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Present Cllr Hockin, Cllr Edwards, Cllr Yates, Cllr Simmonds, Cllr Long, Cllr Bridges, Cllr Bright

14.01 Apologies – Cllr Smith & CCllr Jordan.

14.02 Declarations of Interest – Cllr Yates declared an interest as he has a pecuniary interest in a nearby property.

14.03 Public Participation – over twenty members of the public present.

The public interest was with planning application PA23/10067. Geothermal Engineering Limited (GEL) gave a verbal presentation to the meeting outlining the rationale for choosing the site, the associated works and inviting the public to visit their flag ship site at United Downs.

The chair gave each member of the public the opportunity to speak who raised concerns including:

In sufficient time for local nearby residents to fully understand what is being proposed given the number and complexity of the associated documents.

Lack of awareness, consultation, and resident education.

Only knew about it after parish council wrote to them.

No Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) done.

Pollution – The site is on hill above River Camel which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and is in a Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

Light Pollution.

Requesting that time is taken so all local residents understand what Geothermal energy is and how it is extracted.

Lack of consistency within the documents associated with the application.

Potential seismic events.

What's the difference between fracking and geothermal energy?

How has this been implemented in other areas and what has been the impact on the local people and environment.

The site is inappropriate for what is proposed.

The close proximity to residential properties.

The representatives were given the opportunity to briefly address some of the issues raised.

Cllr Simmonds asked if they would consider a 3-month delay in the application to give residents, parish councillors and other interested parties the time to read and try to understand the plethora of documents associated with the application? They would take it away as they are not able to make that decision on behalf of their company.

14.04 Planning – To consider planning applications received –

Application	PA23/10067
Proposal	Development of a geothermal power plant including site preparation, drilling of two deep geothermal wells, resource testing, construction of a binary cycle power station and subsequent operation.
Location	Land Adjacent Wind Turbine Station Road Camelford Cornwall

Cllr Yates summarised the previous discussions, issues raised and those posted online which isn't a resounding no we object. It is, we would like more time to consult and read through so as to have an informed opinion on it.

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Cllr Simmonds proposed the council asks for a delay in deciding on this application of at least 2 months, and the reason for this is there has clearly been inadequate or timely consultation with the residents whose properties are closest to the proposed development. Historic England and Historic Environment Planning saying that the reports are inadequate, and the development is likely to cause harm and that overall there have been legitimate arguments raised by residents which haven't been answered they are technical arguments about the detailed documents which the council would like to see answered. The council asks for a delay of at least 2 months to provide the time to enable the residents to consult with their Cornwall Councillor and for the GEL representatives to do what they said they want to do which is to invite residents to their United Downs site and hold a public meeting. The Parish Council also insists on there being an Environmental Impact Assessment done due to the close proximity of the River Camel which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Special Area of Conservation (SAC). Seconded by Cllr Long. All in favour.

Application	PA24/00315
Proposal	Replacement agricultural building (retrospective).
Location	Hendrawether Trekeek Road Camelford Cornwall PL32 9UB

Cllr Yates proposed the council support this application. Seconded by Cllr Simmonds. All in favour.

Application	PA24/00353
Proposal	Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order - felling of 1 x Lyme tree and 3 x Horse Chestnut trees
Location	The Butts Butts Lane Boscastle Cornwall PL35 0AX

Cllr Bright proposed the council support the application on the proviso the trees are replaced on a like for like basis. Seconded by Cllr Yates. All in favour.

14.05 To consider other planning applications received by time of meeting. –

None received.

14.06 Planning Decisions: as listed (see website)

14.07 Minutes

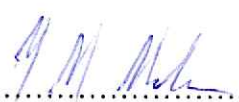
Minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2024 – Cllr Simmonds proposed, the minutes be accepted as a true record. Seconded by Cllr Yates. All in favour.

14.08 Matters to Report (only) from previous meetings minutes – nothing reported.

14.09 Finance

Category	Sub Category	Amount	For
Administration	Staff Costs	£303.78	Litter PC (Feb)
Administration	Staff Costs	£1046.93	Salary (Jan)
Administration	Staff Expenses	£70.74	Expenses (Jan)
Projects	Castle Site	£340.00	Castle site Fencing.
Administration	Village Hall Hire	£14.00	14 th December

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Projects	Castle Site	£59.09	Castle Site fencing stock fence
Administration	Environment	£190.00	January
Parks & Open	Maintenance	£480.00	Paradise Triangle shrubs etc.

Cllr Yates proposed that the council approve the amounts as listed for payment. Seconded by Cllr Simmonds. All in favour. Cllr Hockin abstained.

14.10 Correspondence – the clerk outlined the significant items of correspondence received, all of which had been copied to councillors.

Monumental Improvement Project – Cllr Simmonds proposed the clerk sign the landowner agreement on behalf of the council. Seconded by Cllr Yates. All in favour.

Boscastle Tidal Pool – Clerk to send thank you email and forward the images to the Boscastle Village Archive.

Traffic Regulation Order – Clerk to confirm or otherwise if CCllr Jordan is funding the work at the bottom of old road.

Methodist Chapel – The Chapel is likely to be sold. Clerk to try and arrange for a view by councillors.

Car Park Gates – Clerk to seek with Cornwall Council for a joint key to the car park gates.

Castle Site annual Maintenance – Cllr Bright proposed the council accept the quote. Seconded by Cllr Simmonds. All in favour.

14.11 Reports

Cornwall Councillor Report – CCllr Jordan not at meeting.

Chairmans Report – Cllr Hockin reported he had spent another day at the Paradise Triangle with the contractor and have had good comments from local people. Cllr Yates reported some people who approached Cllr Hockin did so in an unacceptable manner. Cllr Yates asked for it to be minuted that councillors acting in their capacity should not be harassed, intimidated, or bullied whilst showing immense good will.

Parish Clerk Report – Clerk sought agreement to publish contact details for any rubbish reports with Cornwall Council.

14.12 Items from previous meeting

Highways –

Pedestrian Routes – Cllr Simmonds and Cllr Long identified an issue with the acorn information and the sign post amended. Cllr Yates proposed the council accept and proceed with the purchase and installation as per the document subject to changing the sign indicating 'Playing Field' to 'Play Areas'. Seconded by Cllr Bridges. All in favour.

Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) – covered under correspondence above.

Play Area –

Monthly inspection – nothing to report.

Car Park

Electric Charging – Nothing to report.

Working Group report – nothing further to report.

Castle Site

Paths and steps – nothing further to report awaiting response from Historic England.

Monumental project – nothing further to report awaiting survey report.

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Land Boundaries – Cllrs Bright and Simmonds reported Historic England representatives like the fence, and they think the land should be cordoned off.

Monthly inspection – The Historic England Representatives suggested the council should now begin works to remove some invasive trees and gorse. In addition, there are 2 trees in dangerous condition which should be felled. Cllr Simmonds proposed the council accept the quote of £400 to do the work. Seconded by Cllr Bright. All in favour.

CCTV monitoring

Play Area – Cllr Bridges reported he had spoken with football club who are happy for the use of their electric and space to site the monitoring equipment. Cllr Bridges is progressing quotes.

Castle Site – further investigation required.

Co-option – Clerk reported the Notice of Vacancy for both vacancies has expired and the Council can now Co-opt. Clerk to advertise the vacancies.

Boscastle Village Archive – Cllr Simmonds reported the Village archive and the partnership with Boscastle Community Interest Company has been approved. They had applied for the lease on the Old Forge which wasn't successful. They are aiming to develop a mobile display.

Anti-Social Behaviour – Cllr Hockin reported the football club toilets have been broken into.

Environment Officer – Cllr Hockin reported he had spoken with the Environment officer who reported no significant issues.

Website – Cllr Yates reported some progress has been made and the website has a different look.

Communication – Nothing further to report

Works around the Village -

Paradise Triangle – See chairman's report above.

Council Documentation Review – nothing further.

Defibrillator – Awaiting costing for electrical work.

Bus Shelter – Cllr Yates was given dispensation to stay in the room. Cllr Hockin is hoping to pressure wash the shelter. The nearby property owner is willing to let him use water and electric.

14.13 Items since last meeting

Community Champion – Cllrs Yates, Long and Simmonds agreed to be the panel and meet on 7th March to review any nominations.

Clerk appraisalment to also be discussed on 7th March.

14.14 Agenda items for next meeting

Highways

Pedestrian Routes - *signage locations and wording*

Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) – *Review and expressions of interest*

Play Area –

Monthly inspection *report and equipment update*

Car Park

Electric Charging – *progress update*

Working Group report – *car park repairs and general appearance.*

Castle Site

Paths and steps – *progress report*

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Monumental project - *update*
Land Boundaries – *fence progress report*
Monthly Inspection – *report*
CCTV monitoring
Castle Site– *investigate options.*
Play Area – *investigate options.*
Co-option – *Councillor Co-option process*
Boscastle Village Archive - *report*
Anti-Social Behaviour – *increase in instances reported.*
Environment Officer -
Website - *discuss future of boscastlecornwall.org.uk website.*
Communication – *comms group update*
Works around the village
Paradise Triangle – *update on contractor progress*
Council Documentation Review
Defibrillator – *re positioning*
Bus Shelter – *maintenance*
Cornwall Air Ambulance – *landing site*
Methodist Chapel – *future options?*

With no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.11pm

Date of next monthly meeting Thursday 14th March 2024 in the Village Hall

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