

MENHENIOT PARISH COUNCIL

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At a Meeting of the Menheniot Parish Council held in Menheniot Old School on Thursday 16 March 2017 at 7.30pm there were present: Mr Jeremy Tucker (Chair); Mrs Evelyn Easterbrook (Vice Chair); Mrs Janice Turner; Mrs Lilian Hooper; Mrs Sally Kendall; Mr Will Sneyd; Mr Peter Sobey; Mr Tony Clarke; Mrs Pat Cade; Mrs Demelza Medlen.

Clerk to the Council: John Hesketh

Minute	Agenda Items	Action
28/2017	Chairman's Welcome	
29/2017	Apologies for Absence received from Cllr Crocker.	
30/2017	<p>Members' Declarations</p> <p>A. Pecuniary/Registerable Declarations of Interests – Members must declare an interest, which has been declared on their Register of Financial Interests Form, relevant to the agenda. None.</p> <p>B. Non-registerable Interests – Members must declare non-pecuniary interests at the start of the meeting or whenever the interests become apparent. Cllr Sobey declared an interest in Item 34/2017A Planning Application PA17/01321 because the applicant is his nephew.</p> <p>C. Declaration of Gifts – Members are reminded they must declare any gift or hospitality with a value in excess of fifty pounds. None.</p> <p>D. Dispensations – Members to consider any written requests for dispensations. None.</p>	
31/2017	<p>Public Participation Members of the public are invited to address the Council. (15 minutes) There were 6 members of the public present.</p> <p>Mr Brian Cade introduced himself as secretary of the local branch of the Royal British Legion and explained that he had attended a recent conference in Truro to discuss the maintenance of the war memorial in Menheniot village. Government is asking that all local councils register their memorials and exercise appropriate ownership in order to maintain them to a high standard. Although some funding is available to local groups, this can only cover 75% of costs and can only be used to restore memorials to their previous condition. Mr Cade is proposing that a new low railing be built around the memorial in time for November 2018, and so does not qualify for grant aid. Mr Cade asked that the parish council consider an application for funding in the future, and that they should determine who the custodian of the memorial is. ACTION To include this item on a future agenda.</p> <p>Cllr Jane Pascoe, Mayor of Liskeard and Cllr James Shrubsole, Chair of the Liskeard Neighbourhood Development Plan attended to introduce a later item (34/2017F). This concerns the potential for future development at Bolitho Farm as an agricultural hub. The Mayor referred to the Clerk's briefing note and explained that although the site was located in Menheniot, both adjacent parishes would benefit from its development. The next step in the process would be to commission a demand study, and the Mayor invited Menheniot councillors to make a contribution to the cost. Cllr Clarke asked what the cost of the study would be and was told that it would be in the region of £10,000, most of which would be funded by other stakeholders. Cllr Pascoe explained that any contribution would be welcome but that any amount up to £1,000 would be helpful. There was general approval for the proposition, and for the setting up of a joint working group at a suitable time.</p> <p>Mr Jon Pollard represented Mr & Mrs Sobey in their planning application (PA17/01321) and answered questions about the size and reasoning behind the replacement of an existing dwelling.</p>	Clerk

	<p>Mr Richard Rowe represented himself and answered questions about his planning application (PA17/01992) for a new agricultural store. He explained how the existing storage facilities on his farm were in need of extra capacity. The proposal would be located out of sight of the public road and sited so as to divert an easterly wind flow away from their existing overwintering cattle barn.</p> <p>Cornwall Councillor Phil Seeva presented his monthly report. Full council met on 21 February and took a final vote to determine the number of unitary councillors that should serve from 2021 onwards. The number agreed was 99, a reduction from the current 123. This decision will now be passed to the Local Government Boundaries Commission for final approval and to permit them to continue with their review of boundaries. In his capacity as member of the Health & Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee, he had attended a meeting on 15 March 2017 where the STP (Sustainability and Transformation Plan) Shaping Our Future was discussed. Councillors were unanimously critical of the communications and engagement report that was presented and issued a public notice reporting their view. The future of Bodmin Minor Injuries Unit was not discussed and any reports on its possible closure would now not take place until after the local elections on May 4.</p>	
32/2017	<p>Minutes of Meetings –</p> <p>Councillors reviewed the minutes from 16 February 2017. It was RESOLVED to accept them as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Easterbrook. Seconded Cllr Turner. All agreed.</p>	
33/2017	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes</p> <p>Reports back on these actions.</p> <p>A The Chair reported that hedges around the allotments had now been cut to an appropriate low level so that holders would be able to manage and maintain them themselves.</p> <p>B Cllr Seeva has received an email from Cornwall Council explaining that landowners have a duty to maintain stiles on their property. Where there was failure to maintain any stiles, reports should be made through Cllr Seeva who will pass details back to Cornwall Council.</p> <p>C Clerk updated councillors on the imminent parish elections and explained that there had been a change in arrangements for the hand-delivery of nomination papers. Liskeard One Stop Shop would now be open to accept papers on 24, 25 and 29 March at times that were contained in the candidates nomination pack. Full details are available in the Clerk's briefing note, and published on the council's website and on the parish noticeboard in Menheniot.</p> <p>D Clerk updated councillors on a previous proposal to approve an independent review of its planning process decision making (24/2017C). He had received a quotation from Mrs Linda Coles for £50. It was RESOLVED to accept the quotation and proceed with the review. Proposed Cllr Sneyd. Seconded Cllr Clarke. All agreed.</p> <p>E Report on war memorials conference held in Truro 8 March. This item was covered earlier in public participation (Item 31/2017 above)</p>	
34/2017	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>A To agree the parish council's response to Cornwall Council consultations on new planning applications received before the agenda was finalised:</p> <p>24.02.17 PA16/11698 Applicant: Mr J Bateman Location: Land Adjacent Lower Scawns Lodge Menheniot Cornwall Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of building for storage and associated office activity. The Chair explained why a certificate of lawfulness was required as a condition for the change of use of this property. They noted that the structure has been used as commercial storage for over 20 years and so complies with Policy 7, s3 of the Cornwall Local Plan, having been of non-residential use for ten years or greater. It was RESOLVED to support the application. Proposed Cllr Tucker. Seconded Cllr Sneyd. All agreed.</p> <p>27.02.17 PA17/01321 Applicant: Mr And Mrs C Sobey Location: Williams Park Menheniot Liskeard Cornwall PL14 3PN</p>	

Proposal: Construction of replacement dwelling.
 The Chair had previously made a visit to the site of the application and presented a series of photographs that showed that there was no impact on the residential amenity of the development. The external finish of the proposal was appropriate to the surroundings. In reaching its decision, councillors were aware that a previous application (PA15/08771) was granted in November 2015 for an extension, and the applicant had now submitted a proposal for a replacement dwelling that has a smaller footprint than the last application. This complies with Policy s1 of the Cornwall Local Plan. It was RESOLVED to support this application. Proposed Cllr Tucker. Seconded Cllr Clarke. All agreed.

09.03.17 PA17/01992
 Applicant: Mr Richard Rowe
 Location: Tregondale Farm Menheniot Liskeard Cornwall PL14 3RG
 Proposal: Construction of agricultural building.
 Cllr Easterbrook had visited the site to view the proposal and reported that the location was adjacent to existing stores with access from roadways close by. The design and appearance of the store would be appropriate to its use, and be built approximately five feet lower than existing buildings. Councillors were aware of need for this new agricultural building and its siting would be incorporated within the existing farm space using existing facilities. Their decision complies with Policy 21 sC of the Cornwall Local Plan. It was RESOLVED to support the application. Proposed Cllr Easterbrook. Seconded Cllr Tucker. All agreed.

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

C Planning applications approved by Cornwall Council – Information only. None.

D Planning applications refused by Cornwall Council or withdrawn by the applicant. Information only: None.

E Planning Appeals: None

F Request from Liskeard Town Council for the parish council to support a demand study at Bolitho Farm (Papers previously circulated). Councillors were asked to support a resolution to make a financial contribution to the study (see Item 31/2017 and Briefing Note). It was RESOLVED to support the proposal. Proposed Cllr Tucker. Seconded Cllr Clarke. All agreed.

G The Clerk asked councillors to update the parish profile used as part of the Pre-application protocol that had been previously supported (7/2017G).
 ACTION New details will be added to the existing profile and posted to Cornwall Council Planners.

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Financial Matters

A Accounts for Payment – Schedule 2016/17 – Period 12– Members considered the payment schedule and agree payment.

Payments Schedule		Mar 2017	Period	12
Date	Payee	Description	CQ	£
16/03/2017	SSE Enterprise	Maintenance	1673	£ 10
16/03/2017	Cornwall Council	Planning Training	1674	£ 1
16/03/2017	TSO Host	Web hosting	1675	£ 3
16/03/2017	John Hesketh	Expenses	1676	£ 9
31/03/2017	John Hesketh	Salary	1677	£ 49
All cheque payments today				£ 73

It was RESOLVED to accept the payment schedule. Proposed Cllr Sneyd. Seconded Cllr Medlen. All agreed.

Direct Bank Payment & Receipts. For information.

Bank Payments Schedule		Mar 2017	Period	11	
Date	Payee	Description	Pay	£	
01/02/2017	South West Water	Water Allotments	DD	£	1
01/02/2017	South West Water	Water Toilets	DD	£	32
All bank payments this period				£	34
Bank Receipts Schedule		Mar 2017	Period	11	
Date	Payer	Description		£	
09/02/2017	Lloyds Bank	Interest		£	
28/02/2017	Residents	Allotments		£	28
All bank receipts this period				£	28

C Bank Reconciliation – Previously circulated.

D Cllr Turner selected several items from the cheque book and tracked them satisfactorily to the statement.

Cllr Kendall left the meeting at approximately 2045

E The Clerk explained that due to persistent delays in receiving statements from the council's bank, we was requesting to be given viewing access (online access) to the two bank accounts. This would not give permission to carry out online banking transactions. It was RESOLVED to support the request. Proposed Cllr Turner. Seconded Cllr Medlen. All agreed.

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Correspondence

A Letter from iSight Cornwall requesting donation. Clerk explained that he had written to iSight asking them to explain how their charity benefitted residents in the parish.

B Letter from Cornwall Air Ambulance requesting donation. Clerk explained that CAA had already received a donation of £100 from the parish council on 26 April 2016 and suggesting postponing a decision on the request until the next financial year.

It was RESOLVED to accept the Clerk's advice and actions. Proposed Cllr Turner. Seconded Cllr Medlen. All agreed.

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Chair's Agenda Items

A Clerk explained that following on the success of last year's hustings, he had written to other parish clerks in the ward asking for a steer from their councils as to the viability of them contributing to the cost of this parish council organizing a further hustings this year. The Chair reminded councillors of the format of the previous event, and the high levels of satisfaction from those people attending. Chair proposed that the council should support a hustings event in April 2017. There being no seconder, the motion FAILED.

B The Chair had attended the AGM of the Menheniot Sports Association on 28 February, and reported that the grass roller that the council had contributed to had been purchased and was ready to be brought into use. The Liskeard Looe Cricket Club thanked the council for its contribution and invited councillors to be part of a photo opportunity later in the season. The secretary of the tennis club had explained that the surface covering of the court was in need of repair and had asked the Chair if they could apply for a grant. The Chair explained that the current round of grant applications had closed on 28 February, and that the club should make its application by 30 September in order for it to be considered at the November 16 meeting

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Diary Dates

A The next Full Council Meeting is to be held at The Old School, Menheniot on Thursday 20 April 2017, commencing at 7.30pm.

	B Menheniot Litter Pick takes place on 1 April 2017.	
39/2017	Meeting closed – 21.00	

