

Minutes | 20 March 2025

Time: 7pm
Location: Old School, Menheniot PL14 3QY
Present: Cllrs Adrian Cole (Chair); Eve Easterbrook (Vice Chair); Steve Roberts; Peter Luck; Keith Goldsmith; Sean Smith; Tamsin Hemming.
Also present: Cornwall Councillor Phil Seeva. There were 6 members of the public in attendance.

114/2024 Chair's Welcome and opening remarks.

115/2024 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies received from Cllrs Tucker and Cade. Also from Parish Clerk, John Hesketh.

116/2024 Members' Declarations.

Cllr Hemming declared an interest in Item 119/2024D. No other declarations of interest or request dispensations requested.

117/2024 Public Participation.

A representative from the Merrymeet & Pengover Green Residents Association attended to ask about the inclusion of Merrymeet in consultations on S106 funding arising from the development at Tencreek Farm. The Chair explained that consultations would be made at the appropriate time and that funding will be paid in two instalments. The first instalment will be prior to Occupation of 50% of the Market Dwellings and the remaining 50% prior to the Occupation of 75% of the market dwellings¹. However, the council welcomes discussions on potential uses, including the potential for improving and upgrading current outdoor recreational facilities at East Road Playing Fields.

Cornwall Councillor Phil Seeva reported that: full council had signed off on a 4.99% increase in council tax at its meeting on 25 February 2025, in line with many other unitary councils; the level of debt that CC carries (£1.3bn) may appear high but around 25% of that is actually 'investment debt' that generates an additional income for the council (the council borrows at a low rate of interest and lends it back out at a higher rate, creating a revenue); the last full meeting of CC takes place on 15 April, two weeks before the 1 May county and parish elections; it is his intention to stand again as the divisional member for St Cleer & Menheniot; the current planning enforcement site in Merrymeet was visited by CC officers yesterday and he is unable to comment at the moment; will follow up complaints that the newly installed speed warning signs at Merrymeet do not function until approaching vehicles reach 65mph; has discussed planning application PA25/00675 with CC officers and will support calling it in to the planning committee (see Item 119/2024D below).

118/2024 Minutes of Meeting.

It was **Resolved to approve** the minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2025. Proposed Cllr Hemming. Seconded Cllr Goldsmith. All agreed.

119/2024 Planning

A To agree the parish council's response to Cornwall Council consultations on new planning applications received before the agenda was finalised.

PA25/01423

Non Material Amendment (1) to Application No. PA22/03642 dated 26th July

¹ Information from Cornwall Council 21/1/25

2024 for Full planning for the erection of 202 dwellings and associated works, namely, Plot 24 changed from a Laurel (3BSP) to an Oysterwood (2BAP) dwelling. This has changed the split of bedroom - lost one 3 bed and gained one 2 bed. Plot 26 changed from a single garage to a double sized garage.

Land At Tencreek Farm Plymouth Road Liskeard Cornwall PL14 3PS
Received and noted

PA25/01893

Proposal The conversion of an existing barn into a 2 bedroom dwelling compliant with Policy 7.3.

Location Treweatha Barn Merrymeet Liskeard Cornwall

Documents not yet published

Action: Clerk to follow up application and add to April agenda

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

C Planning decisions made by Cornwall Council. None made.

Cllr Hemming left the meeting room at 19.45

D Five Day Protocol – Challenging a planning decision

PA25/00675 - Land South East of Roseland House

Councillors discussed their original reasoning for refusal, noted the planning officer's comments and **Resolved to choose Option 3**, that they request Cornwall Council to consider referring the matter to a planning committee. Proposed Cllr Cole. Seconded Cllr Luck. All agreed. This decision is supported by divisional member Cllr Phil Seeva.

Action: Clerk to inform CC Planning Officer of the decision.

Cllr Hemming returned to the meeting room at 20.20

120/2024 Finance

A It was **Resolved to approve** the schedule and agree payment. Proposed Cllr Smith. Seconded Cllr Luck. Cllr Cole to authorise.

Date	Payee	Description	£
24/03/2025	HMRC	PAYE	162.00
24/03/2025	Salaries	Jan-25	942.50
24/03/2025	Caradon Waste Removal	Trelawney Gardens	50.00
24/03/2025	Cornwall ALC	Clerk Training	42.00
24/03/2025	Woodleys Trees	Leylandii trim	1100.00
31/03/2025	Cornwall ALC	Cllr training	36.00
All payments this period			£ 2,332.50

B Bank Reconciliation.

At the close of business on 28 February 2025, the parish council held £41,700.35 in its accounts

121/2024 Chairs Report

A East Road Working Group

The Group met on 6 March 2025 to agree a briefing for consultants and draft an application to the Community Capacity Fund to cover the costs of a consultation exercise. Two consultants have replied to our briefing, awaiting a response from the third.

B Call for Sites

Chair and councillors discussed a response to proposals for planning development as published in the Call for Sites website. It was **Resolved to support the commentary** draft by the Chair. Proposed Cllr Cole. Seconded Cllr Easterbrook. All agreed.

Action: Clerk to forward comments to CC Planners.

C Menheniot Park & Ride

The Chair has received replies from several companies who may have been involved in setting up an EV Charging Station on the land adjacent to Menheniot Rail Station. None of the companies approached have confirmed their interest, citing the lack of adjacent facilities (café, shop etc) and its distance from the A38. Councillors agreed to confirm withdrawal of their interest in acquiring the site.

Action: Clerk to inform CC Highways.

122/2024 Clerk's Report

A Election timetable 1 May 2025

The Chair distributed candidate packs for the forthcoming elections, and reminded councillors that the deadline for submission of completed applications is Wednesday 2 April at County Hall, Truro or Saturday 29 March at Luxstowe House, Liskeard. Candidates need to make an appointment with the location when delivering their papers.

123/2024 Diary Dates.

A 17 April 2025 7pm Menheniot Old School

15 May 2025 7pm Menheniot Old School

124/2024 End of meeting 21.00

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