

Minutes | 16 February 2023

Time: 7.30pm
Location: Old School, Menheniot PL14 3QY
Present: Cllr Jerry Tucker (Chair); Eve Easterbrook (Vice Chair); Cllrs; Tony Ball; Adrian Cole; Julian Berg; Keith Goldsmith.
Also present; John Hesketh (Clerk to the Parish Council). There were 8 members of the public in attendance.

16/2023 Chairman's Welcome.

The Chair welcomed Mr Sean Smith and presented him with a Certificate of Merit in recognition of his time as a councillor in Menheniot and thanked him for all the work he had undertaken to represent the best interests of the residents in Merrymeet.

17/2023 Apologies for Absence.

Received from Cllrs Cade, Clarke and Curgenven.

18/2023 Members' Declarations.

No declarations made or dispensations requested.

19/2023 Public Participation.

PCSO Steve Edser attended to update councillors with a safety report and to alert residents to a rise in the number of catalytic converters being stolen, particularly from Honda cars. He will continue to attend the Menheniot coffee morning on a quarterly basis. (see Contact Box below for police enquiries).

A resident attended to oppose planning application PA22/09732 (see below) on the grounds that people living adjacent to the property had not been consulted, that the scale of the proposal was out of proportion to the Merrymeet settlement and would overlook other dwellings in the vicinity.

Cornwall Councillor Phil Seeva reported that: he noted the planning appeal for a property at Lower Clicker and would be following its progress; negotiations are ongoing between Saltash Red Bus and Cornwall Council with a view to introducing a bus service on the Menheniot/Liskeard route from 3 April; full council will meet on 21 February to set the council tax for 2023/24; confirmed that planning officer negotiations between potential developers for Tencreek Farm would include this parish council.

20/2023 Minutes of Meeting.

It was **Resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2023. Proposed Cllr Easterbrook. Seconded Cllr Berg. All agreed.

21/2023 Correspondence

Letter of objection to Planning Application PA22/09732 received and circulated to councillors.

22/2023 Matters Arising

A Installation of new public bench at Hartmeade
Clerk reported on behalf of Cllr Clarke that he had met with a representative from Cornwall Housing at the site of the proposed bench and that further permissions were needed from the Estates Department. Clerk has written to the ED and is waiting for a response.

23/2023 Planning

Ref: PA23/00188

Proposal: Siting of a holiday unit and associated works

Location: Pool Hall Menheniot Liskeard Cornwall PL14 3QT

It was **Resolved** to support this application. Proposed Cllr Cole. Seconded Cllr Berg. All agreed. In making their decision, councillors noted that the main access point into the development site was outside the boundary of the application. The applicant agreed to submit a revised location plan to planning officers that would extend the boundary line and include this entrance.

Ref: PA23/00623

Proposal: Change of use of existing shed from mechanical engineering use to agricultural use

Location: Crossways Menheniot Liskeard PL14 3RF

It was **Resolved** to support this application. Proposed Cllr Tucker. Seconded Cllr Easterbrook All agreed.

Ref: PA22/09732

Proposal: Erection of a single 1 and 3/4 storey 4 bedroom dwelling with integral garage within the garden plot of Homefield. Proposed double garage for the sole use of Homefield and removal of existing barn

Location: Homefield Merrymeet Liskeard Cornwall PL14 3LP

It was **Resolved** to not support this application. Proposed Cllr Cole. Seconded Cllr Tucker. All agreed. In making their decision, councillors noted that the application failed to meet the criteria for residential infill (Menheniot Neighbourhood Plan Policy 2), is overbearing in its scale and potentially overlooking adjacent properties. Applicant is encouraged to reference the Menheniot Design Guide.

B Any applications received by Cornwall Council by the time of the meeting. Information only: none received.

C Planning decisions made by Cornwall Council.

PA22/01985/PRE Closed - advice given

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

Location: Trevartha Cottage Pengover Liskeard Cornwall PL14 3NJ

Ref: PA22/01628/PRE Closed - advice given

Proposal Pre-application advice for the erection of new live-work dwelling, with associated works.

Location:- Land South Of The Oaks Pengover Green Cornwall PL14 3NH

D Menheniot Parish Hall

Request from MPH Committee to approve arrangements for building works. It was **Resolved** to permit the works to proceed as detailed subject to the issuing of a Licence to Occupy. Proposed Cllr Tucker. Seconded Cllr Cole. All agreed.

Action: Clerk to draw up a Licence to Occupy and liaise between the parish council and parish hall.

E Street Trading Licence Application

Proposal: to trade from a Food Kiosk

Location: On the road off the roundabout leading to the farmers field on the A390

Councillors **Resolved** to object to this application because they had concerns about road safety and there would not be enough space in the site to locate the kiosk without causing interference and inconvenience to other street users. Proposed Cllr Goldsmith. Seconded Cllr Ball. All agreed.

Action: Clerk to inform Cornwall Council licensing.

F Planning Appeal

Exercising his rights under the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the Chair declared the following item as 'Urgent' because the deadline for comment was earlier than the next scheduled public meeting.

Ref: PA21/09891

Proposal: Domestic (non boarding) kennels out building (part retrospective).

Location: The Old Stables Lower Clicker Road Menheniot Liskeard PL14 3PJ

Councillors reviewed their previous objections to this application and **Resolved** to maintain their position. Proposed Cllr Berg. Seconded Cllr Cole. All agreed. In making their decision, councillors noted inconsistencies in the submission documents made by the applicant's agent.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Cllrs Berg and Cole to agree additional commentary and be submitted to the Planning Inspector before the 13 March 2023.

24/2023 Finance

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

Date	Payee	Description	Pay	£
20/02/2023	Evolve Tree Consultancy	Tree Survey	OLB	450.00
20/02/2023	MOST	Venue hire		114.00
24/02/2023	Salaries	Jan-23	OLB	802.20
24/02/2023	HMRC	PAYE	OLB	155.80
All payments this period				£ 1,522.00

B Bank Receipts. For information.

Date	Payer	Description	£
period	Allotment fees		192.00
31/01/2023	Cornwall Council	Interest	134.95
All bank receipts this period			£ 326.95

C Bank Reconciliation.

At the close of business on 31 January 2023, the parish council held £70,803.61 in its accounts.

D Cornwall Local Maintenance Partnership 2023/24

It was **Resolved** to accept the grant of £849.07. Proposed Cllr Tucker. Seconded Cllr Easterbrook. All agreed.

Action: Clerk to issue purchase order and confirm acceptance.

25/2023 Chair's Agenda Items

A Mayor for Cornwall

Councillors Resolved to record their objections to the creation of a Mayor for Cornwall. Proposed Cllr Berg. Seconded Cllr Tucker. All agreed.

Action: Clerk to complete online consultation survey to reflect the views of the parish council.

B Safeguarding

The Safeguarding Working Group met on 7 February to discuss the proposal to introduce policies and practical measures to raise awareness of safeguarding issues across the parish. Clerk is identifying training resources, and the group will meet again before the next public meeting.

Action: Clerk to add this item to the March agenda.

C Highways Expressions of Interest

Councillors discussed funding proposals for road safety improvements at Merrymeet and Menheniot, and agreed that: the proposal for a chicane-style layout on Mine Hill was not practical because of the volume of large vehicles using the road, and that the preferred option would be to wait for a 20mph speed limit to be introduced; the proposal for a vehicle activated speed warning sign at Merrymeet be supported with general agreement on a financial contribution towards the cost. Cllr Berg noted that responsibility for road safety measures lay with Cornwall Council and not the parish council. It was **Resolved** to confirm these proposals to the Liskeard-Looe Community Network Panel. Proposed Cllr Tucker. Seconded Cllr Crocker. All agreed.

Action: Clerk to feedback to the CNA and obtain a figure for the minimum financial contribution needed to secure the warning equipment at Merrymeet.

D Tree Inspections

Feedback on recent inspections carried out at Merrymeet & Menheniot

Councillors received and noted the report, that 'No works are necessary to mitigate risks'

26/2023 Councillors' Reports

A Cllr Adrian Cole: Menheniot Green

Reported that: the flower bed on the playing fields at East Road had now been mown by Cllr Ball and prepared for the new growing season; the Tree of Life project had been well received at the primary school and asked councillors to consider repeating in the autumn; has received an It's Your Neighbourhood certificate on behalf of a resident and suggested that this (and other IYN awards) be made at the Annual Parish Meeting in May; thanked Cllr Ball for clearing away the privets at the Holy Well and for the assistance of Cllr Goldsmith in clearing out the drain from the Well; repair work is needed on the bus shelter on the Menheniot village green; the BT phone box by the Spar shop will be repainted during 2023.

Cllr Keith Goldsmith: Menheniot Village Green.

Reported that: he had been working with the Gardening Club to take part in the National Gardens Scheme and planned to hold a pilot event this summer; prepared a plan for planting out the village green and making it the centrepiece for a local flower show later in the year. It was **Resolved** to agree to the councillor's proposal and budget of £700 for the village green work. Proposed Cllr Tucker. Seconded Cllr Crocker. All agreed.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Cllr Goldsmith to support payments for the workplan.

Cllr Easterbrook thanked Cllr Ball for his work adjacent to the primary school, for trimming back hedges, removing the broken gate and repairing the fence.

27/2023 Clerk's Report.

A Community Governance Review

Reported that at the Cornwall Council EGM held on 31 January 2023, Council had voted to accept the recommendation that boundary around The Bubble Retail Park and Liskeard Tavern should be amended to Liskeard, and that Tencreek Farm should remain within Menheniot parish. New applications to review this decision may be made by any interested party after a two year period has elapsed.

B Resignation of Sean Smith

Cornwall Council's Electoral Officer has informed the Clerk's Office that no residents have requested an election to select a replacement councillor. The election process is now devolved to the council and notices have been posted around the parish. Councillors are asked to promote the vacancy among their networks. Any residents who may be interested in applying for the post should contact the Clerk's Office.

28/2023 Diary Dates.

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

29/2023 End of meeting 21.20

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