

CARDINHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held in Cardinham Parish Hall on Wednesday 6th May 2026 at 7:30pm

Present: Councillors P Claridge (Chair), L Sutton, R Farley, T Irwin, A Bonker, G Rogers, D Saunter, R Tyers, K Rowe, County Cllr C Batters, S Warburton (clerk & minute taker). 15 Parishioners

Speakers: Malcolm Maynard, Treasurer for the Cardinham Helpline

Dudley Rowe, Neighbourhood Beat Manager & Anton Lake, PCSO

Cllr P Claridge welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending this evening's meeting.

Apologies

Cllr G Tucker, and parishioner M Pidcock.

Declaration of Interests

None.

Minutes from the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 24th April 2025

The minutes from the Annual Parish meeting held on 24th April 2025 were accepted and approved by Libby Pidcock and 2nd by Cllr K Rowe. The Chair signed the approved minutes.

Matters arising from the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 24th April 2025

None.

Chairman's Annual Report

Cllr P Claridge presented his annual report, a copy of which will be uploaded to Cardinham Parish Council website.

County Councillor's Annual Report

County Cllr C Batters provided the meeting attendees with a copy of his annual report for them to review following the meeting. He did emphasis at the meeting that he was always available for parishioners to contact him via email or telephone to discuss any issues or concerns that they may have. He also wanted to highlight to the parishioners the excellent work their MP Ben Maguire was doing and how he was actively meeting with his constituents.

Finance Annual Report

Parish Clerk Sue Warburton presented her annual report of the Cardinham Parish Council finances, a copy of which will be uploaded to Cardinham Parish Council website.

Any other reports relevant to the meeting

None

Any other Parish Matters to be raised by members of the public

None

Speaker: Malcolm Maynard from the Cardinham Helpline

Mr Maynard is the treasurer for the Cardinham Helpline, who primarily provide the local community who need to attend GP and hospital appointments with transport, also shopping and collecting medication. This is achieved via a network of volunteer drivers. Those using the service are requested to pay a small donation and the volunteer drivers are paid an amount to cover their fuel costs. The drivers are also responsible for informing their insurance company of the volunteering work they are undertaking.

Mr Maynard advised that volunteers have also provided dog walking and helped residents to locate their stopcocks. Jane Hampton offered to help if anyone had a swarm of bees.

The meeting was advised that funding for the helpline comes from two sources donations and from the monthly lunches they organise. Also, that they are always keen to have new volunteers.

Cllr P Claridge thanked Mr Maynard for the valuable service the helpline provides for the local community.

Speakers: Dudley Rowe Neighbourhood Beat Manager and Anton Lake, PCSO

PC Rowe advised the meeting that Cornwall is a safe place to live and the crime rate is extremely low.

PCSO Lake provided the meeting with the crime statistics for May 25 to April 26, overall, there was an increase from 17 to 18 crimes reported from the previous year.

PC Rowe informed the meeting the work the police were doing regarding going into local secondary schools to highlight to young people the potential dangers of the misuse of AI. In particular the apps that enable young people to alter and sexualise images of people and their onward distribution.

The parishioners were also made aware of new initiative that was being introduced to help members of the public to report crime or their concerns and leaflets were provided for attendees to take away.

Other concerns discussed with the police were worrying of livestock by dogs, scramble bikes on the Moor and control of accidental and intentional wildfires.

Cllr P Claridge thanked both officers for their time this evening and for staying after the meeting to address any questions.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.20pm.

Chairman:

Date: