ROCHE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE MAIN HALL OF THE ROCHE VICTORY HALL ON MONDAY, 11TH MARCH 2024 AT 6.30PM

Present	Cllr. G. Rowe (Vice-Chairman) Cllr. Mrs. H. Retallick 4 Members of Public	Mrs. J. Burdon (Parish Clerk) Cllr. P. Kent	Cllr. M. Taylor Cllr. M. Edyvean Cllr. B. Kretowicz	
47/23	Apologies:- Councillors D. Inch, D. Yelland, Mrs. A. King, Mrs. L. Harrison, Mrs. S. Tippett, Cornwall Councillor P. Guest.			
48/24	Public Forum:- There was four members of public in attendance. Mrs. Higman reported she attended the Metro Line presentation at Newquay recently. She spoke to someone from Dawlish and then someone from the Railway and then someone from Cormac. She believes the Parish should help promote this and work with Network Railway, allowing for parking (Mrs. Higman said they would be happy to sell some land for parking). The lady from Cormac advised that there will be no need for land for a footpath and she advised the road to Victoria will be a cul-de-sac and the pavement will be on the outside but they as residents along this stretch had heard nothing to this effect, there has not been any consultation with residents. She also had concerns about alienating Victoria Business Park from the village. She believes if Harmony Road and Edgcumbe Road are the only routes, there would need to be double yellow lines. She also had concerns about silage and people have to travel miles to get to the A30. Vice-Chairman suggested he had not heard it would be completely closed. Mrs. Higman left the meeting at 6.37pm.			
	Agent in attendance for planning application PA24/01455. Proposed scheme uses existing buildings. He detailed reasons for the proposals.			
49/24	Members Declaration of Interest on items raised on the Agenda/Requests for Dispensation:- Councillor P. Kent declared a non-registerable interest in respect of planning result for PA23/06997 for Ingrid Mellor.			
50/24	 Monthly Cornwall Councillor Report:- Cornwall Councillor P. Guest reported as follows:- Despite the half term holiday, February was a pretty busy month. Full Council was the main event, and the headline topic was the debate on the Budget. Despite a lot of grandstanding and Party-Political Broadcasting from certain members of the opposition, not one constructive suggestion for an alternative to the raising of Council Tax by 4.99% was put forward. This was not a decision taken lightly but given the rising costs especially in Adult Social Care and the Children & Families Directorate, we felt that we had no choice but to increase next year's rate. You will have seen reports of how we as an administration are lobbying strongly to Westminster for a better financial settlement for Cornwall, in fact the Secretary of State Michael Gove visited last week, and I know that David Harris the Deputy Leader had a good long chat with him and will keep on chatting until we will hopefully see a bigger settlement in the future. Times are hard here in Cornwall, but in comparison to many local authorities, our finances may be tight but are in a far stronger position than them. A lot of credit must go to David and the team for their stewardship of our finances. 			

- We also debated the raising of the toll charges for the Tamar crossings, again, talks are underway with the Government, but what we cannot do in the meantime is sit on our hands and do nothing. To do so would run the real risk of having to make a larger increase in the toll later should we not reach a settlement with Westminster. I am just giving you the headlines in this report, but, as always, if you would like to discuss these and any other matters in more detail, I would be happy to do so.
- As you probably know, I have got a fair bit of 'Previous' when it comes to sport, especially football. As a member of the Strategic Planning Committee, I was pleased to support and pass the planning application for Truro City Football Clubs new stadium at the Langarth Garden Village site. This will not only deliver a 3,000-capacity stadium (with the ability to increase to 4,000) which is of National League standard, but also the complimentary facilities and in my opinion most importantly a new 3g pitch for use by the local community and nearby football clubs.
- Speaking of major projects within the Duchy, I was at a briefing a couple of Fridays ago with National Highways, their aspiration is to have the work on the A30 completed by June. Given the number of weather events that we have experienced over the last few months which have massively impacted on their schedule, I think they should be congratulated.
- On March 4th, I was up in Exeter with the Police & Crime Commissioner Alison Hernandez at the launch of the 'Criminal Justice For You' project which is aimed at support and advice for victims and witnesses. I will go into more detail on this initiative in next month's report. Later, that evening, I attended the Youth Council celebration event in Truro where the election results were announced. Having helped at the count, I was amazed to find that over 10,000 votes were cast Countywide, and I find it heartening to see so many young people interested and engaging in politics and local issues. I will be mentoring one of the committees (it was SEND and Mental Health last year) and I really enjoy working with these young people and making sure their voice is heard in the main Council.
- Moving nearer to home, I recently met up in Bugle with Sophie Hosking and Emma Trethewey. They are both Directors within Cornwall Council and we discussed a project that is currently going through the process of getting a grant through the Community Capacity Fund. If successful, this will greatly benefit the residents of the whole of the Division providing mobile outreach services. We also managed to squeeze in a visit to Minorca Lane and met with some of the site owners and residents to discuss the myriad of issues that we have there.
- British Lithium held a Roadshow at the Victory Hall two weeks ago. This was well attended and the residents who came along found it very informative. The Lithium people are holding one in Bugle on the 25th March. Again, I will be there to support them and deflect any hard 'Science' questions on to the experts.
- This Parish Council along with others in the area attended a meeting to discuss the upcoming '20 is plenty' initiative. The valid points raised at the meeting have been taken on board and a follow up meeting with Councillors M. Taylor, D. Yelland, the Officers and I involved was held last week. Now that we are aware that the stretch of road along Fore Street is not eligible for the 20mph limit under the existing scheme, an alternative source of funding from the Mid Cornwall Metro is currently being explored. Frankly, I do not think we care where the funding comes from as long as we can get the speed restrictions in place.

	 In next month's thrilling instalment, I will be reporting back on the Adult Education Service which is being devolved to Cornwall Council and I am currently involved in this process. As well as anything else that affects our area. As well as my resident's casework, I keep in touch with the Clerk and the Chair on a regular basis, but, if something does crop up, please do not wait for the next meeting, either drop me a line or give me a call at the time. Vice-Chairman thanked the Clerk for circulating Cornwall Councillor P. Guest's report. 	
51/24	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Monthly and Closed Meetings held on the 5 th February 2024:- Resolved the Minutes of the Monthly and Closed Meetings held on the 5 th February 2024 as circulated were confirmed as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Vice-Chairman (Proposed: Councillor Mrs. H. Retallick; Seconded: Councillor P. Kent)	
52/24	Matters Arising from the Monthly Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5 th February 2024:-	
	Page 2 Min.31/23 Development on Old Poachers Site:- Clerk reported since the original response from Dylan Myers nothing further had been heard back. Chairman had confirmed to file as we will not be receiving a response.	
	Page 2 Min.91/23 Penstraze Lane Update:- Update received advising the contact we have been liaising with has been trying to chase for a response today but she does not have the latest on this site. She does know that progress is being made though so please feel assured that the matter is on its way to being resolved Action: Keep Pending.	Clerk
	Page 3 Min.310/23 HGV Signage request nearby junction on old A30:- This matter is ongoing and being followed up by Cornwall Councillor P. Guest, no further responses received and chased twice in the last month by the Clerk Action: Keep Pending.	Cwll. Cllr. P. Guest
	Page 3 Min.310/23 Terrible Condition of area surrounding and footpath into the Pharmacy:- Quotation received and Pharmacy to agree have agreed to liaise with the Contractor.	
	Page 3 Min.323/23 Fibre Broadband to Roche:- This matter is ongoing and being followed up by Cornwall Councillor P. Guest, no further responses received and chased twice in the last month by the Clerk Action: Keep Pending.	Cwll. Cllr. P. Guest
	Page 3 Min.323/23 Resident in Caravan at Victoria Industrial Estate:- Update from Cornwall Councillor P. Guest, advising the caravan has been reported and a welfare visit is planned and may even have gone ahead by now, he is waiting for an update from the Council Action: Keep Pending.	Cwll. Cllr. P. Guest
	Page 5 Min.32/24 Cricket Score Hut:- Confirmation received from Cricket Club that this has now been cleared.	
	Page 5 Min.34/24 Use of Roche Football Club Car Park for temporary Bus Stop:- Response received advising they would maintain the area. It will be mostly out by the layby and the bus will turn in the car park. We will create a temporary bus stop and Go Cornwall will carry out the risk assessment. I have made them aware of the cricket fixtures. A revised timetable is being drawn up and once we have received this it will be sent out.	

		Page 5 Min.35/24 Cycle Route Sign:- Clerk reported the sign has now been repaired by Tregonhay Farm.	
		Page 6 Min.38/24 Dirty Signage:- Clerk reported the signage had been cleaned.	
		Page 6 Min.38/24 Schedule of Works for Edgcumbe Road:- Details received, although since this there had been some temporary works carried out.	
		Page 6 Min.40/24 Tregothnan Estates – Increase in Roche Football Ground Annual Lease:- Response received advising the review sent through is for the Football Club only as there are two separate leases for football field and cricket field. A copy of both leases was sent which includes the plans for each lease. Resolved to accept as set out (Proposed: Councillor M. Edyvean; Seconded: Councillor P. Kent) Action: Clerk.	Clerk
53	3/24	Planning Applications/Results/Correspondence/Any Letters received for or against any Planning Applications:-	
		Planning Applications Received:-	
		PA23/09879 – Mr. & Mrs. Kelland – Construction of a new dwelling with associated access and parking provision, Land North East of Meadow Haven, Prosper Road, Road – Support (Proposed: Councillor P. Kent; Seconded: Councillor B. Kretowicz)	Clerk
		PA24/00376 – Mr. Barbery – Removal of existing detached garage. Erection of two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and general alterations, 25 Plas Jowan, Roche – Support (Proposed: Councillor Mrs. H. Retallick; Seconded: Councillor P. Kent)	Clerk
		Vice-Chairman suspending standing orders to ask the Agent questions. PA24/01455 – Mr. & Mrs. Kevin & Karen Ackrell & Tonkin – Conversion of existing barn into residential dwelling, provision of external garden amenity space and vehicular parking and turning area, and installation of septic tank/package treatment plant, Coldvreath Stables, Coldvreath, Roche – Support (Proposed: Councillor G. Rowe; Seconded: Councillor Mrs. H. Retallick) Vice-Chairman reinstated standing orders. Agent left the meeting at 6.54pm.	Clerk
		PA24/01374 – Imerys British Lithium – EIA Scoping Opinion for proposed development of a lithium quarry, processing plant and associated infrastructure and facilities, Guneath China Clay Works, Carbean, St. Austell – Parish Council would request more information/detail on the application (Proposed: Councillor M. Edyvean; Seconded: Councillor B. Kretowicz)	Clerk
		Planning Results Received:-	
		Councillor P. Kent declared a non-registerable interest in respect of the following planning result:- PA23/06997 – Ingrid Mellor – Revision of withdrawn application PA22/08716 for the demolition of an existing domestic garage and outbuildings to build two new semi-detached dwellings, Land Rear of Number 25 Chapel Road, Roche – Approved	

PA24/00472 – Claire Brooks – Stationing of a caravan/mobile unit within the curtilage of the dwelling would not create a separate planning unit and would not involve a material change of use as the unit would retain a relationship with the primary dwelling, Endsleigh House, Victoria Road, Victoria, Roche – **Granted (CAADs, PIPs and LUs only)**

Councillor M. Taylor arrived at 6.59pm and apologised for being late.

<u>Planning Correspondence Received:</u> (a) J.E. Tilly Architecture - Alterations and Extension at Somerset House together with construction of various outbuildings in the grounds of Somerset House, Hallew, Bugle PL26 8QH - Community Engagement.

- (b) Cornwall Council EN20/01243 Construction of a dwelling Land known as Little Trerank, The Lodge, Harmony Road, St Austell Appeal Allowed. No Costs claimed; Councillor M. Taylor advised basically they have to get the property to the right height;
- (c) Keiran Pearce copy letter sent to Cornwall Councillor P. Guest in respect of PA23/06997 Land Rear of Number 25 Chapel Road, Roche;
- (d) Cornwall Council PA24/00472 Stationing of Caravan/mobile unit without planning application response received advising this is not a planning application and is not subject to statutory consultation processes. It is a lawful development certificate to confirm whether the proposed development is lawful; The planning merits of the case are not considered as it is (in this specific case) a matter of whether the development falls within permitted development rights or not.

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Monthly Accounts for Approval, including monthly bank reconciliation and budget monitoring:- It was proposed that the Council approve and accept the accounts for payments as circulated on schedules for the month of March 2024, including agreement with the bank reconciliation and budget monitoring as reported (Proposed: Councillor P. Kent: Seconded: Councillor Mrs. H. Retallick)

Salaries, Pensions, National Insurance,		March 2024
Income Tax and Expenses	22,203.10	Watti 2027
Keith Perks & Son Pest Control – Moles	£120.00	Playing Field
Lanhydrock Garden Services – Maintenance	£720.00	Old Lane
AJH Services – Public Conveniences Clean	£474.72	February 2024
Lanhydrock Garden Services – Maintenance	£1,728.00	Footpath Clear
DMC-IT – Website Updating	£25.00	January 2024
Scan International	£862.72	Computer Parts
British Gas – Electricity for Toilets	£55.65	5/12/23-4/1/24
HP	£506.97	Laptop/Case
Crystal Clear Limited Waste Bin Emptying	£788.40	February 2024
Hiscox Insurance	£369.37	March 2024
Biffa Waste Services Limited – Cemetery	£29.22	February 2024
Biffa Waste Services Limited – Cemetery	£131.50	February 2024
DMC-IT – Website Updating	£25.00	February 2024
Crystal Clear Limited – Cleaning Graffiti	£100.00	Off Walls
Crystal Clear Limited Bus Shelter Cleaning	£68.00	February 2024
Roche Victory Hall – Post Office Cont.	£86.66	March 2024
Roche Victory Hall – Hire Hall	£30.00	March 2024
Lanhydrock Garden Services – Maintenance	£1,760.40	February 2024
Crystal Clear Limited Bus Shelter Annual	£50.00	Deep Clean
Amazon	£53.99	Dual Monitor Arm
Duchy Cemetery's Limited – Interment	£575.00	Richards
AJH Services – Public Conveniences Clean	£474.72	March 2024

Clerk

62/24	Duck Pond and surrounding Land & St. Mich	iaeis way:- No	upaate.	
61/24	Footpath Signs/Matters:- Clerk and Chairmannext year Action: Clerk/Chairman.			Clerk/ Chair
60/24	Roche Public Conveniences/Bus Shelters:-	vo updates.		
	Quarterly Inspection of Playing Field Equip Edyvean to liaise with our Contractor regarding to Councillor M. Edyvean.	he swings and		Cllr. M. Edyvean
59/24	Roche Park Recreation Area (Including Quar Equipment):- Clerk reported the annual inspect be held during April and the cost will be £78.00.	ion of the equip		
58/24	Minor Repairs/Works in the Parish that may	arise:- None.		
	Retallick) Action: Clerk.			Clerk
	Application received from Abbey Memorials Limited for a new memorial, cover slab and pots and for the late Stephen Mills. Resolved to accept as per our Rules and Regulations (Proposed: Councillor B. Kretowicz; Seconded: Councillor Mrs. H. Retallick) Action: Clerk.			Clerk
57/24	Cemetery Matters (Including (a) Any applications for memorials or inscriptions; (b) Review of Burial Fees and Regulations effective from 1st April 2024):- Application received from Larcombes Memorials for a new memorial, cover slab and pots and for the late Richard John Bromell. Resolved to accept as per our Rules and Regulations (Proposed: Councillor B. Kretowicz; Seconded: Councillor Mrs. H. Retallick) Action: Clerk.			Clerk
56/24	Appointment of Internal Auditor: Passived to appoint our current Internal			Clerk
	Seconded: Councillor P. Kent) Action: Clerk Purchase of new Bluetooth portable project project the Parish Council could trial at the new Kretowicz.			CIIr. B. Kretowicz
55/24	comparer equipment de presented by the cient (i represent estationer in rayier,			Clerk
	Receipt: Mr. & Mrs. Emery – Tree Removal Receipt:- Co-operative Funeral Care	£175.00 £2,605.00		
	Receipt: HMRC – Vat Reimbursement	£1,162.54		H
	Receipt: Cornwall Council – LMP Funding	£1,351.59	•	Ħ
	Receipt: Cornwall Council – Interest	£176.26 £697.68	•	H
	Bob Thomas Tarmacadam Receipt: Lloyds Bank – Interest	£10,134.00	Park Footpath February 2024	H
	Computers to the Max – Labour/Software	£473.00		H

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Village Regeneration Works/Working Party for the Village:- Update received from Vicky Bundy advising they collected 8 sacks of rubbish between four of them at the March village litter pick. She had not heard anything from Becky Edmondson about any litter collection supplies, so she requested a supply of black bags, Clerk advised this is in hand. Picture sent of the planters up at the park. She plans to weed and put in some primroses soon. Councillor G. Rowe mentioned that the Chairman would be the one to speak to regarding the loose slabs on the edges. She suggested if they could be repaired, it would be a big improvement and nothing there then to cause any accidents. Resolved to ask our Contractor for a quotation by the two flower beds in the park by the Queen Elizabeth Chair (Proposed: Councillor M. Edyvean; Seconded: Councillor B. Kretowicz) Action: Clerk

Clerk

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Roche By-Pass Scheme and related projects (Including (a) Discussion on Edgcumbe Road, Roche; (b) 20mph Pre-Consultation Stakeholder Meeting China Clay 2):- All updates are included on the Village and Parish Council Facebook pages as received.

Edgcumbe Road, Roche:- Councillor M. Edyvean expressed his concerns about this stretch of road and the terrible condition it is in. He wanted to raise with Cornwall Councillor P. Guest this evening and would do so when he meets him next.

20mph Pre-Consultation Stakeholder Meeting China Clay 2:- Councillor M. Taylor reported as follows:-

- Roche Hill we emphasised this the critical 'danger point' in the village and going from 20mph to 30mph will simply encourage drivers to speed up. They accept the issue but say the rules will not allow 20mph when traffic will not be expected to get close to that due to current speeds. It would need physical traffic calming such as build outs to achieve which they accepted appropriate. They said it is important we ensure this is prioritised as part of the improvements linked to the link road completion. We said it would be better to bring this forward to do at same time as 20mph introduced, given funding will come in and a short term 30mph would establish bad habits hence they will investigate.
- Victoria Road the same issue as above. We pointed out that plan is this road
 is no longer thro route and will gain a pedestrian marked side narrowing its
 perceived width and therefore current speeding should end. Likely 20mph can
 then come to the road (mad not to) but will not be till then it seems as otherwise
 as above needs other measures to calm traffic in this case that a waste of
 funds as will all change when link road done, and the road will be subject to
 these changes then anyway.
- To be honest the annoyance is that would be best this all happens at same time – hopefully might get something re the hill but need Cornwall Councillor P. Guest to press this for us hard, I think. However, we said we believe the Parish will not want to hold up the rest of 20mph over this.

Resolved to thank them for the meeting and look forward to the outcome, sending the above notes and look forward to hearing from them when it can be brought forward (Proposed: Councillor M. Taylor; Seconded: Councillor B. Kretowicz) **Action:** Clerk.

Clerk

Message received from Griffiths advising that due to a change in sequencing to construction activities, the upcoming closure at Trezaise Road planned from the 11th March 2024 has now been suspended. This closure will be reprogrammed over the coming weeks with a revised closure date communicated by the 8th April 2024. The existing 4-way light set-up at Stenalees Roundabout will now be removed on the 15th March 2024. The proposed follow-on 2-way light set-up on Stannary Road from the 15th March has been suspended.

	The 2-way light set-up at Blockworks Junction will also be removed on the 8th	
	March 2024. Therefore, there will be no Traffic Management in place associated	
	with the St Austell Link Road scheme from the 15th March 2024 until further notice.	
	Please keep an eye on our website and social media pages for revised dates of	
	closures and traffic management once these have been reprogrammed. We thank	
	you for all your support at this time.	
CEIDE	Rural EV Charging - Electric Vehicle Chargers in the Town/Parish:- Clerk	Clark
65/25	reported the forms received are to be finalised as a lot of information she had to	Clerk
	find out and will be submitted Action: Keep Pending.	
00/04	Articles for Parish Council Website/Newsletter:- Monthly newsletter report to	011
66/24	be submitted Action: Clerk. Vice-Chairman mentioned the Metro Link. Clerk to	Clerk
	ask Cornwall Councillor P. Guest for some information to include in our report	Clerk
	Action: Clerk.	
07/04	Correspondence – Clerk listed correspondence and actions required:-	
67/24	1. NALC – Events	
	2. NALC – Newsletter	
	3. NALC – Chief Executive's Bulletin	
	4. Cornwall Council – Martyn's Law – Standard Tier Consultation Webinar – 13 th	
	February 2024	
	5. South West Play – What we do	
	6. Cornwall Council – Town & Parish Council Newsletter – 9 th February 2024	
	7. Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner - Police and Crime Commissioner's	
	weekly column	
	8. Imerys & Imerys British Lithium – Community drop in event – 21st February	
	between 2.00-7.00pm at Roche Victory Hall	
	9. Mid-Cornwall Climate & Eco Hub – Newsletter	
	10. Cornwall Rural Community Council - The Clean Cornwall Newsletter	
	11. Great Western Railway - Stakeholder meeting with Mark Hopwood & Marcus	
	Jones, 27 th February from 4.00-6.00pm via Zoom	
	12. Cornwall Council Pensions – February 2024 Employer Newsletter	
	13. Cornwall Council – Online Training Portal	
	14. Cormac Solutions Limited – Cormac Spring Workshop Sessions	
	15. Cornwall Council - 20mph Pre-Consultation Stakeholder Meeting China Clay 2	
	- Meeting Notes	
	16. Gallagher Insurance – Conferences online	
	17. Great Western Railway - Customer & Community Improvement Fund to open	
	on Monday 25 th March 2024	
	18. Cornwall Council – Call for sites	
	19. Cornwall Council - Cair for sites 19. Cornwall Council - China Clay Area & Luxulyan Community Area Partnership	
	Meeting - 26 February 2024, 7.00pm	
	20. Great Western Railway - Reminder - Cornwall & Devon re-signalling starting	
	on 27 th February 2024	
	21. Seven Concerned Citizens (Cornwall) – Notice of escalation regarding	
	Cornwall Council and Climate Emergency	
	22. CALC – Free Briefing Reminder – Preparing for a new Local Plan for Cornwall	
	- Wednesday 28 th February 2024 at 4.00pm on Microsoft Teams	
	23. CALC – D-Day 80 Flag of Peace	
	24. Cornwall Council - 2024 refresh of the Cornwall Planning Partnership: your	
	invitation to apply	
	25. CALC – Invitation to join the Cornwall Planning Partnership	
	26. Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner - The Commissioner's weekly	
	column (week commencing 26 th February 2024)	
	27. Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner - The Commissioner's weekly	
	column - week commencing 4 th March 2024	
	Column - Week Commencing 4 March 2024	

	28. Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner - First-of-its-kind resource helps		
	victims through the criminal justice process		
	29. CALC - Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Climate Commission: Call for Commissioners		
	30. CALC – NALC Legal Update – February 2024		
	31. CALC – Training Opportunity: Introduction to Neurodiversity		
	32. Gallagher Insurance - Read our Community Event Guide for 2024		
	33. Cornwall Council – Neighbourhood Planning Newsletter – February 2024		
	34. Cornwall Council - Town & Parish Council Newsletter: 8th March 2024		
	35. Cornwall Council - Affordable Housing Newsletter - March 2024		
	36. Steve Double MP - February E-news		
	37. Cornwall Council - 2024 Refresh of the Cornwall Planning Partnership		
	38. Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine		
	39. Outdoor Play Equipment Catalogue		
	40. Cornwall Garden Society – Spring Flower Show 2024		
20/24	To arrange any Sub-Committee Meetings required: None.		
68/24	To arrange any can commune meeting required received		
00/04	Any Urgent Matters the Chairman considers relevant for this meeting:- None.		
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70/24	Date of next Meeting:- Monday 8th April 2024 at 6.30pm to be held in the Roche		
10124	Victory Hall Large Main Hall, Roche Victory Hall.		
	There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.33pm		

Signature:	
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Date: 8th April 2024