

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF KENWYN PARISH

HELD ON MONDAY 11 MAY 2026 IN SHORTLANESEND VILLAGE HALL AT 6.00PM

Present: Cllrs Green, Holroyd, Robinson, Jones, Wright, Lusty, Cowling (Kenwyn Parish Council), Cllr Dulcie Tudor (Cornwall Council Ward Member for Threemilestone and Chacewater), Julie Larter (Clerk to Kenwyn Parish Council), 6 members of the public

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Venton.

2. Report from Parish Council Chairman

The last year has again been full of challenges, but hopefully Kenwyn Parish Council (KPC) with the hard work of our new Clerk Mrs Julie Larter and fellow councillors can move into a new more settled and productive era.

At the start of the last year's council year Mr Tomas Hill was our Locum Clerk on limited hours and he enabled KPC to continue to operate for which I thank him. In August 2025 Mrs Julie Larter took over on a permanent basis. Since Julie has been in post, she has worked hard to put KPC on a more stable footing. The storage unit at Scorrier has been emptied and moved to Britannia Lanes in Threemilestone. Whilst this was in progress the Clerk took the opportunity to review all documents held in storage to evaluate their status. Some were no longer required and were shredded, some were removed to be digitalised and others were put in storage at Threemilestone. There was a lot of redundant IT equipment which is being assessed. KPC now has an office in Shortlanesend which will give the Clerk a workspace to meet employees and contractors plus be a focal point for the Council.

On the financial activities of the council, Julie has worked tirelessly to understand what contracts KPC were in and has cancelled a number that were no longer relevant. She has also change suppliers where an improved deal is available. Julie has separated the Kenwyn Community Benefit Fund money held by the council for the council's own funds thus giving a more accurate view of KPC's financial situation. KPC has also recently completed and passed our annual internal audit. Mrs Larter continues to work on putting KPC finances on a stable footing.

KPC is now looking to improve local amenities for residents of the parish and the first project completed recently is the replacement of the board walk in Watts Nature Reserve. This project was jointly funded with the help of a grant from the Kenwyn Community Benefit Fund which is Chaird by Mr Mark Holen

who is doing a great job on behalf of the local people. Other projects now in their early stages are applications for funding an extension of the pedestrian footpath on School Hill in Shortlanesend. KPC have opened a discussion with Cornwall Council about devolving the Leap Park (Glenthorne Road) and College Way (Gloweth) play areas to KPC. This will give local residents a greater say on the future of the play areas. KPC are working with the local MP Jayne Kirkham and Cornwall Councillor Karen La Borde to have an involvement at the Sparnock Grove play area owned by Persimmons.

I have to thank KPC employees Sue and Em for their patience and hard work for the parish, all KPC councillors for their efforts on behalf of the residents of Kenwyn Parish. I would especially like to thank Cllr Ian Holroyd for the time he has put into the Vice Chair role making sure I didn't make too many mistakes and councillors Alun Jones and Steve Venton for their work as Chair and Vice Chair of the Planning Committee. I also thank our Cornwall Councillors Karen La Borde and Dulcie Tudor for giving parish residents a voice at County Hall. Last but not least I have to thank Mrs Julie Larter for her hard work and good advice.

Finally KPC is always looking for new councillors – at the moment we have 9 but the full compliment is 14. Mr Marven left the council last year and since then I am glad to say that Cllr Cowling has joined. I would ask that if you have a little time and are interested in your local community, please apply using the forms on the KPC website.

Cllr Derek Green, Chairman KPC

3. Devon and Cornwall Police Report – no report was available

4. Cornwall Councillors Karen La Borde report

I have been a Cornwall Councillor for a year now, there has been a lot to learn, in particular Langarth. I am concerned that £200m has been spent on infrastructure and yet no houses have been built. 350 homes behind the hospital will be built soon, but this is dependent upon a grant.

A big concern of mine is A390 from the hospital through to Highertown which is problematic.

In Gloweth there have been a lot of issues regarding management companies and also anti-social behaviour.

Shortlanesend has some contentious planning applications

My main aim as a Cornwall Councillor is to respond to each and every email I receive from residents.

5. Cornwall Councillor report Cllr Tudor

6. Report from Threemilestone Primary School

It has been another exciting and successful year for Threemilestone School. Following our successful Ofsted inspection in November 2024, we have continued to build on this strong foundation and develop further as a thriving and ambitious school community.

Our passionate and dedicated staff give 100% to the school and the wider community every day. Their commitment is at the heart of everything we do and ensures that our children receive the very best experiences and opportunities.

The strength of our provision was recognised in our Ofsted report, where our Personal Development programme was graded as *Outstanding*. This is especially evident at the present time, with a rich offer of clubs, residential visits, school trips, and visitors enhancing the curriculum. These opportunities play a vital role in developing confident, well-rounded pupils and are a key part of what makes our school so special.

We could not achieve this without the continued support of our families and the wider community. We are particularly grateful for the generous donations received, which have helped to support our more disadvantaged families in accessing residential visits—giving children experiences they may otherwise not have had. These opportunities are truly life-changing.

The school remains at the heart of the community. Our pupil numbers remain stable; however, like many schools, we are seeing increasing complexity of need among our pupils, alongside continued financial pressures. These challenges are shared across the education sector, but we remain committed to meeting them with determination and care.

We are incredibly grateful to Kenwyn Parish Council for their support in funding our wellbeing garden. This space has been developed to support children with more complex needs, providing sensory stimulation and opportunities for outdoor learning. The impact has been profound, and it has already proved to be life-changing for many of our pupils.

Finally, this report marks the end of my time as Headteacher of Threemilestone School after ten years. It has been an absolute privilege to lead the school through such an exciting and eventful period. I feel incredibly fortunate to have been part of such a strong and supportive community. I would like to wish Rob Chirgwin every happiness and success as he continues the school's journey forward.

7. Report from Shortlanesend Primary School

Shortlanesend School is a happy, thriving place at the heart of our community, where every child is valued, nurtured and encouraged to succeed. We are a friendly and inclusive primary school, committed to providing lessons that capture children's interest and support their learning, confidence and wellbeing. Our aim is simple: to ensure that children smile, learn and grow in confidence every day.

The school has seen a great deal of positive development in recent years, and we are increasingly proud of the strong sense of community between pupils, staff and families. This was reflected in our most recent Ofsted visit, which recognised the welcoming atmosphere of the school and the positive attitudes of our pupils, who enjoy learning and treat each other with respect. Children achieve well at our school, and academic outcomes continue to improve. We are continuing to build on this success by developing what and how we teach, so that every child can do their very best. We also place great importance on experiences beyond the classroom, from trips and residential visits to creative and outdoor learning. These opportunities help children discover their interests, build independence and create lasting memories.

The summer term is always one of the busiest and most enjoyable parts of the school year. Our Year 4 pupils have already returned from a fantastic residential visit to Okehampton, full of stories and achievements, with residential visits still to come for years 3, 5 and 6. We now look forward to our School Summer Fair later in May- kindly supported by FOSS, our PTA - and to Sports Day in June, which is always a highlight for children and families alike. In April, we were delighted to welcome our new Head of School, Mr Richards. He is keen to strengthen links with the wider community and would love to hear from parish members who feel they could support the school—whether through volunteering, sharing skills or helping with events.

Matthew Richards, Headteacher



8. Report from Richard Lander School

No report was available.

9. Threemilestone Community Centre

The Centre is still thriving with this last financial year being in the best monetary position since it was established in 1976.

This is down to our current manager and her hard work and more hirers coming on board.

We are grateful to the Parish Council for your financial help towards cleaning the public toilet, which is an asset well used by residents and visitors to the village including patients from the surgery.

We are also very grateful to the Kenwyn Community Benefit Fund for their grant enabling us to install PV solar panels which have proved to be invaluable in the current energy crisis and increasing costs.

We have “sold back” hundreds of pounds of electricity to the National Grid at 15.1p per Kw since the installation in April 2025 and during last summer we did not draw any electricity from the National Grid.

Later this year the Community Centre will reach its 50th anniversary and we are hoping to have some form of celebration.

Various plans are in hand to undertake some internal alterations and further maintenance upgrades to equipment and materials which are 50 years old and also the upgrade of our kitchen, last updated in 2005.

I am sure the council representatives on our trustee panel will inform you of these items in due course throughout 2026/7.

Thank you for all your help and input over the last year.

Mike Ashcroft, Threemilestone Community Centre Chair

10. Kenwyn Community Benefit Fund

Open forum

A member of the public spoke on behalf of the Scouts and thanked the Kenwyn Community Benefit Fund for providing funding for tents for the 2026 Ten Tors team.

A member of the public thanked the Clerk for getting the KPC website back up and running.