

154/24 Reports from Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Lockett Swings RD proposed and SC seconded no action at this time Agreed unanimously. b. NDP MH proposed and SC seconded that the Terms of Reference, with the explicit requirement for final sign off before submission to CC added, be approved and the progress noted Agreed 6-0 I abstention. MH requested minutes from the meeting of 12th February. 	
155/24 Highways	As well as the items reported at 153/24 b & d SR reported that the road sign for the junction at Almshouses was turned away from view and that the white line protecting the junction had worn away. She had already reported this to CC Highways. TS requested action on speeding traffic on the length of Lockett Hill. He asked whether it was possible to have a speed restriction on the road	
156/24 Work Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Play Areas Working Group. The ship on the Village Green has been removed and the surface made good. The working party will meet to write a plan for the refurbishment of the Village Green play area together with that at Downgate and proposals for provision at Lockett. They will bring fully costed proposals to the council when they are ready. b. Completed c. C Carbon Zero Committee minutes -noted d. Completed e. Recommendation to be made by Play Area Working Group. f. Clerk to ascertain any progress with Childrens input to NDP g. Old Mill no report. h. EV Charging. RD spoke about the need for action in order to be ready for changes. He outlined the work he has done to date and requested that this be taken forward as a part of the work plan. To be a standing item. 	<p>Working Group</p> <p>Working Group Clerk</p>
157/24 Items for next agenda	Duchy College, The Hobbit, Tamar Valley Management Plan, CC review of Kit Hill, Carbon Zero Project outputs and future.	
158/24 Motion to restrict meeting	MH proposed and SC seconded that the meeting be restricted and that press and public be excluded for a closed session as in the 1960 Public Bodies (admission to meetings) act S1 (2). The clerk was also asked to leave to enable a report on the Clerks appraisal and recommendations from the HR Committee to be brought to Council.	
159/24 Report from HR committee	CR Chair of the HR Committee presented the report and recommendations from the HR committee. CR proposed and RD seconded that the report be accepted and that the recommendations be implemented. Agreed unanimously.	
Next meeting	Will be held on April 15 th at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall	
	The meeting closed at 10.10pm	

Appendix 1 Payment Schedule

Stoke Climsland Parish Council

Payment Schedule Current Account

DATE **March** **2024**

INCOME

01/03/2024 NDP Funding (from previous group)	£	3,469.60
Allotment rents	£	130.00

Expenditure

Urgent payment made in Feb	Parish Online	£	108.00	NDP
PAYEE	Invoice Date	Invoice #	Description	Amount
Root & Branch	28/02/2024	160	Lockett Car Park	£ 696.00
Duchy of Cornwall	16/02/2024	172278	Venterdon Allotments	£ 30.00
Cormac	14/02/2024	55483	Remove Ship on Green	£ 794.40
Mrs D Watson	14/02/2024		Reimb Magnetic pins	£ 10.53

Old School	04/03/2024	6650 Room Hire		£	
					16.00
Mrs D Watson		Salary	£	1,200.24	Part CZHP
Mr A J Nevill		Salary	£	2,571.96	CZHP
Old School	06/03/2024	6648 Room Hire	£	300.00	CZHP
SC Parish Hall	14/02/2024	4 Room Hire	£	160.00	CZHP
Dartmoor Energy	14/02/2024	474 Whole House reports	£	1,260.00	CZHP
Cornwall Council	02/02/2024	8100449934 Heritage assessments	£	1,500.00	CZHP
Two Counties	08/02/2024	TC23-24 439 Whole House plan	£	350.00	CZHP
Two Counties	29/02/2024	TC23-24 444 Whole House plan	£	1,100.00	CZHP
Two Counties	13/03/2024	TC23-24 498 Whole House plan	£	470.00	CZHP
Two Counties	13/03/2024	TC23-24 503 Whole House plan	£	2,395.00	CZHP
The Old School		S137 Grant to OSN	£	780.00	
Direct Debit Authorisation		bank charges (Expected)	£	18.00	
Transfers to EMR	to replace	transfer to current to manage cashflow	£	12,000.00	
		CZH			
TOTAL				£ 25,652.13	

Appendix 2

Report from Cornwall Councillor Adrian Parsons

Cornwall Council has approved its budget for 2024/25 which will continue delivering vital services for residents despite the fiscal pressures faced by local government across the country.

The details include a net increase of around £37m in spending on care for Adults and Children in Cornwall.

In addition, there is a near £9m net increase built in in respect of Home to School Transport and around £7m to support Temporary and Emergency Accommodation reflecting the significant demand pressures being experienced in these areas.

The budget will mean a council tax increase of 4.99% for residents, which includes a 2% levy to fund adult social care, bringing the bill for a Band D property to £1,892.75. It also confirms plans to bring in a 100% Council Tax premium on second homes from April 2025.

This rise come at a time when many just can't afford it, the previous LibDem/Independent administration had often called for fairer funding from Westminster to only have this knocked back. Interestingly now the Conservative administration is saying this situation will not improve "until we achieve fairer funding from Westminster for local government". With it even being suggested by some that Cornwall Council could be facing a bankruptcy situation by 2026!

At Full Council there was a long debate on the potential raising of tolls on the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry, which was approved, which will see the cost rise from £2.60 to £3.00 for cars with a caveat that, if more funding is secured from Westminster, the toll rises could be cancelled. Again it feels like many further down west don't understand the impact this has on those of us who live in the East of Cornwall. This increase was supported by the majority of the Conservative group and Labour Councillors.

Cornwall Council has welcomed the government's introduction of new rules requiring planning permission for properties to be used as short term lets.

The changes, announced by Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on a visit to St Agnes last week, are aimed at limiting the number of short-term holiday lets. They mean that a planning application will be needed for anyone renting out their main or sole home for more than 90 nights a year, and are intended to provide support in areas where short-term lets are preventing local people from renting or buying a

home. In addition, a new mandatory national register will provide local authorities with information about where short-term lets are operating, helping to support the planning process. The new changes are focused on short-term lets and will not affect hotels, hostels or B&Bs. Knowing how the planning system works and the challenges and resource that our enforcement currently have, it will be interesting to see how effective these proposed changes are when introduced.

The state of our roads lately is causing some concern, with potholes and localised flooding due to blocked drains, being top of the list. It's not easy at the moment due to the reduction in the Highways budget but we must keep pushing for improvements locally to ensure we get our fair share of the budget!

The Council is launching a call for sites that could potentially be used to build houses, employment space, community facilities or for helping nature recover. Every so often local authorities need to collect information about land that might be available, and it is a way for people who might want to develop their land in the future to let us know. The aim is to provide a valuable early opportunity for individuals, landowners, developers and other interested parties to submit sites that they think could potentially be used for a range of uses in the future. All councils are obliged to maintain an adequate and up-to-date supply of such sites. This will help Cornwall in formulating a future local plan for beyond 2030. It can also help identify sites to meet particular needs, such as for biodiversity net gain which might be needed under the existing local plan which currently provides a positive and flexible planning policy framework for Cornwall up to 2030. Anybody can nominate their own land or make a suggestion on any other land. To be considered, sites must:

- have an area of at least 0.25 hectares or be capable of accommodating 5+ dwellings or 500+ sqm of employment floorspace.
- the land must be located within or next to an existing settlement or in a sustainable location.
- the land must NOT be within a designated Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), Special Protected Areas (SPA), Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) or Flood Zone 3b. The land should not already have planning permission for residential-led development.

Finally I our Highways steward visited the road leading to the ford near Lockett following David raising concerns at last month's meeting, his comments are as follows. Defects have been raised for the velocity machine to attend as some areas of the road have been washed away, also had a look at the ford and we will have to return with concrete when water levels drop as nothing will stay in at the moment as too much water to try and divert, also signs have been put in place to warn drivers of the temporary road surface.