.00 | 27.50 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | D May & Son Ltd                    | Payment: D May & Son Ltd                    | 76874                    | 0.00 | 78.38 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | D May & Son Ltd                    | Payment: D May & Son Ltd                    | 28794                    | 0.00 | 95.68 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | D May & Son Ltd                    | Payment: D May & Son Ltd                    | 29861                    | 0.00 | 46.25 Library                        |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | D May & Son Ltd                    | Payment: D May & Son Ltd                    | 75517                    | 0.00 | 21.48 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | D May & Son Ltd                    | Payment: D May & Son Ltd                    | 28034                    | 0.00 | 21.24 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | D May & Son Ltd                    | Payment: D May & Son Ltd                    | 77064                    | 0.00 | 30.80 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | D May & Son Ltd                    | Payment: D May & Son Ltd                    | 29068                    | 0.00 | 5.33 Other Parks and Open Spaces     |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | D May & Son Ltd                    | Payment: D May & Son Ltd                    | 29428                    | 0.00 | 175.37 Other Parks and Open Spaces   |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | D May & Son Ltd                    | Payment: D May & Son Ltd                    | 40229                    | 0.00 | 113.85 Multiple Categories           |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | D May & Son Ltd                    | Payment: D May & Son Ltd                    | 80611                    | 0.00 | 66.08 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | D May & Son Ltd                    | Payment: D May & Son Ltd                    | 80685                    | 0.00 | 5.37 Other Parks and Open Spaces     |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | D May & Son Ltd                    | Payment: D May & Son Ltd                    | 78706                    | 0.00 | 30.00 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | APS Construction Services Limited  | Payment: APS Construction Services Limited  | 4187                     | 0.00 | 2,283.98 Other Parks and Open Spaces |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | M A Grigg Ltd                      | Payment: M A Grigg Ltd                      | March statement          | 0.00 | 50.48 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | D May & Son Ltd                    | Payment: D May & Son Ltd                    | 39557                    | 0.00 | 481.60 Other Parks and Open Spaces   |
| 15 May 2026 | Direct Debit | NatWest                            | Payment: NatWest                            |                          | 0.00 | 55.10 General Administration         |
| 15 May 2026 | Direct Debit | Worldpay (UK) Ltd                  | Worldpay (UK) Ltd                           | 14737045                 | 0.00 | 1.41 Priory Car Park                 |
| 15 May 2026 | Direct Debit | British Gas                        | Payment: British Gas                        | G8644EJVDAEUI            | 0.00 | 3.42 Stable Block/Pondhu House       |
| 15 May 2026 | Credit Card  | Amazon EU S.a.r.l.                 | Payment: Amazon EU S.a.r.l.                 | 180370                   | 0.00 | 20.14 General Administration         |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | Radmore and Tucker Ltd             | Payment: Radmore and Tucker Ltd             | 4520055                  | 0.00 | 105.98 Other Parks and Open Spaces   |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | Sam Turner & Sons Ltd              | Payment: Sam Turner & Sons Ltd              | G86519VBKAEUD            | 0.00 | 89.97 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 15 May 2026 | Credit Card  | Amazon EU S.a.r.l.                 | Payment: Amazon EU S.a.r.l.                 | G86519VF3AEUD            | 0.00 | 26.97 Multiple Categories            |
| 15 May 2026 | Credit Card  | Amazon EU S.a.r.l.                 | Payment: Amazon EU S.a.r.l.                 | G860011VAE2NVI           | 0.00 | 13.94 General Administration         |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | Worldpay (UK) Ltd                  | Payment: Amazon EU S.a.r.l.                 |                          | 0.00 | 26.10 Library                        |
| 15 May 2026 | Direct Debit | AIBMS                              | Worldpay (UK) Ltd                           |                          | 0.00 | 5.37 Priory Car Park                 |
| 15 May 2026 | Direct Debit | Worldpay (UK) Ltd                  | Worldpay (UK) Ltd                           |                          | 0.00 | 557.16 Priory Car Park               |
| 15 May 2026 | Direct Debit | EE Limited                         | Payment: EE Limited                         | V02472276047             | 0.00 | 11.23 Priory Car Park                |
| 15 May 2026 | Direct Debit | Allstar Business Solutions         | Payment: Allstar Business Solutions         | E2022027864              | 0.00 | 26.40 Pollair Park                   |
| 15 May 2026 | Credit Card  | Meta Platforms Ltd                 | Payment: Meta Platforms Ltd                 | Pump Track push          | 0.00 | 238.68 Transport and Plant           |
| 15 May 2026 | Direct Debit | Worldpay (UK) Ltd                  | Worldpay (UK) Ltd                           |                          | 0.00 | 3.05 Events                          |
| 15 May 2026 | Credit Card  | Amazon EU S.a.r.l.                 | Payment: Amazon EU S.a.r.l.                 | G8649HLSVAEUI            | 0.00 | 1.20 Priory Car Park                 |
| 15 May 2026 | Credit Card  | Amazon EU S.a.r.l.                 | Payment: Amazon EU S.a.r.l.                 | G8657JJOAAEUD            | 0.00 | 8.18 Events                          |
| 15 May 2026 | Credit Card  | Amazon EU S.a.r.l.                 | Payment: Amazon EU S.a.r.l.                 | G8657JU21AEUD            | 0.00 | 9.99 Multiple Categories             |
| 15 May 2026 | Credit Card  | Amazon EU S.a.r.l.                 | Payment: Amazon EU S.a.r.l.                 | 2862                     | 0.00 | 37.38 Multiple Categories            |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | Elliot Window Cleaning Services    | Payment: Elliot Window Cleaning Services    | 21631631                 | 0.00 | 75.00 Library                        |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | Spot on Supplies                   | Payment: Spot on Supplies                   | May expenses             | 0.00 | 359.16 Other Parks and Open Spaces   |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | Ethan Stephens                     | Payment: Ethan Stephens                     | G10472968                | 0.00 | 55.80 Civic Ceremonial               |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | Kent County Council                | Payment: Kent County Council                | CW1183047                | 0.00 | 490.67 Library                       |
| 15 May 2026 | BACS         | ITEC                               | Payment: ITEC                               | 1561007                  | 0.00 | 57.24 General Administration         |
| 15 May 2026 | Direct Debit | Cobalt Communication Solutions Ltd | Payment: Cobalt Communication Solutions Ltd | G8659XE8DAEUD            | 0.00 | 52.38 General Administration         |
| 15 May 2026 | Credit Card  | Amazon EU S.a.r.l.                 | Payment: Amazon EU S.a.r.l.                 |                          | 0.00 | 10.65 Events                         |

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| 22 May 2026 | BACS         | Various                            | Salaries and oncosts - May 2026             |                         | 65,495.88 |                                      |
| 25 May 2026 | Credit Card  | Amazon EU S a.r.l.                 | Payment: Amazon EU S a.r.l.                 | GB601UW14P1831          | 0.00      | 19.00 General Administration         |
| 25 May 2026 | Credit Card  | Amazon EU S a.r.l.                 | Payment: Amazon EU S a.r.l.                 | GB600VTX5JRMJ           | 0.00      | 135.96 Multiple Categories           |
| 25 May 2026 | Credit Card  | Adobe Systems Software Ireland Ltd | Payment: Adobe Systems Software Ireland Ltd | IEE2026009880213        | 0.00      | 40.44 General Administration         |
| 26 May 2026 | Credit Card  | Ring LLC                           | Payment: Ring LLC                           | 020A74DD-0006           | 0.00      | 49.99 CCTV                           |
| 26 May 2026 | Direct Debit | Biffa Waste Services Ltd           | Payment: Biffa Waste Services Ltd           | 522C139859              | 0.00      | 1,215.60 Other Parks and Open Spaces |
| 26 May 2026 | Petty Cash   | Biffa Waste Services Ltd           | Payment: Biffa Waste Services Ltd           | 522C139858              | 0.00      | 1,499.84 Other Parks and Open Spaces |
| 26 May 2026 | Direct Debit | Asda Stores Ltd                    | Payment: Asda Stores Ltd                    | PC17                    | 0.00      | 9.90 Misc. Projects/Grants           |
| 27 May 2026 | Direct Debit | Asda Stores Ltd                    | Payment: Asda Stores Ltd                    | PC18                    | 0.00      | 29.88 Misc. Projects/Grants          |
| 28 May 2026 | Direct Debit | Allstar Business Solutions         | Payment: Allstar Business Solutions         | E2022055639             | 0.00      | 411.03 Transport and Plant           |
| 28 May 2026 | Direct Debit | Engie Power Limited                | Payment: Engie Power Limited                | 2-06049857              | 0.00      | 424.94 Other Parks and Open Spaces   |
| 28 May 2026 | Direct Debit | British Gas                        | Payment: British Gas                        | 804102625               | 0.00      | 20.47 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 28 May 2026 | Credit Card  | Meta Platforms Ltd                 | Payment: Meta Platforms Ltd                 | Pump track              | 0.00      | 6.00 Events                          |
| 28 May 2026 | Credit Card  | Amazon EU S a.r.l.                 | Payment: Amazon EU S a.r.l.                 | GB65HT3MVAEUD           | 0.00      | 25.49 Transport and Plant            |
| 29 May 2026 | BACS         | ITEC                               | Payment: ITEC                               | 1200847                 | 0.00      | 132.64 General Administration        |
| 29 May 2026 | BACS         | Flowbird Smart City UK Limited     | Payment: Flowbird Smart City UK Limited     | UI00025665              | 0.00      | 1,350.43 Priority Car Park           |
| 29 May 2026 | BACS         | Recall                             | Payment: Recall                             | RSW-5943                | 0.00      | 1,410.00 Stable Block/Pondhu House   |
| 29 May 2026 | BACS         | Recall                             | Payment: Recall                             | INV-0080                | 0.00      | 3,000.00 Misc. Projects/Grants       |
| 29 May 2026 | BACS         | Steve Skinner                      | Payment: Steve Skinner                      | RSW-6028                | 0.00      | 660.00 Pollar Park                   |
| 29 May 2026 | BACS         | Ethan Stephens                     | Payment: Ethan Stephens                     | Expenses                | 0.00      | 51.03 General Administration         |
| 29 May 2026 | BACS         | Cornwall Signs                     | Payment: Cornwall Signs                     | 48146                   | 0.00      | 44.01 Civic Ceremonial               |
| 29 May 2026 | BACS         | St Austell BID                     | Payment: St Austell BID                     | INV-0074                | 0.00      | 1,686.32 Events                      |
| 01 Jun 2026 | Credit Card  | Gardening Direct                   | Payment: Gardening Direct                   | 4UE28606G48294          | 0.00      | 14,700.00 Misc. Projects/Grants      |
| 01 Jun 2026 | Credit Card  | Microsoft                          | Payment: Microsoft                          | G161205447              | 0.00      | 17.98 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 01 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Logical Cleaning Solutions         | Payment: Logical Cleaning Solutions         | INV-9112                | 0.00      | 170.40 General Administration        |
| 01 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Source for Business                | Payment: Source for Business                | 7094220181              | 0.00      | 1,282.84 Library                     |
| 01 Jun 2026 | BACS         | A Band of Brothers Mid Cornwall    | Payment: A Band of Brothers Mid Cornwall    | INV-9140                | 0.00      | 182.55                               |
| 01 Jun 2026 | BACS         | J Benson                           | Payment: J Benson                           | Mayor's Charity         | 0.00      | 851.99 Stable Block/Pondhu House     |
| 01 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Fusion Extreme Ltd                 | Payment: Fusion Extreme Ltd                 | Barry's Shed            | 0.00      | 914.34 Mayor's Charity               |
| 01 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Manor Made Cornwall                | Payment: Manor Made Cornwall                | SI-560                  | 0.00      | 200.00 Civic Ceremonial              |
| 01 Jun 2026 | Direct Debit | Cornwall Council                   | Payment: Cornwall Council                   | INV-000001              | 0.00      | 480.00 Events                        |
| 01 Jun 2026 | Direct Debit | Screwfix Direct Ltd                | Payment: Screwfix Direct Ltd                | 803010122               | 0.00      | 919.80 Civic Ceremonial              |
| 02 Jun 2026 | Direct Debit | BT Business                        | Payment: BT Business                        | 2012103434              | 0.00      | 358.00 Priority Car Park             |
| 02 Jun 2026 | Direct Debit | Worldpay (UK) Ltd                  | Payment: Worldpay (UK) Ltd                  | M121GD                  | 0.00      | 70.47 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 03 Jun 2026 | Direct Debit | Alistar Business Solutions         | Payment: Alistar Business Solutions         | E2022074015             | 0.00      | 504.00 General Administration        |
| 03 Jun 2026 | Direct Debit | British Gas                        | Payment: British Gas                        | 14826443                | 0.00      | 1.20 Priority Car Park               |
| 04 Jun 2026 | Credit Card  | Xero                               | Payment: Xero                               | INV-29702552            | 0.00      | 428.01 Multiple Categories           |
| 04 Jun 2026 | Credit Card  | Amazon EU S a.r.l.                 | Payment: Amazon EU S a.r.l.                 | GB602N6MMDYK5I          | 0.00      | 51.14 Priority Car Park              |
| 04 Jun 2026 | Credit Card  | Meta Platforms Ltd                 | Payment: Meta Platforms Ltd                 | Pump track push         | 0.00      | 44.40 General Administration         |
| 04 Jun 2026 | Credit Card  | Amazon EU S a.r.l.                 | Payment: Amazon EU S a.r.l.                 | GB64PLSJ0AEUI           | 0.00      | 10.88 General Administration         |
| 05 Jun 2026 | Credit Card  | Amazon EU S a.r.l.                 | Payment: Amazon EU S a.r.l.                 | GB6002335JRMJ           | 0.00      | 0.79 Events                          |
| 05 Jun 2026 | Credit Card  | Amazon EU S a.r.l.                 | Payment: Amazon EU S a.r.l.                 | GB65TXINQAEUD           | 0.00      | 9.48 General Administration          |
| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Gover Community Larder             | Payment: Gover Community Larder             | Mayor's charity         | 0.00      | 67.98 General Administration         |
| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Gleaning Cornwall                  | Payment: Gleaning Cornwall                  | Small Grant 1st June CC | 0.00      | 11.05 General Administration         |
| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Metro Rod                          | Payment: Metro Rod                          | SOMR137925              | 0.00      | 914.34 Mayor's Charity               |
| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Paul Williams                      | Payment: Paul Williams                      | Pump track Mayor        | 0.00      | 259.00 Misc. Projects/Grants         |
| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Trevelth                           | Payment: Trevelth                           | Rent June               | 0.00      | 90.00 Library                        |
| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         | APS Construction Services Limited  | Payment: APS Construction Services Limited  | 4190                    | 0.00      | 250.00 Events                        |
| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         | H D Pooley                         | Payment: H D Pooley                         | May expenses            | 0.00      | 810.40 Stable Block/Pondhu House     |
| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Annie Etheridge                    | Payment: Annie Etheridge                    | CS000144                | 0.00      | 7,200.00 Priority Car Park           |
| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Garden Services (SW) Ltd           | Payment: Garden Services (SW) Ltd           | St Austell/188          | 0.00      | 146.50 Civic Ceremonial              |
| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         | APS Construction Services Limited  | Payment: APS Construction Services Limited  | 1320                    | 0.00      | 90.00 Civic Ceremonial               |
| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         | M A Grigg Ltd                      | Payment: M A Grigg Ltd                      | 81599                   | 0.00      | 480.00 Other Parks and Open Spaces   |
| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         | D May & Son Ltd                    | Payment: D May & Son Ltd                    | 41142                   | 0.00      | 6,113.10 Priority Toilets            |
| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         | D May & Son Ltd                    | Payment: D May & Son Ltd                    | 30296                   | 0.00      | 54.36 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         | ObjectiveIT/Services               | Payment: ObjectiveIT/Services               | SATC1005                | 0.00      | 59.40 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Trewoon Pantomime Group            | Payment: Trewoon Pantomime Group            | Grant 1st June CC       | 0.00      | 14.20 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Recall                             | Payment: Recall                             | RSW-6027                | 0.00      | 22.32 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Steve Andrews                      | Payment: Steve Andrews                      | SAI-53502               | 0.00      | 393.72 General Administration        |
| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         | TK Play                            | Payment: TK Play                            | TK-INV1237              | 0.00      | 250.00 Misc. Projects/Grants         |
| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         | M A Grigg Ltd                      | Payment: M A Grigg Ltd                      | 1314                    | 0.00      | 1,890.00 General Administration      |
| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         | M A Grigg Ltd                      | Payment: M A Grigg Ltd                      | 1323                    | 0.00      | 45.60 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         | D May & Son Ltd                    | Payment: D May & Son Ltd                    | 82670                   | 0.00      | 4,255.63 Other Parks and Open Spaces |
| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         |                                    |                                             |                         | 0.00      | 69.22 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         |                                    |                                             |                         | 0.00      | 55.33 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         |                                    |                                             |                         | 0.00      | 14.20 Events                         |

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| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         | D May & Son Ltd                    | Payment: D May & Son Ltd                    | 40434                    | 0.00 | 16.74 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         | D May & Son Ltd                    | Payment: D May & Son Ltd                    | 81446                    | 0.00 | 49.51 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         | D May & Son Ltd                    | Payment: D May & Son Ltd                    | 33001                    | 0.00 | 24.48 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 05 Jun 2026 | BACS         | D May & Son Ltd                    | Payment: D May & Son Ltd                    | 30174                    | 0.00 | 65.65 Multiple Categories            |
| 08 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Cornwall Pride                     | Payment: Cornwall Pride                     | INV-0211                 | 0.00 | 250.00 Misc. Projects/Grants         |
| 08 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Friends of Doubletrees             | Payment: Friends of Doubletrees             | Small Grant 1/6          | 0.00 | 250.00 Misc. Projects/Grants         |
| 08 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Coast 2 Coast Security Ltd         | Payment: Coast 2 Coast Security Ltd         | 23450                    | 0.00 | 240.00 Events                        |
| 08 Jun 2026 | BACS         | FindParkPay Ltd                    | Payment: FindParkPay Ltd                    | 1029                     | 0.00 | 401.16 Priory Car Park               |
| 08 Jun 2026 | Credit Card  | Amazon EU S.a.r.l                  | Payment: Amazon EU S.a.r.l                  | 202-3115123-1493935      | 0.00 | 36.95 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 08 Jun 2026 | Credit Card  | Amazon EU S.a.r.l                  | Payment: Amazon EU S.a.r.l                  | GB641ZBIAEUJ             | 0.00 | 16.18 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 10 Jun 2026 | Direct Debit | Allstar Business Solutions         | Payment: Allstar Business Solutions         | E2022133375              | 0.00 | 477.41 Multiple Categories           |
| 11 Jun 2026 | Credit Card  | Amazon EU S.a.r.l                  | Payment: Amazon EU S.a.r.l                  | GB6002FY3XYEPI           | 0.00 | 113.47 Library                       |
| 12 Jun 2026 | Credit Card  | Amazon EU S.a.r.l                  | Payment: Amazon EU S.a.r.l                  | GB6009DP737BBI           | 0.00 | 9.99 Multiple Categories             |
| 12 Jun 2026 | Direct Debit | Worldpay (UK) Ltd                  | Worldpay (UK) Ltd                           |                          | 0.00 | 1.20 Priory Car Park                 |
| 15 Jun 2026 | Direct Debit | NetWest                            | NetWest                                     |                          | 0.00 | 52.85 General Administration         |
| 15 Jun 2026 | Direct Debit | AIBMS                              | AIBMS                                       |                          | 0.00 | 506.02 Priory Car Park               |
| 15 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Volunteer 1                        | Payment: volunteer 1                        | Book delivery            | 0.00 | 14.40 Library                        |
| 15 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Volunteer 2                        | Payment: Volunteer 2                        | Book delivery            | 0.00 | 8.10 Library                         |
| 15 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Source for Business                | Payment: Source for Business                | 7094422684               | 0.00 | 107.03 Pollair Park                  |
| 15 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Terry Shaw                         | Payment: Terry Shaw                         | Course travel            | 0.00 | 75.59 Library                        |
| 15 Jun 2026 | BACS         | APS Construction Services Limited  | Payment: APS Construction Services Limited  | 4217                     | 0.00 | 144.00 Library                       |
| 15 Jun 2026 | BACS         | DJR Water Hygiene                  | Payment: DJR Water Hygiene                  | SI-517                   | 0.00 | 200.00 Stable Block/Pondhu House     |
| 15 Jun 2026 | BACS         | APS Construction Services Limited  | Payment: APS Construction Services Limited  | 4220                     | 0.00 | 3,600.00 Priory Car Park             |
| 15 Jun 2026 | BACS         | APS Construction Services Limited  | Payment: APS Construction Services Limited  | 4216                     | 0.00 | 300.00 Priory Car Park               |
| 15 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Hay Nurseries (Cornwall) Ltd       | Payment: Hay Nurseries (Cornwall) Ltd       | 158848                   | 0.00 | 6,457.09 Multiple Categories         |
| 15 Jun 2026 | BACS         | G4S                                | Payment: G4S                                | 2028052161               | 0.00 | 960.12 Priory Car Park               |
| 15 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Hay Nurseries (Cornwall) Ltd       | Payment: Hay Nurseries (Cornwall) Ltd       | 158859                   | 0.00 | 1,071.60 Other Parks and Open Spaces |
| 15 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Source for Business                | Payment: Source for Business                | 70944452906              | 0.00 | 288.04 Priory Car Park               |
| 15 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Geoff Ham Tree Services            | Payment: Geoff Ham Tree Services            | 1362                     | 0.00 | 120.00 Library                       |
| 15 Jun 2026 | Direct Debit | Cornwall Council                   | Payment: Cornwall Council                   | 802635724                | 0.00 | 1,086.00 Library                     |
| 15 Jun 2026 | Direct Debit | Cornwall Council                   | Payment: Cornwall Council                   | Business rates Priory CP | 0.00 | 3,553.00 Priory Car Park             |
| 15 Jun 2026 | Direct Debit | Cornwall Council                   | Payment: Cornwall Council                   | 802628607                | 0.00 | 52.00 Tregonissey Lane End           |
| 16 Jun 2026 | Direct Debit | British Gas                        | Payment: British Gas                        | 15074847                 | 0.00 | 743.34 Stable Block/Pondhu House     |
| 16 Jun 2026 | Direct Debit | British Gas                        | Payment: British Gas                        | 15078027                 | 0.00 | 2.45 Transport and Plant             |
| 16 Jun 2026 | Credit Card  | Amazon EU S.a.r.l                  | Payment: Amazon EU S.a.r.l                  | GB600DU7U7Q7031          | 0.00 | 31.98 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 16 Jun 2026 | Direct Debit | Worldpay (UK) Ltd                  | Worldpay (UK) Ltd                           |                          | 0.00 | 1.41 Priory Car Park                 |
| 17 Jun 2026 | Credit Card  | Amazon EU S.a.r.l                  | Payment: Amazon EU S.a.r.l                  | GB66CBEMDAEUD            | 0.00 | 17.98 General Administration         |
| 17 Jun 2026 | Credit Card  | Royal Mail                         | Payment: Royal Mail                         | 416726261                | 0.00 | 155.00 General Administration        |
| 17 Jun 2026 | Direct Debit | Allstar Business Solutions         | Payment: Allstar Business Solutions         | E2022161784              | 0.00 | 177.16 Transport and Plant           |
| 18 Jun 2026 | Credit Card  | Amazon EU S.a.r.l                  | Payment: Amazon EU S.a.r.l                  | GB600KL1306JI            | 0.00 | 17.99 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 18 Jun 2026 | Credit Card  | Amazon EU S.a.r.l                  | Payment: Amazon EU S.a.r.l                  | GB6012JFP7821            | 0.00 | 39.89 Multiple Categories            |
| 19 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Flowbird Smart City UK Limited     | Payment: Flowbird Smart City UK Limited     | U10026208                | 0.00 | 1,264.18 Priory Car Park             |
| 19 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Kent County Council                | Payment: Kent County Council                | G10534456                | 0.00 | 277.70 Library                       |
| 19 Jun 2026 | BACS         | APS Construction Services Limited  | Payment: APS Construction Services Limited  | 4224                     | 0.00 | 180.00 Other Parks and Open Spaces   |
| 19 Jun 2026 | BACS         | White River Community Church       | Payment: White River Community Church       | S00110                   | 0.00 | 87.50 General Administration         |
| 19 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Annie Etheridge                    | Payment: Annie Etheridge                    | CS: 000146               | 0.00 | 90.00 Civic Ceremonial               |
| 19 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Steve Skinner                      | Payment: Steve Skinner                      | Expenses May June        | 0.00 | 22.14 General Administration         |
| 19 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Source for Business                | Payment: Source for Business                | 7094394607               | 0.00 | 179.03 Library                       |
| 19 Jun 2026 | BACS         | ITEC                               | Payment: ITEC                               | CW1184106                | 0.00 | 57.24 General Administration         |
| 19 Jun 2026 | Direct Debit | EE Limited                         | Payment: EE Limited                         | V02482586566             | 0.00 | 28.40 Pollair Park                   |
| 22 Jun 2026 | Direct Debit | Cobalt Communication Solutions Ltd | Payment: Cobalt Communication Solutions Ltd | 1570246                  | 0.00 | 52.38 General Administration         |
| 22 Jun 2026 | Direct Debit | Biffa Waste Services Ltd           | Payment: Biffa Waste Services Ltd           | 522C149611               | 0.00 | 1,672.24 Other Parks and Open Spaces |
| 22 Jun 2026 | Direct Debit | Biffa Waste Services Ltd           | Payment: Biffa Waste Services Ltd           | 522C149612               | 0.00 | 10.60 Other Parks and Open Spaces    |
| 24 Jun 2026 | Direct Debit | Allstar                            | Payment: Allstar                            | E2022189489              | 0.00 | 755.27                               |
| 24 Jun 2026 | Direct Debit | Worldpay (UK) Ltd                  | Worldpay (UK) Ltd                           |                          | 0.00 | 1.41 Priory Car Park                 |
| 25 Jun 2026 | Credit Card  | Adobe Systems Software Ireland Ltd | Payment: Adobe Systems Software Ireland Ltd | IEE2026011746352         | 0.00 | 40.44 General Administration         |
| 25 Jun 2026 | Credit Card  | Amazon EU S.a.r.l                  | Payment: Amazon EU S.a.r.l                  | GB601JGJKMA5I            | 0.00 | 25.95 Multiple Categories            |
| 25 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Various                            | Salaries and oncosts - June 2026            | 6438731                  | 0.00 | 853.92 Priory Car Park               |
| 26 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Bemrose Booth Paragon Ltd          | Payment: Bemrose Booth Paragon Ltd          | 174                      | 0.00 | 135.00 General Administration        |
| 26 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Cornwall ALC                       | Payment: Cornwall ALC                       | RSW-6269                 | 0.00 | 804.00 Stable Block/Pondhu House     |
| 26 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Recall                             | Payment: Recall                             | TC-1672                  | 0.00 | 28,893.12 CCTV                       |
| 26 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Newquay Council                    | Payment: Newquay Council                    | lybridge                 | 0.00 | 11.20 General Administration         |
| 26 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Sara Gwilliams                     | Payment: Sara Gwilliams                     | CALC train               | 0.00 | 8.20 General Administration          |
| 26 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Malcolm Brown                      | Payment: Malcolm Brown                      | 158878                   | 0.00 | 3,700.25 Other Parks and Open Spaces |
| 26 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Hay Nurseries (Cornwall) Ltd       | Payment: Hay Nurseries (Cornwall) Ltd       | Expenses                 | 0.00 | 20.71 Misc. Projects/Grants          |
| 26 Jun 2026 | BACS         | Mark Mitchley                      | Payment: Mark Mitchley                      |                          |      |                                      |

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| 26 Jun 2026           | BACS         | Emma McCann                                    | Payment: Emma McCann                                    | Expenses    | 0.00     | 161.95 Library                     |
| 26 Jun 2026           | Credit Card  | Burley's                                       | Payment: Burley's                                       | 14016476    | 0.00     | 25.20 Other Parks and Open Spaces  |
| 26 Jun 2026           | BACS         | Cornwall Association of Local Councils Limited | Payment: Cornwall Association of Local Councils Limited | 127         | 0.00     | 45.00 Civic Ceremonial             |
| 26 Jun 2026           | BACS         | Richard James                                  | Payment: Richard James                                  | 017         | 0.00     | 180.00 Events                      |
| 26 Jun 2026           | BACS         | Engie Power Limited                            | Payment: Engie Power Limited                            | 2-06121917  | 0.00     | 321.28 Other Parks and Open Spaces |
| 26 Jun 2026           | BACS         | Bodelva Tyres                                  | Payment: Bodelva Tyres                                  | MF87AZC     | 0.00     | 105.00 Transport and Plant         |
| 29 Jun 2026           | Direct Debit | British Gas                                    | Payment: British Gas                                    | 819387238   | 0.00     | 21.15 Other Parks and Open Spaces  |
| 30 Jun 2026           | Direct Debit | Worldpay (UK) Ltd                              | Worldpay (UK) Ltd                                       |             | 0.00     | 1.20 Priority Car Park             |
| 01 Jul 2026           | Direct Debit | Cornwall Council                               | Payment: Cornwall Council                               | 803010122   | 0.00     | 358.00 Priority Car Park           |
| 01 Jul 2026           | Direct Debit | Alistar Business Solutions                     | Payment: Alistar Business Solutions                     | E2022215719 | 0.00     | 224.61 Transport and Plant         |
| 01 Jul 2026           | Direct Debit | Screwfix Direct Ltd                            | Payment: Screwfix Direct Ltd                            | 212964082   | 0.00     | 84.25 Other Parks and Open Spaces  |
| 01 Jul 2026           | Direct Debit | Screwfix Direct Ltd                            | Payment: Screwfix Direct Ltd                            | 2013008389  | 0.00     | 35.97 Multiple Categories          |
| 01 Jul 2026           | Direct Debit | Screwfix Direct Ltd                            | Payment: Screwfix Direct Ltd                            | 201267533   | 0.00     | 109.88 Other Parks and Open Spaces |
| 02 Jul 2026           | Direct Debit | BT business                                    | Payment: BT business                                    | M122K&      | 0.00     | 504.00 General Administration      |
| Total Payable Payment |              |                                                |                                                         |             | 0.00     | 307,767.44                         |
| Total                 |              |                                                |                                                         |             | 7,985.49 | 316,762.83                         |



# ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL



## Councillor Vacancy Application Form

Date Form Submitted:

17/26

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| <b>Applicant Name:</b>                                                                  | James Bullock                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Applicant's Full Address:</b>                                                        |                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Postcode:</b>                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Telephone Number:</b>                                                                |                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>E-mail Address:</b>                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Vacancy Applied For:</b>                                                             | St Austell – Bethel & Holmbush Ward                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Why would you like to take up a position as a member of St Austell Town Council?</b> | <p>I have worked in st Austell for over 18 months and enjoy being part of the town. It is a vibrant city that has changed much since I was a child. I</p> |

would like to get involved with the contained growth of st Austell.

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| <p><b>What skills and experiences do you feel you could bring to this important role?</b></p> | <p>I served on St Enoder council and was involved in various community groups such as hospital radio, and on the committee for my local village hall.</p>                                      |
| <p><b>Any further comments to the Town Council in support of your application?</b></p>        | <p>I would love to be an active member if the council and get involved to help my community of st Austell. I have previous experience and would bring that to help my role on the council.</p> |

By submitting this form you agree to be bound by the Town Council's Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations if you are successful.

You also confirm that you meet the qualification criteria set out in the co-option procedure guidance.

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| Signed |  | Date | 7/2/26 |
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Please return your completed form to:

**Town Clerk**  
 St Austell Town Council  
 The Stable Block  
 Pondhu House  
 Penwinnick Road  
 St Austell  
 PL25 5DP

or

**Email:** [david.pooley@staustell-tc.gov.uk](mailto:david.pooley@staustell-tc.gov.uk)

**By 12 noon on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

# ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL



## Councillor Vacancy Application Form

Date Form Submitted:

29/06/26

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| <b>Applicant Name:</b>                                                                  | Nathan Dring                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Applicant's Full Address:</b>                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                         | <b>Postcode:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Telephone Number:</b>                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>E-mail Address:</b>                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Vacancy Applied For:</b>                                                             | <b>St Austell – Bethel &amp; Holmbush Ward</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Why would you like to take up a position as a member of St Austell Town Council?</b> | <p>I would take great pleasure in becoming a Councillor for my local area. I would like to be part of the change that is needed to keep our community safe and thriving.</p> <p>I would like to say I have made a difference for my family and for people of all ages to live, work, and enjoy.</p> <p>I enjoy riding a mountain bike in the evenings for exercise around less used parts of the local area seeing lanes and paths others may miss.</p> |

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| <p><b>What skills and experiences do you feel you could bring to this important role?</b></p> | <p>I'm not your typical candidate. I am a plumber and use many of the suppliers and businesses in this large industrial area of St Austell. I feel I could represent a different demographic of hard working locals.</p> <p>I use many businesses around the patch everyday and have great working knowledge of the town.</p> <p>I am confident communicating with locals and local businesses to progress forward in making the community better for everyone.</p> |
| <p><b>Any further comments to the Town Council in support of your application?</b></p>        | <p>I have two children who will soon be in 2 of the schools inside Bethel and Holmbush even though I am slightly in Treverbyn parish.</p> <p>I would welcome any opportunity to discuss the role further. This is the first time I have decided to actively apply for a political role like this. I'm happy to remain in contact with the council, whether I am chosen or not</p>                                                                                   |

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**You also confirm that you meet the qualification criteria set out in the co-option procedure guidance.**

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| <b>Signed</b> | <b>N.Dring</b> | <b>Date</b> | 29/06/2026 |
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 St Austell  
 PL25 5DP

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**Email:** [david.pooley@staustell-tc.gov.uk](mailto:david.pooley@staustell-tc.gov.uk)

**By 12 noon on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

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# ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL



## Councilor Vacancy Application Form

Date Form Submitted:

25/06/2026

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| <b>Applicant Name:</b>                                                                  | Nathan Huddy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Applicant's Full Address:</b>                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Telephone Number:</b>                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>E-mail Address:</b>                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Vacancy Applied For:</b>                                                             | <b>St Austell – Bethel &amp; Holmbush Ward</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Why would you like to take up a position as a member of St Austell Town Council?</b> | <p>I am deeply committed to playing an active role in shaping the future of St Austell and ensuring our town continues to be a place we are proud to call home. I want to represent our community and be a strong, constructive voice for local residents, working to make St Austell the best possible place for my family, my neighbours, and everyone who lives in or visits the area. I care passionately about creating high-quality spaces and opportunities for people of all ages. I want to help deliver the best parks and play areas for our children, develop youth centres and safe spaces for our teenagers. I care deeply about protecting and improving our footpaths, green spaces, and environmental projects, ensuring St Austell remains a beautiful and welcoming place for everyone. I also believe residents should have a meaningful say in planning and development, and I want to help ensure decisions reflect the best interests of our community. I am committed to listening, working collaboratively, and driving practical improvements that make a real difference to everyday life in our town.</p> |

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| <p><b>What skills and experiences do you feel you could bring to this important role?</b></p> | <p>I bring a disciplined, community-focused approach shaped by my military background and my work supporting vulnerable adults. The armed forces taught me resilience, teamwork, and clear decision-making, while my support-worker role strengthened my empathy, communication skills, and ability to advocate for people with complex needs. I am confident engaging with residents, listening to concerns, and helping turn issues into practical solutions. I have experience working collaboratively, organising tasks, and supporting community initiatives, giving me a good understanding of the challenges and priorities facing local families and organisations. I am reliable, approachable, and committed to serving St Austell. I want to use my skills and experience to support the council's work and help deliver meaningful improvements for our community.</p>                  |
| <p><b>Any further comments to the Town Council in support of your application?</b></p>        | <p>I am fully committed to serving the community with integrity, transparency, and a strong sense of responsibility. I am prepared to dedicate the time and energy required for council duties and will always remain approachable, willing to listen, and engaged with residents, community groups, and local organizations. I take a practical, hands-on approach to problem-solving and believe in supporting local initiatives as well as contributing to strategic discussions. My background in both the military and support work has reinforced the importance of respect, fairness, and accountability, and these values guide how I work with others and make decisions. I am eager to continue learning about local governance and the needs of different wards, and I am committed to helping shape a long-term, community-focused vision for St Austell that puts residents first.</p> |

**By submitting this form you agree to be bound by the Town Council's Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations if you are successful.**

**You also confirm that you meet the qualification criteria set out in the co-option procedure guidance.**

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| <b>Signed</b> | <b>N Huddy</b> | <b>Date</b> | 25/06/2026 |
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**Please return your completed form to:**

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 Pondhu House  
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 St Austell  
 PL25 5DP

or

**Email:** [david.pooley@staustell-tc.gov.uk](mailto:david.pooley@staustell-tc.gov.uk)

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**By 12 noon on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026**