

Public meeting of Menheniot Parish Council was held at The Old School Menheniot at 19.00 on Thursday 15th January 2026**Councillors present**

Cllr Adrian Cole, Chair, Cllr Steve Roberts, Vice Chair, Cllr's Pat Cade, Peter Luck, Sean Smith, Eve Easterbrook, Jerry Tucker.

In attendance

4 members of the public

Minutes taken by Cllr Eve Easterbrook

090/25 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Richard Dawson.

091/25 Members declaration of interest

None

092/25 Chair's welcome and opening remarks

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

093/25 Public Participation

Sue Margiotta addressed the meeting to highlight that the current bus service provision by Saltash Red Bus to Liskeard is oversubscribed on Friday and undersubscribed on a Wednesday to Saltash. CC are not able to fund an extra bus. To increase the size of vehicle will need to involve another provider. There is also concern that funding will be cut when reviewed in July. Cllr Smith responded that he had taken up a number of issues regarding buses and would support the improvement of the service and asked that Sue in seeking views as she proposed through the Parish magazine to share the evidence. The Chair stated that Cllrs would discuss and bring to the next meeting an agenda item on this issue.

Councillor Sean Smith

- Factory Cottages – Will Glassop from Cornwall Council confirmed that the chevron sign will be installed and that MPC support as minuted had been confirmed.
- A390 – Due to the increased usage Cllr Smith has raised serious concerns regarding salting between St Ive and Merymeet.
- Callywith College bus. Cllr Smith has raised serious concerns and up dated on progress on talks including with Stagecoach. The vehicles had been changed to more suitable type.
- A38 /Tamar Crossing. Proposed increase on Tag fees deferred for consultation including free passage.
- Update on salt bins all topped up.
- Reminder that the Community Emergency Plan needs to reviewed in light of CC review.

094/25 Minutes of meeting

Confirmation of minutes from 20th November 2025.

Proposed Cllr Roberts **Seconded** Cllr Luck
095/25 Planning

PA25/08664 CoU of 12 restricted bungalows to 12 unrestricted (open market) C3 dwellings at Buttermill Cottages Merrymeet.

Councillors having considered the application agreed to support the application but wish it to be noted by the Planning Authority that whilst information was provided on future vehicle movements as being less than potentially with the present use, there remains road safety concern with the access onto the A390 being on a bend and at a location known to flood (GPS location of 50.470231 -4.405362) and also that the foliage on both side of the junction kept cut back to aid visibility.

Proposed Cllr Cole Seconded Cllr Luck All Agreed

PA25/08817 Conversion of barn as dwelling and car port at Land SE of Merrymeet Vineyard.

Councillors having considered the application agreed to support the proposal but asked that the applicant's and the Councils Environmental Health Officer's attention is drawn to the historic backfilling and levelling that has taken place on the site and the potential for that material to be contaminated.

Proposed Cllr Cole Seconded Cllr Tucker All Agreed

PA25/08664 Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed extension to existing Dormer.

Councillors having considered the application agreed to support the application however would request that the Menheniot Design Guide is followed as regards both in design of the extended dormer to be in keeping and the choice of materials.

Proposed Cllr Roberts Seconded Cllr Luck All Agreed

B Information only None

C Planning decision made by Cornwall Council since last meeting.

PA22/06825 Approved

PA25/07880 Discharge of some conditions

PA25/06766 Refused

PA25/04036 Approved

PA25/07800 Refused

096/25 Finance

A Minute 096/25 above refers.

B Social Media The Chair invited Cllr Roberts to report. The present pages need updating and Instagram added. Cllr Roberts agreed to set up the pages and administer temporarily for the new Clerk to continue in future. The web pages also need updating and it may need external assistance. Cllr Roberts to investigate.

Proposed Cllr Smith Seconded Cllr Tucker

C Community Development Group. The Chair reported on a meeting on the 6th January to discuss the next stages of implementing the action plan agreed in November. Proposed Working group to be set up formally at February, masterplan to be drawn up and seek Community grant fund from CC. Minutes of meeting to be circulated by Chair.

Proposed Cllr Cole Seconded Cllr Luck All agreed

D Traffic Management in Menheniot Village It was proposed that the focus is the school and then in the village. Cllr Smith will apply separately for speed reduction in the school area. Chair will make submission for funding.

E Litter Bins The costs of provision to be clarified with Cornwall Waste as it would seem beneficial to seek competitive quotes. The additional bin in Merrymeet will be reviewed further. Damaged bin in Trewint needs to be replaced. Chair will contact CC

F Role of Planning and Development Working Group. Cllr Roberts was invited by the Chair to outline an idea that the WG is reformed as a Committee that would mean the detailed considerations of Planning applications including representation by the applicant and public would be made by that committee and a recommendation only would be ratified at the Public Meeting. A proposal to be prepared and submitted at a future meeting.

The Vice Chair presented a letter of resignation from Cllr Dawson that was accepted by the meeting. Chair to write to Cllr Dawson.

098/25 Actions Agreed The Vice Chair suggested ,that once we have appointed a clerk, that at this point in future meetings a list of previously agreed actions be tabled to act as a check that actions are completed.

099/25 Diary Dates Next Public meeting 19th February 2026

100/25 Meeting Closed at 21.50