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Minutes of the Meeting of Chacewater Parish Council, held on Wednesday
30th April 2025 at 7pm, Chacewater Village Hall (Killifreth Room)

In attendance: Cllr R Knill (Chair), Cllr P Bearham (Vice-Chair), Cllr K Surgenor, Cllr A Beckham, Cllr K Ford, Cllr A Crocker, Cllr S Foster, Cllr S Gribble, Cllr P Chesworth, Cllr J Carley

Joanne Greaves
Jeremy Dyke

A minute's silence was held in recognition of the sad loss of Cllr Emma Carlyon who we shall all miss as a Council and our sincere condolences go to her family.

MINUTES

1. Apologies

Cllr S Grady, Ward Cllr D Tudor

2. To received declarations of interest

Cllr S Foster declared an interest in agenda item 7, planning applications PA25/01628 and PA25/01603 as the architect of both applications.

3. Public Question Time

Joanne Greaves and Jeremy Dyke expressed an interest in being co-opted in the AGM on the 14th May 2025.

4. Cornwall Councillors Report

No report.

5. Clerk's report – Matters Arising

05.01/01.25 – VAT claim has been produced for period 1st Mar 25 – 31st Mar 25 - £26,828.17

05.02/01.25 – JT Audit and Accountancy was approved as the internal auditor, agreed by all.

05.03/01.25 – The renewal of MacAfee software was approved. Proposed by Cllr A Beckham. Seconded by Cllr P Chesworth.

05.04.01.25 – Charity Commission Annual Return for Millennium Green has been submitted.

05.05/01.25 - CCF application for the Chacewater geothermal cropping feasibility study has been submitted.

6. Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th March 2025

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

An action from last month's meeting was for Cllr R Knill (Chair) to obtain quotes for replacing the toilet in the WI Hall and the public conveniences in the car park. The quote for the WI Hall was too expensive at £1400.00. The quote for the public conveniences was £400.00. Currently, due to the ongoing leak, the water bills for the public conveniences are very high. This would make it viable to spend the money to have the toilet replaced. **Action:** Cllr R Knill (Chair) and Cllr P Bearham (Vice-Chair) to meet with the plumber again to discuss options. The Council gave authority to proceed if suitable.

7. Planning Applications

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

PA25/01628

Applicant: Mrs Claire Powell, Chacewater, Parish Council

Location: Chacewater Community Primary School, Church Hill, Chacewater, Truro

Proposal: New accessible ramp and stepped access from Chacewater Recreation Ground to Church Hill

Date: 28th March 2025

Chacewater Parish Council has wanted to introduce a ramp from Church Hill into the Recreation Ground for many years now and many reasons, as follows:

- It will enable folk of all abilities to access an expansive safe Green Space that offers so much in terms of activity, visibility and opportunity, esp. to those who simply wish to view our wonderful surrounding landscape and use our, soon to be delivered, new build Recreation Centre and outdoor Fitness Centre.
- It will encourage greater use of our overspill Community Car Park - situated above the Primary School and so ease the well-known parking problems we are having to manage elsewhere across the Parish, esp. in the core of the village.
- It will enable more school aged children and their parents to access an exit the school premises much more safely.
- It will help reduce levels of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) because those who check up on such activity will have greater ease of access.

In short, this offers an opportunity to get things right. This access is viewed as essential in terms of the good working order and ability of folk to get around this part of the Parish more easily and safely. It will achieve greater balance and directly ease the loading on our heavily used village facilities, i.e. Village Hall, WI Hall and Medial Centre. The advantages are huge, have been a long time coming and will benefit the whole community!

PA25/02382

Applicant: Alan Mitchell

Location: The Caravan, Concrete Batching Plant, Creegbrowse, St Day

Proposal: Application for Certificate of Lawful Development for an existing use as residential caravan

Date: 2 April 2025

Chacewater Parish Council refers the officer to its comments in PA21/06335, an application concerning the lawful use and positioning of the caravan in the same current location. That application was rejected and the appeal rejected. The current location of the caravan is in a separate distinct planning unit to the planning unit where a caravan was originally placed in the yard of the nearby concrete batching plant. These facts have not changed since the 2021 application.

Chacewater Parish Council is also concerned that the evidence supplied by the applicant for PA25/01628 does not establish, on the balance of probabilities, that any residential has been continuous. Several members of this Council pass the site daily and have not observed any evidence of residential use of the caravan since it was moved to its current location. The caravan and its surrounds are clearly visible from the adjacent road.

Cllr J Carley did not comment as he is a neighbour of the applicant.

PA25/01603

Applicant: Mrs Claire Powell, Chacewater Parish Council

Location: Public Car Park, The Green, Chacewater, Cornwall

Proposal: Redevelopment of existing facilities, comprising demolition of existing WI Hall and public toilet block, erection of new parish building comprising community hall, public toilet, micro library and parish office, associated public amenity spaces, proposed 6m flag pole, refurbishment and extension of existing car park and associated pedestrian and vehicular access including proposed solar photovoltaic canopy over four parking spaces.

Date: 17 April 2025

Chacewater Parish Council fully supports the much-needed replacement of the WI Hall.

Cllr R Knill (Chair) thanked Cllr S Foster for his hard work on this application and also PA25/01628.

Other Planning Matters**APP/D0840/C/25/3361451**

Cornwall Council Ref: EN23/01599

Appellant: Alan Edwin Mitchell

Location: Concrete Batching Plant Road From Bownder An Sycamor To Creegbrowse, Creegbrowse

Breach of Planning Control: Appeal against Enforcement Notice - Without planning permission, the material change of land from nil use to a mixed use comprising of agricultural use (polytunnel approved under PA21/07698) and residential use, through the siting of a caravan for residential purposes (currently unoccupied) and associated development consisting of the connecting to residential services and construction of a concrete plinth and timber access steps.

Appeal Start Date: 27 March 2025

Chacewater Parish Council agrees with Cornwall Council's findings.

Premises Licence Applications

Premises Name and Address: Cornish Craft Barn Ltd, The Gwel, Carnhot, Chacewater, Truro, Cornwall, TR4 8PA

Applicant: Cornish Craft Barn Ltd

Application Accepted: 07.04.2025

Application Type: Grant

Licensable Activities: Alcohol and films

Ref: LI24_006626

Representations Deadline: 04.05.2025

Licensing Officer: Alison Lewis

Chacewater Parish Council has no comment.

Planning Decision Notices**PA25/01831**

Applicant: Mr T Michell

Location: Land South West Of Salem Cottage Salem Chacewater Cornwall TR4 8NA

Proposal: Prior notification of agricultural or forestry development for erection of a general purpose agricultural building for implement and fodder storage

Prior approval not req'd(PA/AF/TEL/DEM)

PA25/01987

Applicant: Mrs Claire Powell, Chacewater Parish Council

Location: Recreation Ground, Station Road, Chacewater, Truro, Cornwall

Proposal: Works to trees within a conservation area: To fell 1x Ash tree (T4) Fell identified tree - Ash tree (T4) in order to facilitate works to the site's electricity connection.

Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps)

PA25/01355**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Michael Tindale**Location:** 8 High Street, Chacewater, Truro, Cornwall, TR4 8LW**Proposal:** Replacement of unsafe front boundary wall with addition of railings, gate, and formation of portico over front entrance door**APPROVED****PA25/00507****Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Pitt**Location:** Trakinber Cottage, Chacewood, Chacewater, Truro, Cornwall, TR4 8QU**Proposal:** Proposed internal alterations to the existing dwelling, with a replacement extension and new garage.**APPROVED****PA25/02984****Applicant:** Luke Gilchrist**Location:** Foxes Hollow, Wheal Busy, Chacewater, Truro, Cornwall, TR4 8ND**Proposal:** Electricity Act 1989 by falling within the Overhead Lines (Exemption) (England and Wales) Regulations 2009**Closed – Advise given****PA25/01709****Applicant:** Marion Rogers**Location:** Land West Of Unit 7 Cornwall Business Park, West Scorrier, Cornwall, TR16 5EN**Proposal:** Submission of details to discharge conditions 5, 8, 10 and 12 in relation to decision notice PA22/11065 dated 23.05.2023**S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps****PA25/02522****Applicant:** Mrs Kathy O'Reilly**Location:** Woodside, 6 High Street, Chacewater, Truro, Cornwall**Proposal:** Works to trees in a conservation area (CA), works include To attend site and remove 2 x large limbs from multi-stemmed Holm oak (T1) adjacent to entrance gate (which are obstructing access for larger vehicles)**Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps)****8. Agenda Items****08.01/01.25 - New Recreation Centre - update on works.**

Work is progressing well. Cllr P Bearham provided an update as is reflected in the weekly working group minutes.

The next Recreation Centre Committee Meeting is on Monday 9th June 2025.

Additional funding is being sought and it was agreed that Parish Council funds previously allocated to the Car Park and Election funds could be used. Proposed by Cllr J Carley. Seconded by Cllr P Chesworth.

08.02/01.25 - WI Hall update

The outside of the WI Hall needs painting. **Action:** Cllr R Knill (Chair) and Cllr P Chesworth to see how to proceed with the painting. Also to look at the ramp at the back to see if it would be possible to remove this and accommodate the Quadient lockers.

08.03/01.25 - Digital Services/Internet and Marketing

A meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 6th May 2025.

08.04/01.25 – Rubbish bins – Commercial waste

Individual waste bins being collected from the Village Hall, Bowling Club, Stepping Stones, Recreation Centre etc will be expensive. It was suggested that it would be more sensible to look into sourcing a communal bin for everyone to use. **Action:** Clerk and Cllr R Knill (Chair) to contact Suez and/or Biffa to get a quote.

08.05/01.25 – Mains water issues

Creegbrowse have had several periods of time with no water. The pipes are very old and rotten and although South West Water have made repairs, the problem continues. Alice Laskey has written a letter to send to South West Water and Chacewater Parish Council agreed that they would support this.

Proposed by Cllr R Knill (Chair).

Road Matters

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

The below Road(s) will be temporarily closed to allow works to be completed on the highway.

If you have any queries regarding these works please contact the Utility direct on the number below. Any responses to this email received by Street Works will be forwarded to the Utility for them to respond.

Please note that this is only an Intention Notice and as of yet an Order has not been issued.

Please respond with any feedback within fourteen days from the date of this e-mail.

Location: Road From The Cottage To Chacewater Hill, Penstraze, Chacewater

Timing: 12th May 2025 (08:00 to 16:00 hours)

Contact: Ross Strick at Cormac Solutions Ltd on 0300 1234 222

Please click the following link for a map: <https://one.network/?tm=142123286>

9. PRoW

Tyler Woodward is due to start work. Cllr R Knill (Chair) and Cllr K Ford will oversee.

10. Outside Bodies Reports

Chacewater Bowling Club

Chacewater Football Club

Chacewater Projects

Chacewater School

Chacewater Village Hall

Mining Villages Regeneration Group – Recent meeting was very focussed on elections. Several CCF applications have been made.

Parish Emergency Plan – **Action:** Cllr R Knill (Chair) and Cllr S Foster to kit out volunteers with supplies and to encourage more volunteers to come forward.

Hallenbeagle community liaison group – **Action:** Cllr R Knill (Chair) to provide Clerk with new title for this group. No recent news regarding the incinerator – to be raised at the next meeting.

Chacewater Community Energy Group - Green Energy, Nature Recovery & Local Food Show on the 17th of May 2025. An increasing number of exhibitors are interested.

Roseland & Truro Community Area Partnerships – The next meeting is the AGM on the 8th July 2025 at New County Hall. Transportation is the next focus.

Community Garden

11. Monthly Inspection report – Cllr S Grady and Cllr A Beckham

- The bank at the Recreation Centre and underneath the benches in the play park need strimming
- There are nettles in the car park
- The clothing bank is full
- There is a lot of three-cornered leek in the car park which is an invasive plant
- The defibrillator at the hairdressers still keeps going off – this is noisy but does not affect the defibrillator – to be reviewed as part of the Parish Emergency Plan **Action:** Clerk to get some quotes for a replacement case
- There is a lot of rubbish along Jakes Lane **Action:** Cllr R Knill (Chair) to put a note through the letterbox of each house

Action: Cllr R Knill (Chair) and Cllr P Chesworth to fit solar lights at Twelveheads.

12. Correspondence Received

13.01/01.25 – Info: VE/VJ Celebrations

Agreed to put plastic poppies in the centre of Millennium Green. **Action:** Cllr R Knill to arrange with others to meet at 5pm on Friday 2nd May 2025.

13.02/01.25 – Considerations for Co-option from Cllr J Carley and Cllr A Crocker

Noted. **Action:** Clerk to add to AGM agenda.

13.03/01.25 - Research Funding - Environmental Degradation in the Carnon River

Exeter University students would like our support in their efforts to obtain funding for sampling from the Bissoe Valley – all in favour of offering Chacewater Parish Council's support.

13.04/01.25 - RE: Objection to Proposed Commercial Outlet Selling Alcohol at The Cornish Craft Barn, Kia Down Road TR4 8PA and subsequent response from Cornwall Council
Chacewater Parish Council have no comment.

13.05/01.25 - St Day CCF Funding Drop-in Share 2

Action: Cllr R Knill (Chair) and Cllr P Bearham to attend.

13. Finances

14.01/01.25 – Q3 & Q4 budget monitoring reports for noting

Noted and accepted. Proposed by Cllr S Gribble. Seconded by Cllr S Foster.

14.02/01.25 - End of year Reserve balance for noting

Noted

04.03/01.25 – Bank Reconciliations Mar 2025 to be approved

Noted and approved. Proposed by Cllr P Chesworth. Seconded by Cllr A Crocker.

14.04/01.25 Payments / Transfers / Income

To approve the following payments:

Employee Salaries	CA1	£1388.46	BACS
Ecotricity – Conveniences (Jan-Feb)	CA2	£21.01	BACS
Ecotricity – Conveniences (Feb-Mar)	CA2	£46.13	BACS
Source for Business – Conveniences	CA2	£157.82	BACS
BIFFA	CA1	£1,382.78	BACS
Verpex – 36-month term – chacewater.net	CA1	£18.00	BACS
Verpex – 36-month term – Chacewater-pc.gov.uk	CA1	£108.00	BACS
Dean Lang	CA1	£900.00	BACS
Source for Business – Rec Ground	CA1	£5.25	BACS
WI Hall Cleaning	CA1	£78.00	BACS
Tregothnan – Community Garden Rent	CA1	£300.00	BACS
Cllr R Knill expenses – Wheelbarrow, A5 Holder for WI Hall, No O/N Parking Sign	CA1	£94.62	BACS
Cllr R Knill expenses – Teatowels for			

WI Hall, Printer paper, Printing	CA1	£36.83	BACS
Clear Councils (paid)	CA1	£96.85	BACS
Chacewater Football Club - donation	CA1	£200.00	BACS
Cllr R Knill expenses – Printing	CA1	£9.49	BACS
Village Operative expenses	CA1	£11.30	BACS

New Recreation Centre

Jackie George (paid)	CA1	£1,200.00	BACS
Orsus Consulting (paid)	CA1	£1,725.00	BACS
DHR Plumbing (paid)	CA1	£735.00	BACS
FAZE 1 Carpentry (paid)	CA1	£735.00	BACS
Vespa (paid)	CA1	£9,336.00	BACS
Vespa (paid)	CA1	£16,839.24	BACS
H&H Scaffolding (paid)	CA1	£485.72	BACS

Direct Debit Payments

South West Water	CA1	£8.50	DD
Vodafone	CA1	£35.78	DD
Suez	CA1	£71.57	DD

Payments Received

Cornwall Council – CAP6-019 – Exercise Equipment	BMM	£20,640.74	BACS
Cornwall Council – Precept	BMM	£21,489.27	BACS
Cornwall Council – LMP 2025/26	BMM	£2,477.91	BACS
Chacewater Projects – Donation for Kitchen at Recreation Centre	BMM	£4,500.00	BACS
WI Bookings	BMM	£104.00	BACS

Bank Balances: as at 31/03/2025

CA1	£ 2,040.86
BMM	£ 83,267.12
Total:	<u>£ 85,307.98</u>

Matters for future consideration:

- Meadow grass outside the bowling club and in front of the new fence at the Recreation Ground. **Action:** Cllr R Knill (Chair) to ask Leah Thomas if it is possible to source Wildflower Meadow Mix.
- In preparation for the AGM the Standing Orders need to be reviewed. **Action:** Cllr P Chesworth and Cllr S Foster to look at updating.