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Chacewater, TR4 8PY

## Minutes of the Meeting of Chacewater Parish Council, held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7pm, Chacewater Village Hall (Killifreth Room)

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### MINUTES

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

1. **Apologies:** Ward Cllr D Tudor
2. **To received declarations of interest**  
No Registered or Non-Registerable personal interests declared in relation to any item on the agenda.
3. **Public Question Time**  
No members of the public present.
4. **Cornwall Councillors Report**  
Ward Cllr D Tudor provided the following report to be presented at the meeting in her absence:

#### Kerling Farm.

I have a meeting with Niamh Ashworth MRTPI | Senior Development Officer for our area tomorrow afternoon after the Strategic Planning Committee meeting to discuss the latest thinking on PA24/08080 - Kerling Farm

Niamh has spoken with the Enforcement Team. They confirmed the larger application for the building with lighting is now in the system and being validated. They recently met with Mr Gregory and his Planning Agent on site and were encouraged by the additional reports being submitted at the Planning Department's request.

The main concern appears to be lighting and the visual impact of the larger building. However, these issues are being addressed in the forthcoming application (PA25/02588 – Retention of agricultural building, extension to existing building, and relocation of corn silo), which includes:

- Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and Bat/Barn Owl/Nesting Bird Survey
- Design & Heritage Statement with Lighting Strategy
- Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) and Tree Canopy Report

My previous concern was to assess the site as a whole. However, in line with Paragraph 11(c) of the NPPF 2024, which supports approving sustainable development without delay, I propose moving forward with a **delegated approval** for my current application (PA24/08080 – Retrospective extension for agricultural use). Key justifications:

- The barn is for legitimate agricultural use on an existing holding
- It has safe access, limited visual/landscape impact, no neighbour impact
- The works regularise an existing structure, which is typical of ongoing farm maintenance

The caravan and blue-shaded area are outside the red line and not part of this application. The 'L'-shaped section appears to be a long-standing structure, partly repaired after storm damage, and not a new build. She believes the current application stands on its own merits and can be approved.

#### **Kerley Hill Parking.**

After being contacted by several local residents about cars and vans still parking on the new yellow lines at Kerley Hill I asked to go along with the Parking Enforcement Officer on his round of my whole patch. We established that Parking Enforcement officers patrolled or drove around Chacewater at least three times a week. Parking tickets had been issued on vans and cars on Kerley Hill but none in the last couple of months.

The Officer said he would keep 'a special eye out' going forwards.

He pointed out areas of concern from his point of view as Parking Enforcement, most of which was in Threemilestone.

I found the experience really informative and have arranged to 'go on the rounds' with the Officer twice a year.

#### **The Retreat.**

I did an interview with a TV production team who were making a documentary about nightmare neighbours for Channel 5. They wanted to talk about the Housing First tenant Paul Lindsey Jones at the Retreat.

I was happy to oblige and so were Paul's neighbours. I was able to publicly speak about him because his court appearance and conviction is all information in the public realm. Other Councillors with nightmare 'Housing First' tenants in their patch are not able to talk publicly without breaking GDPR on 'vulnerable adults with complex needs'.

I followed up the interview with a meeting with the Council's new Portfolio for Housing Cabinet Member Cllr. Peter le Broy and Housing Officer Adam Fitzpatrick.

After blaming the Housing Allocations Team for placing Mr PLJ at the Retreat Adam agreed to try and broker a mediation meeting between Mr PLJ and his neighbours. I am still waiting to hear if he has agreed to attend.

### **5. Clerk's report – Matters Arising**

**05.01/06.25** – VAT claim has been produced for period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025 – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025 - £5,250.02. There was very little expenditure in August so the clerk will produce a VAT claim for August and September together next month.

**05.02/06.25** – Ecotricity increase in prices from October 1<sup>st</sup>. **Action:** Clerk to look at price comparisons and investigate fixed rate possibility.

**05.04/06.25** – The invoice for a contribution to the Kerley Hill CNP scheme now needs to be paid and is detailed in the finance section for approval. Invoice has been put on hold while this is being looked in to. Awaiting a call back this week from the person who raised the invoice.

**05.05/06.25** – The rubbish issue on Jakes Lane has been reported to Environmental Health and the clerk has called twice to follow up but has not yet received a response.

### **6. Minutes of the Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025**

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

## **7. Planning Applications**

There were no planning applications to consider.

### **Other Planning Matters**

**07.01/06.25** - TAD 109 - Coming into Operation of Public Path Order - FP 57, Chacewater CP – Circulated to all - Noted

**07.02/06.25** - Common Land Application 3071 Notice – Circulated to all - Noted

**07.03/06.25** – Common Land Application. 3072 Notice – Circulated to all - Noted

### **Planning Decision Notices**

#### **PA25/00764/PRE**

**Applicant:** Heather Storey Ford

**Location:** Riverside Cottages 12 Station Road Chacewater Truro Cornwall TR4 8NH

**Proposal:** Exception notice to fell a dead ash tree

**Closed – Advice given** - Noted

#### **PA25/01628**

**Applicant:** Mrs Claire Powell

**Location:** Chacewater Community Primary School Church Hill Chacewater Truro Cornwall TR4 8PZ

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

**APPROVED** - Noted

#### **PA25/04010**

**Applicant:** Mrs T. Gilbert

**Location:** Quaker House Penstraze Chacewater Truro Cornwall TR4 8PE

**Proposal:** Application for Technical Details Consent (TDC) following Permission in Principle approval

PA24/00397 - Demolition of Existing Block Built Barns, Construction of self-build dwelling & Associated Works

**APPROVED** - Noted

## **8. Agenda Items**

**08.01/06.25** - New Recreation Centre - update on works.

- It was noted that the outside area is looking great.
- The final plans are needed from Cllr S Foster so that materials can be costed and a bid put in to the Community Foundation.
- The CLUP element will be finished tomorrow (Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> September) so the exercise equipment can be opened up. A report needs to be produced and sent to CLUP in the next 5 working days.
- Kompan will need to get the exercise equipment ready on their app so that it can be launched over the weekend.
- It was agreed the Cllrs J Dyke, P Chesworth and R Knill would meet on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September to take the fences down.
- Cllr R Knill is meeting with Vespa tomorrow (Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> September) regarding a quote for the Arts and Crafts side of the building as this information is required by SPF. We are then awaiting information regarding the next steps from SPF.
- The installation of the lift for the Arts and Crafts side of the building needs to be undertaken by December to avoid a price increase. There is currently £1,800 left to pay for this.
- The stairs will cost £9,800 which includes installation.

- Cllr J Carley has written an email to Adrian Parsons with regards to the halt in funding from Cornwall Council and is awaiting a response.

**08.02/06.25 – Chacewater PC playing surfaces – to agree next steps.**

- A meeting has taken place with regards to the football pitch that was attended by Cllr R Knill. **Action:** Cllr R Knill to write a formal letter to Chacewater Football Club on behalf of Chacewater Parish Council.
- It was reported that a soil analysis report is now required for the pitch which could cost in the region of £3,000.
- Cllr P Bearham (Chair) is waiting to speak to the Regional Pitch Advisor (Ash) and would like to arrange a meeting onsite. He will send an email once he has managed to speak to Ash.
- It was reported that the soakaway will need to be completed before work on the pitch can start.
- It was agreed that the posts would be drilled back in so that the gate can be locked which should stop cars from parking on the pitch.

**08.03/06.25 - WI Hall update**

- It was agreed that the planned interior works should be put on hold at this time, however it might be advisable to decorate over the winter months.
- Cllr S Foster (Vice-Chair) has reported that the planning application for the new WI Hall has been pushed back another month.
- **Action:** Clerk to look in to when the last electrical check was undertaken.

**08.04/06.25 - Digital Services/Internet and Marketing**

- Cllr S Foster is continuing work on the websites and advised that the Parish website is almost complete, there is just some additional content required.
- **Action:** Arrange a meeting between the Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk

**08.05/06.25 – PCC invites community groups to bid for share of £330,000 crime prevention funding (RK)**

- This is regarding a grant for funding installation of CCTV and signage. Chacewater Parish Council have not bid for this fund before and the local police have agreed that there is an ASB problem in the village so it was agreed that after obtaining quotes that Cllr R Knill would submit a bid application. This application will also include the village hall who currently have a sub-committee looking into CCTV and security.

**08.06/06.25 – Twelveheads/Bissoe dog waste bin (RK)**

- This has previously been supplied by a resident who is no longer able to do so. As this is in their Parish, Gwennap Parish Council have taken this over and provided a bin.

**08.07/06.25 – Proposal to nominate Twelveheads Methodist Church Chapel and/or Sunday School as an Asset of Community Value under the Localism Act 2011, ss.87-108. (SF)**

- Chacewater Parish Council have the power to nominate buildings to be an Asset of the Community Value which means that if the building is put on the market for sale then the community have a period of time in which to raise funds to purchase the building. It was agreed unanimously that Chacewater Parish Council should take the following **actions**:
  - Cllr P Chesworth to find out if the church would like us to proceed
  - Find out if title deeds need to be purchased to accompany the application

Proposed by Cllr S Foster. Seconded by Cllr P Chesworth

**08.08/06.25 - Winter Covid & Flu Jab Saturday's 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (RK)**

- Cllr R Knill informed the meeting that cones and signs will be put in situ on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October and again on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

## 9. 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.

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

**Timing:** 23rd October 2025 to 24th October 2025 (22:00 to 06:00 hours)

**Contact:** Sunbelt Rentals - Tel: 03700500792

Please click the following link for a map: <https://one.network/?tm=GB144339571>

### **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.

**Location:** Cross Roads, Chacewater

**Timing:** 29th October 2025 to 30th October 2025 (19:00 to 07:00 hours)

**Contact:** Tom Cowan at Circet UK on 07788 828636

Please click the following link for a map: <https://one.network/?tm=GB145024746>

### **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.

**Location:** Road From Junction North Of Rising Sun Farm To Hilltop Cottages, Twelveheads

**Timing:** 11th November 2025 (09:30 to 15:30 hours)

**Contact:** Sunbelt Rentals - Tel: 03700500792

Please click the following link for a map: <https://one.network/?tm=GB144741844>

### **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.

**Location:** Road From Redlands To Hilltop Cottage, Wheal Henry, Twelveheads, Road From Creegbrowse To Redlands, Creegbrowse, Chacewater and Road From Hilltop Cottage To Twelveheads, Twelveheads

**Timing:** 17th November 2025 to 19th November 2025 (07:30 to 18:00 hours)

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

Please click the following link for a map: <https://one.network/?tm=GB145309690>

All road closure information noted.

## 10. PRoW

- Cllr R Knill informed the meeting that Tyler Woodward is on the second cut of the footpaths.
- Cllrs R Knill and K Ford have gone through the list of footpaths and submitted this to the Countrywide Access Team to upgrade the paths. The grading goes from Bronze, to Silver, to Gold with Gold allowing 2 cuts. There is an increase in funds available from the LMP to enable the extra cuts.

## 11. Outside Bodies Reports

Chacewater Bowling Club – It is now the end of the season.

Chacewater Football Club – In addition to the discussions between Councillors and members of the Chacewater Football Club and the face-to-face discussions had at Chacewater Parish Council's June monthly meeting, Chacewater Football Club would like a written letter of response to the letter that they submitted in May 2025. **Action:** Cllr R Knill to write a letter of reply and circulate to all for approval prior to sending.

Chacewater Projects – The next meeting is on 16<sup>th</sup> October to discuss arrangements for Bonfire Night. The Clerk informed the meeting that an online form had been completed to arrange for St John's Ambulance cover but no response had been received as yet. **Action:** Cllr P Chesworth to send contact details of the local branch to the Clerk. Information from the insurance company has been obtained. **Action:** Cllr P Bearham to notify the Cornwall Council events team.

Chacewater School – Continuing problems with parking were reported and the PTA are currently looking into funding ‘Parking Buddies’ to help.

Chacewater Village Hall – All ok, nothing to report.

Mining Villages Regeneration Group – The next meeting is on 18<sup>th</sup> September and will be looking at the Local Priority Statement. Cllr R Knill reported that the pasty event held last Saturday was a good event.

Parish Emergency Plan – Cormac have cleared verges and drains of leaves to mitigate flooding issues. **Action:** Cllrs S Foster (Vice-Chair) and R Knill will be attending the flood forum. Cllr S Foster to write to volunteers regarding the emergency plan.

Community Liaison Groups (GEL, Cornish Lithium(CL), Material Recycling Facility (MRF)) – GEL: The generator start has been delayed, hopefully only until next month. MRF: The poster competition entries were displayed inside rather than outside and limited emphasis was placed on community events.

Chacewater Community Energy Group – Information circulated to all by Cllr J Carley prior to the meeting.

Roseland & Truro Community Area Partnerships – The next meeting is on 7<sup>th</sup> October.

Community Garden – All ok, nothing to report.

## **12. Monthly Inspection report – Cllr S Foster and Cllr J Greaves**

- The rubber is tearing away from the spring on the horse rocker in the playground.
- The grill near the chapel is thick with weeds.
- Jakes Lane – just one bin left uncollected which has been tagged.
- The blue bench at Twelveheads Play Park is very near to the hawthorn bush – bush needs cutting back.
- The noticeboards in the car park are looking faded, although this could just be because of the opaque fronts.

## **13. Correspondence Received**

**13.01/06.25** – PLG meeting feedback – Circulated to all

**13.02/06.25** – OPCC’s CCTV funding scheme 2025 – Circulated to all

**13.03/06.25** – At least two of the lights in the WI Hall are not working **Action:** Cllr P Bearham to check over the weekend.

**13.04/06.25** – Tent has been erected and someone appears to be living on Millenium Green **Action:** Cllrs R Knill, P Chesworth and J Dyke will have a look on Friday and report to the PCSO if still there.

The Youth Engagement Day was discussed and how best to reach young people for them to complete the QR Survey about what they would like in the village. It was suggested that handouts be produced and distributed to Lucy’s Lattes, the Village Hall, School and Doctor’s Surgery along with handing them out at Truro College and on the school buses.

A working group was arranged to organise the event on 16<sup>th</sup> October using the new exercise equipment as a backdrop.

## **14. Finances**

### **14.01/06.25 - Bank Reconciliations – July and August 2025**

To be approved

### **14.02/06.25 Payments / Transfers / Income**

To approve the following payments:

|                   |     |           |      |
|-------------------|-----|-----------|------|
| Employee Salaries | CA1 | £1,388.26 | BACS |
|-------------------|-----|-----------|------|

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| Cornwall Council (Kerley Hill Scheme) | CA1 | £1,290.00 | BACS |
| Dean Lang                             | CA1 | £100.00   | BACS |
| TH Douce                              | CA1 | £1,140.08 | BACS |
| Cleaning – WI Hall                    | CA1 | £78.00    | BACS |
| Data Protection Fee                   | CA1 | £52.00    | BACS |
| Ecotricity – WI Hall                  | CA1 | £64.00    | BACS |
| Ecotricity – Conveniences             | CA2 | £44.23    | BACS |

#### **New Recreation Centre**

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|--------------|-----|-----------|------|
| Vespa (Paid) | CA1 | £2,986.80 | BACS |
| Vespa (Paid) | CA1 | £4,000.00 | BACS |

#### **Direct Debit Payments**

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|------------------------|-----|--------|----|
| South West Water (Aug) | CA1 | £8.50  | DD |
| Vodafone (Aug)         | CA1 | £35.88 | DD |
| Vodafone (Sep)         | CA1 | £35.88 | DD |
| Suez (Aug)             | CA1 | £81.01 | DD |
| Suez (Sep)             | CA1 | £82.88 | DD |

#### **Payments Received**

|                                |     |            |      |
|--------------------------------|-----|------------|------|
| WI Hall Bookings               | BMM | £138.00    | BACS |
| Donation for Recreation Centre | BMM | £2,500.00  | BACS |
| Precept                        | BMM | £21,489.26 | BACS |
| Sport England – Movement Fund  | BMM | £12,355.00 | BACS |

#### **Bank Balances: as at 31/08/2025**

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|---------------|--------------------|
| CA1           | £ 3,217.09         |
| BMM           | £ 39,331.19        |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>£ 42,548.28</b> |

All approved. Proposed by Cllr J Carley. Seconded by Cllr A Crocker.

#### **Matters for future consideration:**

Finance and Staffing meetings to be arranged.

Meeting close 21:13