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

15.01 Apologies –and Cllr Bridges

15.02 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 Peyman proposed the dispensation be granted. Seconded by Cllr Simmonds. 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 Costello. All 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 Smith proposed the dispensation be granted. Seconded by Cllr Peyman. All in favour. Cllrs Edwards, Yates and Hockin abstained.

Cllr Costello declared an interest in agenda item Geothermal Power Plant.

15.03 Public Participation – 9 members of the public present.

One member in attendance to answer any questions regarding planning application PA25/00481. Cllr Costello left the meeting.

One member spoke regarding the Geothermal Power Plant planning application at Slaughterbridge on behalf of the attendees regarding the Secretary of States decision to go along with Cornwall Councils decision not to have an environmental impact assessment done at the site. The group are planning to seek a judicial review of the decision process. Cllr Costello rejoined the meeting.

15.04 Planning – To consider planning applications received - None Received

Application	PA25/00427
Proposal	The removal of existing utility/toilet and erection of a garage/bathroom downstairs and a bedroom in the new roof space upstairs.
Location	4 Potters Lane Boscastle Cornwall PL35 0AW

Cllr Costello proposed the council support this application. Seconded by Cllr Yates. All in favour.

Application	PA25/00481
Proposal	Certificate of lawfulness for existing residential use not in compliance with agricultural requirement/condition.
Location	Trerosewill Barn Gibb Lane Boscastle Cornwall PL35 0BL

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

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

The clerk advised, planning application PA25/00980 had been received. This application is for information only as it will be decided by delegated authority.

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

15.07 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2024 – Cllr Yates proposed, the minutes be accepted as a true record. Seconded by Cllr Edwards. All in favour. Cllrs Smith and Costello abstained not at meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2025 – Cllr Simmonds proposed, the minutes be accepted as a true record. Seconded by Cllr Yates. All in favour. Cllrs Smith and Costello abstained not at meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on 30th January 2025 – Cllr Simmonds proposed, the minutes be accepted as a true record. Seconded by Cllr Peyman. All in favour. Cllr Smith abstained not at meeting.

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

15.09 Finance

Approval of cheques for payment

Cllr Anderson left the meeting.

Category	Sub Category	Amount	For
Administration	Staff Costs	£1109.98	Salary (Jan)
Administration	Staff Costs	£75.90	Expenses (Jan)
Open Spaces	Paradise Triangle	£480.00	Scrub clearance
Administration	Village Hall	£14.00	Hall Hire 12 th December
Administration	Environment	£175.00	January
Agency	Grass Cutting	£1300.00	Cuts 5 and 6
Direct Debit	PWLB	£940.29	Loan Repayment

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

Cllr Anderson rejoined the meeting.

Approval of 2025-26 Budget – Cllr Yates proposed the budget for the year 2025-26 be approved. Seconded by Cllr Edwards. All in favour

Community Chest Grant – The clerk advised CCllr Jordan's Community Chest could only provide £212 of funding towards the play area seating project.

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

15.11 Reports

Cornwall Councillor Report – CCllr Jordan reported he had a request for funding from the local police community club (Police Community Clubs of Great Britain are a group of serving and retired police officers who are passionate about early intervention and youth projects) to help raise primary school children's awareness and comprehension of interaction with others online, cyber-bullying, misuse of gaming & social media and data protection ahead of them moving to next level schooling. Boscastle school has approximately 6 students leaving this year. Cllr Simmonds proposed the council support the request with £100. Seconded by Cllr Yates. All in favour. Cllr Costello abstained as her daughter is one of those moving up.

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Cllr Jordan had listened into the Cornwall Council budget meeting and was surprised that the previous administration had bought land at Langarth near Truro for the stadium, housing and associated community infrastructure, but so far only the stadium has been built. The Council are paying £3million a year in interest on the 50 year loan to buy the land.

Chairmans Report – Cllr Hockin advised councillor if they receive an email claiming to come from me asking you buy something on my behalf, please ignore it. An arm has been broken off the village trail direction post by the playing field.

Parish Clerk Report – Clerk reported the local election due to take place in May the nomination packs for the council will be available for him to collect around the 7th March. He will collect them and pass them onto councillors at the meeting on 13th March.

15.12 Items from previous meeting

Neighbourhood Policing

Anti Social Behaviour – Cllr Edwards is keeping a diary of events around the village and is asking those affected to report instances to the police. Cllr Edwards herself has reported two instances which affected her. A report was also made by a member of the public regarding the damage to the telephone box. Other instances include a house broken into and broken glass spread around Doctors Corner. These issues and others will be raised with the police inspector.

Car Park – Toilets - Cllr Yates reported following the meeting with Cornwall Council, Boscastle Community Interest Company, Parish Council and Cornwall Councillors Jordan and Mould. Cornwall Councillor Carol Mould has confirmed that:

- There is no funding available from Cornwall Council to support public toilet provision.
- The transport department will not reinstate the levy on parking or consider localised management of the car park.
- There are no further updates on future arrangements with no decisions expected before the pre-election period.

With no financial support forthcoming, Boscastle CIC have now launched a public consultation to determine what happens next. An online consultation will run until 12th March 2025 along with an opportunity for a public meeting on 27th March 2025 at the Annual Parish Meeting. It will ask residents, businesses, and visitors to consider options including:

- Increasing the toilet entry charge and/or the Parish Council precept (council tax) to fund ongoing costs.
- Selling community assets, such as the CIC-owned minibus, to cover costs for a limited period.
- Closing the toilets permanently and returning the lease to Cornwall Council.
- Temporarily closing the toilets while further solutions are explored.

Highways –

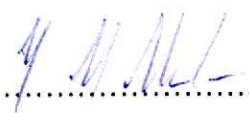
Slaughterbridge – The current location of the radar activated speed sign is preventing its use by solar power as the trees shield the sun. A member of the public in attendance at the meeting owns the trees and agreed to cut them back to facilitate the use of solar energy.

Street Lighting – The freedom of information data received from Devon and Cornwall Police showed similar information to what was presented by Inspector Hodgkiss at the meeting on 9th January. Instances of doorbell ring and other anti-social behaviour have become more prevalent since the street lighting switch off. Cllr Edwards reported similar instance in Camelford and Delabole.

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

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Cllr Costello left the meeting.

Geothermal Power Plant – The councillor thanked those present for the comprehensive presentation given to the meeting under public participation. Cllr Simmonds proposed the council now being aware of the secretary of state's determination reinforce its support for the group trying to get an environmental impact assessment for the site. Seconded by Cllr Smith. All in favour. Cllr Costello re-joined the meeting

Copper telephone network to internet telephone network – It was agreed to amend this agenda item to Civil Emergency and Contingency. Cllr Yates reported a meeting of the Civil Emergency and contingency working group (Cllrs Hockin, Simmonds, Yates and Peyman) would have an initial meeting on 6th March. To consider formulating a community emergency plan (which the removal of the copper telephone network would feature in). Cllr Yates had been contacted by a Cornwall Council community engagement officer who would like to join the group to give assistance with document templates, training and live exercises etc.

Play Area – Monthly inspection – Cllr Peyman reported nothing to report from the inspection. The post caps have been fitted to the parallel bars. Play area working group will arrange purchase of picnic table and bench seat and investigate if there is a need for any bases.

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North Cornwall Community Area Partnership – nothing further to report.

Castle Site

Monumental project – Cllr Simmonds reported the site interpretation has not yet been forthcoming. In the councillor documents there is a proposal for a replacement interpretation board.

Monthly inspection – Cllr Simmonds reported the trees that fell in the storms last year have been cleared however there is one tree that fell from the St Austell brewery side of the watercourse and is resting on a tree on the castle side. Clerk to contact St Austell brewery to let them know the Parish Council can arrange its clearance for £150.

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Meadow Area – Cllr Simmonds has identified and shared with councillors a potential route to the area. Cllr Yates proposed the Castle site working group further develop an access route.

Seconded by Cllr Smith. All in favour. Cllr Costello agreed to join the Castle site working group.

Memorial Bench (from Correspondence) The council felt rather than a bench a picnic table with seating would be more appropriate. Clerk to check with correspondent that would be acceptable.

PC

Mayor of Marazion – *planning – support for a no confidence motion?* The council discussed the issue and outlined a number of occasions where building work has been undertaken without planning permission, but no enforcement has been seen to take place. Cllr Yates proposed the council support the motion as shown in the correspondence from Marazion Town Council. Seconded by Cllr Peyman. All in favour. Cllr Costello abstained. Cllr Yates agreed to draft a statement for council approval and publication to show the community that the parish Council is supporting another local council in frustration with the Cornwall Council planning department.

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Community Award – Cllr Edwards reported the community award working group had discussed each nomination at length and recommend the Parish Council make two awards this year. Cllr Smith proposed the council accept the recommendation of two awards. Seconded by Cllr Peyman. All in favour.

Annual Parish Meeting – to be held on 27th March.

Communication – Cllr Simmonds reported the working group had produced the agenda and motion for the Annual Parish Meeting.

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Works around the Village - Cllr Hockin reported the works on the right-hand side have been finished. He has some wildflower seed and together with a local resident will sow. Work has started on the left-hand side with some shrub pruning and time to do the work is pressing ahead of the bird nesting season.

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 to chase this up.

Council Documentation Review – Nothing further

Clerk Appraisal – Cllr Hockin reported the Parish Council staffing group will be meeting in March.

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15.13 Items since last meeting –

Elections – The clerk advised he will be able to collect nomination packs for the councillors after 7th March and would pass them out at the Parish Council meeting on 13th March. Nomination papers must be returned (not to the Clerk) by 4pm on Wednesday 2nd April.

Foodbank – Cllr Anderson would like to make councillors aware of the foodbank in Tintagel which is a charity and relies on donations and any money it can raise itself. It serves a wide area including Boscastle. Cllr Anderson asked if the Parish Council could make a donation. Cllr Smith advised the most appropriate route, to ensure transparency, would be for the organisation to email a request the clerk for council consideration.

Maintenance work: Clover Lane close etc - Cllr Yates reported he had provide the council with a works specification and a quote for the work to remove weeds from the pavement edges in and around Clover Lane Close. Cllr Simmonds proposed the council accept the quote and get the work completed. Seconded by Cllr Peyman. All in favour.

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15.14 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*

Civil Emergency and Contingency

Play Area –

Monthly inspection - *report and equipment update*

Castle Site

Monumental project - *update*

Monthly Inspection – *report*

Meadow Area – *access*

Community Award

Elections – *nomination packs and dates*

Communication

Mayor of Marazion – *draft statement for publishing*

Annual Parish Meeting – *seating plan, speakers etc.*

Works around the village

Paradise Triangle

Playing Field – dog fouling

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Council Documentation Review
Clerk Appraisalment
Grass Cutting

With no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.09pm

Date of next monthly meeting Thursday 13th March 2025 in the Village Hall