



Annual Report

March 27

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Forrabury & Minster Parish Council

Parish Council
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Introduction

The past year has been a productive and collaborative period for Forrabury and Minster Parish Council, filled with positive progress on various projects and initiatives that continue to enhance our community. This report highlights key topics discussed, achievements made, and ongoing priorities that reflect our shared commitment to making our parish an even better place to live, work, and visit.

Key Topics and Achievements

1. Planning and Development

The Council provided detailed and thoughtful feedback on several planning applications, ensuring that developments remain sympathetic to the unique character of our village. Notably, we supported projects that contribute positively to the area, such as the approval of enhancements to local buildings and the careful consideration of listed structures to preserve heritage.

2. Play Area Improvements

Significant strides have been made in maintaining and upgrading the play area, including repairing the seesaw, replacing swing matting, and ongoing discussions about new seating options. These upgrades ensure the space remains safe and enjoyable for families and children.

3. Castle Site and Meadow Area

The Castle site continues to be a focus of care, with regular inspections and maintenance carried out to preserve its historic value. The meadow area has been carefully cleared to encourage biodiversity while considering wildlife such as hedgehogs. A collaborative approach with local residents has resulted in enhanced accessibility and improved management.

4. Highways and Traffic Management

Several expressions of interest for highway improvements have been submitted to Cornwall Council, including new pedestrian routes, speed sign installations, and the addition of traffic calming measures. Notable progress includes the installation of pedestrian signage in key areas and the ongoing monitoring of traffic speeds at Slaughterbridge.

5. Community Engagement and Communication

The Council has continued to host Councillor Surgeries, providing opportunities for residents to share their views and raise concerns. While attendance has varied, the initiative highlights our commitment to open and transparent communication. Additionally, updates on key topics such as street lighting, car parking, and community projects have been shared regularly.

6. 20th Anniversary of the Boscastle Flood

The Parish Council, in collaboration with the Boscastle Chamber of Trade and Commerce, marked this significant anniversary with a joint statement reflecting on the resilience and progress of our community since the flood. It was an opportunity to honour the past while looking toward the future.

7. Environmental Stewardship

Maintenance of green spaces has been a priority, with actions taken to address overgrown vegetation, improve waste management, and enhance the appearance of public areas. The Council supported biodiversity efforts at Paradise Triangle,

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embracing suggestions to expand wildflower zones and promote sustainable practices.

8. **Boscastle Community Interest Company (CIC) Partnership**

The Council has worked closely with the CIC to address key issues such as the management of the public toilets and car park. While challenges remain, the ongoing collaboration highlights our shared dedication to community facilities and services.

Looking Ahead

The Council remains committed to progressing initiatives that support the well-being and development of the parish. Key priorities for the coming year include:

- Continuing improvements to the play area and exploring additional recreational facilities.
- Advocating for improved street lighting and road safety measures.
- Supporting sustainable energy discussions, including the geothermal power plant planning application.
- Enhancing community engagement through better communication and inclusive events.

Conclusion

This year has shown the strength and resilience of our community. Together, we have achieved meaningful progress while laying the groundwork for future initiatives. On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank all councillors, residents, and partners for their contributions and dedication to making our parish a vibrant and thriving place.

Let's look forward to another year of collaboration and success!

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Annual accounts (see attached sheet)

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Annual Accounts

Income	2023 - 24	2024-25
Agency	£1,239	£1,274
Investment	£419	£670
Other	£539	£93
Precept	£40,242	£42,000
Allotment	£175	£175
VAT refund	£4,561	£7,167
Community Infrastructure Levy	£23,076	£1,500
	£70,250	£52,879
Outgoings		
Administration	£22,787	£23,385
Agency	£5,000	£3,900
Bank Charges	£0	£0
Capital spend	£459	£0
Churchyard	£1,000	£1,000
Loan repayments	£1,881	£1,881
Parks & Open spaces	£6,355	£4,645
Section 137	£775	£630
Projects	£41,498	£2,088
	£79,755	£37,529
Income less Outgoings	-£9,506	£15,350