

16. DEVOLUTION – SITE VISITS – FEEDBACK (ATTACHED) - To update that following the site visits, to the Cornwall Council owned sites (attached), the Town Council strategy going forward should be to concentrate its efforts on improving a limited number of the existing better used and accessed facilities including with external funding (with priority on the early transfer of Rapson’s). To confirm to Cornwall Council that the Town Council does not have sufficient budget and precept to take ownership and develop the remaining sites which are in most cases too small, and not of strategic value.

Background - Following the Resolution M595 / 25 Devolution the Town Council resolved to approve the list of Cornwall Council sites as the basis of the Devolution Package. There have been site visits by Town Councillors and staff. There has been an online meeting (10th June 2026) with all the Cornwall Council Devolution Team (Councillors and Staff). There have been follow up e-mails on 11th June 2026 in which the Town Council passed the initial site visit considerations of 3rd June 2026 and 5th June 2026 and 22nd June 2026 e-mail exchange on a couple of points relating to enforcement costs and car parking income. On 23rd June 2026 two further e-mails on the costs associated with car parks that would be incurred by the Town Council if it took them over.

Update – The Town Council staff and Councillors have visited (3rd June 5th June and 18th June 2026) the Cornwall Council owned sites below from the attached. From the conversations on the site visits it was suggested that the Town Council develop a “Forward Strategy” to try and concentrate the Town Council’s investment (the precept is still less than a £1million (£990K) in a limited number of key sites which are well used and accessible rather than try and invest in such a large of very small and tucked away sites of limited benefit to other than the immediate householders.

How might these sites be dealt with. Whether Cornwall Council needs them operationally and has Property views on – to enable disposals to increase garden size, increase the amount of car parking, possible residential development?

Not Interested in the Land Ownership Coming over to the Town Council

- Peppers Park Play Area
- Jack Bice POS
- Stanley Maggs Way POS
- Silvanus Jenkin Avenue POS
- Land adjacent St Martin’s School / Amenity land at Maudlin Farm

Town Council Sites to Transfer to Town Council * initial batch of Devolutions transfers – also mindful of the Upper Sungirt Car Park issue. The Town Council has previously confirmed that the Rapson’s Play Area (Skatepark) is the priority site to be worked on for the transfer of the freehold.

- Rapsons’ Play Area – Rapsons’ Field – Rapsons’ Car Park –
- Lower Sungirt Car Park – Sungirt Valley (Sungirt Valley 1 and a bit of 2) – POS E of Heathlands Road (Sungirt Valley 2 – rest of)
- Culverland Park Play Area.

- Castle Park Court POS (not including residential property) – War Memorial – (18th June 2026 site visit – adjacent to the Castle Park site – with a shared access (public highway?) and there are linked footpaths between the sites and appears to be subject to the same “Site Management Agreement” as the Castle Park. Specialist advice should be sought including from an arborist (tree specialist).

Agreed Points of Discussion – Next Steps - Town Council – To confirm the Forward Strategy of seeking to concentrate on an initial 3* sites / clusters of sites for transfer and cooperation in pre site transfer investments by Cornwall Council with 4** not required by the Town Council and support for possible Cornwall Council operational and disposals to neighbouring and nearby house holders and for possible residential development.

10th June 2026 – Town Council e-mail Stephen Vinson to ((Community Link Officer (Devolution)) and Devolution Manager at Cornwall Council. Essentially, details the then site visits and “Forward Strategy” concentrating efforts. Asking the question regarding the progression of the sites not been taken by the Town Council. “The Town Council staff and Councillors have visited the Cornwall Council owned sites below from the attached. From this the Town Council is thinking of a developing a Forward Strategy to try and concentrate the Town Council’s investment (the precept is still less than a £1million (£990K) in a limited number of key sites which are well used and accessible rather than try and invest in such a large of very small and tucked away sites of limited benefit to other than the immediate householders.

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Car Parks – Cornwall Council manage the car parks through parking orders. The Town Council would need to put in place its own parking order. If the land ownership transferred taking action

against unauthorised travellers would pass to the Town Council. The costs and income associated with the respective car parks would help the Town Council plan.

Upper Sungirt Car Park – the income being generated by this car was thought to be essential for Cornwall Council to retain this would be checked. This car park was being used by Cornwall Council staff on a discretionary fares basis following the construction and completion of the new Integrated Service Hub.

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To send through site specific notes and pictures (when available) outlining issues in which if possible pre transfer improvements could be carried out. To help Cornwall Council to plan improvement and disposals.

22nd June 2026 – Cornwall Council E-mail ((Community Link Officer (South East Cornwall CAP)) to Stephen Vinson Town Council – updating on one point regarding the clear up costs raised from the 10th June 2026 online meeting and the 11th June 2026 Town Council.

“Hello all

You will recall that one of the discussions at the last working group meeting was in relation to travellers and the potential cost of site clearance. I've been in liaison with Gina Varcoe, Waste Management Officer, to understand what the costs were for the site clearance at Warfelton Field in Saltash (as travellers pitched there in April) and she has advised:

This would be confidential information, CC pay an annual sum to cover fly-tips within the Biffa contract, each fly-tip is not priced separately - therefore even if this was not confidential we could not provide costs of individual fly-tips.

With kind regards
(Community Link Officer (South East Cornwall CAP))

22nd June 2026 – Cornwall Council E-mail ((Community Link Officer (Devolution)) to Stephen Vinson Town Council – updating on the points raised from the 10th June 2026 online meeting and the 11th June 2026 Town Council.

“Thanks for these notes, Steve and the update on query addressed by (Community Link Officer (South East Cornwall CAP)).

One point of clarification on the notes. The car parks that Cornwall Council staff are being encouraged to use when based at the Liskeard Hub are Rapsons and Lower Sungirt. This would be using the Council's Just Park wallet option (JustPark Wallet - Cornwall Council) and would offer

a reduced day rate at these two car parks. Operationally, this is something that would need to be considered as part of decision making.

Based on latest financial information available, the total net income from the three car park sites is (redacted – not publicly available). The forecast costs to Cornwall Council associated with the proposed assets forming part of the devolution package are considerably less than this (recognising the costs to the Town Council will be different to those to Cornwall Council). We will highlight the previous devolution of Castle Park, as well as the Town Council's review of other sites that could offer both a saving and capital receipt opportunity in our upcoming discussions with Senior Officers, who we anticipate will set the clear mandate on what can/cannot be included.

Our aim will be to have an update on these discussions to report into our next meeting on 8 July.”

Community Link Officer (Devolution) – Cornwall Council

22nd June 2026 – Town Council E-mail Stephen Vinson to ((Community Link Officer (Devolution) Cornwall Council – updating on the additional sites visited 18th June 2026.

“Hello – thanks for the additional information that has been sent through today which helps set the context from the Cornwall Council side. Further, to my earlier e-mail 11th May 2026 (attached), there has been some further sites visits to Cornwall Council owned sites (attached). One of which is in your list as (Castle Hill Court POS) which we refer to as “War Memorial” as our War Memorial is located on it. It also, directly abuts the previously transferred Castle Park. There are footpath and access road link ups between the two sites. The Castle Park grant funded site management plan appears to extend into the Castle Hill Court POS. We are mindful of there being a Cornwall Council Housing tenant. Nevertheless, that site might be worth including in the short list for assets to devolve to the Town Council.

Castle Hill Court POS – War Memorial

SV Best Wishes

23rd June 2026 – Town Council E-mail Stephen Vinson to ((Community Link Officer (Devolution)) Cornwall Council – our further consideration of the costs associated with car parking that means the Cornwall Council Car Parking

“Hello – I sent an update yesterday, (attached) which added some info on further sites visits that was made by the Town Council. The car parking income and costs info outlined below is helpful. Although, as you say the Town Council costs would be different. I think some costs are initial transfer and due diligence and the others the ongoing costs which are foreseen and unforeseen.

Initial –

Normal Legal Fees due diligence checks

Car Parking Order Costs

Ongoing Foreseen -

Car Parking Order – assume this covers an initial period and would need renewing.
UBR costs

Possible Unforeseen -

Enforcement Costs – legal action to remove of travellers.
Clear up costs – post travellers.

Repair and Maintenance -

Is there a current survey on the condition of the parking surfaces or any current plans to resurface or need to resurface?

Cornwall Council Staff from the Liskeard Hub using the Just Park Wallet at Sungirt and Lower Rapson's – since 2015, the Town Council has tried to encourage the retention of as many Cornwall Council services and jobs in Liskeard as possible for benefit of the community of Liskeard and the wider catchment area. Hopefully, that would be borne in mind.

We have an update report on Devolution going to the Town Council on 30th June 2026. This should finalise the Devolution approach.”

Steve Vinson

“Hi Steve,

Other running costs of the car parks may include parking meters installation and running, electricity and internet supply, parking enforcement, parking app, etc

Should we consider asking solicitors for a fixed fee arrangement on the legals as per St Ives?

Kind regards,
Yvette Hayward”

Comments on Situation:- The Town Council strategy going forward should be to concentrate its efforts on improving a limited number of the existing better used and accessed facilities including with external funding (with priority on the early transfer of Rapson's). To confirm the Forward Strategy of seeking to concentrate on an initial 3* sites / clusters of sites for transfer and cooperation in pre site transfer investments by Cornwall Council with 4** not required by the Town Council and support for possible Cornwall Council operational and disposals to neighbouring and nearby house holders and for possible residential development.

There are still numerous points to work on regarding the Devolution Package consider regarding the practical

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