

Minutes of Morval Annual Parish Meeting held at Widegates Village Hall on Wednesday

18 May 2026 at 7:00pm

Present: Councillors A Jackson (Chair), S Hutchins, J Kitson, R Liddle, S Murdoch, T Patterson, B Pengelly, G Tamblyn, Parish Clerk, Councillor M Gibbons (CC)

1 Reports from Parish organisations

St Wenna's Church

St Wenna's Church St Wenna's Church St Wenna's Church is part of the Looe Valley Benefice, where the partner churches of Looe, Duloe, Herodsfoot and Morval work together but maintain separate identities. The Clergy and local worship team are able to maintain services every Sunday and on the fifth week they will join with other churches.

The conversion of the side aisle into St Wenna's Chapel (for use when required on Sundays) and St Wenna's Community Room (for use as required on other days) has been completed and the chapel was formally dedicated by the new Bishop of Truro during a pastoral visit and communion service.

During the past year, church members ran a stall at the Morval Country Fete. Over the first weekend of October, we celebrated Harvest Festival and the story of Saint Wenna. The story was interspersed Celtic poetry, and there were Harvest songs, the chance to listen to some original music and a bring and share Harvest Supper. Everyone was welcomed again to an informal Harvest Family Service the following day, and on both days, there were opportunities to donate to the local Foodbank and to the Red Cross Gaza appeal.

On Remembrance Sunday, there was the usual Act of Remembrance at the Morval War Memorial followed by a Service of Remembrance in St Wenna's. In December, the Carol Service and Trenode School's Christingle service were also held here.

This year, we explored the idea of offering a Prayer meeting in Widegates Village Hall for an hour, for anyone who might wish to attend. On Easter Saturday and Easter Monday, there was a Cross Crafts exhibition with refreshments in church.

Recently Mr & Mrs Wilks opened their gardens at Churchtown as a fundraiser for St Luke's Hospice, where visitors could enjoy themselves strolling around the grounds. Church members helped in the gardens and also provided a fine selection of cakes and quiche, with teas & coffee. Half the money raised by these refreshments was donated to St Lukes Hospice.

Mike Willmott, Church Warden

Outlook Magazine

This month's edition of Outlook magazine was issue 361, (in this our 36th year of publication, issue number 1 having been published in July 1991!). As ever, the editorial team is very grateful to all our advertisers, our distributors and any others who have contributed to this ongoing success. We are now where we should be able to cover the costs of producing a 12-page version of the magazine, as and when required, and we are grateful for the grants from Morval Parish Council and from County Councillor Mark Gibbons which very much helped us towards this goal, and to John Collings for ensuring there is a Parish Council article in each issue.

Mike Willmott, one of the Outlook Editorial Team

2 Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council.

As Chairman of Morval Parish Council, I am pleased to present my annual report.

Can it really be a year since we opened our new playground? It has been a huge success, not only for local children but also for the surrounding area and, dare I say, the envy of other parish councils. It has provided a safe place where children can play and enjoy themselves.

Throughout the year, we have endeavoured to make small adjustments and improvements to the area in response to local residents' feedback. I remain very grateful for the hard work and dedication shown by our councillors and clerks in making this project such a success.

This year, we have welcomed two new parish councillors, Richard Liddle and Steve Murdoch, and I have no doubt they will both contribute greatly to the work of the council. We have also welcomed our new county councillor, Mark Gibbons, who has certainly hit the ground running. I am sure he has had many requests, not only from Morval but from the many other parishes in his ward.

Mark is currently helping the parish with some housing issues that have arisen recently, and I must say I am very grateful for his support in this matter — although I am sure he sometimes dreads seeing that I am calling him.

As we are all aware, there is a fresh planning application currently being considered by the county council. Consultations will continue, and Morval Parish Council will always raise and represent the concerns of the local people whom we serve.

I would like to finish my report by saying to all members of the parish: if you have any concerns, please contact the parish council, and we will do our very best to help resolve any issues that may arise.

3 Approve the minutes of the meeting held 14.5.25

The minutes were approved as a true and correct record.

4 Open Forum

None