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Present Cllr Hockin, Cllr Yates, Cllr Simmonds, Cllr Smith, Cllr Peyman, Cllr Anderson, Cllr Bridges & **In Attendance** CCllr Jordan

05.01 Apologies – Cllr Edwards and Cllr Bright.

05.02 Declarations of Interest – Cllr Anderson declared an interest in finance item ‘environment’.

05.03 Public Participation – two members of the public present.

One member raised concern that the area known as the meadow on the Castle site is extremely overgrown and hindered access to the faulty electricity pole that cause a power outage in the village. The council asked if they could access the area, to begin clearing the brambles etc from the resident’s property.

One member asked if the council would reconsider licencing sections of the area to adjoining properties. The original licences were for a peppercorn rent so residents could keep the areas clear and tidy.

The council was asked by a resident if they could replace the recently felled Ash tree with a couple of Oak trees and to reduce a sycamore tree that is shading the area, this would give the Oak trees chance to establish.

The council working group would work closely with the resident to get the area initially cleared and would then consider and determine a short, medium and long-term plan.

One member asked about the water leak on Fore Street. Cllr Yates outlined what had been going on with South West Water (SWW) contractors. Cllr Yates would progress this and the leak on Penally Hill with SWW.

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Cornwall Councillor Report – CCllr Jordan reported the Community Area Partnership (CAP) has set up a police liaison committee. Cllr Jordan meet with residents to discuss the increase in volume and speed of traffic through Slaughterbridge following the A39 road closure through Camelford. He contacted the Police at Launceston and almost every day there is a Police presence, and they are booking drivers. Cllr Jordan reported the unsafe building that is causing the road closure will now be made safe by Cormac with the aim of getting the road reopen sooner than expected. Cornwall Council is considering options for 230 acres of land on the Airport site to help fund the cost of the airport. Cornwall Council have 240 car parks in Cornwall and they intend to change 30 of them to be monitored by a business which will keep any parking fines but Cornwall Council continue to get the parking revenue.

05.04 Planning – To consider planning applications received

Application	PA24/02423
Proposal	Listed Building Consent for the Retrospective alterations/replacement windows, replacement roof skylights and re roofing the cottage.
Location	May Cottage Fore Street Boscastle Cornwall PL35 0AU

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

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Application	PA24/04254
Proposal	Garden room extension to dwelling and detached garage.
Location	Penally House Penally Hill Boscastle Cornwall PL35 0HQ

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

Application	PA24/04255
Proposal	Listed Building Consent for garden room extension to dwelling and detached garage.
Location	Penally House Penally Hill Boscastle Cornwall PL35 0HQ

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

05.05 To consider other planning applications received by time of meeting.

The clerk advised none had been received.

05.06 Planning Decisions: as listed (see website)

05.07 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2024 – Cllr Anderson proposed, the minutes be accepted as a true record. Seconded by Cllr Smith. All in favour. Cllr Bridges abstained not at meeting.

05.08 Matters to Report (only) from previous meetings minutes – The clerk reported he had reported the poor state of the reinstated pavement in Langfords Meadows, and was advised by the highway officer that it was now in a better state than before the work started. Cllr Yates reported he had contacted the surgery regarding the bench maintenance and the clerk had forwarded the contact details of the person who would fund the maintenance work to the surgery manager

05.09 Finance

Cllr Anderson left the meeting

Category	Sub Category	Amount	For
Administration	Staff Costs	£1074.90	Salary (June)
Administration	Staff Costs	£164.17	Expenses (June)
Administration	Environment	£200.00	June
Administration	Village Hall	£28.00	Hall Hire 8th Feb & 9 th May
Administration	Comm. Centre	£10.00	Hall Hire
Loan	PWLB	£940.29	Repayment

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Cllr Yates asked the clerk to detail the expenses incurred in June. Cllr Yates proposed that the council approve the amounts as listed for payment. Seconded by Cllr Simmonds. All in favour. Cllr Anderson rejoined the meeting.

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

Clerk to rebrand the Cornwall Council highways standard letter issued to property owners when hedges, shrubs and trees etc, impede the highway.

Request to plant lavender on an allotment was considered acceptable. Clerk to advise requester.

Cllr Yates explained the reason for his emails/letters regarding the loss of copper telephony and the effect the recent power outage had on telephone communication in that both landline and mobile systems failed due to lack of electricity. Also the concern regarding the dedicated Emergency service communication system 'Airwave' being resilient in the area. The council supported Cllr Yates in continuing to highlight this issue to a wider audience.

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05.11 Reports

Cornwall Councillor Report – See item after 05.03.

Chairmans Report – Cllr Hockin reported the graveyard at Forrabury has not been cut recently and a resident has complained to him about the state of the church graveyard. The person who cuts it is incapacitated at present. Clerk to write to the vicar expressing the council's concerns. Cllr Hockin reported the speed sign from Penally Hill has been temporarily relocated to Slaughterbridge.

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Parish Clerk Report – the clerk reported the death of the wife of a previous Councillor. The Council asked the clerk to send their condolences.

05.12 Items from previous meeting

Highways –

Pedestrian Routes – Cllr Yates reported he had been to each post location with a representative from Cornwall Council Highways. They had produced a package for the work which had been circulated to councillors for their comments. Highways will install the post free of charge.

Cllr Simmonds reported from the recent councillor surgery a resident raised concerns that exiting Gunpool Lane is unsafe, it is used by school children and in effect it is a five road junction with overgrown hedges etc. Cllr Simmonds has reported it, and it is to be inspected and progressed with a short term and long term plan by highways.

Cllr Peyman reported the road surface at Newbridge is poor and someone has written rude graffiti on the road. Cllr Yates said he would contact his contact at highways.

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Slaughterbridge – Nothing further to report see item 05.11 Chairmans Report.

Play Area –

Monthly inspection – Cllr Bridges and Cllr Peyman reported the seats on the seesaw still need replacing and would chase up, the matting under the swings is due to be repaired. The recent inspection identified some soft wood on the large multi-play equipment. They are considering locations for seating and benches.

Car Park

Working Group report – Cllr Yates reported Cormac had given the car park another tidying up. Difficult to do much about the car park maintenance at this time of year but nothing stopping this council from continuing to raise the issues with Cornwall Council for later in the year.

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Additional Car Parking – Cllr Simmonds identified an area on the left of the grassed section of the car park that could accommodate additional parking, the area has a wire fence that was put in place until a natural boundary established itself, the council could consider clearing the area so the space available is more obvious. The council to pursue ahead of next season additional temporary parking (a walker's car park) at the top of the village.

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Castle Site

Monumental project – Cllr Simmonds reported the project has taken on two additional sites, yet our Bottreaux Castle Site seems to have been forgotten. He asked the project about the lack of communication regarding the Bottreaux site and their response was it remains a flagship site and is important, Cllr Simmonds would continue to seek feedback on the discovery day and action regarding the promises made early in the project and at the discovery day.

Land Boundaries – The working group would look at the potential of offering licences to neighbouring properties and report back on the practicality and legal implications.

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Monthly inspection – Cllr Simmonds reported all is looking really good, had spoken with the grass cutting contractors who were happy with how things are going. At time of inspection the waste bin was empty.

Boscastle Flood – This year is the twentieth anniversary of the flood and the Parish Council along with the Boscastle Chamber of Trade and Commerce have produce a joint statement which will be published early in August.

Annual Parish Meeting – Cllr Hockin reported he had asked a number of similar councils how their APMs were attended, and it is apparent these events are not well attended. The council believe these could be used to ask the public what is important to them and what they think should be the future priorities of this council. Cllr Hockin and Cllr Smith to consider possible restructuring ideas for the APM.

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Communication

Councillor Surgeries – Cllr Simmonds and Yates held a surgery on 2nd July between 12noon and 1pm in the community centre. One member of the public attended and the discussion and issues raised were valid and prompted the council to instigate action.

Boscastle Village Archive – Cllr Simmonds reported the Boscastle Village Archives (BVA) had been hoping to have another event to coincide with twentieth anniversary of the flood. But the venue they used last time will not be available, and they continue to review their options.

Works around the Village – Cllr Hockin reported hedge between the toilet block and the shops has been trimmed. Cllr Yates raised concern that the lack of de weeding of the pavements and sides of the road particularly in the higher populated areas is making the area look tatty and untidy. Cllr Yates proposed the council arrange for the areas (to be specified in a works specification) to be de weeded up to the value of £500. Seconded by Cllr Smith. All in favour.

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Council Documentation Review – nothing further.

05.13 Items since last meeting –

Councillor Vacancy – clerk to report back on the co-option process at next meeting.

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The chair asked due to the vacant street warden role this be discussed as urgent business. Cllr Simmonds proposed the council go into closed session. Seconded by Cllr Smith. All in favour. The council discussed the future of the role and what else is required around the village. The council are considering the use of contracts for specific tasks as and when required. To enable this a list of approved contractors is to be compiled.

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Cllr Simmonds proposed the council come out of closed session. Seconded by Cllr Smith. All in favour.

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05.14 Agenda items for next meeting

Highways

Pedestrian Routes – *progress update*

Slaughterbridge –

Traffic speed

Street Lighting – *switch off timings*

Play Area –

Monthly inspection report and equipment update

Car Park

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

Additional Car Parking

Motorcycle Parking – *to make parking getting out easier*

Castle Site

Monumental project - *update*

Land Boundaries – *the meadow*

Monthly Inspection – *report*

Meadows Area – *neighbouring property licences?*

Boscastle Flood – *20th Anniversary*

Annual Parish Meeting – *review format for next year*

Communication - *Comms Group update*

Boscastle Village Archive - *report*

Works around the village

Council Documentation Review

Approved contractors

Councillor Vacancy – *co-option*

With no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.03pm

Date of next monthly meeting Thursday 8th August 2024 in the Village Hall