

DULOE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 19th February 2026

Present: Mrs T Beaumont – Vice Chair, Mr T Barrett, Ms J Haydon, Mr R Turpin, Mr S Brenton, Mr M Rigler, Mr P Champion, Mr R Champion, County Cllr Jane Pascoe & Ms C Massey-McCarthy – Clerk.

	ACTION
1. Welcome Cllr Beaumont welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Apologies Cllr P Hallworth and PCSO Cocks.	
3. Declarations of interest None.	
4. Public Participation The leaseholders of the Highercliff Woods attended to update Councillors on the work that is to be carried out. Several trees have been condemned by Cornwall Council, and a Thinning Licence has been obtained from the Forestry Commission. This will be used to focus on those near the road and ones that have been identified as potentially dangerous. The next step is to secure a temporary road closure permit for the work to take place. This will see one lane closed whilst work is taking place. After this immediate work has taken place, a further maintenance licence will be sought. Support of this process may be requested. The Chair thanked the leaseholders for their time and for their work in making the woodland safe and managed appropriately.	
5. Minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2026 It was agreed they were a true record and signed by the Chair.	
6. Police Community Support Officer. Dear Councillors, Please accept my apologies for my nonattendance at this months' Parish Council meeting. From 01/01/26 – 31/01/26 I am pleased to report that there were no crimes in the public domain. Numerous patrols have been conducted around the Parish, and all was found to be in order. If there are any questions or matters arising for my attention, then please contact me in the usual manner. Cllr Haydon reported that another dog related issue had taken place at Benoak today. The owners were informed and discussions are ongoing about what will be done to stop any further incidents.	
7. Matters Arising CCTV – the Community Chest funding has been awarded. Thanks were given to County Cllr Pascoe. The Clerk will now go ahead and purchase the equipment. Cllr Turpin has assessed the date from the solar panel, and the current set-up will provide enough electricity for the usage. The position of the panel is the issue. Cllr Turpin will make a frame in order to change the angle and capture more light. When the weather improves can also look at cutting back the foliage. The Chair thanked Cllr Turpin for his work on this.	Clerk R Turpin

8. Awen Garden The trees in the garden need to be cut back before the end of the month. The Clerk will email the grant funders to explain that, due to the recent weather, the project will now be completed by the end of April rather than the end of March as originally planned.	Clerk
Cllrs Turpin, Rigler and Peter Champion will meet on 25 February to carry out the work. Once this stage is complete, a revised timeframe for the remainder of the project can be drawn up. The Clerk will arrange a meeting with Cllr Beaumont and the Garden Club to discuss the next steps.	Clerk
9. Parish Paths LMP Schedule – the funding for the Local Maintenance Partnership for 2026 is £1043.11. All agreed to accept the offer. Chair signed. Clerk to submit.	Clerk
10. Highways Drains at Herodsfoot – concerns raised by residents about the amount of water coming down the hill from the Church. Cllr P Champion highlighted that the outlet for the drain goes into one of the fields and requires digging out. County Cllr Pascoe to report. Streetlights – the foliage around the lights from Stonetown Farm to the Stone Circle has been cut back. Grit bins – Cllr Barrett has arranged for a tonne of grit to be delivered to Cllr Brenton’s farm for storage. The bins at Herodsfoot and Killigorrack are currently empty, while the remaining bins are more than half full. All bins will be maintained as required. The Chair thanked Cllrs Barrett and Brenton.	J Pascoe
11. Health & Safety Nothing to report.	
12. Correspondence The Clerk updated the meeting regarding correspondence received, including: LMP Schedule Highercliff Woods emails Community Chest	
13. Planning Applications Application PA26/00490. Proposed to support the application – Cllr Barrett Seconded by Cllr Turpin.	
14. Asset Register Cllrs Barrett and Turpin gave the following update on the asset register: The register has been divided into two documents: one containing the full list of all assets owned or maintained by the Parish Council, and a second document for insurance purposes, focusing on higher-value items where replacement or repair would incur significant cost. Items such as the CCTV, solar panels and defibrillators will be added to the insurance schedule. A review of the bus shelters valuations is needed to ensure they are insured at the correct level. The current insurance schedule lists the War Memorial as a Council responsibility. Cllrs Barrett and Turpin are in the process of confirming whether this is accurate. The trough by the Jubilee Centre is another asset that requires clarification.	

Work is ongoing, and the updated registers will be circulated to all councillors once complete. The Chair thanked the councillors for their work on this.

T Barrett
R Turpin

15. Policies for Adoption

The Clerk has been working with the Chair and Vice Chair to update and write a range of Governing policies, including those required for the Assertion 10 compliance. A full list was circulated.

Cllr Rigler proposed the adoption of the policies.

Cllr Barrett seconded the motion.

All agreed.

16. Accounts to be paid / Finance

To approve the latest Financial Statements and February payments.

Clerk – February	£ 453.24
Cleaner - February	£ 192.11
PAYE	£ 14.80
Ink for printing - Clerk	£ 246.00 (inc 41.00 vat)
SMART Water - Richard Turpin	£ 60.00
GuardMy – 4G Outdoor Wireless Security Camera	£ 129.99
Derek Hilton – fee Feb	£ 25.00
Duloe Jubilee Centre – Feb	£ 22.50
SWSPI – skatepark annual inspection fee	£ 234.00 (inc 39.00 vat)
Account fee	£ 4.25
Total	£ 1381.89

Bank Balances: (as of 16th Feb 26)

Current Account

Balance **£10,677.93 (£9,296.04)**

Income

Ugalde & Son Ltd (22 Jan)

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Deposit Account **£ 1,457.02**

Interest (Feb) £ 0.65

Donation from Middleton Antiques £50.00

Payment of Finances proposed by Cllr Barrett. Seconded by Cllr Rigler.

Audit process - to be carried forward to next meeting.

17. Councillors reports

Cllr Barrett – the skatepark inspection has just taken place. The report is very detailed and covers the entire area of the skatepark and not just the ramps. There are areas that need attention and Cllr Barrett will study the report and put in a request for a quote for the repairs to be carried out. The Beer Festival has ring-fenced funding to support the costs. Will report back at the next meeting.

T Barrett

18. County Councillor Report

The winter storms have created many problems, mainly been blocked drains, floods, power and broadband outages and many falling trees. I wish to thank you all for your understanding and patience whilst the Highways Teams and Utilities services have worked tirelessly to restore power and clear the highways.

The next meeting OF SECCAP will take place in the East Taphouse Community Hall on 7th April at 6.30pm. All Councillors and members of the public are very welcome. The 2026/27 budget was proposed at Cabinet last week. A maximum increase of 4.99% in Council Tax. Cornwall Council has to make savings and cuts of £59 million this year and up to £154 million over the next 3 years due to a reduction in funding from Central Govt for rural areas compared to the metropolitan cities. The proposal by the Cabinet to restrict 24/7 free bus pass for Cornish pensioners and disabled residents came under pressure from other Councillors and they have agreed to scrap the proposal. It would have meant that disabled people and pensioners would no longer be able to travel free before 9.30am on week days. Thank you to the administration for listening, it is important to so many of our local residents. The Council has scrapped the PSO (Public Service Obligation) flights from Newquay to Gatwick. CC are hopeful that the route will attract a commercial carrier will take the financial burden off the Cornish Taxpayer. Cornwall Council is in a better financial position than many Councils. It does have a debt, but it is well secured by assets. At a further meeting of the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee on 12th January, it was agreed not to increase the Tamar Tag administration fee to £2 and it will remain at 80p per month. I attended a very useful and hopefully productive meeting facilitated by our local MP about the difficulties we encounter with our Rural transport and connecting us to essential destinations. 19. Any Other Business Cllr Beaumont – the noticeboard outside the toilets needs attention. Clerk and Cllr Beaumont to follow up on the quotes. 20. Items to be included in future meetings. Noticeboard Skatepark and Recreation Ground Audit process 21. Date and time of next meeting Next meeting 19th March 2026 at 7.30pm. Meeting closed at 8.53pm.	Clerk TBeaumont
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