



Annual Report

March 24

2024

Forrabury & Minster Parish Council

Parish Council
Report

Annual Parish Meeting

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Meetings - 16 Parish Council meetings convened.

- 12 monthly meetings
- 4 Special/Planning and/or Staff & Finance meetings
- Councillors also attended many other meetings including Community Network, along with involvement with Boscastle Chamber of Trade and Commerce, and Community Interest Company.

Planning Applications – 28 Planning Applications considered

- 20 Supported
- 0 No Comment
- 6 Objections (of which Cornwall Council Approved 3, awaiting decision 1)
- 6 applications awaiting decisions.
- 2 applications withdrawn.

Castle Site

The Council has continued to maintain the Castle Mound with regular grass cutting throughout the year. It conducts 'light touch' maintenance of the adjacent woodland area to maintain safe access and encourage natural diversity. The council has put in an additional run of fencing to enclose the south west boundary of the site and improve safety for users.

The Council has undertaken clearance of invasive brambles, gorse and self-seeded saplings on the mound to preserve the contours of the Castle Mound landform. The Council is working closely with the Monumental Improvement Project and Historic England to preserve and promote this historic scheduled monument.

A geophysical survey of the Castle Mound was conducted by South West Archaeology on 31st January 2023 and the results recently shared with the Parish Council show that "the lower crescent shaped plateaux was probably a planned terrace and platform" and "that local stone or boulders were used on topographic features on the west of the site. On the east side of the site, remains of a ditch could mirror a ridge on the west slope and possible wall segments may survive on the east side of the top plateaux indicative of a retaining or boundary wall". The report states that "intrusive archaeological works would test the results" of the survey and provide further potentially useful information.

Play Area

The Council has invested significantly in the play area equipment over the last 2 years, replacing and upgrading most of the equipment in line with views represented to us in our public consultation. Most of the equipment is new, and if we are successful in applying for further grants, we hope to be able to continue to replace the remaining items.

The Council is committed to providing additional seating and a table near the main entrance, as requested in the consultation. We are also investigating CCTV options to protect the play area equipment from the potential for vandalism.

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Defibrillator

The Council are progressing moving the defibrillator located outside the Nisa Store to the Gateway Building to provide it with better protection from the weather.

Website

To see/view council documentation and more information visit -
<https://www.forraburymminsterparishcouncil.org.uk/>

The council have updated and re formatted the original website -
<https://boscastlecornwall.org.uk/>

Annual accounts (see attached sheet)

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Income	2022 - 23	2023 - 24
Agency	£1,239	£1,239
Investment	£72	£419
Other	£385	£539
Precept	£38,694	£40,242
Allotment	£120	£175
VAT refund	£1,695	£4,561
Community Infrastructure Levy	£1,334	£23,076
	£43,539	£70,250
Outgoings		
Administration	£21,294	£22,787
Agency	£4,724	£5,000
Bank Charges	£0	£0
Capital spend	£135	£459
Churchyard	£1,000	£1,000
Loan repayments	£1,880	£1,881
Parks & Open spaces	£7,704	£6,355
Section 137	£0	£775
Projects	£26,080	£41,498
	£62,816	£79,755
Income less Outgoings	-£19,277.65	-£9,506