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Chacewater WI Hall, The Square
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Minutes of the Meeting of Chacewater Parish Council, held on Wednesday 29th April 2026 at 7pm, Chacewater Village Hall (Killifreth Room)

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MINUTES

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

- 1. Apologies:** None
- 2. To received declarations of interest:** None
- 3. Public Question Time:** None
- 4. Cornwall Councillors Report:** No report provided
- 5. Clerk's report – Actions from previous meeting**

05.01/12.25 – Cornwall Council notified the Clerk that there had been no call for election so the Parish Council are free to advertise the vacancies for co-option. Advert posted on website and Facebook with a closing date for applications close of business on Friday 27th March 2026. Noted.

05.02/12.25 – Response with clarification regarding the cladding on the Recreation Centre sent to concerned member of the public. Noted.

05.03/12.25 – Recreation Centre Working Party has started meeting weekly. Update to be shared under agenda item 08.01/12.25. Noted.

05.04/12.25 – Community website has been launched. Noted.

05.05/12.25 – Email response sent to The Craft Barn supporting their project. Noted.

05.06/12.25 – Decision to move the tree sculpture by the new access ramp overturned as the roots are too large and imbedded. Noted.

05.07/12.25 – Documentation that was required to complete the Arts and Crafts funding project has been sent. Noted.

05.08/12.25 – Tregothnan Estates Quarterly meeting was held on the 12th of March. Cllr S Foster (Chair) reported that a meeting has been scheduled with Tregothnan to discuss the community orchard. At the quarterly meeting a number of buildings that need attention throughout the Parish were discussed, along with the possibility of certain buildings becoming community assets. The wall at number 5 appears to be in hand. **Action:** Clerk to schedule the quarterly meetings for the remainder of the year with Tregothnan.

05.09/12.25 – 3x Plastic storage boxes purchased for £47.99 to store all the new Arts and Crafts equipment. Looking to store these under the stage in the WI Hall which will need to be cleared out first. Help was offered by several Councillors to clear out under the stage in the WI Hall. **Action:** Clerk to arrange a date. It was noted that the emergency equipment has been moved from the WI Hall which allows more space for storage.

05.10/12.25 – Seeking approval to book the annual playground inspection – price quoted is £182.50 for Chacewater Play Park and £120 for Twelveheads Play Park. Approved. Proposed by Cllr J Carley. Seconded by Cllr R Knill. All agreed.

6. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 25th February 2026, subject to minor changes detailed below, as a true record. Proposed by Cllr S Foster (Chair). All agreed.

08.04/11.25 – Change Tyler Woodward to Dean Lang

13.03/11.25 – Change County Council to Cornwall Council

7. **Planning Applications**

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

PA26/00994

Proposal: Temporary use of site for the storage of operational vehicles, site and elevation alterations and ancillary infrastructure.

Location: Land At Cornwall Business Park, West Scorrier, Redruth, TR16 5BN

Applicant: Pulse Consult

Grid Ref: 172461 / 44599

Chacewater Parish Council fully support this application as long as downlighting is given full consideration. Proposed by Cllr R Knill. Seconded by Cllr S Foster (Chair). All agreed.

PA26/01296

Proposal: Works to trees in a conservation area (CA), works include Dismantle the two stems of Sycamore that threaten your property. Leave the other stems that are leaning away. This has serious decay at the base. Also dismantle the tall Sycamore that has moved in the recent winds.

Location: 3 High Street, Chacewater, Truro, Cornwall

Applicant: Mrs Kathy O'Reilly

Grid Ref: 174955 / 44383

Chacewater Parish Council fully support this application. Proposed by Cllr J Dyke. Seconded by Cllr S Gribble. All agreed.

PA26/01297

Proposal: Works to trees in a conservation area works include Dismantle the 4 Norway Spruce trees and the multi stemmed Scots Pine. Dismantle the two largest Pines and the Scots Pine to the ground and the other trees to approx cable height.

Location: Woodside, 6 High Street, Chacewater, Truro, Cornwall

Applicant: Mrs Kathy O'Reilly

Chacewater Parish Council fully support this application. Proposed by Cllr J Greaves (Vice-Chair). Seconded by Cllr R Knill. All agreed.

PA26/01726

Proposal: Non material amendment in relation to decision notice PA23/05031 dated 09.10.2023 to allow approval of raised levels for the garden retaining wall and the replacement annexe.

Location: 8 The Terrace, Chacewater, Truro, TR4 8LT

Applicant: Mr Philip Tanswell

Chacewater Parish Council fully support this application. Proposed by Cllr S Foster (Chair). All agreed.

Other Planning Matters

Local Council Protocol PA25/09477 Woodbury House – Chacewater Parish Council agreed to disagree. Noted.

Planning Decision Notices

PA25/09585

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Anthony Asbridge

Location: 12 Kerley Vale, Chacewater, Truro, Cornwall, TR4 8JN

Proposal: Proposed single storey extension

APPROVED

PA25/00185

Applicant: Mr B Woon

Location: Rose Cottage, Twelveheads, Truro, Cornwall, TR4 8SH

Proposal: Proposed 2-storey extension

APPROVED

Both noted.

8. Agenda Items

08.01/12.25 – New Recreation Centre – Update from the Working Group

- Cllr S Foster (Chair) is to meet with an electrical company onsite on Friday this week and will also be contacting another company with regard to obtaining quotes and information to complete the electrical work.
- We are still awaiting the final quote from Lasermaster.
- £100 was approved to purchase Health and Safety signage for the site. Proposed by Cllr R Knill. Seconded by Cllr J Carley. All agreed.
- We are awaiting a quote from a Health and Safety consultant.
- The CCTV is due to be fitted next Tuesday.
- Access Ramp – Cllr S Foster (Chair) to provide measurements. The ramp has been widened slightly and the depth of the foundations are being confirmed. The concrete base is in place and the first stage will be the retaining wall. Need to ensure that sufficient drainage is allowed and then fix a plan for the steps.
- Cllr R Knill reported that the fundraising committee have been contacting businesses at Hallenbeagle to ask if individual aspects could be sponsored. Letters will be sent to all Premiership football clubs. We are awaiting the outcome following our expression of interest in the CIK grant for £44k which would be used for the regeneration of the pitch. The decision is expected by the 31st of March. Cllr R

Knill is working with Suez to apply for a £49k grant which would go a long way to securing the arts and crafts building. Cllr R Knill reported that at the Cornish Lithium liaison group they spoke about the need for funding for the Recreation Centre and are open to helping the Chacewater community.

08.02/12.25 – Approval of updated policies

Amendments were suggested, as follows:

- Guide to Parish Council Meetings:
 - amend to show the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
 - amend order of business
 - public attendance and public engagement after public question time
- Email Usage Policy
 - add email signatures
 - identify the level of importance of emails eg. important/confidential
- Document Management Policy
 - data housekeeping
 - consider arranging a training day
- Code of Conduct
 - amalgamate the old and the new for approval

All others were adopted and will be uploaded to the website. Proposed by Cllr R Knill. Seconded by Cllr J Carley. All agreed.

08.03/12.25 – Digital Services/Internet and Marketing update

- Tweaks and adjustments have been made to the community website following comments.
- News items are now visible on the front page of the Parish Council website.
- Improvements need to be made in accordance with the Website Accessibility Statement and this will be uploaded to the website.

08.04/12.25 – Soakaway and football pitch – Update

- Cllr S Foster has taken the dimensions of the new steps and will confirm the maximum functional pitch size with the minimum run off allowed.
- Cllr R Knill has been working on the soakaway with members of the public. The end has been capped and the soakaway will be moved. Cllr R Knill has spoken to Wheal Jane with regard to the percolation test and it looks like this will cost in the region of £1k.
- Cllr J Carley stressed that it would be to make a start on this as Carleys have lent the Parish Council £3k to enable this to happen.
- We are still awaiting the quote for the pitch.

08.05/12.25 – Digital training and art/craft sessions – programme of events and a search for volunteers

- A positive response has been received from Aaron with regard to running some digital session. Action: Clerk to send a list of the equipment that we have to Cllr J Carley.
- It was agreed that 'messy play' sessions using the arts and craft equipment could take place in the WI Hall and a member of the public said that they had a contact that could possibly help us with this.
- Asking those participating in the Duke of Edinburgh award to volunteer was suggested and Cllr S Foster (Chair) had put a contact of his in touch with the Clerk with a view to running some art sessions.

08.06/12.25 – Approval required to purchase materials needed to repair the worn top loops/rings on the playpark swings at a cost of £245.76 – This is for four swings at Chacewater park and four struts on the accessible swing. Approval to spend £300 was agreed. Proposed by Cllr R Knill. Seconded by Cllr S Gribble. All agreed.

9. Road Matters

09.01/12.25 – Ongoing parking/traffic issues outside Chacewater Chippy

Cormac have said no with regard to spaces outside as there is only so much allocated space in certain areas. Unfortunately, some people park badly which is hard to control. Any abuse from bus drivers needs to be addressed with the bus company.

10. PRoW

The eLMP work has been completed and work will be starting shortly on the LMP.

11. Outside Bodies Reports

Chacewater Bowling Club – ask Jenny Prime to provide a monthly report

Chacewater Football Club – Cllr R Knill to ask Ian Jay to provide a monthly report

Chacewater Projects – report to be provided by Cllrs R Knill, J Dyke and/or J Carley

Chacewater School – ask David Hick to provide a monthly report

Chacewater Village Hall – report to be provided by Cllr J Carley

Mining Villages Regeneration Group – meeting was held last Thursday where the issue of a lack of volunteers was raised

Parish Emergency Plan – 21 action points have been raised from the last meeting to include; moving the kit, obtaining a loud hailer and identifying vulnerable individuals

Community Liaison Groups (GEL, Cornish Lithium(CL), Material Recycling Facility (MRF)) – report to be provided by Cllrs R Knill and/or J Carley

Chacewater Community Energy Group – Energy Day is being held on the 16th of May and will include the Chacewater Community Energy Local Club launch

Roseland & Truro Community Area Partnerships – the next meeting is on the 14th of April, 6.30-8.30pm at New County Hall

Community Garden – all busy planting and preparing for the new season

12. Monthly Inspection report

- Main priority is the swings
- Dean Lang should be ready when the recreation ground is dry to remove the dead tree

13. Correspondence Received

13.01/12.25 – Mayoral chain request – all agreed.

13.02/12.25 – Updated Complaint Regarding Water, Mud, and Slurry Run-Off Affecting Parc-Shady, Jollys Bottom, Chacewater – advise that this is an environmental issue and that it needs to go back to enforcement.

13.03/12.25 – Urgent request for access to bridlepath" - BYWAY 301/25/1 WHEAL DANIEL – this is the land owner's responsibility

13.04/12.25 – Marketplace wall – No5 The Square – Tregothnan have visited. Owners are to contact Tregothnan regarding compensation and repair and Chacewater Parish Council will support with this. New owner is to contact planning and English Heritage. Proposed by Cllr J Carley. Seconded by Cllr S Foster (Chair). All agreed.

13.05/12.25 – Resignation of Cllr R Simmonds – Noted.

13.06/12.25 – Spring Covid Clinic – Set up for the 25th of April, all day. Cllr R Knill to put out cones and string signage on car park bays the week before and will ensure everyone has moved on the morning of the clinic.

13.07/12.25 – Request from the Bowling Club to allow parking in the Recreation Ground – dates circulated to all Councillors – The request needs to be refused due to damage caused to the pitch, as the Parish Council is in the process of looking at refurbishing it. It is hoped that the access ramp will be available by the end of May which will make access easier.

13.08/12.25 – CCTV in Chacewater Car Park – response has been sent.

13.09/12.25 - Cornwall Climate Action Network / Community Energy Plus have been awarded that feasibility study funding to look at the Geothermal Growing Project at Cross Lanes. Noted.

13.10/12.25 – Overflow Car Park Walk Way to the School – a response has been sent to the school requesting that teachers ask parents to use the ramp. **Action:** Cllr J Carley to install a sign.

14. Finances

14.01/12.25 - Bank Reconciliations – February 2026

Approved. Proposed by Cllr J Dyke. Seconded by Cllr J Carley. All agreed.

14.02/12.25 – Quarterly Reports 3 and 4

Approved. Proposed by Cllr R Knill. Seconded by Cllr J Carley. All agreed

14.03/01.26 – End of year Reserve balance for noting

14.03/12.25 Payments / Transfers / Income

To approve the following payments:

Employee Salaries	CA1	£1,407.66	BACS
CALC Code of Conduct Training (paid)	CA1	£165.00	BACS
Cllr R Knill – Expenses – toilet block ASB repairs and padlock replacement	CA1	£9.00	BACS
Cllr R Knill – Expenses – soakaway end cap and first 2 access ramp hollow blocks	CA1	£13.74	BACS
Ecotricity – WI Hall	CA1	£92.11	BACS
TH Douce – ELMP	CA1	£315.00	BACS
HM Hill – WI Hall Cleaning	CA1	£78.00	BACS
Ecotricity – Conveniences	CA2	£24.26	BACS
Water – Conveniences (03.12.25 – 02.03.26)	CA2	£485.03	BACS

Direct Debit Payments

South West Water	CA1	£31.00	DD
Vodafone	CA1	£36.94	DD
Suez	CA1	£82.26	DD

Payments Received since last agenda

WI Hall Bookings	BMM	£16.00	BACS
Gross Interest	BMM	£151.45	BACS
Cornwall Council - ELMP	BMM	£1342.80	BACS

Bank Balances: as at 28/02/2026

CA1	£ 4,103.54
BMM	£ 44,014.12
Total:	£ 48,117.66

The water direct debit of £31pcm at the Recreation Ground needs to be investigated.
All payments approved. Proposed by Cllr J Carley. Seconded by Cllr R Knill. All agreed.

Matters for future consideration:

Meeting close: 21:22