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Chacewater, TR4 8PY

Minutes of the Meeting of Chacewater Parish Council, held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 7pm, Chacewater Village Hall (Killifreth Room)

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### MINUTES

**In attendance:** Cllr S Foster (Chair), Cllr J Greaves (Vice-Chair), Cllr R Knill, Cllr A Crocker, Cllr J Dyke, Cllr S Gribble, Cllr J Carley, Cllr A Beckham

- 1. Apologies:** None
- 2. Declarations of interest:** None
- 3. Co-option of new Councillor:** Cllr A Crocker proposed to accept Mr Richard Simmons application to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr R Knill and agreed by all.

#### 4. Public Question Time

**Members of the public in attendance:** Roger Langford, Ed Crossley, Dan Sutton

- A member of the public asked if we are intending to proceed with our current contractor, Vespa Developments Ltd who, the member of the public considered not a suitable contractor due to their low annual turnover and lack of experience. Cllr S Foster (Chair) confirmed that when the time comes, we will be going back out to tender.
- A member of the public asked for details regarding the Recreation Centre Working Group that is to be newly formed. They asked how the group will be selected and suggested that there are several members of the Parish that would like to be involved. The Action Group that has been formed is extremely invested in the Recreation Centre project and should not be seen as adversarial. This group has asked questions and are keen to see the Parish Council's responses. Cllr S Foster (Chair) confirmed that there will be the opportunity at the meeting scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2026 for the public to hear the status of the project and to find out more about the working group.

#### 5. Cornwall Councillors Report

#### 6. Clerk's report – Matters Arising

**06.01/09.25** – Clerk has purchased the list of arts and crafts equipment as agreed at the last meeting and as per the grant agreement. Suggest these items should be stored in a lockable filing cabinet in the WI Hall. Clerk has started to put together some ideas of classes using the new equipment to be held in the New Year. – Need to get exact dimensions needed for the storage cabinet and then find some prices, try Macsalvors. Arrange to set up the equipment that has been purchased at the pop-in session on the third Thursday of January to show what we can offer and to obtain some photographs. Cllr R Knill asked for permission to store the filing cabinet, purchased for the Recreation Centre, in the WI Hall.

**06.02/09.25** – Fire extinguisher service for the WI Hall booked for Friday 16th January 2026. – Noted.

**06.03/09.25** – Updated policies and procedures to be adopted – to be deferred to the New Year. – Noted.

**06.04/09.25** – Charitable Trusts review – working party meeting to be arranged for the New Year. - A working party including Cllr S Foster (Chair), Cllr R Knill, Cllr A Crocker and Cllr R Simmonds to meet w/c 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

**06.05/09.25** – Meeting is to be arranged with Tregothnan for the New Year. – Clerk to arrange meeting.

**06.06/09.25** – New monthly checklist rota prepared and sent to all Councillors. – Noted.

**06.07/09.25** – Clerk has emailed the PCSO to let them know the issues around parking at Brookside and responded to the person who reported the incident accordingly. - Noted

**06.08/09.25** – The next Police/Parish liaison meeting is on the 15th of January at Shortlanesend Village Hall and the above item as well as the increased disruptive behaviour in the village will be raised. - Cllr R Knill confirmed that he will attend.

**06.09/09.25** – Soakaway information is being sought from the relevant parties. – Noted.

**06.10/09.25** – Letter of support sent to Exeter University for their investigation on Reclaiming the Carnon River. – Noted.

**06.11/09.25** - £9,000.00 of donations paid to Vespa to help to clear the debt. Total amount now left outstanding is £4,468.96. – Noted.

## 7. **Minutes of the Meetings held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

It was RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

## 8. **Planning Applications**

To consider the following applications and any applications that arrive after publication of the agenda

### **Other Planning Matters**

### **Planning Decision Notices**

#### **PA25/07476**

**Applicant:** Ms Emma Smyth

**Location:** Plot 1, Cornwall Business Park, East Hallenbeagle, Scorrier, Redruth, TR16 5EN, TR16 5FD

**Proposal:** Submission of details to discharge condition 17 (operational traffic management) in relation to Decision notice PA22/08886 dated 19.04.2023

**S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps**

**PA25/06924****Applicant:** Mr D Cape**Location:** Tamblyns Barn, Penstraze, Chacewater, Truro, Cornwall, TR4 8PE**Proposal:** Retention of agricultural building**APPROVED****PA25/09261****Applicant:** Martin Bray**Location:** Street Record, Cross Roads, Chacewater, Cornwall**Proposal:** Undertake work that is considered to be exempted from the Electricity Act 1989 by falling within the Overhead Lines (Exemption) (England and Wales) Regulations 2009**Closed – advice given****PA25/00982/PRE****Applicant:** Caroline Dudley and Julian Rogers**Location:** Land South West Of The Forge, Whitehall, Scorrier, Cornwall, TR16 5BB**Proposal:** Pre application advice for proposed erection of a new build dwelling**Closed – advice given**

All noted.

**9. Agenda Items****09.01/09.25 – New Recreation Centre – Update**

- Clerk's meeting with Cornwall Council – Clerk reported that following the meeting with Cornwall Council, the Parish Council need to identify a robust plan as to how they are going to deliver an output with regard to the Recreation Centre.
- Meeting with Vespa – 5th December 2025 – summary of meeting circulated to all Councillors – Noted.
- Solar panels on the roof of the Recreation Centre secured by Vespa – It was noted that this had been confirmed by Vespa.

The new Working Group for the Recreation Centre was discussed and it was agreed that the numbers of members should be limited to a manageable amount to enable clear and productive discussions to take place. It was suggested that this working group should be made up of 4x Parish Councillors and 4x members of the Parish. There would be clear expectations and Expression of Interest Forms, Terms of Reference, Application Forms and NDA's are being drawn up. These will be approved at the next full Parish Council meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2026.

**Actions:** Clerk to obtain a formal acknowledgement from Vespa that the debt has been paid. Clerk to obtain Stroma (Building Control) report. All details to be able to take delivery of the lift to be confirmed.

**09.02/09.25 –** Propose that the Council adopts the Cornish Language Policy discussed earlier this year in light of Cornish now receiving Part 3 protection under the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages. (base template attached for conversion to a CPC standard policy) – Deferred to January's meeting as part of all the policies to be approved.

**09.03/09.25 –** Propose that the Council writes to our MP, Jayne Kirkham, to thank her for her efforts alongside those of her fellow Cornish MPs to secure the proposed devolution deal designating Cornwall as a Single Foundation Strategic Authority and the beginnings of a path towards future devolution of funding and responsibilities. – It was agreed by all that the Chair should write a letter. Proposed by Cllr J Carley. Seconded by Cllr A Crocker.

**09.04/09.25 -** Digital Services/Internet and Marketing update

- Cllr S Foster (Chair) confirmed that the new website went live on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December and there is still some work to do to get all documents uploaded. These will be added by the Clerk and the Chair in due course.
- There is more work to be done on the Community site before this one can go live.
- **Action:** Cllr S Foster (Chair) to meet with Chacewater Projects and set a meeting for the Digital Working Group in the New Year.

## 10. Road Matters

### **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic**

**Location:** Road From Junction North Of Mallaber House To Creegbrowse, Creegbrowse, St Day

**Timing:** 29th December 2025 to 31st December 2025 (08:00 to 18:00 hours)

**Contact:** Lee Clark at Nokia on 07491063967

**The above closure has been approved.**

Please click the following link to view a map and associated documents:

<https://one.network/?tm=GB146040286>

The matter of vehicles speeding at the zebra crossing was discussed in response to a social media comment. This has been raised as a matter of concern however as it is a Grade C road, there will not be average speed cameras put in place. We do have the Community Speedwatch Team, Streetscape, Signs and the Village Operative all in place as deterrents. Cllr R Knill has written to Cornwall Council regarding the queuing buses but nothing can be done about this until the timetable changes.

## 11. PRoW

- The ELMP work has been done apart from Sawmills Lane.
- Cllr R Knill is working with Tyler Woodward to do Boscawen.

## 12. Outside Bodies Reports

Chacewater Bowling Club – Nothing to report.

Chacewater Football Club – Nothing to report.

Chacewater Projects – The lights and the tree are looking good.

Chacewater School – Nothing to report.

Chacewater Village Hall – Problem with the door of the electrical box which is in hand. All else is well.

Mining Villages Regeneration Group – It was decided at the last meeting that Feock would be enrolled.

Parish Emergency Plan – The event went well and a volunteer has stepped forward to join,

Community Liaison Groups (GEL, Cornish Lithium(CL), Material Recycling Facility (MRF)) – GEL: Meeting was postponed. CL: Nothing to report. MRF: Nothing to report.

Chacewater Community Energy Group – Nothing to report.

Roseland & Truro Community Area Partnerships – The next meeting is on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2026 when the focus will be transport and youth

Community Garden – Tree offcuts were used to make wreaths which raised £150. This money will be used to plant seasonal shrubs and the plan is to do the same again next year.

Millennium Green – Nothing to report.

Approval given for the release of £100 to purchase replacement materials as per report. Proposed by Cllr S Foster (Chair). All agreed.

- ## 13. **Monthly Inspection report** – Cllr J Carley and Cllr J Dyke – The grill and the grass need work. All equipment looks ok. Red light flashing on the Defib – need to get in to see the serial number so these can be logged on the system.

## 14. Correspondence Received

**14.01/09.25** – Chacewater Recreation Centre email correspondence to Cllr R Knill – responded to and circulated to all Councillors. – Noted.

**14.02/09.25** - Point for discussion at Parish meeting 17th December - re Chacewater Recreation Action Group – Circulated to all Councillors. – Noted.

**14.03/09.25** – Cornish Lithium panel have approved our grant for the access ramp – a sum of £2,320.00 to be received. – Now need the plans from Cllr S Foster (Chair).

**14.04/09.25** - ‘The Cornwall Council (Public Footpath No. 17 (Part) Chacewater) (Tamblyns Barn) Public Path Diversion Order 2025’ – Circulated to all Councillors. – Noted.

**14.05/09.25** – Email from Trading Standards – Circulated to all Councillors. – Approval was given to the Clerk to register an objection alongside Trading Standards against the contractor’s company being struck off Companies House. Proposed by Cllr A Crocker. Seconded by Cllr J Carley. All agreed.

**14.06/09.25** – Email regarding Vegetation Management on behalf of National Grid – Circulated to all Councillors. – Noted.

**14.07/09.25** – Successful CCTV funding bid - £8,985.00 – Circulated to all Councillors. – Need to respond to accept and complete the document provided.

## 15. Finances

**15.01/09.25** – Presentation and approval of Precept – Approved. Proposed by Cllr A Crocker. Seconded by Cllr J Carley. All agreed.

**15.02/09.25** – Propose new signatories for bank accounts in light of recent resignations. – Deferred to January’s meeting.

**15.03/09.25** - Bank Reconciliations – November 2025 To be approved – Approved.

### **15.04/09.25 Payments / Transfers / Income**

#### **To approve the following payments:**

Employee Salaries	CA1	£1,388.26	BACS
SLCC Membership	CA1	£200.00	BACS
TH Douce (paid)	CA1	£2,572.08	BACS
TH Douce (paid)	CA1	£1,564.32	BACS
TH Douce (paid)	CA1	£2,416.80	BACS
TH Douce (paid)	CA1	£48.00	BACS
Source for Business Water			
– Conveniences	CA2	£214.67	BACS
Ecotricity – Conveniences	CA2	£22.11	BACS

New Recreation Centre Vespa (outstanding)	CA1	£4,468.96	BACS
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#### **Direct Debit Payments**

South West Water	CA1	£31.00	DD
Vodafone	CA1	£35.88	DD
Suez	CA1	£79.97	DD

**Payments Received since last agenda**

Donations towards Vespa	BMM	£9,000.00	BACS
Donation from Chacewater Projects	BMM	£2,800.00	BACS
Cornwall Council	BMM	£6,601.20	BACS

**Bank Balances: as at 30/11/2025**

**CA1** £ 3,845.72

**BMM** £ 49,117.42

**Total:** £ 52,963.14

All finances approved. Proposed by Cllr J Carley. Seconded by Cllr S Gribble. All agreed.

**Matters for future consideration:** None

Meeting closed 21:08