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Calstock Parish Council's Parish Meeting– 11 March 2025

Minutes of the meeting of Calstock Parish Council Full Council meeting, as above, held on Tuesday 11 March 2025, in the Tamar Valley Centre at 1800

Those present:
Cllr Alford, Cllr Boreham, Cllr Flashman, Cllr Greenwood, Cllr Kirk, Cllr Ledger, Cllr Newton Chance, Cllr Spurr, Cllr Tinto, Cllr Trapp, Cllr Wakem (Chair), Cllr Warwick, Cllr Wells.
Clare Bullimore (Clerk – minutes), Peter Gadd (Outside Services Leader).

01 Apologies for absence
Cllr Ladd.

02. Declarations and dispensations of members' interests in agenda items
None

03. Chair of the Council's Report
Cllr Wakem thanked the council and staff for their hard work, reiterating what a large council it is and how much work there is to do with meetings held nearly every week.

Cllr Wakem reported that the highlights for him had been the twinning with Petrykivka in Ukraine and travelling to Poland to meet representatives. He said that the found the experience very humbling.
Cllr Wakem also reported that Fosters Field in Gunnislake is being transferred to the Parish Council after decades trying to secure it which will be a great asset to the Parish and especially the people of Gunnislake.
Cllr Wakem asked Chairs of the Committees to review the work of the Committees.

04. Committee's reports
There followed reports from the Chairs of the Amenities (John Wells), Burial (Mike Greenwood), Environment and Climate Change (Richard Newton Chance), Recreations (Ken Trapp), Finance and General Purposes (Mark Warwick), Personnel (Ken Trapp) and Planning Committees (Mike Greenwood). Many noted the visible improvements across the Parish and thanked the Outside Services team for their work.

05. Citizens of the Year Awards

The Council were pleased at the number of nominations this year, including:

- Matt Taylor for his work in securing funding and then overseeing the refurbishment of the Village Hall in Calstock;
- Andrew and Louise Morton for their work for Ukraine;

- Pete Thompson for his environmental work and his involvement in the Tamar Community Trust;
- Drip Drip led by Ken Finn for their work on monitoring the health of the River Tamar and campaigning for better;
- Ross Hanley for his contribution to Gunnislake Community Matters (it is understood that Ross is standing down from the Committee this year);
- Adrian Parks at Harrowbarrow Post Office for his years supporting the community - Cllr Wakem wished him all the best for his retirement.

Flowers were presented to Eve Huddy and Lynne Gennard for their help in the Albaston Cemetery. Chris Hill, Sam Ridsdill amongst others were also thanked for their time.

Members from the Harrowbarrow and Metherell Community Shop Committee were recognised for their efforts in setting up a new shop in the grounds of Harrowbarrow Village Hall Car Park. They have raised an enormous amount of money to get a suitable building. Karen Bennett and Steve Matcham were present and accepted the award.

The Citizen of the Year Award went to Malcolm Wright. Malcolm has been involved in a number of community projects in Calstock and the surrounding areas for years. Malcolm is retiring from organising the Bike Show in Calstock after 20 years. He has devoted countless hours and seen the event grow from a small scale, one-day event to one that attracted over 3000 people. The boost to the village economy was significant and profits from the show have been distributed to community organisations and parish council initiatives. Malcolm was thanked wholeheartedly for all of his work.

Malcolm said afterwards that it is a team effort, and the projects galvanise the community and bring them together.

Cllr Wakem also wished Cllr Alastair Tinto all the best as he has decided not to stand in the elections in May. Cllr Tinto was thanked for his work on the council.

Cllr Spurr thanked Cllr Wakem for his leadership – this was echoed across the council.

The parish meeting ended at 1900.

Signed: …… Date: ……