

Annual Parish Meeting 2017

Report

This report summarises the Annual Parish meeting that was held in Menheniot Old School on 1 June 2017.



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Attendance

Cllr Jerry Tucker, Menheniot Parish Council
John Hesketh, Clerk to Menheniot Parish Council
Mrs Eve Easterbrook
Mrs Sally Kendall
Cllr Phil Seeva, Cornwall Divisional Member
David Kemplen, Menheniot Parochial Church Council
Jon Payne, Menheniot Explorer Scouts
Jon Hedley, Menheniot Explorer Scouts

1 Apologies

The meeting received apologies from Cllr Janice Turner, Cllr Demelza Medlen and Cllr Tony Clarke.

2 Approval of minutes & report 26 May 2016

Accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr Phil Seeva. Seconded Sally Kendall. All agreed.

3 Matters arising

There were no matters arising

4 Chair's Report

Welcomed new councillors Janice Turner, Demelza Medlen and Tony Ball and reported these highlights from the year:

- Adoption of the new local plan by Cornwall Council that will be used in determining local planning opinion.
- Appointment of Steve Besford-Foster as Project Manager for the new neighbourhood development plan. Volunteers to sit on the steering group are still needed. Please contact the clerk if you can help.
- Creation of a new emergency plan is part of the forward plan for 2017-18.
- Replacement of the roof on The Pumphouse at Doddycross had been made possible with the support of additional funding from Cllr Phil Seeva.
- Consultation with residents was an important part of the council's approach to planning decisions. The application to extend the working life of the solar array at Trehawke Farm had been preceded by a public meeting and three council meetings before final approval. After approval, the council successfully negotiated a community benefit of £19,200 from the owners which will be used for capital projects in the parish, designed to help those people and parts of the parish which are underserved at the moment..
- Providing better value and more transparent working practices in the way we work. By adopting a new tendering process, every local business has the opportunity to bid for work in the parish.
- The council will be applying for Foundation Status in the Local Council Awards Scheme.

Looking forward to 2017-18 and councillors will now have responsibility for specific areas of work. If residents have specific issues with:

- Community Safety
- Sports and recreation

- Playgrounds
- Paths & Stiles
- Transport

We can allocate your concern to a named councillor who will investigate.

Community Grants

The Chair introduced Jon Payne and Jon Hedley from **Menheniot Explorer Scout Group** to explain how their award of £1,377 had benefitted their group.

The award was made in November 2016 and paid for lightweight tents, rucksacks and cooking equipment that would enable scouts to take part in outdoor overnight pursuits. In May, the group took part in the Ten Tors event and it was thanks to this equipment that the group was able to participate fully. The organisers explained that the benefits of encouraging young people to take part in scouting activities are about building confidence and self-reliance and life skills that they can build on as they become older. Because of partner arrangements they have with neighbouring scout groups, the equipment will bring benefits to other people they work with. Jon Payne and Jon Hedley thanked the parish council for their support and committed to continue with their fund raising. Sally Kendall thanked them and their other organisers for all the work they have in the parish to support young people.

The Chair introduced David Kemplen from **Menheniot Parochial Church Council** who explained how their grant of £1,900 had benefitted the church and graveyard users. Mr Kemplen began by thanking the parish council for continuing to support its work in maintaining the graveyard to such a high standard for over 20 years. Without the council's financial contributions, the PCC would have had to consider closing the graveyard. Income into the church has to be prioritised for essential maintenance, and he gave an example of their lightning conductor. This had recently needed urgent repairs, and had the church not been able to repair it, would have been liable for any further damage that might have arisen. Church insurance would not have covered any claims that might have been made.

5 Presentation of long service award

The Chair presented former councillor David Crocker with a certificate to make his long service to the parish and retirement after 34 years as a parish councillor.

6 Questions from parishioners

David Kemplen questioned the Chair about cars parking on pavements around the school area that caused problems for wheelchair users and people with pushchairs. The Chair explained that the council had previously spoken at length with the school to address the issue of poor and dangerous parking around the school. The school had written to parents and asked them to be more considerate in their behaviour towards other road and pavement users. The police were in the process of visiting all schools in the county to warn parents of the dangers of speeding and poor parking practice.

Summary of Accounts

These figures are based on audited accounts that were approved at the council's public meeting on 18 May 2017.

- Precept (local council tax income) for the year was £25,168, the same as the previous year.

- Other income into the parish was ££24,168, increased from £10,789 in 2016/17.
- Total money spent on parish services was £27,418. This is a reduction from £37,530 in the previous year.
- The cash remaining with the council on 31 March 2017 was £101, 057. This is an increase from £86,001 at the previous year end.
- The excess of income over expenses was transferred to the parish's reserves and a separate fund that has been set up for grants and donations.

Councillor Attendance 2016-2017

The parish council holds a public meeting on the third Thursday of every month, apart from August and December. Councillors are summoned to attend in order to discharge their duties as councillor. If they are unable to attend, they are expected to present their apologies in advance. The table below shows your councillor's record of attendance for the all public meetings that were held last year. Percentages show the figures for all meetings that councillors were invited to.

Councillor	attendance
Jerry Tucker (Chair)	100%
Demelza Medlen	67%
Pat Cade	46%
Tony Clarke	69%
Rachel Craig	80%
David Crocker*	38%
Eve Easterbrook	92%
Lilian Hooper	92%
Sally Kendall	92%
Will Sneyd	69%
Peter Sobey	46%
Janice Turner	100%

*Retired May 2017

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Public Meetings

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www.menheniotparish.org.uk/the-council/meetings

Planning Applications

For a weekly summary of planning applications within the parish, see the parish noticeboard outside the Spar shop in Menheniot centre, search online for Menheniot Planning or visit the website at:

www.menheniotparish.org.uk/the-council/planning-3

Parish Accounts

You can download a copy of our annual return from the website:

www.menheniotparish.org.uk/the-council/transparency-of-parish-administration

Grants & Donations

The council runs a scheme of small grants and donations for local voluntary groups. You can download information about the scheme from the website:

www.menheniotparish.org.uk/the-council/grants

Allotments

The council manages allotments on East Road, adjacent to the Methodist Church. Details of how to make application to rent space can be found on the website:

www.menheniotparish.org.uk/the-council/allotments

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