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

16.01 Apologies – Cllr Edwards

16.02 Declarations of Interest –

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

Cllr Anderson declared an interest in agenda item Playing Field – *Dog fouling*

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

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 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 Costello proposed the dispensation be granted. Seconded by Cllr Smith. All in favour. Cllrs Yates and Hockin abstained.

16.03 Public Participation – no members of the public present.

Cornwall Councillor Report – CCllr Jordan reported he had little to report as the council is now in pre-election period. He has however been copied in on a letter from The Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government regarding the planning and infrastructure bill in which it indicates statutory consultees will only be contacted where absolutely necessary. He will copy to the clerk for circulation.

16.04 Planning – To consider planning applications received - None Received

16.05 To consider other planning applications received by time of meeting. -

The clerk advised, a revision to planning application PA23/10067 had been received 48hrs ago. Cllr Yates proposed the council defer a decision on this to give the public an opportunity to voice their comments. Seconded by Cllr Simmonds. Cllr Costello abstained. Clerk to seek a time extension.

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

16.07 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2025 – Cllr Simmonds proposed, the minutes be accepted as a true record. Seconded by Cllr Smith. All in favour. Cllr Bridges abstained not at meeting.

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

16.09 Finance

Approval of cheques for payment

Cllr Anderson left the meeting.

Category	Sub Category	Amount	For
Administration	Staff Costs	£1109.78	Salary (Feb)

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Administration	Staff Costs	£149.36	Expenses (Feb)
Administration	HMRC	£925.87	Tax & NI
Administration	Village Hall	£28.00	Hall Hire 9 th & 30 th January
Administration	Environment	£175.00	February
Administration	National Trust	£105.18	Playing Field rent
Section 37	Police Com. Club	£100.00	School leavers support

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.

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

Memorial bench request – the council agreed the best location is on the top of the castle site mound where the existing damaged bench is currently. Cllr Simmonds proposed the existing bench be removed and replaced by a picnic table as previously communicated. Seconded by Cllr Yates. 7 in favour, 1 against.

Castle Site interpretation (Monumental Improvement Project) open day proposed for 29th May. The council feel an event during term time will be of more benefit to the children as it could be included in their curriculum. Clerk to seek a change of date.

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16.11 Reports

Chairmans Report – Cllr Hockin reported the rain water runoff coming down Old Road has eroded the entrance into the allotments and has made it dangerous to use. Clerk to ask a contractor if they can repair/replace the steps. Cllr Smith happy to supply kerb stone.

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Parish Clerk Report – nothing further to report.

16.12 Items from previous meeting

Neighbourhood Policing

Anti Social Behaviour – Cllr Yates reported the toilets have been vandalised which has been reported to the police who are dealing with the individuals concerned. The Parish Council noticeboard outside the doctor's surgery has broken glass in one of the doors. Unsure how this occurred it could be an air gun pellet or stone clipped up by a vehicle from the road. Clerk to arrange repair.

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Car Park – Toilets – Cllr Yates reported that the CIC (Boscastle Community Interest Company) got notification from Cornwall Council following their budget approval, that no funding would be available for Boscastle Car Park toilets. Cllr Yates attended Cornwall Council budget meeting in order to ask the portfolio holder a question when he arrived the portfolio holder was waiting for him and wanted to know how this whole situation came about. He asked to meet up again but has not been in contact due to the pre-election period. The CIC consultation has ended with approximately 250 responses.

Highways –

Slaughterbridge – Cllr Hockin reported the trees around the speed sign have been cut back, he will arrange removing the solar panel from Penally Hill and refitting it at Slaughterbridge.

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Street Lighting – the council discussed street lighting and their perception is more anti social behaviour is occurring due to the overnight switch off. Cllr Costello reported she had been asked about more street lighting in Gunpool Lane.

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Tintagel Road – Potters Lane Junction – Cllr Yates has identified suitable cones as a temporary measure. Clerk to order 6 cones.

Geothermal Power Plant – Nothing further – Planning application PA23/10067 for discussion/consideration at next meeting.

Civil Emergency and Contingency – the working group met last week and all councillors have a copy of the presentation along with an initial draft of risk assessment, community resources and key contacts.

Play Area – Monthly inspection – Cllr Peyman reported nothing to report from the inspection. The working group have ordered the picnic table and bench, and have obtained a price for bases, for concrete around £440 and rubber matting £340. Agreed to get the bench and picnic table before determining if bases are required.

Castle Site

Monumental project – Cllr Simmonds reported the site meeting planned for December has not been rescheduled by the Monumental Improvement team. Cllr Simmonds is awaiting to hear about what they have learnt over the last few years because they want to provide content for a new interpretation board which they will pay for and install.

Monthly inspection – Cllr Simmonds reported everything is looking pretty good the tree that was causing concern as it was leaning over the river and resting on another tree has been removed by St Austell Brewery.

Meadow Area – Cllr Simmonds and Cllr Costello had to remove some branches which appear to have been placed across and access point to the meadow.

Community Award – The award plaques have been ordered and will be collected on 17th March. Cllr Yates offered to draft a few words to introduce the award section of the Annual Parish Meeting on 27th March.

Elections – Clerk gave each councillor a nomination pack.

Communication – Mayor of Marazion – Parish Council statement to be published with a short version for social media linking to the full statement.

Annual Parish Meeting – to be held on 27th March using an auditorium setting with councillors within the audience.

Works around the Village – Cllr Hockin reported the works have stopped now due to the bird nesting season. Cllr Yates reported the work to clear the weeds from pavement edges and gutters in upper village has started.

Playing Field – Dog Fouling - The clerk advised that the football club secretary had found the email the Parish Council sent and it would be on the agenda for their next meeting.

Cllr Anderson left the meeting.

Cllr Hockin reported while attending the football game recently were an altercation occurred between a member of the football club and the Parish Council environment officer. The football club member indicated they did not require the environment officer to check the field before games. The environment officer has made a point of checking the football field before games to check and pick up any dog fouling. One member of the club brings their dog along to games as a mascot which makes keeping dogs off the playing field somewhat difficult. Cllr Smith proposed the council stop the environment officer patrolling the playing field and write to the football club advising them that the action of one of their members has implied they will now take over full responsibility for dog fouling on the playing field. Seconded by Cllr Peyman. All in favour.

Cllr Anderson rejoined the meeting.

Council Documentation Review – Nothing further

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Clerk Appraisalment – Cllr Hockin reported the Parish Council staffing group will be meeting on Monday.

Grass Cutting – The Clerk advised he had received a price per cut from the contractor. Which shows an increase per cut of 8%. Cllr Peyman proposed the council continue with the contractor as they make a very good job of keeping the verges etc. tidy. Seconded by Cllr Anderson. All in favour. Cllr Hockin advised he had sown some wildflower seed on Paradise Triangle.

16.13 Items since last meeting –

Riverside Walk – *Seating* – Cllr Costello asked why there is no seating on the Riverside Walk, when from memory she remembers the original proposed plan, following the flood, for this area to be made attractive with seating. Cllr Costello will seek to contact the National Trust ranger to get an idea of their view.

VE Day Celebration – Cllr Simmonds asked if there is anything the council wanted to do or encourage/support other activities.

16.14 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

Village and Valley Trail

Play Area –

Monthly inspection - *report and equipment update*

Castle Site

Monumental project - *update*

Monthly Inspection – *report*

Meadow Area – *access*

Communication

Annual Parish Meeting – *review*.

Works around the village - *Riverside Walk*

Recognition of Councillors service (May 2021 – May 2025)

Playing Field – dog fouling

Council Documentation Review

Clerk Appraisalment

Grass Cutting

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With no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.04pm

Date of next monthly meeting Thursday 10th April 2025 in the Village Hall

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Signed Chairman. 