Zennor Parish Council

Minutes – 14 July 2026

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Zennor Parish Council held on Tuesday 14 July 2026 at Zennor Village Hall, 7.00pm.

Councillors present: Cllrs J Brookes (Chair), S Nankervis (Vice-Chair), J Colombo, K Heron, N Lambert, A Thompson, L Thompson.

In attendance: 1 member of the public. Apologies had been received from Cornwall Councillor Juliet Line.

Officer support: Clerk/RFO.

1. **Apologies for absence.** None.
2. **Declarations of Interest** . None.
3. **Member Dispensations** None.
4. **Public Speaking.** A local resident raised concern at the recent fire at Carne Cottage.
5. **Cornwall Councillor reports –** C.Cllr Juliet Line had circulated a written update report. It was **agreed** to ask that Zennor councillors be invited either to the planned meeting with Madron Parish Council and local PCSO, or for a similar meeting to be set up for Zennor Parish Council. Clerk to make the request to Cornwall Councillor.
6. **Reports from meetings of other organisations.** None.
7. **Minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2026**
   Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting of the council, as above, having been circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
8. **Clerk's update report.** Members noted the update report and agreed the following actions:
   - **a)** Clerk to check with contractor for timings to carry out the Enhanced LMP works.
   - **b)** Carnelloe Head – stream from Poniou, more a habitat issue than footpath hazard. No stepping stones, cliff flush has made a swamp. Walkers going round swamp in increasing arcs, damaging habitat. Clerk to check with Enhanced LMP officers to see if it might be an option to be funded, perhaps granite stepping stones or to make a channel for the water.
   - **c)** Beating of the Bounds – article is going in next edition of Mermaids Echo. (October agenda).
9. **Planning applications.** To agree a parish council consultation response:
   - **a. Applications.** No applications received.
   - **b. 5 day planning protocol responses sent since the last Council meeting.** None.
   - **c. Cornwall Council decisions.** Decisions made in June: None.
   - **d. Planning Appeals.** None.
   - **e. Letter to Head of Planning at Cornwall Council. Resolved** to send a letter raising parish council concerns at creeping development. Clerk to draft, in consultation with Councillors.

     Members discussed the points to be included in the letter, including: the huge amount of time spent on planning applications but so many are not actually built in line with the planning permission granted; there is no architectural supervision or

sign-off that the completed building is in accordance with the plans; local examples of planning applications that could be quoted in the letter.

f. **Fire at Carne – included due to urgency.** It was **noted** that there had been an extensive fire at Carne Cottage on 4 July, causing significant damage. The Fire Service had attended. There had been photographs displayed on social media, showing the extent of the damage, including loss of roof and damage to door lintels. There had been other fires at the property in recent months, the residue of fires had been witnessed by local residents.

It was suggested that the Council could consider seeking advice from a planning consultant on the implications for the Certificate of Lawfulness for the site, however this was not decided upon as Councillors focused on the more immediate community safety aspects. Councillor Heron had received some initial advice and agreed to circulate the advice to Parish Councillors.

It was understood that a National Trust archeologist was due to visit on Thursday to carry out a pre-arranged historical survey. It was questioned whether a structural survey should also be carried out.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk is instructed to notify Cornwall Council of the unsafe structure and to contact the Tri-Service officer for the area to seek assurance that the Fire and Police services were aware of the fire incident and to be alert that it may or may not be an isolated incident, a concern to nearby residents and landowners.

10. Environment, Highways and Rights of Way.

a. **Trail bikes and 4 x 4's.** No update.

b. **Cornwall Council – Enhanced LMP 2026/27. Agreed** to seek advice on whether the following works might be eligible: granite stepping stones (or a diversion channel for watercourse) at Carnelloe and at Treen Cove / Gurnards Head.

c. **A30 Accident blackspot. Resolved** to support Hayle Town Council in lobbying National Highways to undertake a review of the A30 from Treswithian to St Erth and to develop proposals to improve safety along this route.

d. **Poniou and Gurnards Head.** It was **noted** that pedestrian signs have been installed. Councillors were pleased that Cormac had carried out these improvements promptly.

e. **Two lorries / compost deliveries,** have scuffed up the road. Cllr Colombo will report.

f. **FP 120/5/1** from ford to Trewey is not on the Gold 2-cut cutting map**. Agreed** that the Clerk will try to get the path funded for this year if possible (LMP or Enhanced LMP), and added to next year's LMP schedule.

g. **LMP Silver Paths**. **Agreed** that the Silver paths are to be cut, as in previous years. Cornwall Council to be asked to fund second cuts for the Silver paths. Delegated to the Clerk in consultation with Chair and Vice-Chair to review funding cover for the Silver path cuts for the 2026 season. Cllr Brookes willing to meet contractor on site to impart local paths knowledge and requirements.

h. **Carnelloe Count House to coast path.** Potential for footpath improvements works if eligible for Enhanced LMP funding.

11. Partnership working and consultations

a. To decide whether the Parish Council will carry out work to produce a **Neighbourhood Priorities Statement** for the parish and, if so, to resolve to send a letter of designation to Cornwall Council. **Deferred** to the September meeting of the Parish Council. Noted that the existing Parish Plan could inform an NPS. Questioned

whether an NPS would be appropriate in a rural parish without a defined central neighbourhood.

b. Cornwall Council consultation – PSPO review: dogs, leads, fouling etc. Noted, no comment to be sent.

c. CALC Conference – 6 October. Noted**.,**

d. CALC – Extraordinary General Meeting – 23 July. Cllr Brookes volunteered to attend.

e. Pentreath Painting at The Tinners. It was noted that the painting is on display, in a fitting location and on public view. A replica of the Kresen Kernow plaque had been made and put in place. **Resolved** that Cllr Brookes will be refunded the £22.80 cost of the plaque.

12. Accounts and Governance

a. Monthly finance reports and bank reconciliation

i. **Resolved** to note receipts and **approve** payments for June as set out in the schedule.

Payee	**Purpose**	**Amount (inc VAT)**
To be paid by online bank payments		
Cornwall ALC Ltd		£202.04
ICT Connect		£12.00
Staff costs, including salary, NI, PAYE - June		£405.80
L Clifton	Clerk expenses June 2025	£47.29
Zurich Insurance	Annual insurance premium	£373.77
Penrose Garden Services	SWCP LMP first cuts	£1,491.02
J Brookes	Reimburse expenses (plaque)	£22.80
Card payments		
GiffGaff	Office mobile, monthly from 11 July	£6.00

ii. Noted the Budget v Actual report

iii. Noted bank reconciliation as at 30 June 2026

b. Clerk's laptop – Clerk to action.

c. Insurance Renewal. Resolved to approve the annual insurance renewal.

d. Renewal of membership subscription: CALC and NALC 2026/27. Resolved to renew.

13. **Correspondence**.

a. Letter from the Visit Economy Development Group – a request to all local councils to consider contributing £500 + VAT (or more where possible) towards helping to sustain a new Destination Organisation for Cornwall, replacing Visit Cornwall CIC. **Noted**, no contribution.

b. South West Water – letter of response to campaign group Dowr Glan. **Noted**.

14. Councillors

a. Training. No requests received.

b. Reports from Cllrs as representatives on outside bodies or from recent meetings. None.

15. Agenda items for a future meeting

a. Any items deferred from this meeting

b. Any items raised at this meeting for future consideration.

c. Beating the Bounds – October agenda (from June)

d. Neighbourhood Priorities Statement – September agenda

e. **Date of next meeting:** 11 August 226 (if needed – for planning applications, otherwise recess and meet on 8 September) at the Zennor Village Hall, Zennor

Meeting closed: 8.36pm ***Signed by Chair: …….***