

Menheniot Parish Council

Menheniot Parish Council Annual Meeting

21st May 2026 at Old School Hall, Menheniot 6.45pm.

Present Councillors:

Cllr Steve Roberts (Chairperson), Cllr Keith Goldsmith, Cllr Peter Luck, Cllr Eve Easterbrook, Cllr Jeremy Tucker, Cllr Sean Smith

Apologies:

Cllr Adrian Cole, Cllr Pat Cade, Cllr Harrison.

Also present:

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Councillor Sean Smith

Parish Clerk

1. Welcome and introductions.

Cllr Roberts spoke about the busy work undertaken in 2025/26 and his hopes for the forthcoming year. He gave thanks to the numerous community groups who contribute to make things happen within the parish and his pride in living in such a strong community.

Please find attached

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Cade, Cllr Harrison, and Cllr Cole for their absence.

3. To approve minutes of the annual meeting held on 19th May 2025

Due to the structure of meeting held last year these minutes had been approved in the June 2025 meeting.

4. Annual report of the Parish Council

Cllr Roberts read out the report provided by Chair Cllr Cole for 2025/26, see below.

5. Public Participation

No matters raised by the public at this meeting.

6. Councillors feedback.

Cllr Smith conveyed his thanks to Cllr Cole for his contribution as Chairperson during the last year.

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Discussions arose regarding planning ahead and various interests were raised for working groups in the forthcoming year. Action point for June agenda for all working groups to be considered and discussed.

7. Meeting Closed at 19.00hrs

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List of action points :

- Working groups to be added to June meeting agenda.

Copy of Cllr Roberts opening to meeting follows:

“Good evening, everyone and thank you all for coming along tonight to our annual parish meeting here in Menheniot.

It is lovely to see so many familiar faces and a special welcome to anyone attending for the first time. I have been the vice chair for the past municipal year, and the annual meeting is really a chance for:

- The community to come together, look back on what has happened in the parish over the last year.
- Hear from any local groups and organisations wishing to speak.
- Talk openly about what matters to people locally.

We have had another busy year in the parish and for me, tonight is an opportunity not only to share updates, but also hear your ideas, concerns and hopes for the year ahead.

Thank you as well to all the volunteers, community groups, councillors and residents who give their time and energy to our village life – these things only work because people muck in and help each other, and I think we should all be proud of our strong community values.

Cllr Steve Roberts

Vice Chair

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Copy of Cllr Coles Chair report follows:

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Since presenting my last report to you it has been a busy year but tinged with sadness with the passing of former Cllr Lilian Hooper, fondly remembered by many across the parish for her work in the community and the Church. The Parish Council has supported or been directly involved in again Menheniot winning the RHS Pennant Cup for best Village in Bloom and through its Community Grants supported the new Garden at the cricket pitch and other events throughout the year.

The Parish Council has of course its specific duties to undertake many are routine, but others are to support the wellbeing and health of the community. In September John Hesketh stood down as Parish Clerk after many years' service that Councillors recognised at a reception in October. Vanessa Pinhey has now been appointed Clerk and RFO and was welcomed to the Council at our April meeting.

During the year, many planning applications were considered and commented on. The long running application for the Ten creek site has commenced on site. However the Parish Council is lobbying Cornwall Council to ensure that the obligations to provide affordable homes to rent and buy are met by the developer.

The Community Speed Watch (CSW) team represented by Cllr Luck has actively undertaken monitoring sessions and integrated their work with concerns about road safety in specific parts of the Parish.

Funding is being sought from Cornwall Council to control the on-street parking at the school entrance supported by the local Police.

The 20mph zones have now been implemented and being monitored by Cornwall and the CSW teams. The speed activated junction warning signs on the A390 have been adjusted to trigger activation more effectively. We need to ensure we are represented at the A38 discussions and that other improvements are delivered in particular the junctions at Lower Clicker and Lean Quarry.

Funding was granted by Cornwall Council to engage consultants in July to undertake a consultation with the whole of the Parish that engaged stakeholders across the parish to comment on the use of the recreation field in East Rd and other open spaces in the parish. The report was published in October. An outcome to identify community priorities and prepare an action plan, has been completed and agreed with community groups and organisations and the Parish Council through the Community Development Working Group. An unsuccessful grant bid for funding to deliver the first phase means that consideration is now being given by the Council as to how through reserves we can support and deliver the action plan.

The Parish Council has committed to encouraging the provision of more affordable dwellings to buy or rent in the parish, through the planning process and direct approaches through interested parties. It remains to be seen whether more direct

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action is needed to support the community remaining together and to relieve the housing pressures in the area.

We continue to monitor the bus service provided by Saltash Red and are actively engaged with the developing Community Transport Group to work with them by supporting and facilitating the needs of the whole community for a regular and appropriate community transport scheme.

Working Groups will be reconstituted to help support the delivery of the work of the Parish Council. Therefore, may I remind you that everyone is invited to join any of the working groups if a particular project or topic being considered is of interest to you and you have something to add please contact the Clerk and volunteer your contribution.

Cllr Adrian Cole
Chair
Menheniot Parish Council.