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

11.01 Apologies –Cllr Smith

11.02 Declarations of Interest –

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

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

Cllr Hockin declared an interest in agenda item Boscastle Community Interest Company (CIC) – 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 Bridges. 4 in favour 3 abstentions.

Cllr Edwards declared an interest in agenda item Boscastle Community Interest Company (CIC) – 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 Bridges. 4 in favour 3 abstentions.

11.03 Public Participation – 20 members of the public present.

Most members of the public attended to express their concerns over Cornwall Councils decision to remove the levy they have been paying the CIC since 2013 to support the Boscastle Toilet. A statement from a director of the CIC was read out.

A member of the public read out the main concerns if the toilets were to close. Other members of the public spoke about the impact any closure of the toilets would have on the Village.

Cornwall Councillor Report –CCllr Jordan reported the Cornwall Council officers had made the decision to remove the levies applied to several car parks in Cornwall, but Cornwall councillors were not consulted. Cllr Jordan has been advised that the increase from the double council tax on second homes would cover this levy (which he understands will not) and Parish and Town councils should increase their precept to keep facilities open. The Cornwall Council off street parking order is open for consultation.

Cllr Yates proposed agenda item 'Boscastle Community Interest Company – Toilets' be brought forward. Seconded by Cllr Simmonds. All in favour.

Boscastle Community Interest Company – Toilets Cllr Yates reported over the last nine years the toilets had been used by an average of 60,000 people per year. The CIC received notice of the withdrawal of the levy on 21st November 2024 indicating the CIC or a n other fund and run the toilets. If that does not happen the toilets will close, and Cornwall Council will sell the building. The CIC has made numerous attempts to discuss the impact of this decision with Cornwall Council but have been constantly rebuffed. Cllr Hockin asked the public what they thought if the precept was increased to keep the toilets open. Increasing toilet charges could also be considered. A consultation for the Off-Street Parking Order 2025 has started, confidence of this meeting attendees as to whether Cornwall Council will take on board any comments is negligible.

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Cllr Simmonds proposed the council hold an emergency meeting to consider this and possible routes of funding on Thursday 19th December in the Boscastle Community & Recreation Centre. Seconded by Cllr Hockin

11.04 Planning – To consider planning applications received - None Received

11.05 To consider other planning applications received by time of meeting. None

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

11.07 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2024 – Cllr Simmonds proposed, the minutes be accepted as a true record. Seconded by Cllr Bridges. All in favour.

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2024 – Cllr Simmonds proposed, defer until after the emergency meeting on 19th December. Seconded by Cllr Bridges. All in favour.

11.08 Matters to Report (only) from previous meetings minutes –

Cllr Yates asked the clerk to report on approved contractors.

Cllr Simmonds stated the Member of Parliament has been invited to the Annual Parish Meeting, but no reply received to date. Cllr Simmonds identified in the Financial Regulation the delegated authority for work groups was un-clear. Cllr Simmonds proposed the item be reworded. Seconded by Cllr Yates. All in favour. PC

11.09 Finance

Cllr Anderson left the meeting.

Category	Sub Category	Amount	For
Administration	Staff Costs	£1351.78	Salary (Nov)
Administration	Staff Costs	£78.70	Expenses (Nov)
Administration	HMRC	£998.54	Tax & NI
Administration	Village Hall	£14.00	Hall Hire 10 th October
Projects	Community	£192.00	Extra Finger Sign
Administration	Environment	£200.00	November
Open Spaces	Castle Site Maint.	£95.00	Tree clearance (Darragh)
Open Spaces	Castle Site Maint.	£1960.00	Annual Maintenance
Open Spaces	Play Area Maint.	£150.00	Seesaw matting
Administration	Inf. Comm. Office	£40.00	ICO annual Fee

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.

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

The clerk reported the council had received over 40 emails from residents, businesses and visitors raising their concern over the possible closure of the car park public toilets.

Clerk to reply to email regarding use of geographical survey images suggesting the sender contact monumental improvement project as it is believed they own the rights. PC

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11.11 Reports

Chairmans Report – Cllr Hockin had nothing further to report.

Cornwall Councillor Report – see agenda item 11.03 above.

Parish Clerk Report – Clerk reported the council need to determine a date for the annual staffing meeting in 2025. The list of potential approved contractors would benefit from a record of their public liability certificate, when obtained along with its expiry date. Clerk to progress this.

PC

11.12 Items from previous meeting

Highways –

Slaughterbridge – Cllr Hockin advised he would liaise with the clerk to set up data capture.

FH

Street Lighting – The response from Cornwall Council is that crime figures are low and they will not consider any changes to the current on/off set up. Cllr Yates has responded asking for the crime data upon which this decision is based. Cornwall Council response is they can't supply the data, and he should contact Devon and Cornwall police direct. Cllr Yates has drafted a letter to that effect for the clerk to send. Cllr Simmonds proposed the council support the letter. Seconded by Cllr Edwards. All in favour.

RY
PC

Newbridge Road Surface – nothing further to report.

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 asked the council to consider setting up a work group which focuses on civil emergency response such as telephony, flooding and extreme weather conditions etc. The group would have a wide scope to identify vulnerable groups, community spaces, and contingency planning etc. Cllrs Hockin, Peyman, Yates and Simmonds agreed to setup the work group.

Neighbourhood Policing – Cllr Yates has drafted a request for certain information from Devon and Cornwall Police ahead of their attendance at the council meeting in January. Cllr Yates proposed a letter be sent outlining the information required ahead of the meeting. Seconded by Cllr Peyman. All in favour.

PC

Play Area – Monthly inspection – Cllr Peyman reported the inspection found no issues. The matting beneath the seesaw needs another fixing peg he will liaise with the contractor. He has purchased galvanised post caps for the supports of the parallel bars.

Cllr Bridges reported he had a couple of similar quotes re benches and tables. Cllr Bridges would ask for like for like quotes.

NB

Car Park – Cllr Yates reported Cornwall Council is not prepared to devolve the car park to a the Boscastle Community Interest Company (CIC). It will consider devolution to the Parish Council. The councillors felt this should be discussed further at a future meeting.

Castle Site

Monumental project – Cllr Simmonds reported the meeting arranged with the Monumental Project Team Manager was postponed, hopefully it will happen next month.

Monthly inspection – Cllr Simmonds reported he had completed the inspection, and it was all looking good. He redid the inspection following Storm Darragh and three trees have been uprooted, which have been dealt with.

Meadow Area – Cllr Simmonds is keen for the council to get access to the area from their own land.

Community Award – Clerk reported one nomination received.

Annual Parish Meeting – The clerk has sent an invited the local MP but to date no response.

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Communication – Cllr Simmonds had drafted a post for Facebook regarding the fallen trees on the castle site which the clerk posted. Clerk to post a new message to confirm the trees have been dealt with.

PC

Works around the Village - Cllr Hockin reported the contractor will be on Paradise Triangle on 21st January to finish trimming shrubs and trees. Cllr Simmonds has been approached by a person who is prepared to pay for a bench to be located outside Forrabury church grounds by the small gate. Cllr Hockin proposed the council support the idea but the National Trust as landowners need to agree. Seconded by Cllr Edwards. All in favour.

SS

Playing Field – 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.

Council Documentation Review – nothing further.

11.13 Items since last meeting –

Clerk Appraisal – The clerk gave all councillors a hard copy of the clerk appraisal form and councillors asked to return them to the Cllr Hockin by the next meeting on 9th January 2025.

Boscastle Community Interest Company – Toilets – See agenda item 11.03

11.14 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*

Communication - *Comms Group update*

Works around the village

Paradise Triangle

Playing Field – dog fouling

Council Documentation Review

Clerk Appraisal

With no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.07pm

Date of next monthly meeting Thursday 9th January 2025 in the Village Hall

