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Present Cllr Hockin, Cllr Peyman, Cllr Yates, Cllr Edwards, Cllr Costello and Cllr Anderson.
In attendance CCllr Burnett

12.01 Apologies – Cllr Hitchman-Smith, Cllr Smith, Cllr Bridges and Cllr Lakie.

12.02 Declarations of Interest –

Cllr Yates declared an interest in Community Centre funding application and a related correspondence item. He requested dispensation to speak but not vote. Cllr Costello proposed the dispensation be granted. Seconded by Cllr Peyman. All in favour. Cllr Yates abstained.

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

Cllr Yates declared an interest in agenda item Car Park – Parking Order, 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 and vote. Cllr Costello proposed the dispensation be granted. Seconded by Cllr Peyman. All in favour. Cllrs Yates 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 Peyman. 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 Costello proposed the dispensation be granted. Seconded by Cllr Peyman. All in favour. Cllrs Yates, Edwards and Hockin abstained.

Cllr Anderson declared an interest in Finance.

12.03 Public Participation – Three members of the public present.

One member representing the primary school spoke to the council about car parking for staff, now that the methodist chapel has been sold.

One member representing Tintagel Parish Council spoke about being include in the parish council emergency plan. In so much that it may be beneficial to cover a wider geographical area.

One member attending regarding planning applications PA25/08588 & PA25/08589, they gave an overview of the plan and answered questions from the council.

12.04 Planning – To consider planning applications received in time for agenda

Application	PA25/08588
Proposal	Change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse, together with associated works on land
Location	Barn B Land South East Of Minster Farm Boscastle Cornwall PL35 0BN

Cllr Peyman proposed the council support this application. Seconded by Cllr Hockin. All in favour.



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Application	PA25/08589
Proposal	Change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse, together with associated works on land
Location	Barn A Land South West of Minster Farm Boscastle Cornwall PL35 0BN

Cllr Peyman proposed the council support this application. Seconded by Cllr Hockin. All in favour.

Application	PA26/00470
Proposal	Application for tree works within a TPO area/Conservation Area: Fell for development: T1 Fruit Tree, T2 Walnut (<i>Juglans regia</i>), T3 Fruit Tree, T4 Fruit Tree, T5 Dove Tree (<i>Davidia involucre</i>), T8 Sweet chestnut (<i>Castanea sativa</i>), T11 Sycamore (<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>). T9 Elm & Sycamore (<i>Ulmus procera</i> & <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>) - Re-coppice as part of good management. T12 Holly group (<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>) - Tidy up area, reduce overall height to 4m and remove deadwood. T13 Elm (<i>Ulmus procera</i>) - Dead fell. T14 Ash - (<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>) - coppice. T15 & 16 Sycamore (<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>) Monolith to a height of 4m. T17 Ash - (<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>) - coppice
Location	The Butts Butts Lane Boscastle Cornwall

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

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

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

12.07 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2026 – Cllr Edwards proposed, the minutes be accepted as a true record. Seconded by Cllr Peyman. All in favour.

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

12.09 Finance

Approval of cheques for payment

Cllr Anderson left the meeting

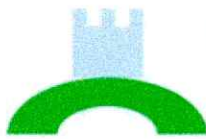
Category	Sub Category	Amount	For
Administration	Staff Costs	£1125.81	Salary (Jan)
Administration	Staff Costs	£30.16	Expenses (Jan)
Administration	Village Hall	£14.00	Hall Hire 11 th December
Projects	Play Area	£11,866.20	Deposit for Play Castle
Agency	Verge Grass cuts	£1404.00	Cuts 5 and 6.
Projects	Community	£1500.00	Boscastle CIC Toilets
Administration	Environment	£140.00	January

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

Cllr Anderson rejoined the meeting.

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

Clerk to respond re flying Ukrainian Flag that the Council does not have a flagpole.

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12.11 Reports

Cornwall Councillor Report – CCllr Burnett reported councillor have been provided a revised budget because the funding from central government has reduced by a further £13million greater than anticipated. Cornwall Council will need to find saving over the next three years of £150 million.

Councillors are feeding back how their communities coped with Storm Garetti with Mobile comms failure affecting most. There are approximately 4,500 potholes in Cornwall. There is a consultation on the Environment Agency website regarding increased production at Davidstow Creamery. Healthy rivers and sea summit being held online on 27th February.

Chairmans Report – nothing further to report.

Parish Clerk Report – nothing further to report.

12.12 Items from previous meeting

Car Park –

Toilets – Awaiting confirmation from Cornwall Council as to when they will be paying their contribution.

Parking Order – The Parish Council has submitted a response to the consultation indicating that the charging times would be better for all if revert to charging 10am to 5pm.

Highways – Cllr Yates asked if more bollards could be purchased to replace the missing ones. Clerk to arrange.

Civil Emergency and Contingency –

Community Plan – Cllr Yates reported he had produced three posters one for identifying vulnerable people who may need extra help, one aimed at businesses and residents who may have 4x4's, chain saws etc. and a general poster regarding the Emergency Plan. To date only 8 people have come forward to offer practical help, and it will be hard to have a plan if there is nothing to support it.

Mobile Communications (EE) – Nothing further to report. But hope following storm Garetti and subsequent power outages will put emphasis back to central government of the flaws in its digital communication strategy.

Website and communications – Clerk reported he and Cllr Hitchman-Smith had been in contact and Cllr Hitchman-Smith was pulling the necessary information together so the clerk could talk to the potential suppliers.

Play Area

Monthly inspection – The inspection was all ok, no defects to report. Cllr Peyman has spoken with Cllr Bridges about getting the rockers re fitted and finding resource to clear the site ahead of the new kit being installed.

Castle Site

Monthly inspection – Cllr Costello reported all ok.

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Links to wider footpath Network – nothing further to report.

CIL Funding Application – Cllr Yates reported the trustees of the community centre have written to the trustees of the Village Hall to suggest joint to propose a joint Expression of Interest (EOI) to Cornwall Council's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Fund Round 5.

College Transport – Cllr Costello reported that she has written to Cornwall Council regarding the loss of direct transport to Truro College and direct impact on student outcomes.

Highlighting that from September, students attending Truro College were suddenly unable to access direct transport from Boscastle. This route was removed entirely, with the nearest bus stop now in Wadebridge — approximately 16 miles away and a 30-minute drive. This creates a one-hour round trip for parents, twice a day, which is completely impractical for those who work, have younger children, or other caring responsibilities.

Community Champion – Reminder to councillors for nominations, the council have received three nominations to date. Cllrs Yates, Anderson and Edwards to meet do discuss and put a proposal to the Council.

Annual Parish Meeting – to be held on Thursday 26th March.

Works around the Village - Cllr Hockin reported the area is too wet for any work.

Playing Field – Dog Fouling – nothing further to report.

Community Centre – Cllr Yates reported the Community Centre trustees have been awarded an additional £9375 in CLUP (Cornwall Levelling Up) funding.

Riverside Walk – Cllr Costello reported following correspondence a meeting with the National Trust will hopefully happen in the next few weeks.

Bus Shelter – Cllr Hockin reported a local cleaner will have a look and come up with a price for an initial clean and ongoing regular cleans.

Council Documentation Review – nothing

Parish Clerk – Annual Appraisal – Cllrs Hockin, Edwards, Smith & Cllr Yates would meet to discuss the councillor survey returns.

12.13 Items since last meeting –

Neighbourhood Priority Statements – deferred to next meeting

Grass Cutting 2026 – the clerk advised he has received a price from the contractor for grass cutting in 2026. Cllr Peyman proposed the council accept the price. Seconded by Cllr Yates. All in favour.

Street Maintenance – Last year the council asked a contractor to clear weeds from pavements and kerbs in the main residential areas. Cllr Costello proposed this is done again this year. Seconded by Cllr Peyman. All in favour.

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12.14 Agenda items for next meeting

Car Park

Toilets

Highways

Civil Emergency and Contingency

- Community Plan

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- Mobile Communications (EE)
Website, Communications and Council Telephone
- Play Area –
Monthly inspection - *report and equipment update*
- Castle Site
Monthly Inspection – *report*
Links to wider footpath network.
- CIL Funding Application – *ideas for expressions of interest*
- College Transport – *post 16*
- Community Champion
- Annual Parish Meeting - *format*
- Works around the village – *Paradise Triangle lefthand side*
- Playing Field – *dog fouling*
- Community Centre – *Funding Application*
- Riverside Walk
- Bus Shelter – *cleaning.*
- Council Documentation Review
- Parish Clerk – *Annual Appraisalment*
- Neighbourhood Priority Statements

With no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.42pm

Date of next monthly meeting Thursday 12th March 2026 in the Village Hall

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