

# Forrabury & Minster Parish Council



**Minutes : 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

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**Present** Cllr Ferrett, Cllr Hockin, Cllr Jarvis, Cllr Irving-Little, Cllr Rodda, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Chater, Cllr Smith, CCllr Brown.

**17.01 Apologies** – Cllr Martin

**17.02 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations made

**17.03 Public Participation** – 0 members of the public present

**17.04 Car Park/ Public Convenience**

Mr Peter Dixon and Mr Ross Yates in attendance, representing the Chamber of Trade and Commerce. The aim of this agenda item is to reaffirm the community position regarding the public convenience and car park. It was agreed the objective of both Parish Council and Chamber of Trade and Commerce is to ensure the toilet facility remains open all year.

Concession fees for 12 months have been reduced from £475 to £250. This will still cause seasonal worker on a minimum wage some financial difficulty in affording particularly as there does not appear to be a six month option. The Clerk outlined a brief conversation held with The Network Community Manager for Cornwall Council, which touched on 'Parish Fund' this is the title they have given the extra 50p from the increase last September from 50p to £1 for the first hour charge.

The Clerk will seek from Cornwall Council the breakdown of :-

- Public Convenience – Running costs broken down by function and the actual income and projected income.
- Car park – breakdown of the first hour charge for 2013.

**17.05 EA/Flood Plan**

Joe Parish from the Environment Agency (EA) outlined the details of the Flood warning service, i.e. number of alerts, numbers signed up to the scheme etc. This service is design for rivers where a 2 hours advance warning can be given, however the time frame on the Valency is 45 – 90 minutes but the EA have sufficient data of the river to introduce it. The Flood Plan can be a useful to the EA as a point of contact for accurate information on the precise position and detail of any problems. Also used by other agencies if a significant flood is likely to occur then vulnerable people can be identified.

The meeting then discussed water runoff from fields and the environmental implications and the legal position such issues may breach. Joe Parish urged all flood or potential flood issues be raised and logged with the EA incident hotline 0800 807060 as these formed the basis of any improvements (subject to funding) and the more reports increases potential priority.

The EA is trialing a new project 'Catchment Management Alarm'. Boscastle is one of 4 trial centres. The objective is to identify and forecast significant intense rainfall in the catchment and raise the appropriate warning.

**17.06 Planning** – None

Adrian Prescott (Clerk)

Signed Chairman.....*D.J. Ferrett*

