



Calstock Parish Council

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Environment and Climate Emergency Committee, Tuesday 17 February 2026

Minutes of Calstock Parish Council's Environment and Climate Emergency Committee, held on Tuesday 17 February 2026 in the Tamar Valley Centre at 1900.

Those present were:

Councillors: Richard Newton Chance (Chair), Jim Wakem, Ben Marley.

Community members with voting rights: Peter Bloomfield.

Others: Andrew Brown, Janine Fall, Ken Finn.

Staff: Clare Bullimore, Clerk (minutes).

1. Apologies

Alison Freshney, Kate Goodman, Phil Spurr, Mark Warwick.

2. Public Participation

Community members were present and participated throughout the meeting.

3. Declarations of interest

None of a pecuniary interest were declared.

4. Approve minutes of last meeting 20-01-2026

Proposal/resolution: the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20 January 2026 be approved.

Proposed: Ben Marley, seconded: Peter Bloomfield - unanimous.

5. Matters Arising:

- Nature recovery equipment on order from Tamar Valley National Landscape.

6. New Correspondence/Clerk's Information/Committee Members' Feedback

- Richard Newton Chance: Tamar Valley National Landscape Partnership meeting. Richard reported that the meeting was well attended in person and online. Core funding levels appear to be settled for three years. The new management structure appears focused and purposeful. Options for renewable energy in the TVC are being explored. Richard reported on a number of other initiatives and funding streams the TVNL are exploring, all of which sound positive. Richard also explained that he saw Rob Price (EA) who suggested putting information up to pre-warn people about the biting insects in Calstock and the likelihood of this issue reoccurring again. Clare has put links offering advice on Facebook.

7. Rights for the River Tamar

Ken Finn explained that a motion to give the River Tamar 'Rights' is a non-Statutory article but sets a moral code for regulating the use and condition of the river and working with key stakeholders.

Proposal/resolution: to explore Rights of Rivers in a local context and in particular the River Tamar and develop work with local communities, relevant stakeholders and local authorities along the River Tamar towards producing a 'Declaration on the Rights of the River Tamar' for adoption by the Council within 1 year. Proposed: Ben Marley; seconded: Jim Wakem – unanimous.

Ken to draft suggestions for an action plan.

8. Town Farm Field – update

Clare reported that the FiPL claim has been received and is being processed for £9191.00. The spend for items requested was £5157 (underspend of £4034).

Janine confirmed that all the trees are now planted with a big help from Duchy College students and Richard Greaves who organised them.

Janine also said that Dan Evans has now spoken to a company he works with and they have offered to look at the site and come up with some designs for free.

Proposal/seconded: any surplus money in the cost centre is put in the environmental Ear Marked reserve for ongoing projects. Proposed: Ben Marley, seconded: Peter Bloomfield – unanimous.

9. Hedge laying management plan for the parish and agreement to spend £700 this financial year (to be hedge management practice to be incorporated into a Biodiversity Plan currently being drafted)

Andrew was thanked for hosting a hedge management workshop.

Information will be sent to Clare to include in the management plan and it was agreed to spend £700 on laying hedgerows this year, with a view to the Biodiversity Plan including the management of hedgerows in an environmentally sensitive way, wherever possible.

10. Tender process for solar panel installation on the stores and workshops and Albaston Chapel underway; agree for the Council's Scrutiny Panel to make a recommendation to Full Council

Richard reported that the Full Council had agreed this and the tender process is now underway and it is hoped that the Full Council will make a decision on which contractor to use at its meeting in March.

11. Field next to allotments – further discussion, actions

Public loan requires consultation and assessment and planning permission with advice from CALC.

But the Full Council approved the motion to commission another feasibility study to research more.

Peter Bloomfield suggested including the provision of gutters on the panels to collect rainwater that the allotment holders could use.

12. Review of cost centre income/expenditure to date

The cost centre's position was noted with a reminder that a remittance of £9191.00 will be paid from the FiPL grant.

The meeting closed at: 2010.

Signed:

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