

Annual Parish Meeting Minutes - 2023

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Forrabury & Minster Parish held in the Village Hall on Thursday 23rd March 2023 at 7pm

The meeting was attended by 5 members of the public, the Parish Clerk Adrian Prescott, Parish Councillors Hockin, Simmonds, Rodda, Edwards, Bright, Yates and Cornwall Councillor Jordan.

Cllr Fred Hockin, Chairman of the Parish Council, presided.

Welcome and Apologies: The Chairman welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

Apologies – Parish Councillor Bridges.

Minutes from previous meeting held on 24th March 2022.

Cllr Simmonds proposed the minutes were a true reflection of the meeting held. Seconded by Cllr Yates. All in favour.

Matters arising from previous minutes.

Cllr Yates reported the Blowhole editorial team are considering the future of the magazine.

The following reports received.

Parish Council Report – hard copy of report given to all attendees and available on the Parish Council website – www.forraburyminsterparishcouncil.org.uk

Cornwall Councillor – Strange year at county hall with everyone getting bogged down with the issue of Mayor or No Major with many people not fully understanding what it's all about and the implications. Council tax has unfortunately been increased for this year by 4.99%. Several Cornwall Councillors have signed a petition objecting to a proposed increase in car park charging. Still fighting to get the Camelford by-pass progressed. The Community Networks are disappearing from May 2023 to be replaced by Community Area Partnerships (CAPs) Forrabury & Minster will be one of the 24 parishes included in the Bude CAP.

Community Reports

Boscastle Chamber of Trade and Commerce (BCTC) – reported trading is tough in the current climate with the cost-of-living crisis, energy costs and shortage of staff. All businesses in all sectors in the village are being affected. The Parish Council were thanked for their support in aspects the BCTC are lobbying for. The Chamber has 45 members which is huge amount of business in a very small village which collectively continue to ensure Boscastle is a thriving and unique destination for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Boscastle Community Interest Company (CIC) – reported the CIC manages, promotes and preserves community assets and activities. A small group of CIC volunteers with an overlap with the Parish Councillors past and present and BCTC members past and present all working towards ensuring the assets and activities continue. Currently working on street furniture, toilets, community minibus, electric vehicle charging, and village maps. The project for 2023

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Signed Chairman 



is the continuation of trying and get Cornwall Council to do something about the Electric Vehicle charging points.

Blowhole Magazine – No representation

Church of England – No representation

Community & Recreation Centre – the chair reported they had recently taken over the role and is initiating a process of identifying ownership, trusteeship, and governance. From the point of governance the centre was set up in 2000 as a millennium project and many people from those days are no longer involved in the centre so he is trying using historic documentation to ascertain the trustees, their role and if they are still interested in the responsibility involved. In term of finance the centre made a loss in the last year primarily due to the cost of installing a new access system however the Centre is showing an increase in bookings. Meanwhile the day to day running of the centre remains the same.

Football Club – the chair of the club reported there are still two teams currently the first team is second in their league and the second team are in the lower half of their league. interest in the club is reasonably well however the cost of living is impacting as players are working more and finding time to play more difficult. There has been fundraising in the last 12 months Bingo and Quiz at Christmas and a Big Breakfast event on Saturday 1st April. The Parish Council were thanked for their efforts to stop dog fouling on the playing field and for their support in getting funding 75% grant toward the cost of a lawn mower/tractor unit.

Methodist Chapel – No representation.

National Trust – the clerk read out a report received.

Play Group – No representation.

Primary School – No representation

Short mat Bowls Club – No representation.

Women's Institute (WI) – No representation.

Questions and Comments:

One resident asked if there was an environmental officer in post? The Chair responded that there is.

One resident asked Cornwall Councillor Jordan what the position was with the Camelford by-pass? Councillor Jordan responded that the hold up is with Cornwall Council and new officers not yet up to speed with proposals and must prove the project is value for money.

As there were no further questions, Cllr Hockin thanked everyone for attending the Annual Parish Meeting and it closed at 7.20 pm.

Date of next meeting

The next Annual Parish Meeting will be held in 2024 (date time and venue to be confirmed)

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Signed Chairman .. 