

Annual Parish Meeting Minutes - 2024

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Forrabury & Minster Parish held in the Village Hall on Thursday 28th March 2024 at 7pm

The meeting was attended by 9 members of the public, the Parish Clerk Adrian Prescott, Parish Councillors: Simmonds, Edwards, Yates, Long, Bridges and Cornwall Councillor Jordan.

Cllr Yates in the absence of the Chairman of the Parish Council, presided.

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

Apologies – Parish Councillors: Hockin, Bright and Smith.

Minutes from previous meeting held on 23rd March 2023.

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

Matters arising from previous minutes.

Nothing raised

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. The Chair of this Annual Parish Meeting gave thanks to the parish councillors who have in the last 12 months put in the extra goodwill and effort in order to achieve something which makes Boscastle unique and wonderful, it's a thank less job and long may individual members of the community come forward to do it. The Chair thanked those extra bodies around the community that serve the council, the street warden, the environmental officer, and other supplementary people that make our open spaces, our streets and our parish a better place to be in.

One attendee asked why the in the parish accounts the community Infrastructure levy had increased by £20000. The clerk advised this was a grant toward equipment for the Children's Play area.

Cornwall Councillor – Cllr Jordan thank the councillors he has 13 Parish councils in his division and all work hard for their communities. There are a couple significant issues in the division now, the wind farm, the geothermal site and the solar farm. It's been a full year with start of the Community Area Partnerships. Cornwall Council is facing a funding crisis the council is spending circa £8million to transport children with special needs to school. Massive problems with the roads due to the rain this year potholes are being filled and the next day the rain washes the repair away which is costing a huge amount of money, we have larger farm vehicles, lorries and heavy electric cars which are causing the damage to the roads. Cllr Jordan is still hopeful that it comes to fruition.

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Signed Chairman



Community Reports

Boscastle Chamber of Trade and Commerce (BCTC) – The BCTC is working hard on behalf of its members, in the last membership year it had 45 different businesses. Boscastle pre Covid had a healthy trickle winter trade but now winters are hard and becoming harder to staff, serve the business and keep the supply chains going. It is hoped with time the trickle trade will come through again.

Boscastle Community Interest Company (CIC) – The CIC was originally created in 2016 to serve, promote and manage community assets and activities. Its sole purpose back then was to manage the toilet block. Since then, it has grown significantly and now operates a mini bus has street furniture and is about to sign off electric vehicle charging. It has supplementary projects with the Community Centre, the Village Archive, the new Boscastle Sound. Its' becoming bigger and will soon be calling on addition volunteers to help it run.

Church of England – No representation

Community & Recreation Centre – The chairman reported in the past year there has been a number of initiatives, the exterior was painted last summer and upgraded the access system (card readers and computer) and now provides accurate usage data. There are now 50 users with access cards. The facility is very well used for snooker, table tennis and short mat bowls. Financially it is breaking even. Hoping to have the school using the hall again in the near future.

Football Club – the chair of the club reported there are still one of the unique villages in Cornwall which runs two teams. There are around 50 players signed on. Both teams are mid table in their respective leagues. The weather has caused a back log of games to be played. The club changing rooms have been a target of vandalism and with the Parish Council are looking into CCTV. The Club is celebrating 50 years in existence and is holding a dinner on 24th May at the Point in Polzeath. They thanked the parish Council for all they do to support the club.

Methodist Chapel – No representation.

National Trust – the clerk read out a report received.

Play Group – No representation.

Primary School – The head teacher reported the school has had a busy year and currently has 58 students. Reading is a big focus area to encourage the pupil to be able read and develop a love of reading before they leave the school. The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) has provided new books, and the school has reviewed and ended its contract with Cornwall Library. It is now looking at accessing online books. To facilitate this the PTA have provided all children with an iPad. They have reading assemblies, book buddies and parents come in and share their work with them. Attendance dipped following Covid, and the school is working hard to encourage parents to recognise the importance of regular attendance. Punctuality has improved following the staggered timings during Covid. After school clubs are run every day including woodwork, wild tribe cookery, art, and robotics. The school supports charity days like Red Nose Day, Cornwall Air Ambulance and Duck Race day. School trips included the older children having a residential stay on Dartmoor. Last year went to outdoor centre in St Austell this year going to adventure Bude. Music is popular with every

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child being taught to play the ukulele, the opportunity for parents to fund piano and or violin classes. The children enjoy singing and last year took part in the Boscastle shanty festival. The organiser of the shanty festival donated £1000 to the school which will be used to buy a piano and percussion instruments. The children recently competed in a robotics competition at Cudrose, building a robot from Lego and coding it to do tasks. Engineering competition where children get design an item. One of our children got to the Southwest region final and went to Bristol to get the award and Plymouth University making a prototype of their design (and un spillable mug). Trying to build up community links, so do a lot with preschool, building our governing body which includes many local people on the board of governors who get involved and visit the school to see the subjects being taught and generally what is going on. The school had its Ofsted inspection last week. Next year they aim to develop greater use of outdoor areas, like our little wild valley, doing more outdoor learning, one member of staff is doing mental health leader training to further support students, further develop community links and curriculum. Thinking of the school's sustainability and that focus thinking about how we can work with Boscastle as a community to look at rewilding some of the areas around the village and seeking a suitable site for beekeeping. The school has been provided, by the DFE, a defibrillator but are keen to identify a location close to the school but ideally accessible by the community. The school use the Methodist Chapel for staff parking and would be hugely interested in using the space. The school is actively trying to attract more pupils.

Short mat Bowls Club – The year so far has been fairly successful. They finished third place in the winter league which was an achievement as they only have 10 players at the moment and only 8 play in matches. Are trying to recruit new members via posters in the noticeboards. If interested, they meet and play on Mondays at 7pm and Fridays at 2pm in the Community and Recreation Centre.

Women's Institute (WI) – No representation.

Questions from Residents:

No further questions raised.

Community Champion Award

This is a new initiative by the council to recognise individuals in the community who go above and beyond. Members of the public had the opportunity to nominate individuals. The council formed an awards committee who recommended there be two recipients for the award in 2024 for their outstanding contribution to the community. The award was presented to Paul Tamplin and Steve Coom being unable to attend tonight sent a message "I am honoured by the community award and surprised in equal measures! Like many others – we are just "doing stuff" that makes life around us enjoyable and provides us all with a sense of community. Thankyou!" He would receive his award at a later date.

Cllr Yates thanked everyone for attending the Annual Parish Meeting and it closed at 7.52 pm.

Date of next meeting

The next Annual Parish Meeting will be held in 2025 (date time and venue to be confirmed)

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