



A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

WORKING GROUP was held on **Wednesday 27th August 2025** at 7.00 pm in the **Village Hall**.

Councillors present: Richard Holman, chair (RH), Colin Bridges (CB), Ashley Bridges (AB), Mark Pryor (MP), Dave Ward (DW), Christine Voyce (CV) and Lea Thomas (LT).

In attendance: Tomas Hill, Clerk (TH) and Cllr Ruth Gripper CC (RG) and approximately 15 members of the public, mostly residents of Chyvogue Lane.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Hewitt, Freake and Brown, Mr and Mrs Robinson.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes had not been distributed; to be distributed for approval at next meeting.

3. Matters arising

It was noted that the council and working groups must do better at preparing and publishing minutes in appropriate time frames.

A question was asked about the bus route for school children. RG reported that the response from Penryn College was disappointing as the bus service through the village will not be reinstated. It was felt that the parish council should continue to pursue a better outcome.

4. Highways

Applications for land to be registered as common land

TH explained that an applications had been made for two small areas of land in the vicinity of Coldwind Cross and Grenna Lane to be registered as common land in order to ensure their protection.

Members of the public sought clarification of the impact if the applications were successful.

It was agreed that TH would prepare a written report and recommendation to be submitted to full PC meeting.

Chyvogue Lane Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO)

The PC had decided to submit an application for a DMMO to register Chyvogue Lane as a restricted byway.

CB explained the background. Earlier this year, the parish council had been approached by local residents to consider arrangements for maintaining and improving Chyvogue Lane. The best way forward seemed to be registration as restricted byway which, if the application were successful, would mean that the maintenance of Chyvogue Lane would become the responsibility of Cornwall Council, but retain the right for local residents and users of the school, playing field and village hall to continue to use the lane for their motorised vehicles.

Many residents voiced frustration at the lack of clarity regarding the status of the lane and subsequent issues relating to access and surface wear. Inconsiderate parking had become a problem and amenable solutions had to be found.

Several local residents believed that Chyvogue Lane was a private road. It was reported that some years ago, a sign had been erected, apparently on the advice of the former Clerk, that Chyvogue Lane was a private road and parking was prohibited.

TH advised that the sign was incorrect and that Chyvogue Lane was currently an unrecorded public right of way. Residents of the lane were invited to share any documentary evidence that would help to clarify land ownership issues.

TH presented a time sequence of maps, including Ordnance Survey maps Land Registry data, to show the way in which Chyvogue Lane had become established as a public right of way.

RH thanked members of the public for their comments which would be carefully considered by the PC.

Speedwatch update

Stuart Douglas reported data going back to 2014 which showed that fatalities and serious accidents on both the A39 and through the village had markedly decreased following the introduction of various measures, including average speed cameras on the A39, automatic speed monitoring signs and regular Speedwatch sessions.

Anti-speeding campaign: progress report

CB reported that work was proceeding on the preparation of a schedule of additional speed warning signs that would be submitted to the highways authority for approval.

Members of the public were asked to help ensure that vegetation did not obscure 20mph signs.

Proposal to extend 30mph limit on A39: progress report

TH reported that this was being pursued with the help of RG.

5. Public Rights of Way

Hedge maintenance draft policy

AB presented the draft policy, including a six-stage procedure over several years, which aimed to clarify responsibilities for hedge maintenance and improve hedge maintenance throughout the parish. Feedback regarding ways of reaching out to the community would be greatly appreciated. A further draft would be brought to the next meeting.

Further items

Due to the shortage of time, the following items were deferred:

- Themes for future meetings
- Footpath survey
- Enhanced LMP application
- Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan
- Disruption to Trewinnard Road/School Hill footpath
- Pavement moss removal

6. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 17 September 2025

Cllr A Bridges
28/08/25