Menheniot Parish Council

Minutes of Menheniot Parish Council Meeting
22nd October 2026 at Old School Hall, Menheniot.

Present Councillors:

Cllr Adrian Cole (Chairperson), Cllr Elliot Harrison, Cllr Steve Roberts, Cllr Eve Easterbrook, Cllr Jeremy Tucker, , Cllr Pat Cade, and Clerk.

Apologies: Cllr Sean Smith Cllr Keith Goldsmith

060/26 ***Under section 1(2) of the public bodies (admission to meetings) act 1960 due to the confident nature of the business to be concluded under agenda item 060/26, the press and public were excluded from the meeting as the matter relates to awarding of a contract and valuation decisions from 6pm until 7pm.***

1. Chair welcome
2. Declaration of interests - none
3. Consideration was given to the valuation report commissioned from Charles Kingsley Evans for land at Merrymeet which could be used as an important community area. It was unanimously agreed that the Chair and Clerk should meet with the land owner to present the report and offer the full valuation amount. Allowing for due diligence a set amount was agreed for negotiations, allowing for the land owners own separate valuation.
4. The council were presented with redacted quotations from three companies for the Merrymeet and Menheniot Community Projects, alongside reports to aid considerations: Quality of projects delivered assessment, financial stability comparison, Environmental sustainability comparison and Technical capability assessment. The Chair explained the various stages of each quotation, his experience in consulting with and the communications from each company. Weighing up the comparisons it was unanimously agreed that Applicant M should be approached for references and if satisfactory appointed to undertake the community projects.
5. 060/26 part of the meeting closed at 6.50.

Additionally present at public meeting commencing at 7pm : Public x 3, Cornwall Councillor Sean Smith, above Cllrs and Clerk.

061/26 Chairs welcome

Chair acknowledged and welcomed attendance by members of the public.

Chair announced the resignation of Cllr Peter Luck, and everyone took a moment to acknowledge the time that he had given to the Parish Council, Community Speed Watch and historically the Village in bloom, he would be missed and everyone wished him well in his new role.

062/26 Apologies for absence

Cllr Goldsmith – Everyone extended their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

063/26 Members Declarations and consideration to Vice Chair role.

1. No declarations made.
2. Cllr Roberts has expressed his interest in this role to help share the workload, Cllr Easterbrook proposed, Cllr Tucker seconded and all agreed.

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064/26 Public Participation

Member of the public wished to discuss the A38 proposals, Chair agreed for participation during agenda item 068/26.2

065/26 Signing of previous meeting minutes.

Minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2026 – all approved.

The Chairperson signed the minutes.

066/26 Planning

New applications:

PA26/06031 – *Construction of foul and surface water drainage details pursuant to application no PA25/07670. Land To East of Park An Keres Park An Kres Menheniot PL14 3FT*

No objections, however, concerns still ongoing regarding the CEMP and the delivery hours causing a negative impact on local roads, MPC still recommending a CEMP with deliveries after 9.30 to allow for residents commuting and school transport access and greater access ease for the delivery drivers.

PA26/05955 – *The installation of internally illuminated signage to comprise; 6 no. fascia signs, 3 no. booth lettering, 1 no. digital booth screen and 4 yellow soffit lights. Land at Tencreek Farm Haviland Road Liskeard PL14 3FG.*

Supported

PA26/06492 – *Change of use of barns (with extant Q approval) to storage and light industrial use, Use Class B8 and E (g)(iii) Liskeard Farm Units Treweatha Farm Merrymeet Liskeard Cornwall PL14 3LS.*

Following lengthy discussions with applicant and agent who were in attendance :

It is felt that there is a need for a robust traffic impact assessment that factors in the size of commercial vehicles using the narrow lanes on a regular basis with highways reviewing the passing places and main access width off the A390, to prevent vehicles needing to reverse out onto this road, blind to oncoming traffic.

With this now being all individual commercial units with some uses relating to mechanical garages, the necessary protections for preventing diesel/petrol contamination and general run off, potentially reaching the nearby river need to be better considered.

Further consideration is needed to the light and noise pollution and impact on nearby residents if site is fully commercial and accessible 24 hours.

MPC recognise the support for local employment as per the NDP, however are concerned about the cumulative effect of the additions and changes to the original application and discussions held with applicant.

Therefore, MPC do not support this application.

PA26/06803 – *Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing) for confirmation the outbuilding within the residential curtilage is a residential/domestic outbuilding with unrestricted use to the dwelling known as "The Stables". The Stales Little Trehew Horningtops Cornwall PL14 3PZ*

Supported

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PA26/06340 – *Application of consent to display an advertisement namely the siting of 1 no. freestanding internally illuminated totem sign and 1 no. freestanding pole internally illuminated sign. Land At Tencreek Farm Haviland Road Liskeard PL14 3FG*

Supported

Applications received after agenda finalised:

PA26/07162 - *Conversion and extension of existing barn to a dwelling house, including construction of new detached garage and associated works - Butter Mill Cottages Merrymeet Liskeard Cornwall*

To be carried forward to next meeting.

PA26/06140 – *Installation of artificial cricket pitch alongside the current grass pitches.- The Cricket Field Menheniot Liskeard Cornwall*

Considered and supported.

067/26 Councillor Smith update

- Report provided by Cornwall Councillor Sean Smith for October 2026.
- Please see attached report provided by Cllr Smith.
- The emergency plan was discussed and the need for it to be brought up to date. Clerk asked to remove the current out of date information from the website.

068/26 Chair report

1. **Community Bus** – Cllr Roberts provided an update on actions to date and survey response levels; it was agreed to extend the deadline for survey completion until mid-November. It was felt that engaging with the youth in the area was important, however safeguarding needed to be considered in this approach. An additional poster aimed at families to be produced and shared. Additional costs discussed and agreed regarding Survey Hero needed to collate the replies received.

   Thanks, extended to Rev Li for supporting with printing, Gary Walters and staff for allowing the shop to be a distribution and collation hub, the school for helping share the posters and QR code and also Cllr Roberts and Clerk for their time in communicating and organising the process.

2. **Safer A38 highways** – Following a lengthy discussion involving a member of public regarding the National Highways proposals at the event on 5th October, it was unanimously agreed for the Parish Council to meet with local businesses, liaise with Safer A38 and to hold two public sessions for Menheniot Parish residents one during the afternoon and one evening, to collate feedback to enable correspondence to our local MP.

3. **NPS** – Following previously agreeing to start an NPS, it was agreed for the clerk to designate the area and further steps to commence in January 2027.

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069/26 Working Groups updates.

1. **Allotments** – Following the distribution of a suggested new tenancy agreement and increasing of fees to £20 per annum from Cllr Easterbrook and Cllr Cade, it was generally felt that this amount would be a reasonable increase and still within the not-for-profit basis, some concerns were raised that this figure was much lower than surrounding allotments and there needed to be more emphasis maintaining vacant plots moving forwards. Proposed Cllr Easterbrook, Seconded Cllr Cole, all agreed. Clerk to investigate mats to suppress weeds in vacant plots and storage of these items etc...

070/26 Finance

1. **Payment schedule** - Members to considered and agreed the payment schedule.
2. **Church Clock** – Following consideration for additional contributions towards clock maintenance and repairs, it was agreed to contribute a further £918 Proposed Cllr Smith, Seconded Cllr Roberts all agreed that this amount with the previous month's contribution met half of the overall costs.
3. **CIL Zone 5** – Legal agreement to be considered and agreed – see email.
4. **Scout's poppies** – Clerk had contacted Emma Grange to clarify an amount and had been advised that a reimbursement of costs was no longer required. It was noted how lovely the poppies across the village looked and extended thanks to the scouts for all their hard work.

   Cllr Tucker left the meeting.

5. **Blood Bike fundraiser** – Members considered the request of £120 towards hall hire for event, proposed Cllr Smith, Seconded Cllr Cole – all agreed.
6. **Pengover, Merrymeet and Menheniot show** – Members considered the contribution of £191.69 +vat x 5 for 5 folding tables. Totalling £1149.71., due to VAT and to simplify the overall purchase of 10 tables, it was proposed that the Parish Council would order the full 10 tables with agreement for the committee to reimburse for half of the table costs as these could also be utilised for the whole community. Cllr Cole advised he would speak to the committee and report back to the clerk. Proposed Cllr Easterbrook, Seconded Cllr Roberts, all agreed.

071/26 Clerk updates

1. **Councillor Vacancy** – Clerk advised the notice period for Cllr Lucks vacancy commenced on 21st October.
2. **Cornwall Council** – Clerk shared correspondence from Cornwall Council for consideration to alter number of councillors, Cllr believed this related to historical conversations and asked Clerk to investigate further before responding .
3. **Charity Trustees** – Clerk advised that she had removed Cllr Luck as trustee and added Cllr Roberts.
4. **Parish Magazine** – Cllr Roberts recommended to the council that each Cllr write something to be shared into the Parish Magazine on a calendar rota basis. All agreed to a calendar rota and to each consider a topic.
5. **Website –** All agreed for the Clerk and Cllr Roberts to start looking at the website content and review documents and bring them up to date as appropriate.

072/26 Next meeting scheduled for 19th November 2026.

073/26 Meeting Closed at 22:15hrs

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