



Calstock Parish Council

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Minutes of Calstock Parish Council's Environment and Climate Emergency Committee, held on Tuesday 18 November 2025 in the Tamar Valley Centre at 1900

Those present were:

Councillors with voting rights: Richard Newton Chance (Chair), Ben Marley, Phil Spurr,

Community members with voting rights: Peter Bloomfield, Peter Thompson, Alison Freshney, Gill Court.

Others: Andrew Brown, Ken Finn, Steve Wood, George Holmes, Kate Goodman.

Pete Thompson and Ken Finn were congratulated for their Community Championship Awards from the Tamar Valley National Landscape which were presented at the TVNL's 30 year celebratory conference.

1. Apologies

Roger Harris, Mark Warwick, Janine Falle, Jim Wakem.

2. Public Participation

Members of the public participated throughout the meeting.

3. Declarations of interest

None of a pecuniary interest.

4. Approve minutes of last meeting 21-10-2025

Proposal/resolution: the minutes of the meeting held on 21-10-2025 are accepted. Proposed: Ben Marley; seconded: Phil Spurr – approved by all those present.

5. Matters Arising:

- Community engagement session arranged for Wednesday 03 December 2025, 1700-1900 in the Tamar Valley Centre.
- Recommendation put forward to F&GP for the cost of solar panels to be included in the precept (Finance meeting to be held on 25-11-2025).
- Grillo Mower – to be recommended to the Finance Committee to either be purchased this financial year from reserves or to be included in the precept requirements for the next financial year OR for approval to seek DeFRA funding.
- Terms of Reference for the ECE Committee and the Grant Application Process have been drafted to include donations being made at the Committee's discretion: these to be presented in the next Council year.

6. New Correspondence/Clerk's Information:

- Email received from Roger Morley re Gunnislake Fish Pass – this was noted.
- A query was raised to South West Water from Drip Drip which was followed up by the Clerk re grid references for CSO's to include on the website– this was noted, no further communication had been received from South West Water.
- Let's Talk Water Conference – 11 December 2025 – Drip Drip representations will be present.
- Drip Drip – update: Ken Finn reported that Drip Drip was formed 12 months ago. There is funding for another 8-9 weeks of sampling. They are planning another People's Assembly to take place in February to look at the future of Drip Drip and how it will move forward.

7. Presentation from George Holmes, National Trust Ranger re Woodland Management Plan for Cotehele and Cadsonbury

George was thanked for giving an informative presentation on the management plan for the woodland at Cotehele and Cadsonbury and also the development of a deer park. The primary objectives are to

encourage nature diversity, preserve ancient woodland, maintain or improve water quality, increase carbon sequestration, maintain visual amenity, protect and enhance cultural heritage, contribute to the local economy, protect the health and safety of visitors. Agreed that the Parish Council will comment in support of the management plan.

8. Town Farm Field – update

Phil Spurr reported that a pedestrian footbridge into the field from the playing field has been repaired by volunteers – our thanks to them.

Hedgerow and trees have been ordered to be delivered in the New Year when volunteers are ready to plant them.

- 9. Local Food Sustainability Initiative** – Peter Bloomfield reported that he has been a member of the European Science Policy Interface symposium. The group is looking at how local food initiatives can be developed; the Tamar Valley being one area identified. Tamar Grow Local Food Hub was cited as a good model. It is hoped events can be planned to enable local people to meet local producers to promote local food. Such an event could cost £300 to put on. Provisionally agreed this type of activity would meet the ECE’s objectives and could be funded through the committee. There may also be scope to fund events through Andrew’s stewardship grants.

10. Flood Warden

Kate Goodman volunteered to take on this role within the Community Emergency Plan. Clare to liaise with Kate.

11. Tree Warden

Clare disseminated information on the role of a tree warden.

12. Review of cost centre income/expenditure to date

The income and expenditure was noted.

13. Tamar Valley National Landscape 30 Year Celebration

Richard Newton Chance reported that this celebratory event was well represented by ECE members. There is positivity about the new incumbent.

The meeting was closed at 2010

Signed:

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