



Calstock Parish Council

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FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE, Tuesday 25 November 2025

Minutes of Calstock Parish Council's Finance and General Purposes Meeting held on Tuesday 25 November 2025 at 1815 in the Tamar Valley Centre.

Those present were:

Councillors: Cllr Boreham, Cllr Newton Chance, Cllr Wakem (Chair), Cllr Warwick, Cllr Wells.

Staff: Clare Bullimore (Clerk).

1. Apologies

Cllr Tilbury.

2. Declarations of Members' Interests

None.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Approve minutes of last meeting: 07-10-2025

Proposal/resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 07 October 2025. Proposed: Cllr Wells, Cllr Boreham – all.

5. Matters Arising:

- Security of PC's and IT Equipment – now marked with security pens following Internal Controls
- TGL Application – superseded by potential partnership with Tamar Valley National Landscape and DeFRA grant (included in agenda items)
- Christmas meal/St Ann's Chapel Community Group – no longer happening
- Cotehele Gig Club email of thanks for the donation made last quarter

6. ECE Request to enter a Heads of Term agreement with Tamar Valley National Landscape to enable the purchase of equipment to help nature recovery

Cllr Newton Chance explained the benefit of the Grillo Cut and Collect machine. Queries about an agreement to lend the machine out and suggestions made to the draft Heads of Term.

Proposal/resolution: to recommend to Full Council that the Council enters into an agreement with the Tamar Valley National Landscape to purchase equipment to aid nature recovery. Thought will be required as to how to administer the loaning out of equipment and ensuring appropriate insurance cover is in place. Proposed: Cllr Newton Chance; seconded: Cllr Wells – unanimous.

7. Review the reserves, taking into account approval that CIL money and £7500 from the playground reserve are used this year for a Zip Wire at Harrowbarrow (waiting for more quotes). Agree use of remaining capital works balance for solar panels.

Noted and agreed that a recommendation will be put forward that money from the existing Capital Works Programme will be used for renewable energy course. It was also noted that the Committee will look at the names of the EMR's to better reflect what their purpose is.

8. Review draft budget and agree recommendation for precept requirements and Band D Equivalent charges (documents disseminated prior to the meeting):

- 2025-11-19 Budget and Precept Requirement 2026-27
- 2025-10-28 Committee and Budget Requests
- Precept Letter 2026-27
- Council Tax Calculator 2026-27
- Taxbase 2026-27
- 2025-11-19 Summary of Receipts and Payments

Proposal/resolution: to recommend a precept request of £347,500, to cover recurring expenditure and money going into reserves; this will see a 10% increase on last year's precept with a band D property paying £129.68 per year (an increase of £11.76). Proposed: Cllr Warwick; seconded: Cllr Wells – unanimous.

9. Dates of next meetings:

- 25-01-2026 – Quarterly Meeting

The meeting closed at 1915.

Signed: Date:.....

Precept Requirement				
Cost Centre	2025-26	2026-27	Difference	
Amenities	61,650.00	54,500.00	-7,150	
Burial	-5750	0	5750	Not requiring precept for cost centre, expected to put £6000 income in EMR
Environment	4000	6000	2000	To include repayment to TVNL for DeFRA capital costs
Finance	57100	55,000.00	-2100	
Personnel	163600	183000	19,400	
Recreations	1500	0	-1500	Not requiring precept for cost centre, expected to put £1500 income in EMR
			16,400.00	Difference from 2025-26
Ear Marked Reserves				
Capital Works	0	0	0	No specific project identified
Car parks AMENITIES	6000	13000	7000	
Cemeteries and Chapel	3000	10000	7000	
Election costs		2000	2000	
Environmental Work	0	0	0	
Footbridge	3000	0	-3000	
Outside Services	3000	5000	2000	
Playground	15000	19000	4000	
Pontoon	3000	0	-3000	
	33000	49000	16,000.00	Difference from 2025-26
	315,100.00	347,500.00	32,400.00	10.3% increase

Percentage increase from previous three years			
2025-26	£315,100	10.28	10%
2024-25	£333,500	14000	4%
2023-24	£286,000	61500	22%