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

01.01 Apologies – none

01.02 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 Anderson declared an interest in *correspondence item Grant request*.

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

01.03 Public Participation – two members of the public present.

One member of the public introduced themselves and advised that they would soon be submitting a planning application to Cornwall Council.

Cornwall Councillor Report – CCllr Jordan reported isn't permitted to say much during the period of elections, but would like to take the opportunity to thank the councillors, past and present, on behalf of the people of the area for the sterling job they have done during this last term of office.

01.04 Planning – To consider planning applications received –

Cllr Costello left the meeting

Application	PA23/10067
Proposal	Development of a geothermal power plant including site preparation, drilling of two deep geothermal wells, resource testing, construction of a binary cycle power station and subsequent operation.
Location	Land Adjacent Wind Turbine Station Road Camelford Cornwall PL32 9TZ

Cllr Peyman proposed the council maintain their objection. Seconded by Cllr Smith. All in favour.

Cllr Costello rejoined the meeting.

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

None received

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

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01.07 Minutes

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

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

01.09 Finance

Approval of cheques for payment

Cllr Anderson left the meeting.

Category	Sub Category	Amount	For
Administration	Staff Costs	£1094.98	Salary (Mar)
Administration	Staff Costs	£248.27	Expenses (Mar)
Administration	Environment	£200.00	March
Administration	Village Hall	£28.00	Hall Hire 13 th Feb & 13 th Mar
Administration	Other	£60.00	Notice Board glass repair
Projects	Play Area	£1301.40	Picnic Table and bench
Administration	CALC	£471.42	Membership renewal
Parks & Spaces	Maintenance	£950.00	Pavement edge clearance
Parks & Spaces	Maintenance	£900.00	Village general maintenance

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.

Annual Audit

- Conflict of Interest - BDO LLP are the external auditors, the clerk asked the council if they had any conflict of interest with the external audit company. No councillors expressed a conflict of interest.
- Annual Governance Statement
The councillors had copies of the Governance Statement to consider. Cllr Yates proposed the Statement be approved. Seconded by Cllr Simmonds. All in favour. The chair and clerk signed the Statement.
- Annual Governance Accounting Statement
The councillors had copies of the Accounting Statement to consider. Cllr Simmonds proposed the Statement be approved. Seconded by Cllr Smith. All in favour. The chair signed the Statement.

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

Cllr Anderson Left the meeting.

Grant request – Cllr Yates proposed the council make a grant of £300 to the Coach House Food Hub in Tintagel. Seconded by Cllr Smith. All in favour.

Cllr Anderson Rejoined the meeting.

01.11 Reports

Chairmans Report – Cllr Hockin had nothing further to report

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Parish Clerk Report – The clerk reminded councillors the next meeting is the annual meeting of the Parish Council at which the chair and vice chair for the coming year is decided. The last payment of the 25 year loan towards the creation of the Community & Recreation Centre will be made in August.

01.12 Items from previous meeting

Neighbourhood Policing

Cllr Yates reported the local beat manager has been in the village a few times since last meeting. There appears to be a low level of persistence of the youth causing criminal damage and anti-social behaviour. In the last 24 hours a retail outlet has had goods to the value of £600 stolen. Cllr Yates has encouraged the business owner to report the incident to the Police.

Car Park – Toilets - Cllr Yates recommended the council carry this forward to the May meeting as by then the new Cornwall Councillors will be in place and can then be lobbied to reconsider the last administrations funding decision.

Highways –

Slaughterbridge – Cllr Hockin reported three people have been caught by the police speeding through Slaughterbridge.

Street Lighting – nothing further to report.

Tintagel Road – Potters Lane Junction – 6 no waiting cones have been deployed opposite the Potters Lane – Tintagel Road junction to deter parking close to the junction.

Geothermal Power Plant – Nothing further

Civil Emergency and Contingency – Cllr Yates reported the next work group meeting is on 17th April at 6.30pm in the Community & Recreation Centre. It was noted that our MP raised in parliament the case of a local resident who was unable to use their emergency button due to the removal of copper lines and subsequently died.

Village and Valley Trail – this is linked to the pedestrian signs project which was a phased project of which this is the second phase. The idea being to create an interactive walking experience around the village using QR (quick response) codes. Cllr Yates asked if the council would be willing to pass this next phase over to the CIC (community interest company) who maybe better placed to develop it further.

Play Area – Monthly inspection – Cllr Bridges reported inspection ok, the junior multi play is showing signs of wear. Subsequently since the inspection the children's rockers have been broken by youths misusing them. Cllr Bridges proposed the rockers be repaired. Seconded by Cllr Peyman. All in favour. The picnic table and the bench have been delivered, and councillors have installed them.

Castle Site

Monumental project – Cllr Simmonds reported he had shared a video from the Monumental Improvement project that briefly feature the castle site. Still awaiting interpretation board details and the content for it. The monumental improvement team are holding an open event in the May half term. The council had tried with agreement of the school for it to held during term time so the school could use the event as part of their curriculum.

Monthly inspection – Cllr Simmonds reported everything is looking pretty good.

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.

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Communication

Annual Parish Meeting – The councillors felt the meeting went well, they would, considering the main topic would have liked to have seen more businesses represented. It was good to see both our local Councillor and MP in attendance. The discussion was all positive and covered the main topic in great depth.

Works around the Village

Riverside Walk – Cllr Costello reported she had met with the NT (National Trust) ranger this week, who gave her a copy of the car park ownership map. The NT is under huge resource constraints, so would not be able to get involved at this time but to do anything there would need approval from the Environment Agency as it is part of the Boscastle flood defence. The NT are considering doing more with the first meadow area just beyond the car park, such as providing some seating and keeping the grass cut.

Recognition of Councillor's Service (May 2021- May 2025) -

The councillors took a few minutes to reflect on the council achievements during the four year term, from the first meeting in May 2021 which was the first of physical meeting following the Covid epidemic restrictions. The council had navigated some unique challenges and delivered numerous projects as a council and in work groups. The council can be proud of its achievements during the term with recognition to all councillors past and present whose contribution to the efforts have been marked by successful collaboration, commitment and shared vision to make our parish a better place to work, live and visit. Some of the major achievements in the period include the regeneration of the children's play area, castle site maintenance and vision, traffic management and pedestrian safety, working groups, website and data management, biodiversity and the Community Champion award scheme.

Cllr Yates thanked his fellow councillors, the chair and the clerk for their contribution and assistance during the term.

The chair thanked all councillors who have served during this term both past and present for all the time care and commitment which have laid important foundations to build on.

Cllr Simmonds recognised the contribution of the councillors and clerk who have supported him during his time on the council and this would be his final meeting as he has decided this is the end of his term as councillor.

Playing Field – Dog Fouling -

Cllr Anderson left the meeting.

Cllr Hockin advised that the environment officer would not let the area go unchecked as many others use the playing field. They would continue to inspect the area but not ahead of football games. Cllr Costello reported a number of residents close to Paradise Triangle are unhappy with the yellow dog fouling sign. Cllr Hockin advised these were temporary signs and he will remove it.

Cllr Anderson rejoined the meeting.

Council Documentation Review – Nothing further

Clerk Appraisal – Cllr Hockin reported he and Cllr Smith would meet with the clerk this coming Tuesday.

Grass Cutting – The Clerk advised first grass cut is imminent.

01.13 Items since last meeting –

Insurance – Renewal – for councillors to consider ahead of next meeting

Carole Vincent Sculpture – Cllr Simmonds informed the meeting the waves sculpture given to the parish Council by Carole Vincent would soon be on display outside the school.

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Residential fire, Fore Street – Cllr Yates had shared with councillors the timeline and actions of the fire service in response to the incident.

01.14 Agenda items for next meeting

- Neighbourhood policing
- Car Park – *Toilets*
- Highways
- Civil Emergency and Contingency
- Play Area –
 - Monthly inspection - *report and equipment update*
- Castle Site
 - Monumental project - *update*
 - Monthly Inspection – *report*
 - Meadow Area – *access*
- Communication
- Works around the village
- Playing Field – dog fouling
- Council Documentation Review
- Clerk Appraisalment
- Insurance renewal
- Co-option

With no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.40pm

Date of next monthly meeting Thursday 8th May 2025 in the Village Hall