

Minutes | 19 January 2023

Time: 7.15pm
Location: Old School, Menheniot PL14 3QY
Present: Cllr Jerry Tucker (Chair); Eve Easterbrook (Vice Chair); Cllrs; Tony Ball; Adrian Cole; Julian Berg; Sean Smith; James Curgenvin; Pat Cade.
Also present; John Hesketh (Clerk to the Parish Council). There were 6 members of the public in attendance.

01/2023 **Chairman's Welcome.**

02/2023 **Apologies for Absence.**
Received from Cllrs Crocker and Clarke.

03/2023 **Members' Declarations.**
Cllr Ball declared an interest in item 9/2023 (PA22/01985) because they were neighbours at Pengover Green. No other declarations made or dispensations requested.

04/23 **Closed Session**

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of Business.

Councillors interviewed Mr Keith Goldsmith for the casual vacancy. It was **Resolved** to accept the candidate's application to be co-opted to the parish council. Proposed Cllr Cole. Seconded Cllr Ball. All agreed. Mr Goldsmith signed his Declarations of Acceptance of Office, and the Chair welcomed Cllr Goldsmith to the parish council.

Action: Clerk to organise induction for Cllr Goldsmith.

The meeting resumed in open session.

05/2023 **Public Participation.**

Residents attended to make representations about planning application PA22/11249, that: the proposal was overbearing in relation to the site; overlooking their property; design out of character with the locality; concerns about road access.

The applicant for PA22/10588 attended to explain that no maintenance work had been carried out on the trees for many years, and the overgrowth he intended to cut back would make the tree safer.

Cornwall Councillor Phil Seeva reported that: the recent launch from Spaceport Cornwall had marked an important point in the development of the space industry in the county, irrespective of the failure of the satellite to deploy; full council had voted to impose a double rate of council tax on second homes that would raise an estimated £25-27M pa when implemented (this is subject to parliamentary approval); the proposal to elect a Mayor for Cornwall was not a political vote and the Councillor would not be supporting the motion when presented; a new planning officer had taken over management for applications at Tencreek Farm – no further news to report; noted the result of the final review of the boundary between Menheniot and Liskeard that would be subject to an Extraordinary Council Meeting in Truro on 31 January; has been in contact with GoCornwall to discuss the bus service between Menheniot and Liskeard and is hopeful that there may be a resumption of service in the spring.

06/2023 Minutes of Meeting.

It was **Resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2022. Proposed Cllr Berg. Seconded Cllr Easterbrook. All agreed. It was **Resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2022. Proposed Cllr Smith. Seconded Cllr Berg. All agreed.

07/2023 Correspondence

A Letter of thanks from Citizens Advice Cornwall.
Received and noted.

B Email from resident about new grit bin.

Councillors discussed the challenges created by the recent icy weather and agreed to install 8 new grit bins. These would be located at: Parc an Keres; Doddycross; Stoneybridge; Island Shop; St Mary's (lower end of Mine Hill); Lambest Hill; Trethawle Farm; Merrymeet playpark

It was Resolved to approve funding for this purchase, with part-recovery from Cllr Seeva's Community Chest. Proposed Cllr Curgenvin. Seconded Cllr Tucker. All agreed.

Action: Clerk to confirm precise location and order bins from Cormac.

08/2023 Matters Arising

A Increased water charges for public toilets (Item 94D)

Cllr Smith reported that he had adjusted the flow rate of water in the taps in both toilets (to reduce the time that water would be running), and had been unable to detect any leaks around the system. Chair thanked Cllr Smith for his attention to this problem.

Action: Clerk to continue monitoring water consumption.

09/2023 Planning

PA22/01985/PREAPP

Proposal: Pre application advice for proposed side (two Storey) and rear extensions (single storey)

Location: Trevartha Cottage Pengover Liskeard Cornwall PL14 3NJ

Councillors received and noted the application without comment.

Ref: PA22/10588

Proposal: Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO): T2 semi mature oak of medium size with a asymmetric crown. To reduce the crown by approximately 20-25 percent with a view to rebalancing the tree. T1 mature Oak with a full and open crown to reduce the crown by 20-25 percent to create clearance to the property as this is starting to encroach on the roof of the dwelling, to reduce the length of one of the branches that overhangs Church Road.

Location: Oak Lodge Merrymeet Liskeard Cornwall

It was **Resolved** to support this application. Proposed Cllr Smith. Seconded Cllr Easterbrook. All agreed. In making their decision, councillors noted the urgency of works that were required, the support from people in adjacent properties and the professional advice that the applicant had taken. Menheniot Neighbourhood Policy 11(iii) (replacement trees) does not apply because this is remedial work and not developmental.

Ref: PA22/11249

Proposal: formation of a two-storey dwellinghouse from/within the structural remains of a historic building (former cottage/s)

Location: Land South East Of Roseland House Menheniot Cornwall PL14 3PQ

It was **Resolved** not to support this application. Proposed Cllr Easterbrook. Seconded Cllr Ball. All agreed. In making their decision, councillors noted that the current proposal had not taken account of the Menheniot Design Guide. Specifically, they felt that the design was out of character for its location, given that its prominent siting and high visibility. The proposal did not recognise the importance of the local landscape around the site or enhance the existing area (section 5.2.1 of the MDG). Concerns were also expressed on access and car parking which are not considered to be either satisfactory or safe.

B Any applications received by Cornwall Council by the time of the meeting. Information only:
Ref: PA23/00188

Proposal Siting of a holiday unit and associated works

Location Land South East Of Pool Hall Farm Menheniot Liskeard Cornwall
Deferred until 16 February 2023

C Planning decisions made by Cornwall Council.

PA22/01221/PRE Closed - advice given

Location:- Land Pt Os 5902 Menheniot Cornwall

Proposal Pre application advice for replacement of existing stables with house for farm staff

PA22/09107 REFUSED

Location:- Beaufort Menheniot Liskeard Cornwall PL14 3RG

Proposal Application for discharge of a planning obligation attached to E2/92/00599/F dated 09.11.1992.

D Planning Update

PA22/09810

Proposal: Discharge of Section 52 agreement in respect of decision 5/86/00307/F dated 14.4.87.

Location: Weldspray Engineering Ltd, Wheal Honey.

This application had been refused by Cornwall Council, and after consultation with the Vice Chair, agreed to disagree with the officer decision.

10/2023 Finance

It was **Resolved** to approve the schedule and agree payment. Proposed Cllr Tucker. Seconded Cllr Easterbrook. All agreed. Cllr Easterbrook will authorise online payments.

Date	Payee	Description	Pay	£
23/01/2023	Peake (GB)	Public toilet waste	OLB	114.00
23/01/2023	Spar Menheniot	Christmas parcels	OLB	857.32
27/01/2023	Salaries	Dec-22	OLB	838.20
27/01/2023	HMRC	PAYE	OLB	164.80
All payments this period				£ 1,974.32

B Bank Receipts. For information.

Date	Payer	Description	£	
06/12/2022	Menheniot Tennis Club	overpayment refund	250.00	
31/12/2022	Cornwall Council	Interest	111.54	
All bank receipts this period				£ 361.54

C Bank Reconciliation.

At the close of business on 31 December 2022, the parish council held £72,406.46 in its accounts.

D Outturn Q3 (Oct-Dec 2022)

Report received and noted.

E Cornwall Local Maintenance Partnership 2023/24

Advance information that the future grant available to fund footpath maintenance in the parish would be £849.07.

F Additional waste bin to empty

Councillors agreed to adopt the waste bin located by the tennis court on East Road at an annual cost of £275. Proposed Cllr Berg. Seconded Cllr Curgenvén. All agreed.

Action: Clerk to contact Biffa and arrange new contract.

11/2023 Chair's Agenda Items

A Mayor for Cornwall

Chair led a discussion to examine the case for a directly elected Mayor for Cornwall. Councillors welcomed the opportunity to secure increased funding into the county and the greater decision-making powers but felt that the overall governance did not need to change. Specifically, they felt that: the balance of decision making between the Mayor appointed cabinet and elected members

was not democratic; that the additional layer of bureaucracy would further distance decision making from the electorate; that the additional £12M annual funding would not adequately compensate the county for the changes in governance that they felt would not be in the best interests of all residents. It was **Resolved** to not support the case for an elected Mayor. Proposed Cllr Tucker. Seconded Cllr Berg. All agreed.

Action: Clerk to complete consultation supporting the funding and devolved powers but not accepting the need for an elected Mayor.

B Safeguarding

Clerk explained the background to this initiative, and it was **Resolved** to follow recommendations from the briefing note and set up a working group. Proposed Cllr Easterbrook. Seconded Cllr Tucker. All agreed. The group will consist of Cllrs Tucker; Easterbrook; Goldsmith.

Action: Clerk to circulate documents and set up a meeting.

12/2023 Councillors' Reports

A Cllr Adrian Cole reported that:

The Tree of Life scheme (working with Menheniot Primary School) had distributed 14 trees to new entrants including one that would be located in Trelawny Gardens; welcomed the opportunity to work with Cllr Goldsmith to manage the area around the Holy Well and Village Green; making preparations for the flower bed on the playing field; in contact with BT and the Post office about repainting the payphone and post box in Menheniot village (and noted the replacement door that had been installed);

Cllr Cole had also met with the Merrymeet Residents Association who had expressed interested in volunteering to become Community Helpers.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Cllr Cole to agree ways that MRA can support the Community Helper scheme.

B Cllr Sean Smith reported that he had progressed the resident's complaint about light pollution from Liskeard Tavern. Together with Cllr Cole, they had spoken with the manager of the Tavern who had agreed to consider adjusting the covers on the car park lighting in order to restrict the overspill of light towards the A38. Health and safety considerations (for users of the Tavern and its car park) were important.

13/2023 Clerk's Report.

A Community Governance Review

Clerk reported that the Constitution & Governance Committee meeting held on 12 January 2023 had voted by majority to retain the land at Tencreek Farm in Menheniot parish, and that The Bubble retail park and Liskeard Tavern would have the boundary redrawn into Liskeard. This is subject to a final vote by Cornwall councillors on 31 January 2023, and sign-off by the Local Government Boundary Commission. The Chair thanked councillors and residents for their continued support in this campaign that had now lasted four years. He was especially appreciative of the 25 Menheniot residents who had written letters of support to the Governance Committee. Chair has written to the three residents affected by the change of boundary.

14/2023 Diary Dates.

A The next Public Meeting will be on Thursday 16 February 2023, at 7.30pm in Menheniot Old School.

Cllr Sean Smith announced to the meeting that he would be tendering his resignation with immediate effect. He thanked councillors for their support and advice over the past three years. The Chair thanked him for his three years of service and wished him well in the future.

Action: Clerk to notify Cornwall Council and begin recruitment for a replacement councillor.

15/2023 End of meeting 21.40