

Annual Parish Meeting Motion

27th March 2025

Introduction

The Annual Parish Meeting is distinct from the Parish Council and serves as a forum for all electors of Forrabury & Minster Parish to discuss matters of local interest. Unlike Parish Council meetings, where non-councillors have no automatic right to speak during proceedings, this meeting allows electors to attend, speak, and vote.

Item for Discussion and Voting

The Parish Council has received numerous representations – via meetings, letters, and emails – concerning the potential closure of the public toilets in Boscastle's car park.

These facilities, costing over £19,000 annually to operate, have been leased and maintained by Boscastle Community Interest Company (CIC) since 2013. This arrangement followed Cornwall Council's withdrawal from managing the toilets, at which point an agreement was made for Cornwall Council to transfer £12,000 annually from the additional levy on the first hour of car park charges to support their operation. The remaining costs have been covered through the entry system.

Cornwall Council has now withdrawn this levy with immediate effect, placing the future of these essential facilities at risk. To prevent imminent closure, the Parish Council has allocated up to £12,000 in its 2025/26 budget from the council tax precept. This equates to an annual charge of **£22.46 per Band D household** in the parish.

Proposed Action Plan

1. **Immediate Budget Provision** – Allocate up to £12,000 in the 2025/26 parish budget to subsidise the car park toilets, equivalent to **£22.46 per Band D household**.
2. **Collaboration & Fundraising** – Work with Boscastle Community Interest Company and local businesses to secure additional funding.
3. **Advocacy with Cornwall Council** – Continue pressing Cornwall Council to reinstate the levy and engage with the new administration following the May 2025 elections.
4. **Long-term Funding Strategy** – Ensure ongoing viability by incorporating an annual car park toilet subsidy into future council tax precepts.

Voting

Parish residents are invited to speak and vote on this motion during the Annual Parish Meeting.