Wadebridge Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 15 July 2026
at 7pm in the Main Hall, Wadebridge Town Hall

Present : Cllrs; B Kennelly, J Metcalfe (Mayor), L Mitchell, D Moore, T Mott, K Rowe (Deputy Mayor), G Welch and I Welch.
Absent : Cllr D Stawski.
Public Present : Cornwall Councillor Rosie Moore (Wadebridge East & St. Minver), PC Andy Currie & PCSO Anton Lake (Police), Simon Miller (Town Team Co-Ordinator & Wadebridge Community Engagement Director), Graham Matthews (agenda item 10) and one member of the public.
In Attendance : Anne Minnis (Town Clerk) & Beverley Collins (Minutes).

Housekeeping – The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised of evacuation routes in case of an emergency (there were no hazards to note) and reminded all those present of the following:

- That the meeting may be filmed or recorded.
- That the meeting is not being recorded by Wadebridge Town Council.
- Members and members of the public to turn mobile phones to silent.
- Should a Member or member of the public wish to film or photograph the meeting please sit in the 'Film/Photograph Area'.
- Members of the public, children or vulnerable persons who do not wish to be filmed or photographed please sit in the 'No Film/Photograph Area'.

2266/26 Apologies – apologies were received from Cllrs J Pearce and G Pearce.

- *It was **RESOLVED** to approve apologies from Cllrs Jenny and Graham Pearce due to work commitments*.

2267/26 Declarations of Interest –

a) **Pecuniary Interests *(To declare those interests which have been declared on your Register of Interests relevant to the Agenda of the meeting. Whenever the item is being discussed, including public participation, Councillors must leave the room and not take part in the discussion and decision)*** – None.

b) **Non Registerable Interests *(To declare non registerable interests at the start of the meeting or whenever the interest becomes apparent. When the item is being discussed, including public participation, Councillors must leave the meeting and not take part in the discussion or decision)*** – None.

c) **Dispensations** – None.

2268/26 Minutes of Last Meeting - *The Minutes of the meeting held on the 17 June 2026 were **RESOLVED** to be a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Mayor.*

2269/26 Public Participation

- Police Reports – Report tabled.

PCSO Anton Lake and PC Andy Currie presented the report.

7.03pm, Member of the public arrived.

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The Mayor asked if the stalking and harassment and shoplifting incidents were linked.

PC Currie provided details and advised it is more likely that they are separate incidents.

The increase in the crime figures provided was noted.

PC Currie advised that he understands the town council's unease with this however, the figures are still very low.

7.07pm, PC Currie & PCSO Lake left the meeting.

- Questions from members of the Public relating to items on the agenda – None.

- Reports from Cornwall Councillors –
  - **Cllr Moore (Wadebridge East & St. Minver)** – None.

  - **Cllr Moorcroft (Wadebridge West & St. Mabyn)** – Apologies had been received.

2270/26 Mayor's Report – The Mayor provided a verbal report which included details of the events attended and the ongoing arrangements for the Civic Service in September. Events attended included, the High Sheriffs Garden Party, a cycle event held in the Town Hall, opening of the 3G pitch at Wadebridge School, a Climate Action screening at the Methodist Church, attending a 90th birthday celebration and the presentations at the Raft Race.

The Mayor thanked all of the town council's staff for working so diligently through the ongoing hot weather.

2271/26 Committee Meetings – Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting of 22 June 2026 (circulated with Agenda for Members) -

- *It was **RESOLVED** to receive the Minutes of meeting held 30 March 2026.*

There were no recommendations to Full Council.

2272/26 Finance – Payment of accounts (POA) for June 2026 (tabled) – *It was **RESOLVED** to approve payment of £131,718.91 as presented.*

2273/26 Correspondence (information circulated with agenda for Members) –

a. The following correspondence for information was ***received***:
- **i.** **Citizens Advice** – Wadebridge Parish Key Stats (April 2025-March 2026).
- **ii.** **Bodmin & Wadebridge Neighbourhood Policing Team** – June 2026 Newsletter.
- **iii.** **Pennon Group** – response to Dowr Glan proposal (Agenda item 8bi).
- **iv.** **Cornwall Council** – Town & Parish Council Newsletter (July 2026).
- **v.** **Cornwall Council** – Affordable Housing Newsletter (July 2026).

b. Correspondence received requesting a response was considered:
- **i.** **Dowr Glan -** request to pass a motion of No Confidence in South West Water (SWW).

  - There was discussion around the town council's jurisdiction and legal standing on this matter. The response options were considered.

    - *It was **RESOLVED** that Wadebridge Town Council agrees with the grave concerns listed in Point 1 and Point 2.*

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ii. **Cornwall Council Remuneration Panel** – query re Cornwall Councillor attendance at Town Council meetings.

- Members **agreed** that it is useful to have Cornwall Councillor attendance at meetings.

c. To receive Minutes and Agendas for Outside Committees for information: **None.**

2274/26 Planning –

a. New Applications – Cllr Metcalfe provided details and relevant information for each application for Members consideration. *It was **RESOLVED** to make the following responses*:

i. **PA26/03942:** 3 Chapel Terrace Whiterock Road Wadebridge Cornwall. Redevelopment of an existing room in roof alongside a full replacement roof. **SUPPORTED.**

ii. **PA26/04495:** 42 Westerlands Road Wadebridge Cornwall PL27 7EU. Non Material Amendment in relation to Decision Notice PA24/07504 dated 26th November 2024, namely, substituting the rear bi-fold doors with sliding doors (overall opening width unchanged); minor alteration to size and position of lower ground floor side door and window with obscure glazing; removal of a previously proposed internal storage partition to allow roof lantern to be centered and side window to be re-positioned slightly closer to the main dwelling. **SUPPORTED.**

b. Decisions – the following decisions from Cornwall Council were ***received*** :

i. **PA26/03388:** Heather Cottage Higher Lane Egloshayle Wadebridge Cornwall PL27 6HW. Works to Tree within a Conservation Area (TCA) - T1 - Ash – Remove. **Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps)**

ii. **PA26/02602:** 56 Treguddock Drive Wadebridge Cornwall PL27 6BQ. Erection of glass balcony to first floor of rear of property. **WITHDRAWN**

2275/26 New Year's Eve Fireworks (information circulated to Members prior to meeting) – Members discussed the proposal for a New Year's Eve fireworks display.

The Clerk confirmed that all documents have been received and circulated with the exception of the signed declaration which she will follow up on.

It was confirmed that the display will be low noise fireworks and last for eight minutes.

Mr Matthews was asked if there is a diversion site to accommodate wind conditions. He advised that lower noise fireworks have a smaller safety distance and he provided a detailed explanation.

Simon Miller was asked if there is a contingency in place should the attendance numbers exceed 500. He advised that the attendance of 500 is based on previous years.

Concerns were raised that this figure is questionable and that the Health and Safety Officer is likely to expect a contingency plan to be in place. The Purple Guide for larger events was referred to.

There was continued discussion around the road closure and the possible need for more marshals. Simon Miller said that he would speak to the pubs who are supportive of the event to see if they could provide a member of staff each to assist with marshalling duties. It is expected that there will be four marshals at the firework site and six on the bridge.

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The Mayor thanked the Clerk for her hard work in co-ordinating and ensuring that all relevant documentation is in place and a meeting scheduled to approve the event.

- *It was **RESOLVED** to support the New Year's Eve firework display run by the Chamber of Commerce.*

Simon was asked to liaise with the Clerk on the points raised and outstanding documents.

2276/26 Chamber of Commerce (circulated to Members prior to meeting) – *It was **RESOLVED** to receive the Minutes from the meeting held on 26 June 2026.*

2277/26 Working Groups

i. Allotments – None.
ii. Climate Change & Emergency Planning – None.
iii. Governance Review & Fairer Funding – None.
iv. Inclusive Play Area – None.
v. CIL Round 5 – None.
vi. The Platt Toilets (refurbishment) – None.

7.33pm, members of the public left the meeting.

2278/26 Confidential Matters – *It was **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Order 1.c., so that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business because of the confidential personnel/contractual nature of the business to be transacted - Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.*

Details of the following confidential matters were advised by the Clerk. Where applicable quotations received were considered.

The following responses were made:

i. **Library Side Entrance** – *It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote received at a cost of £1,777.*

ii. **Library CCTV** – *It was **RESOLVED** to accept option 2 of the quote received at a cost of £1,550.01. This option is permissible for connection to the Cornwall Council system.*

iii. **Fire Doors (Hot Desking Room Area)** – *It was **RESOLVED** to accept quote 4 at a cost of £1,478.*

iv. **Antiques Centre Car Park** – The current situation with the poor management of the car park was discussed.

It was noted that private car parking management is contentious nationwide.

- *It was **RESOLVED** to invite the landowners to meet with the town council and Cllr Robin Moorcroft to discuss options to address the matter.*

- *It was **RESOLVED** to reinstate Standing Order 1.c.*

2279/26 Dates of Next Wadebridge Town Council meetings

- **Civic Service** – Sunday 13 September 2026
- **Full Council Meeting** – Wednesday 16 September 2026

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Meeting closed at 8.09pm

Signed as a True and Accurate Account :

…… Chair :

……..... Date :

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