

Minutes of Kea Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 16th April 2026 at 7.00pm in Kea Community Centre

Present: Cllrs Ramshaw (Chair), Weaver (Vice Chair), Alvey (also Cornwall Councillor), Baker, Chamberlain, Fisher, Rumbles, Picton, Warman

Also present - Parish Clerk - Maria Roper

The attendees were made aware that the meeting was being recorded.

57/26 Chair's Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone

58/26 Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Spenceley and Cllr Roberts

59/26 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and any Other Significant Interest (OSI)

- Cllr Ramshaw declared an interest in planning application [PA26/02238](#) due to a conflict arising from his employment.

- Cllr Rumbles declared an interest in a planning application [PA26/02238](#), due to a personal connection to the applicant.

60/26 Public comment participation

No members of the public present

61/26 To accept the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19th March 2026

It was noted that Cllr Rumbles was erroneously included as having attended the previous meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Ramshaw, seconded by Cllr Alvey that the minutes be amended to accurately reflect attendance and approved as true and accurate record of the meeting of 19th March 2026

62/26 Matters arising from the minutes and Clerks report and correspondence.

The Clerk informed the Council that she updated she had now completed enrolment with the pension provider. There would be a short period of arrears to clear, covering the previous month and the current month.

The Clerk reported that she had informed CIL Team that the Parish Council continues to work on the school path project.

She further confirmed ongoing liaison with the Planning Authority and the appointed ecologist. The previously submitted ecological report had been reviewed by the Planning Authority but was deemed incomplete, with further information required.

The ecologist has scheduled to carry out a further site survey imminently. Once completed, the updated report would be returned to the Planning Authority, with the expectation that this would satisfy the outstanding requirements and allow the application to progress.

63/26 Cornwall councillor report- Martyn Alvey.

Cllr Alvey confirmed that the reintroduction of weed treatment—listed later on the agenda—continued to generate considerable concern across Cornwall. He stated that the matter would be the subject of a motion at Cornwall Council on Tuesday and constitute a recommendation to Cabinet, but Cabinet may choose to disregard the recommendation.

He confirmed he would provide further detail when the item was reached later in the meeting.

He further provided updated on Community Highways Improvement Programme (CHIP), saying that Cornwall Councillors within the network area had met to review all submitted bids, and The Penelewey traffic calming scheme had been selected to progress to the costing stage.

He also raised the condition of the road between Playing Place and Feock, noting that he had repeatedly pressed the Highways Manager regarding its deteriorating state. The road had been scheduled for resurfacing but did not make the cut for the last financial year. He was now seeking confirmation as to whether it would be included in the current financial year's programme.

He highlighted the following ongoing Cornwall Council:

- Cultural Strategy Consultation – closing 24 April 2026.
- “Belonging in Cornwall” Strategy – an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) strategy.
- National Landscape Management Plan Review (2027–2032) – consultation open until 3 May 2026.

PLANNING:

64/26 To **CONSIDER** planning applications and **RESOLVE** as appropriate-

- [PA26/01882](#) Provision of a 25m x 50m private sand school (outdoor equestrian arena) and associated work. | Land At Treherne Killiow Truro Cornwall TR3 6AE
Members reviewed the application and discussed the location, existing land use, and planning context. The proposal was described as a straightforward equestrian sand school adjacent to existing stables. It was noted that the land is already in established equestrian/paddock use, with existing stables and associated activity. It was clarified that ownership is not a material planning consideration, and that the change of use to equestrian had already been granted historically.
It was **proposed** by **Cllr Ramshaw** to support the application.
Cllr Chamberlain proposed an amendment to support the application subject to confirmation of the legitimacy of the change of use from agricultural land.
No councillor seconded the amendment. The amendment fell.
The substantive motion was seconded by **Cllr Alvey** and **RESOLVED** by the Council. Majority. Carried

- [PA26/01983](#)|Submission of details to discharge Conditions 13 and 22 in respect of Decision Notice PA24/06661 dated 28.02.2025|Land At Cross Lanes Farm To West Of C0005 Highway And To The North Of C0290 Highway Chacewater Truro TR4 8PQ

The above was noted by the Council

- [PA26/01627](#)|Listed building consent for replacement windows and doors, replacement lintel, removal of non breathable paint with breathable.|Halwyn Old Kea Truro Cornwall TR3 6AW

Members reviewed the application and recalled previous enforcement concerns relating to the property, including earlier issues with windows, but agreed that the current proposal was appropriate and beneficial. It was further noted that the Conservation Officer supports the application, describing the works as an enhancement to the historic fabric.

It was **proposed** by **Cllr Ramshaw**, **seconded** by **Cllr Weaver** and **RESOLVED** by the Council to support the application. Unanimous. Carried

19:22 Cllr Ramshaw and Cllr Rumbles declared interests and left the room for this item Cllr Weaver took the Chair.

- [PA26/02238](#) – Garden Room and Roof Terrace Extension, 4 Penhalls Drive, Playing Place

Members reviewed the plans, noting: that it is separate from the previous application for an ancillary outbuilding and covered swimming pool (PA25/09416). The extension is positioned so that it faces away from neighbouring properties. No concerns were identified regarding scale, design, or impact. Councillors agreed the proposal was acceptable and raised no objections.

It was **proposed** by **Cllr Baker**, **seconded** by **Cllr Alvey** and **RESOLVED** by the Council to **support** the application. Majority. Carried.

19:25 Cllrs Ramshaw and Rumbles returned to the meeting.

65/26 Planning decisions to **NOTE, DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE** as appropriate:

- [PA26/01880](#)|NOTIFICATION UNDER THE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS CODE (CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS) REGULATIONS 2003 (AS AMENDED) TO UTILISE PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS.|Communications Station Carlyon Farm Kea Cornwall TR3 6AJ
Closed - advice given, 18 Mar 2026
- [PA26/00344/PREAPP](#)|Pre application advice for single dwellinghouse|Belmont Barns Baldhu Truro Cornwall TR3 6EG
Closed - advice given, 19 Mar 2026
- [PA26/00702](#)|Works to Tree(s) subject to a preservation order (TPO)Removal of Sycamore (T1) Crown lift of 4x Sessile Oaks (T2) up to 5m on front area Replant Sycamore with 2x Rowan|40 Old Coach Road Playing Place Truro Cornwall TR3 6ET
Approved with conditions, 18 Mar 2026

- [PA25/09416](#)|Proposed extension, ancillary outbuilding and covered swimming pool|1 Penhalls Drive Playing Place Truro Cornwall TR3 6GW
Approved with conditions, 13 Mar 2026

The above were noted by the Council.

66/26 Other planning matters:

[PA26/00847](#)|Application for Permission in Principle for up to 4 dwellings (minimum of 2, maximum of 4)|Land Adj To 14 Carlyon Road Playing Place Truro Cornwall TR3 6EU - Local Council Protocol – to **RATIFY** the response “**AGREE**”

It was **proposed** by **Cllr Ramsahw**, **seconded** by **Cllr Alvey** and **RESOLVED** by the Council to ratify the previously submitted response: **AGREE** with the Planning Officer’s recommendation. Unanimous. Carried.

[PA25/09359](#)|Erection of a dwelling to include demolition of existing outbuildings with variation of condition 2 of decision notice PA22/03823 dated 01.02.2023.|Alexandra House Penhalls Way Playing Place Truro Cornwall TR3 6EX – to **RATIFY** the response -“**AGREE TO DISAGREE**”

It was **proposed** by **Cllr Ramsahw**, **seconded** by **Cllr Alvey** and **RESOLVED** by the Council to ratify the previously submitted response: **AGREE TO DISAGREE** with the Planning Officer’s recommendation. Unanimous. Carried.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

67/26 Specific highways issues - to CONSIDER and RESOLVE as appropriate

- Cllr Chamberlain reported that the Shell Garage had now completed, reinstatement works along the verge which was damaged during the earlier rebuild works.
No further highways issues were reported.
- Re-introduction of weed treatment - correspondence from Cornwall Council – **TO CONSIDER**

The Council considered correspondence from Cornwall Council regarding the proposed re-introduction of glyphosate-based weed treatment on pavements. The Chair expressed strong concern about the environmental and public-health implications of glyphosate.

Cllr Alvey outlined the background:

Cornwall Council has not routinely treated weeds since 2016, with many parish councils managing weeds themselves. The new administration intends to take back control of weed treatment as part of its public-realm commitments. The proposed method is “drop treatment” using glyphosate. Parish and town councils have been given less than 30 days to either accept the treatment or opt out and deliver weed control themselves. Councils choosing to opt out must meet the same standard as Cornwall Council, although no definition of that standard has been provided.

The reimbursement offered (approx. £343.45/km) is significantly below the estimated true cost (around £1,000/km).

Many councils across Cornwall are strongly opposed, and several (including Feock) have already requested an extension to the deadline.

Cllr Alvey noted that a motion would be debated at Cornwall Council the following week, challenging both the use of glyphosate and the process used to pressure parish councils. Even if passed, the motion would only make recommendations to Cabinet, as the decision is an executive function.

Members raised several concerns about the proposed weed treatment, such as the conflict with the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and Cornwall's climate-emergency commitments, risks to biodiversity and potential carcinogenic effects.

They further noted that Kea has historically managed weeds manually and successfully and the lack of clarity on standards, scope, and methodology makes it impossible to procure an ecological alternative within the timeframe.

Proposed by **Cllr Ramshaw**, seconded by **Cllr Weaver** and **RESOLVED** by the Council to opt-out of the weed treatment scheme and submit the following comment:

Kea Parish Council fundamentally objects to the use of glyphosate and would like to express an interest in opting out of the service, and deliver this themselves. However, they request additional time and an extension to the deadline to respond, to enable the Parish Council to establish the methodology, operator/contractor availability, and more details of standards required to enable them to ensure they are able to deliver the service in line with the terms and conditions set out by Cornwall Council in the draft agreement. The Parish Council also have serious concerns about possible carcinogenic effects of glyphosate and effect of its use on the public and the environment. In addition, the Parish Council considers this proposal contrary to the local nature recovery strategy and disappointed to see this direction.

Unanimous. Carried.

- The Council reviewed the petition initiated by Redruth Town Council, related to the weed treatment proposal. It was proposed by **Cllr Ramshaw**, seconded by **Cllr Warman** and **RESOLVED** by the Council to sign the Redruth Town Council petition
Unanimous. Carried.

68/26 Specific footpaths issues - to **CONSIDER** and **RESOLVE** as appropriate

The Clerk reported that no new information had yet been received regarding the Enhanced LMP Grant for the coming year. Several contractors had been asked for quotations but had not yet responded, and the Clerk confirmed she would continue to chase.

Cllr Baker raised the issue of stile replacement, suggesting that where stiles require renewal, the Council should consider installing kissing gates instead, as these are more accessible and increasingly favoured by other parish councils. Members agreed

that gates are generally more user-friendly, and future applications should reflect a preference for gates where appropriate, subject to landowner agreement.

Cllr Baker also reiterated concerns over delays dealing with a hazardous section of river walk footpath. The Clerk apologised for delays in progressing the matter. The work has now been completed.

No further footpath issues were raised.

REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS

- Cllr Alvey reported on the recent CAP meeting. Significant concern was expressed by members regarding Cornwall Council's proposed re-introduction of glyphosate weed treatment. A Feock Parish councillor, who is a medical doctor, presented research on carcinogenic risks, leading to a tense exchange with the Portfolio Holder for Environment, who defended glyphosate use. Two main presentations were received:
 - Emergency Planning: Cornwall Council's Head of Emergency Management delivered a comprehensive overview of parish-level emergency planning.
 - NHS Primary Care Improvements: A presentation on initiatives to support older residents and reduce hospital admissions. Members found the content difficult to follow and of limited practical relevance.

69/26 CEEG- to **RECEIVE** reports and **CONSIDER** further actions (if any)

Cllr Ramshaw reported that the Group had not met due to multiple apologies, but the Chair circulated a written update and draft annual report, summarising the works which and been completed, including improvements to the Community Woodland reception area, Installation of benches and planting of the replacement tree following Storm Gorretti. Further plans include installation of the educational and infographic boards, ongoing work to restore lost ponds and improve woodland connectivity.

The ongoing projects are the Neighbourhood Priority Statement and Emergency Plan.

He concluded by saying that the group is supporting the Garden Society's 75th anniversary event, partially funded by a Parish Council grant.

Cllr Warman reported that the national mapping of Ancient Woodland Sites is being revised and is not yet available. Instead of developing a woodland links project he proposed a more ambitious Parish Project involving identification of potential wildlife corridors between a broader selection of sites including statutory designations (e.g. *Sites of Special Scientific Interest* and *Special Areas of Conservation*) as well as those mapped by Cornwall Wildlife Trust as *Cornwall Wildlife Sites* (i.e. the most significant areas of semi-natural habitat in Cornwall outside statutory protected sites). This would not commit the Council to any action but would provide a rationale for further project development designed to enhance and reconnect the wildlife sites of Kea. Members supported this approach and agreed to review this in June.

Cllr Ramshaw suggested installing info-boards at the Woodlan reception area

- A "story board" explaining the community effort that saved the woodland and the Parish Council's stewardship.

- An infographic educational board illustrating the woodland ecosystem, including species identified using the Merlin bird-identification app.

The boards would be mounted on half-round and round stakes, with aluminium panels for durability. He circulated a draft sketch and provided a cost estimate.

It was **proposed** by **Cllr Ramshaw**, **seconded** by **Cllr Baker** and **RESOLVED** by the Council to approve a budget of up to £400 for the purchase and installation of two boards, to be installed by volunteers. Unanimous. Carried.

Cllr Ramshaw further reported that work continues on the woodland school path project and that an updated ecological report is required to progress the planning application for the footpath. The additional cost was estimated at £250.

It was **proposed** by **Cllr Ramshaw**, **seconded** by **Cllr Baker** and **RESOLVED** by the Council to approve payment of £250 + VAT for the ecologist to update the report.. Approved unanimously.

The members discussed the damaged gate at the boundary between the Community Woodland and the playing park. The Council agreed to await the forthcoming safety report before deciding whether to repair or remove the gate.

Cllr Weaver reported that one orchard tree near the park gate had been deliberately snapped at the top, and several lower branches on other trees required re-stapling. Volunteers will re-stake and secure the affected trees. The damaged tree may regrow from below the break.

FINANCE

70/26 To **REVIEW** and **APPROVE** regular payments list and monthly invoices if appropriate, and to **RATIFY** payments made under previous resolutions

The Council reviewed the schedule of regular payments and invoices for approval, including. It was **proposed** by **Cllr Ramshaw**, **seconded** by **Cllr Alvey** and **RESOLVED** by the Council to approve the payments as presented. Unanimous. Carried

71/26 To **RECEIVE** the annual Budget report and bank reconciliation

The Clerk presented the year-end budget monitoring report and bank reconciliation, and informed the Council that annual budget was exceeded by approximately 4%, which is acceptable given unexpected costs during the year.

Overspends occurred primarily in:

- Footpaths,
- Grants,
- Tree works

The Council's financial position remains healthy, with a year-end bank balance of £65,764, of which approximately £20,000 is held in earmarked reserves.

Members noted that the slight overspend validated the decision to increase the budget for the new financial year.

ASSET MANAGEMENT

72/26 Outdoor Lighting by the Community Centre - to **CONSIDER** options

The Council considered a suggestion from Cllr Picton to explore improved lighting along the path between the Community Centre and the Snooker Club.

The Chair reported that the Clerk had already raised the matter with the ecologist advising on the school footpath, to obtain guidance on bat-friendly, low-impact lighting. This would ensure any future installation complies with ecological best practice.

Initial research indicated that a suitable low-level bollard lighting with integrated sensors would cost approximately £200 per unit. Together with installation costs would bring the total to around £3,000. The project would likely be eligible for CIL funding, of which the Council currently holds approximately £6,000.

The Chair noted that lighting could improve safety for early-morning and winter users of the Community Centre and would complement the improvements to the Woodland reception area.

Cllr Verran reported that the Snooker Club had confirmed they were willing to install a sensor-activated light on their building at their own cost, which would illuminate part of the shared access.

It was **proposed** by **Cllr Verran**, **seconded** by **Cllr Ramshaw** and **RESOLVED** by the Council to support the Snooker Club installing a sensor light on their building.. Unanimous. Carried.

Members discussed low level lighting further and agreed not to proceed with a full lighting installation at this stage, but gather further information before making any decision, including prices for low-impact, ecologist-recommended lighting.

A refined proposal will be brought back to Council once full information is available.

73/26 – Community Emergency Plan

The Chair reported progress on preparations for the Community Emergency Plan. A draft flyer had been produced (with input from Cllr Alvey and the Clerk) to invite residents interested in contributing to the plan. The first public engagement session will take place Tuesday 21st April, with a second session to follow in the evening on a later date.

74/26 – Neighbourhood Priority Statement (NPS)

The Chair reminded members that the draft Heads of Terms for joint working with Feock Parish Council had been circulated with the previous month's agenda. He emphasised that the Council was not approving the Heads of Terms at this stage. The purpose was to confirm that Kea Parish Council was content for the Chair to discuss the draft with

Feock. The document simply outlines how the two councils may collaborate on the NPS process.

It was **proposed** by **Cllr Ramshaw**, **seconded** by **Cllr Verran** and **RESOLVED** by the Council that the Chair may discuss the draft Heads of Terms with Feock Parish Council. Majority. Carried

75/26 Website – to CONSIDER outline terms and site map and RESOLVE as appropriate

The Clerk presented an initial site-map structure for the new Parish Council website, forming the basis of a future specification for tendering. It was highlighted that the structure is a high-level framework of pages and navigation, not a visual design. The Community Centre will have a separate website, with a consistent look and feel, and clear cross-links between the two. It must be made explicit that the Community Centre is not owned by the Parish Council.

Members noted the value of the history pages, which attract significant traffic and should be retained.

The Clerk and Chair will continue developing the outline into a tender-ready specification for the website designer.

CORRESPONDENCE

76/26 Correspondence received before the despatch of the agenda - to **NOTE, CONSIDER** and **RESOLVE** as appropriate

The Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) final report was circulated with the agenda pack and is available for councillors to review.

77/26 Urgent correspondence received after the despatch of the agenda -to **NOTE, CONSIDER** and **RESOLVE** as appropriate

A councillor raised a late query regarding the previously agreed decision to proceed with repairs to the Baldhu bus shelter roof. The Clerk advised that the decision has already been formally resolved and the contractor instructed.

Under Standing Orders, a decision cannot be reversed except by a motion on a future agenda, requested in writing by councillors, or by an extraordinary meeting, if councillors believe the matter is urgent.

The Chair noted the Council has already awarded the contract and after inviting comment the issue was not deemed sufficiently urgent to justify calling an extraordinary meeting and the matter can be placed on the next agenda if councillors wish to propose an alternative approach.

78/26 Dates to note:

- The Police Liaison Group - 30th April at 1400 hours to 1530 hours Chasewater Village Hall
- Annual Parish Meeting -21st May April 2026 at 7pm at Kea community centre followed by Full Council meeting

79/26 Future agenda items – to consider adding any future agenda items

- Website redevelopment
- Community Emergency Plan
- Neighbourhood Priority Statement
- Grass-cutting around the skate area and Goosey Walk
- Annual Accounts and Annual Governance Statement
- Working Group Annual Reports (required for the Annual Meeting)

80/26 There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at **8.44pm** and thanked all present for their contributions.

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