

Week St Mary Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday, April 1, 2025

1. Apologies
None.
2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2025
The minutes of the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting were agreed.
Proposed: R Shipton Seconded: I Richardson Votes: Unanimous
3. Parish Council chair's report – Cllr Carol Slade
Cllr Slade reported on a busy year for the parish council. There has been much talk about speeding. The poles for the speed monitoring equipment have gone up, and the machines will be put up when they arrive. There have also been ongoing problems with the water in the village. The parish council will continue to chase this with South West Water. Councillors have all completed Code of Conduct training and the clerk has signed up to the have CiLCA qualification. The parish council would like to extend the footpath in the playing field, and grants will be looked into. This would be beneficial for everyone. There was a problem with the defibrillator in that the old defib was not decommissioned. Apologies were extended to the family affected, but the issue has now been sorted. The old defibrillator will go to the parish hall. Cllr Slade extended thanks to all the village groups and the voluntary work their members do. Also, thanks to Cllr Chopak; Suzanne and the councillors for all they have done over the year.
4. County Councillor report – Cllr Nicky Chopak
Cllr Chopak noted that she looks after nine parishes, and Week St Mary is one of the most active. She expressed thanks for the journey over the last four years. Unfortunately, she is sometimes the bearer of bad news when Cornwall Council are making cost savings. She has tried to help residents with planning applications, housing issues and homelessness. It will be the end of a four-year administration at Cornwall Council on May 1. She hoped that from May 2 people would work together and be respectful to one another. She reminded the meeting of her Community Chest, which in the past, has made a contribution to the parish hall for a dishwasher and two benches at Marhamchurch. She urged the parish to keep up the good work.
5. Reports from village clubs and organisations
A number of reports were submitted by parish groups and organisations. These were put on display during the meeting and will also be uploaded to the parish website.
6. Questions from the public

Stephen Smith spoke about Poor Man's Piece. He said the Ash trees have gone and there is a map of what the field will look like once the groundworks have been done. The grass has also been cut, and they will be looking into getting a bench. It was questioned why a new defibrillator was purchased if the old one is OK. Cllr Slade said the parish council was fortunate to purchase a new one for £750 instead of £1,500. The providers of the first defibrillator donated that one for use in the parish.

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