

**Minutes 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

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**Present** Cllr Hockin, Cllr Yates, Cllr Peyman, Cllr Edwards, Cllr Simmonds, Cllr Anderson.  
**In attendance** CCllr Jordan

**13.01 Apologies** – Cllr Smith and Cllr Bridges

**13.02 Declarations of Interest** –

Cllr Anderson declared an interest in finance item '*environment*'.

Cllr Yates declared an interest in agenda item Car Park – Toilets, he is a member of the Boscastle Community Interest Company (CIC) and owns a business that could be impacted on. He requested dispensation to speak but not to vote. Cllr Simmonds proposed the dispensation be granted. Seconded by Cllr Peyman. All in favour. Cllrs Edwards, Yates and Hockin abstained.

Cllr Hockin declared an interest in agenda item Car Park – Toilets, he is a member of the CIC. He requested dispensation to speak and vote. Cllr Simmonds proposed the dispensation be granted. Seconded by Cllr Peyman. 3 in favour. Cllrs Edwards, Yates and Hockin abstained.

Cllr Edwards declared an interest in agenda item Car Park – Toilets, she is a member of the CIC. She requested dispensation to speak and vote. Cllr Simmonds proposed the dispensation be granted. Seconded by Cllr Peyman. 3 in favour. Cllrs Edwards, Yates and Hockin abstained.

**Cornwall Councillor Report** – CCllr Jordan reported the media reports that Cornwall Council are selling off car parks is incorrect, they intend to get another body to manage them whilst retaining ownership and overall responsibility. The Airport is also creating rumours about the future of the nearby land owned by Cornwall Council. Instead of having 600 acres of land doing nothing they are considering leasing the land out. Cllr Jordan said he had a small amount left in his community chest so if there are any small projects this could go towards let him know. The Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) of which Cornwall Council expects to get £47million has not yet been released by the government.

**Devon and Cornwall Police**

Inspector Greg Hodgkiss and PC Michael Lenehan of Devon and Cornwall Police attended the Forrabury and Minster Parish Council meeting to discuss policing in Boscastle and the surrounding area. The meeting provided an opportunity for the Police to share their priorities, present crime statistics, and listen to concerns raised by Councillors and members of the public.

The Police shared that 79 crimes have been reported in the PL35 area since January 2021. These include 19 assaults, 14 cases of criminal damage, 9 thefts, and other offences. Despite these figures, it became clear during the meeting that many crimes, particularly anti-social behaviour and vandalism, are not being reported. Public feedback highlighted that this under-reporting is often due to concerns that policing resources are better spent on more serious offences, or fears of becoming a target for further crime.

Residents are encouraged to use the appropriate reporting channels, including 101 for non-emergencies, online reporting tools, or 999 for emergencies.

**13.03 Public Participation** – 3 members of the public present.

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Two members of the public brought to the council's attention that between 10.30pm on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> and 3pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January their Christmas tree light cable had been cut. They had also received a series of anti-social visits to their property. This has been reported to the police.

### 13.04 Planning – To consider planning applications received - None Received

### 13.05 To consider other planning applications received by time of meeting.

Clerk reported two applications received, one yesterday PA24/09813 and one this afternoon PA25/00135.

Cllr Yates proposed these applications be deferred to another meeting. Seconded by Cllr Edwards. All in favour.

### 13.06 Planning Decisions: as listed ([see website](#))

### 13.07 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 – Cllr Yates proposed, the minutes be accepted as a true record. Seconded by Cllr Simmonds. All in favour.

Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Cllr Simmonds proposed, the minutes be accepted as a true record. Seconded by Cllr Yates. All in favour.

Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Cllr Yates identified that the proposal to go to closed session was after the agenda item title. Clerk to adjust for clarity.

PC

### 13.08 Matters to Report (only) from previous meetings minutes – nothing further

### 13.09 Finance

Cllr Anderson left the meeting.

| Category       | Sub Category   | Amount   | For                                               |
|----------------|----------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Administration | Staff Costs    | £1109.78 | Salary (Dec)                                      |
| Administration | Staff Costs    | £56.92   | Expenses (Dec)                                    |
| Administration | Community Hall | £14.00   | Hall Hire 19 <sup>th</sup> December               |
| Administration | Village Hall   | £28.00   | Hall Hire 14 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov |
| Administration | Environment    | £180.00  | December                                          |
|                |                |          |                                                   |

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

Cllr Anderson rejoined the meeting.

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

### 13.11 Reports

Cornwall Councillor Report – see agenda item 13.02 above.

Chairmans Report – Cllr Hockin had nothing further to report.

Parish Clerk Report – Clerk reported the council need to determine a date for the annual staffing meeting in 2025. Confirmed as 24<sup>th</sup> April. Clerk to get a quote for grass cutting from the current contractor for this year.

PC

Adrian Prescott (Clerk)

Signed Chairman.....

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### 13.12 Items from previous meeting

**Neighbourhood Policing** – Cllr Yates expressed thanks to the Police Officers who attended this evening and suggested the council draft a separate communication brief to summarise the discussions held.

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**Car Park – Toilets** – Cllr Yates advised there is a meeting with Cornwall Council, Boscastle Community Interest Company, Parish Council and Cornwall Councillors Jordan and Mould on Saturday to discuss the situation.

### **Highways –**

**Slaughterbridge** – Cllr Hockin asked if the post could be relocated to enable the unit to operate on solar power. Cllr Hockin to identify possible sites on a map to facilitate a move request. The unit at Mount Pleasant has been hit a couple of times and so at same time request a swan neck post.

FH

**Street Lighting** – Awaiting freedom of information request from Devon and Cornwall Police.

**Tintagel Road – Potters Lane Junction** – nothing further to report.

**Geothermal Power Plant** – nothing further to report.

**Copper telephone network to internet telephone network** – Cllr Yates reported the local MP when speaking to the Defence Select Committee asked whether they believed the mobile masts being battery resilient is part of the national resilience package.

**Play Area – Monthly inspection** – Cllr Peyman reported all looking okay. Will be fitting post caps to the parallel bars soon.

Cllr Bridges had obtained two quotes for a picnic table with seating and a bench seat. Both a similar price. Cllr Simmonds proposed the council purchase the round table and bench at £1591. Seconded by Cllr Yates.

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Clerk asked to apply to CCllr Jordan for a community chest grant of £450 towards the cost.

PC

**North Cornwall Community Area Partnership** – nothing further to report.

### **Castle Site**

**Monumental project** – Cllr Simmonds reported the meeting arranged with the Monumental Project Team Manager was postponed and is hopeful it will happen soon.

**Monthly inspection** – Cllr Simmonds reported the two trees, which fell during storm Darragh, have been removed. The day after their removal the EA inspected the area and suggested a large tree had come down and been blown 75yds. A tree had fallen from Tremorvah across the watercourse onto National Trust (NT) land and two trees have fallen from NT land onto the castle site.

**Meadow Area** – Cllr Simmonds is keen for the council to get access to the area from their own land and will begin trying to identify a suitable route.

**Community Award** – Clerk reported two nominations received. Cllr Yates agreed to draft a social media release to encourage nominations for consideration at the meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> January. With winner announced and presentations at the Annual Parish Meeting.

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**Mayor of Marazion** – *planning – support for a no confidence motion?* Defer to next meeting

**Annual Parish Meeting** – to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> March.

**Communication** – Cllr Peyman reported he had received emails before Christmas purporting to have come from Cllr Hockin which are spam/fraudulent, and felt the council email provider should be doing more to prevent these types of email getting through. Cllr Yates to ask email provider what more could be done.

RY

**Works around the Village** – Cllr Hockin reported the contractor is due at Paradise Triangle on 21<sup>st</sup> January to finish trimming shrubs and trees.

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**Playing Field** – Dog Fouling - The clerk has written (email) to the secretary of the football club about dogs on the playing field and dog fouling. But to date no response. Clerk asked to chase this up. Cllr Edwards reported there is an increase in dog fouling around the top of the village.

**Council Documentation Review** – Financial Regulations adjusted to include Play Area and Castle site work group with delegated authority.

**Clerk Appraisal** – Cllr Hockin reported he had received the councillors feedback from all but Cllr Bridges and Cllr Smith. The Clerk had also submitted their feedback.

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### 13.13 Items since last meeting –

**Co-Option** – Advert to be published with applications returned by 27<sup>th</sup> January for consideration at meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> January.

### 13.14 Agenda items for next meeting

Neighbourhood policing

Car Park – *Toilets*

Highways

Slaughterbridge – *Traffic speed*

Street Lighting – *switch off timings*

Tintagel Road -Potters Lane Junction – *cones*

Geothermal Power Plant – *Slaughter Bridge*

Copper telephone network to internet telephone network

Play Area –

Monthly inspection - *report and equipment update*

North Cornwall Community Area Partnership – *Action Plan*

Castle Site

Monumental project - *update*

Monthly Inspection – *report*

Meadow Area – *access*

Community Award

Mayor of Marazion – *planning – support for a no confidence motion?*

Annual Parish Meeting – *review format for next year*

Works around the village

*Paradise Triangle*

Playing Field – dog fouling

Council Documentation Review

Clerk Appraisal

Grass Cutting

With no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.59pm

**Date of next monthly meeting Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025 in the Village Hall**