

Minutes | 16 March 2023

Time: 6.45pm
Location: Old School, Menheniot PL14 3QY
Present: Cllr Jerry Tucker (Chair); Eve Easterbrook (Vice Chair); Cllrs; Tony Ball; Julian Berg; Keith Goldsmith; Pat Cade; Lee Crocker; Peter Luck.
Also present; John Hesketh (Clerk to the Parish Council). There were 25 members of the public in attendance.

30/2023 Chairman's Welcome.

Chair welcomed councillors and explained that the format of the evening had been changed to accommodate the co-option of a new councillor and an extended public participation.

31/2023 Apologies for Absence.

Received from Cllrs Clarke, Cole and Curgenvin.

32/2023 Members' Declarations.

No declarations made or dispensations requested.

33/23 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 Peter Luck for the casual vacancy. It was **Resolved** to accept the candidate's application to be co-opted to the parish council. Proposed Cllr Crocker. Seconded Cllr Berg. All agreed. Mr Luck signed his Declarations of Acceptance of Office, and the Chair welcomed Cllr Luck to the parish council.

Action: Clerk to organise induction for Cllr Luck.

The meeting resumed in open session at 19.00.

34/2023 Public Participation.

Presentation from Gemma Hall, Integrated Network and Partnerships Manager at Cornwall Council and Mike Finch from Saltash Red Bus about the new bus service from Merrymeet to Trerulefoot. See Item 39D below. Residents' concerns were that: the journey into Liskeard would take one hour with a change of bus at a difficult and dangerous location; the scheduling of the weekly service (leaving Merrymeet at 8.45am and returning at 1.42pm) was inconvenient for many people. Gemma Hall explained that: the service as detailed was limited by the amount of money available to fund the service but that she was open to suggestions to modify the service if demand could be shown; would examine suggestions that the interchange between the service to Liskeard be changed so that passengers would not have to walk between two separate bus stops; funding for a community bus service might be available if the parish council were able to provide a vehicle and people to staff the service.

This report may be viewed on the council's website

Report received from Cornwall Councillor Phil Seeva, that: his apologies for not attending this evening; full council voted to increase council tax by 4.99% which represents a 2.99% general increase and a further 2% ringfenced for adult social care; attended the Design Review Panel on 9 March and thanked Cllr Cole for his attendance and presentation. (see Item 37A below).

The Chair suspended the meeting for a short break at 19.55 and resumed at 20.05.

35/2023 Minutes of Meeting.

It was **Resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2023. Proposed Cllr Goldsmith. Seconded Cllr Easterbrook. All agreed.

36/2023 Correspondence

A Email from resident asking the parish council to install a public charging point for electric vehicles. Councillors received a short briefing from the Clerk on experiences from other parishes who had installed EV charging points and agreed to investigate further.

Action: Clerk to work with Cllr Goldsmith and prepare a briefing note for the April meeting.

37/2023 Planning

Ref: PA23/00068/PREAPP

Proposal: Planning Performance Agreement for Full planning for the erection of 202 dwellings and associated works (PA22/03642)

Location: Land At Ten creek Farm Plymouth Road Liskeard Cornwall PL14 3PS

Councillors received and noted the preapplication and discussed the DRP meeting held on 9 March 2023, that: the independent panel had supported Policy 4 of the Menheniot Neighbourhood Plan and Design Guide in their examination of the proposal from Wainhomes; had advised the applicant to resubmit their plans after further consultation with the planning officer; wished to see better integration between the residential site and the employment site; the gateway into the site be reviewed; the Cornwall Climate Emergency DPD inform their future application; consider how the entire site would work from a resident's perspective.

PA23/00196/PREAPP

Proposal: Pre application advice for conversion of an existing barn into a holiday let, construction of 3 holiday letting units in an existing pig field plus an extension to existing dwelling to form a residential annexe.

Location: Troutbeck Farm St Ive Liskeard Cornwall PL14 3ND

Councillors received and noted the preapplication without comment.

B Any applications received by Cornwall Council by the time of the meeting. Information only:

Ref: PA23/01879

Proposal: Prior notification of agricultural or forestry development for a storage building for straw and hay.

Location: Tregartha Farm Liskeard Cornwall PL14 3NL

C Planning decisions made by Cornwall Council.

PA22/10588 APPROVED

Proposal Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO): 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 PL14 3LP

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.

Applicant has withdrawn because of objections and is seeking an alternative location.

38/2023 Finance

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

Date	Payee	Description	Pay	£
24/03/2023	Salaries	Feb-23	OLB	802.00
24/03/2023	HMRC	PAYE	OLB	155.80
All payments this period				£ 957.80

B Bank Receipts. For information.

Date	Payer	Description		£
period	Allotment fees			36.00
28/02/2023	Cornwall Council	Interest		126.43
All bank receipts this period				£ 162.43

C Bank Reconciliation.

At the close of business on 28 February 2023, the parish council held £69,234.69 in its accounts.

D Coronation of King Charles III

Councillors discussed proposals for funding events to mark the Coronation and agreed to set up a separate fund for local groups wishing to celebrate. It was Resolved to allocate £3000 for the new Coronation Fund. Proposed Cllr Easterbrook. Seconded Cllr Berg. All agreed.

Action: Clerk to publish details of the fund and circulate details to interested groups.

Cllr Luck declared an interest in this item and did not take part in the discussion or voting.

E Request for donation from Merrymeet Residents Association. It was Resolved to donate £100 from the Menheniot Green budget to the MRA for maintenance and repair work. Proposed Cllr Crocker. Seconded Cllr Tucker. All agreed. Cllr Tucker thanked the MRA for its work in maintaining the area around Merrymeet.

Action: Clerk to transfer payment into the MRA account.

39/2023 Chair's Agenda Items

A Safeguarding

Reported that the Working Group would be meeting next week to draft a response for the April meeting. CALC has been able to agree access to Cornwall Council's online training programmes for councillors so that safeguarding training can be included as part of any new policy.

B Highways Expressions of Interest

Reported that the vehicle speed warning signs for Merrymeet were expected to be signed off at the next Community Network Area meeting next month. No financial contribution is needed from the parish council. The proposal to install a chicane-style layout on Mine Hill to reduce the speed of vehicles was declined because of the adverse impact it may have on agricultural machinery. CC Highways advise waiting for the introduction of a county-wide 20mph speed limit as an alternative.

C Safer A38

Chair attended the meeting held on 15 February 2023 and shared concerns about the reducing lifespan of the current Tamar Bridge crossing and the impact this would have on future congestion along the A38. No news from Highways England about the closure of junctions along the Menheniot stretch of this road.

D Menheniot-Liskeard Bus Service

Chair summarised the key points arising from the presentation earlier in the meeting, that: the service will start as advertised on 3 April 2023; there may be scope to change the service depending on usage and feedback from passengers; the parish council will supply large-print timetables for each bus stop; the PC will encourage feedback from bus users to pass back to Cornwall Council. Councillors were concerned about the dangers of passengers crossing the A38 at Trerulefoot to transfer to the Liskeard service, and asked CC to consider moving the interchange to the same location. Cllr Goldsmith will attend the first service in April and report back findings to the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to prepare timetables and promote the service; feedback councillor concerns to Cornwall Council; send out a summary of the public discussion to residents attending the meeting; set up a mailing list for those residents to keep them informed about service changes.

E Part Street Lighting

Received and noted the email from Cornwall Council Highways team about proposals to restrict the use of street lighting from midnight to 5am. Councillors had concerns about the increased fear of crime that some residents may experience if street lighting is dimmed or switched off, but recognised that crime may not increase as a consequence of the policy.

Action: Clerk to publicise the proposal and invite residents to feedback with questions or concerns that can be passed onto our PCSO Steve Edser.

40/2023 Councillors' Reports

A Cllr Adrian Cole

Menheniot Green

Received and noted. Cllr Goldsmith explained that he had purchased most of the materials needed to plant out the village green in Menheniot and would be painting the bollards shortly. Cllr Ball has assessed the repairs needed for the bus shelter in Menheniot and will be replacing the beading and Perspex panels. Work will be completed before April 3 (when the new bus service starts).

Cllr Goldsmith is examining ways to clear out the silt from the Holy Well, and is aware of the need to protect newts which are sheltered in the area.

Action: Clerk to pass on contact details of a local ecological consultant.

Preparations to mark the Coronation of King Charles III are progressing, and will include a programme guide to events being held across the parish. Volunteers are able to deliver the flyer to all households in the parish.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Cllr Goldsmith to obtain details of events and pass to our designer.

41/2023 Clerk's Report.

A 2023 Off-Street Parking Order

Reminder that the consultation closes on 23 March 2023.

B Community Grant applications received

By the close date of 28 February, Clerk had received two applications (St Lalluwys Church and Little Owls Baby & Toddler Group). Applications and assessments will be added to the April agenda.

42/2023 Diary Dates.

A The next Public Meeting will be on Thursday 20 April 2023, at 7.30pm in Menheniot Old School.

43/2023 End of meeting 21.10

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