

DULOE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 17th September 2026

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

	ACTION
1. Welcome The Chair welcomed everyone to the September meeting. 2. Apologies Cllr P Champion, Cllr R Champion and PCSO Cocks 3. Declarations of interest None. 4. Public Participation None 5. Minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2026 It was agreed they were a true record and signed by the Chair. 6. Police Community Support Officer. From 01/07/26 – 31/08/26 there were no crimes in the public domain. Mental health support – resident has raised concerns about isolation, and the impact of mental health issues can have on people, especially in the wintertime. All agreed including info on support networks etc in the next newsletter would be a positive way to assist residents. 7. Matters Arising Himalayan Balsam– Cllr Patt reported the invasive plant growth along the Smuggler’s Way to Cornwall Council. Due to limited resources, treatment is prioritised to environmentally sensitive Council sites. The Duchy has been contacted regarding its approach to balsam removal. Cllr Patt will contact charities offering assistance programmes, and the Clerk will contact Forestry England regarding management within its areas. 8. Parish Paths Stile behind the public conveniences – Clerk to follow up with CC to understand who is responsible for the maintenance. 9. Highways Footpath from Church to Village – Cllr Beaumont raised concerns regarding weed regrowth on the footpath following clearance by CC, noting that the pavement had not been repaired as previously indicated. It was suggested that Cllr P Champion obtain a quote. The Chair advised that this may fall under Item 11, where it would be discussed further. Herodsfoot drains – County Cllr Pascoe reported the drains have been fully cleared on the St.Pinnock side of the river, but unsure if those from the Church down, have had the same treatment. Will check with Highways and update Cllrs.	Clerk R Patt Clerk Clerk J Pascoe

10. Planning Application Updates

PA26/0416: Conversion of an existing barn structure into a single self-build detached dwellinghouse. Decision made – refused by CC.

11. Cornish Orchards Community Volunteering

The Chair recently met with Adam Keen, Operations Manager at Cornish Orchards to discuss the company's involvement within the community. Part of their commitment to supporting the surrounding area is via their staff volunteering project. Each member of the team is given a number of hours (paid) each year to help with jobs/tasks that the Parish need assistance with. This can range from gardening to painting, clearance work to maintenance. The Chair asked that Cllrs think of jobs, such as the footpath, and bring to the next meeting in order to draw up a wish list.

12. Allotment Garden

Due to changes within the Duchy, the allotment has been earmarked as one of the assets that will be sold. Unfortunately it cannot be gifted to the Parish Council. The land will be valued, and discussions will take place with regards to the costs involved. The Chair to keep Cllrs updated.

13. Duloe Community Trust Fund

12 young people applied for the Trust Fund this year. Each will receive £375 on return of the form signed by their tutor/supervisor. To date 8 forms have been received. In total £4,500 will be given in grants in 2026/27.

Cllr Rigler proposed the payments be made when the signed second forms are received. Seconded by Cllr Beaumont. All agreed.

14. Annual Donations

The Chair discussed the donations made in the year 2025/26. In total £1,409.47 was given to 8 different groups/in grants. Section 137 of the Local Government Act of 1972 gives discretionary powers to award grants to local groups or organisations. The amount per elector for 2026/27 = £11.60

Clerk to circulate the breakdown to Cllrs. To be added to the October agenda for discussion and agreement of payments.

15. Accounts to be paid / Finance

Clerk	£453.24
Cleaner	£165.23
PAYE & NI	£22.23
Accountant – month end Sept '26	£25.00
LBDO Limited Assurance review for year ended 31 March 26	£252.00 (inc £42.00 vat)
Clerk – ream of paper	£6.50
Duloe Jubilee Centre – part cost of internet charges for defib	£22.50
Account fee	£4.25
Total	£950.95

Bank Balances: (as of 15th Sept 26)

Current Account

Balance **£16,693.86** (£15,742.91 of which £614 is for Awen)

Income:

Cornwall Council - Precept £9,250.00

VAT 126 reclaim £3,075.75

All

Clerk

Deposit Account Interest (Sept) 28 August – JP Hallworth 25 August – St.Cuby Church Interest (Aug)	£ 4,614.10 £ 1.80 £200.00 £250.00 £1.82	
Payment of Finances proposed by Cllr Patt. Seconded by Cllr Rigler. Clerk's salary – It was agreed to increase the Clerk's scale to LC1, Point 18 in line with the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) pay scheme. This increase will be backdated to 1st April, following the National Pay Agreement 2025/26. 16. Communication and social media The Chair gave the following update: The PC WhatsApp group is for quick notifications for councillors — email alerts, road closures, reports to Cornwall Council, work party arrangements, and any info that needs fast circulation. If the Clerk posts about email alerts, please acknowledge. Any issues please call the Chair or the Clerk for discussion. Clerk to circulate email set-up details to those still unable to access the gov.uk address. Clerk to look at a social media presence that links to the website. Will liaise with Cllr Turpin and Cllr Hallworth for advice. 17. Health & Safety Public Conveniences - Cllr Beaumont reported that the Cleaner's contract had now been signed and that a proposed work schedule had been drawn up to support the cleaning regime. Cllr Turpin will inspect the solar lights in preparation for the winter months. Storage - the cupboard requires repair, and additional storage is needed in the ladies' toilets. Cllr Hallworth proposed that Cllr Beaumont explore the available options and obtain quotes. Cllr Turpin seconded the proposal. Urinal Repairs - Cllr Patt proposed that the plumber be asked to provide a written quotation for the repairs and installation. Cllr Haydon seconded the proposal. Cllr Beaumont will make contact. Playpark - The Clerk has reported the broken metal fence to Cornwall Council. 18. Correspondence The Clerk updated the meeting regarding correspondence received, including: Jubilee Centre defib/internet changes SECAP agenda and updates 19. Councillors' Reports Cllr Haydon – the Shop recently had a stall at the Church fete to both sell goods and promote the services offered. Still looking for volunteers to assist with shifts. 20. County Councillor Report At the Council meeting on 15th September the Leader of the Council updated members about his meeting with the new Prime Minister on his visit to Cornwall. Discussions included that Cornwall is unique in many ways including its Geography. As far as devolution is concerned it would be best placed as a Single Foundation Strategic Authority and not joined with another authority and decisions for Cornwall should be made in Cornwall and not in Westminster.		Clerk TBeaumont

Community Volunteering Public conveniences 23. Date and time of next meeting 15 th October 2026 at 7.30pm. Meeting closed at 9.15pm.	
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