

**Minutes 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Present** Cllr Hockin, Cllr Yates, Cllr Edwards, Cllr Simmonds, Cllr Bridges, Cllr Bright, Cllr Jordan

**13.01 Apologies** – Cllr Rodda

**13.02 Declarations of Interest** – none declared.

**13.03 Public Participation** – Two members of the public present.

One member asked about progress on Speedwatch. Cllr Jordan advised the Speedwatch was currently on hold due to insurance issues.

**13.04 Planning – To consider planning applications received –**

Application	PA22/11463
Proposal	Proposed replacement of roof
Location	Old Coastguard lookout, Forrabury, Boscastle, Cornwall

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

Application	PA23/00540
Proposal	Proposed refurbishment to garage conversion and rear extension to detached single family dwelling.
Location	Treyarnon Paradise Road Boscastle Cornwall PL35 0BL

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

**13.05 To consider other planning applications received by time of meeting –**

Cllr Simmonds proposed the council consider planning application PA22/11428. Seconded by Cllr Yates. All in favour.

Application	PA22/11428
Proposal	Certificate of lawfulness for an existing use of land for the siting of an unrestricted caravan used as separate residential unit
Location	Land At Trerosewill Farmhouse Gibb Lane Boscastle Cornwall PL35 0BL

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

The clerk advised the council of an application for works to trees in Bottreaux Surgery which would be decided under delegated authority by the Cornwall Council tree officer.

**13.06 Planning Decisions:** as listed (see website)

The application from previous meeting PA22/09811 in which the council disagreed with the planning officer decision was raised. Cllr Jordan advise the council that the application had been withdrawn.

**13.07 Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Cllr Simmonds proposed, the minutes be accepted as a true record. Seconded by Cllr Yates. All in favour.

**13.08 Matters to Report (only) from previous meetings minutes –**

Cllr Simmonds advised he had spoken with a representative of the National Trust regarding the car park and would update the council under the car park agenda item.

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### 13.09 Finance

Category	Sub Category	Amount	For
Administration	Staff Costs	£288.20	Litter PC (Feb)
Administration	Staff Costs	£1150.79	Salary (Jan)
Administration	Staff Expenses	£85.02	Expenses (Jan)
Administration	Environment Officer	£175.00	January
Administration	Speed sign	£2700.00	Solar speed sign

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

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

A swing has been erected from a tree on the castle site. Cllr Yates proposed if there are items/equipment placed on the castle site without the knowledge and approval of the Parish Council they are automatically removed. Seconded by Cllr Simmonds. All in favour.

In this instance the clerk will place a notice on Facebook giving whoever placed it an opportunity to remove it otherwise the council will arrange its removal.

### 13.11 Reports

Cornwall Councillors Report – CCllr Jordan reported he had been discussing Boscastle car park with Cornwall Council cabinet member, regarding the charging structure. Community Air Partnerships (CAPS) a new name for the community networks, with Camelford are being amalgamated with Bude. Cllr Jordan is further discussing this as the implications are currently unclear.

Chairmans Report – Nothing to report.

Parish Clerk Report – Nothing to report.

### 13.12 Items from previous meeting

Cllr Yates asked the chair to bring Castle site and Car Park forward on the agenda for the members of the public present.

Castle Site – Cllr Simmonds reported (full details in Councillor packs) on the Geophysical survey training day, and it is planned to do a small test dig in the future. The representative from English Heritage gave an example of steps installed near Falmouth which did not disturb the ground, the castle site working group to consider this option.

Nearby the recently strimmed area, there are two trees which are rotten and potentially dangerous. Cllr Simmonds proposed the council remove these trees using the tree surgeon that a local resident is using. Seconded by Cllr Bright. All in favour.

The clerk advised that he had emailed Cornwall Council re a tree survey and had been asked for more detail which has been supplied and was awaiting a reply. The council discussed the scope of the tree survey, i.e., should it cover the entire site or exclude the mound.

There is evidence of very bad dog fouling on the site Cllr Hockin would advise the Environmental Officer.

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### Car Park

Licensing – Cllr Yates advised that the Boscastle Chamber of Trade and Commerce were unhappy about the Dark Gathering event in October 2022. The BCTC held discussion with the Dark Gathering organiser on the issues arising from the 2022 event. The BCTC are supportive of any event that brings visitors and the community together for the benefit of all. The Clerk advised, to date neither the Dark Gathering organisers or Cornwall Council have contacted the Parish Council for consultation regarding this event.

Electric Charging – Nothing Further to report.

Under use of car park in winter – Cllr Yates advised Cornwall Council, this week, are seeking consultation on zoning and streamlining council car parks which may bring Boscastle into zone B which would mean 24hr charging to the detriment of local people. The BCTC are lobbying Cornwall Council for a winter/summer charging arrangement.

Additional spaces – Cllr Simmonds reported he had discussed this and some other car park ideas with the National Trust local ranger.

Extra Spaces - Any request should be expressed formally to the Trust for their proper consideration and response.

Winter Use – The NT ranger has undertaken to review the terms of the lease to understand any limitations it may place on Cornwall Council operating the car park during the winter months and will get back to us.

Devolution of Asset to local operator – the NT Local ranger felt the trust would have no objection in principle to management of the car park being devolved to a local operator such as Boscastle CIC.

Defibrillator – Cllr Yates reported he had given details of the defibrillator to the BCTC and two people are interested. The new unit is awaiting the supplier to re connect the remote interface gateway. Consequently, Cllr Yates is manually inspecting the unit.

### Highways –

Speed Sign – Cllr Hockin reported the solar speed sign has been delivered and will hopefully be installed to-morrow.

Pedestrian Routes – Cllr Bridges reported he had received prices for some of the different sign designs ranging from £110 to £345 excluding engraving. Cllr Bridges would circulate the details via email.

Speedwatch – See 13.03 (Public Participation) above.

Play Area – The Community Infrastructure Levy grant application has been successful, and the council needs to sign the grant agreement. Cllr Simmonds identified from the agreement that it commits the council to what it said it would do on the application. However, he hopes we are not completely boxed in on that as we will be having a public consultation, which may slightly amend the equipment required. Cllr Yates proposed the council hold a public consultation event on the afternoon (1pm to 5pm) of 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Seconded by Cllr Bridges. All in favour.

Councillor vacancies and Co-option – Clerk advised that applications have been received, and it is planned to hold the co-option meeting on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Candidates would have the opportunity to introduce themselves and tell us a little bit about themselves.

### Works around the Village -

Paradise Triangle – Clerk reported he had put an advert for contractors on MyBuilder website but to date no one has been in contact to arrange a site meeting. Cllr Hockin reported he would be meeting with Cormac tomorrow for them to quote for the work.

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Website – Carried forward to next meeting.

Graveyard – Carried forward to next meeting.

Council Documentation Review – nothing further.

### 13.13 Items since last meeting

Coronation – Clerk asked to put a notice on the website and facebook to see if anybody is arranging any events/activities to commemorate the occasion.

Grass Cutting – clerk to ask existing contractor for some ideas of price for next year.

### 13.14 Agenda items for next meeting

Defibrillator - *update*

Highways

Speed sign –

Pedestrian Routes - *signage locations and wording*

Speedwatch - *update*

Play Area - *update on consultation and CIL application.*

Car Park

Licensing – *event licensing*

Electric Charging – *progress update*

Under use of car park in winter -

Additional spaces – *ideas/locations*

Castle Site – *work progression & monumental project update*

Councillor vacancies and co-option -

Works around the village

Paradise Triangle – *update on contractor progress*

Website - *discuss future of boscastlecornwall.org.uk website.*

Graveyard – next steps

Council Documentation Review

Grass and hedge cutting – *consider using private contract.*

Coronation

With no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm

**Date of next monthly meeting Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in the Village Hall**