

## Minutes 17 September 2020

Date: Thursday 17 September 2020  
Time: 7.30pm  
Location: Virtual public meeting  
Present: Cllrs Jerry Tucker (Chair); Eve Easterbrook (Vice Chair); Lilian Hooper; Nathan Pearce; Pat Cade; Pete Mulford; Tony Ball; Sean Smith.  
Clerk to the Council: John Hesketh. There were 5 members of the public in attendance.

### **102/2020 Chairman's Welcome.**

### **103/2020 Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr Tony Clarke offered apologies.

### **104/2020 Members' Declarations.**

No interests declared or dispensations requested.

### **105/2020 Public Participation.**

Cllr Seeva presented his report, that: public meetings in Truro will resume later in September; has visited the site of planning application PA20/06218 (see Item 109 below); confirmed that the council's application to his Community Chest has been approved.

Residents spoke about planning application PA20/06218, and objected on the grounds that: proposal is out of proportion to the surrounding buildings and location; the design is not appropriate to the setting (especially the inclusion of dormer windows); potential for later conversion to a dwelling; increased noise and disturbance; light pollution; increased congestion in adjacent lanes; conflict with the Cornwall Local Plan and Menheniot Neighbourhood Plan. The Chair thanked them for their contributions and explained that the parish council would consider all of their points during its decision making.

### **106/2020 Minutes of Meeting.**

Councillors **Resolved** to accept the meeting notes of 16 July 2020 as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Easterbrook. Seconded Cllr Ball. All agreed. Councillors **Resolved** to accept the meeting notes of 6 August 2020 as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Easterbrook. Seconded Cllr Smith. All agreed.

### **107/2020 Matters Arising.**

92/2020B Traffic signs at Doddycross

Councillors **Resolved** to accept recommendations for the painting of 3 **Slow** signs at Doddycross at a cost of approximately £500. Proposed Cllr Tucker. Seconded Cllr Pearce. All agreed.

**Action.** Clerk to progress the order with Cormac.

### **108/2020 Correspondence.**

A Request from Menheniot School Association for donation towards firework display. Clerk has advised the MSA to make application for a Community Grant, and explained to councillors that there may be issues with future grants and donations that contribute towards public events.

**Action.** Clerk to take further advice from CALC concerning the impact of Covid regulations on the funding of public events by the council.

B Cornwall Council has offered financial support to some parish councils who have lost income because of the lockdown. This does not apply to Menheniot council, but it has instead received £10,000 Business Grant Funding.

**Action.** Clerk to action deposit of these funds with Cornwall Council.

## 109/2020 Planning Matters.

A Councillors discussed these planning applications and agreed their response.

Ref: PA20/06218

Location: The Carhouse Menheniot Liskeard Cornwall PL14 3QT

It was **Resolved** to support this planning application. Proposed Cllr Tucker. Seconded Cllr Easterbrook. Majority decision. In making their decision, councillors received concerns from local residents relating to the scale of the proposed building (disproportionately large for the site), the external design (unsuitable finish), the use of dormer windows (inappropriate to the setting with the potential for light pollution) and access into the site (prone to congestion which could become worse, especially for emergency vehicles). Councillors ask that officers take these issues into account when making their final determination.

Ref: PA20/03749

Location: The Barn Blackadon Farm Horningtops Liskeard Cornwall PL14 3PU

It was **Resolved** to support this planning application. Proposed Cllr Easterbrook. Seconded Cllr Ball. All agreed. Councillors were aware that consent is a requirement for insurance purposes and that otherwise this is permitted development.

Ref: PA20/06058

Proposal Alternative proposal for a dwelling on same footprint as approval PA19/00896

It was **Resolved** to support this planning application. Proposed Cllr Tucker. Seconded Cllr Easterbrook. All agreed.

Ref PA20/07044

Proposal Conversion of a former Methodist Chapel to a three bedroom house with a two bedroom annexe.

It was **Resolved** to support this planning application. Proposed Cllr Smith. Seconded Cllr Pearce. All agreed. Councillors noted that policy 7 of the CLP permits the reuse of suitably constructed redundant, disused or historic buildings.

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

C Planning applications approved by Cornwall Council.

PA20/04452

Location: 13 Kingswood Estate Merrymeet PL14 3LR

Proposal: Install pitched roof and double width door to existing double garage.

Remove stone cladding to front elevation and render. Extend driveway to front and side of garage. Install Upvc windows and composite front door to replace existing. Remove lean-to on West Elevation and upgrade conservatory construction.

PA19/06926

Applicant: Mr Kennard

Proposal: Additional hotel accommodation in the form of an annexe block with alterations to car park and associated works (including installation of air-conditioning plant compound) and small reconfiguration of main hotel.

Location: Premier Inn Haviland Road Liskeard Cornwall PL14 3FG

PA20/05046

Applicant: Mr and Mrs P And L Griffiths

Location: Skiber-Leti Trenant Farm Menheniot Liskeard Cornwall

Proposal: Erection of garage/workshop

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

E Request for permission to carry out works at 14 Bowling Green.

Cllr Tucker reported that building works are almost complete, apart from installation of the roof. Minor damage to grass adjacent to the works will be rectified.

### 110/2020 Financial Matters.

A It was **Resolved** to approved the schedule and agree payment. Proposed Cllr Easterbrook. Seconded Cllr Smith. All agreed. Cllr Easterbrook will authorise online payments

Date	Payee	Description	Pay	£
21/09/2020	Easy Gate	gate for play area	OLB	882.00
28/09/2020	Staff	Salaries	OLB	722.00
28/09/2020	HMRC	PAYE	OLB	126.00
				£ 1,730.00

B Bank Payment Receipts. For information.

Date	Payer	Description	£
31/08/2020	Cornwall Council	Interest	37.34
10/08/2020	Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.40
11/08/2020	Cornwall Council	Government grant	10000.00
All bank receipts this period			£ 10,037.74

C Bank Reconciliation.

At the close of business on 31 August 2020, the parish council showed a balance of £90,863.53 in its accounts.

D Liskeard and Looe Highways Scheme Expression of Interest Year 4  
Councillors agreed to submit an EOI for speed warning signs at Doddycross.

**Action.** Clerk to draw up documents and agree approval with Chair before submission.

### 111/2020 Councillors' Reports.

A Cllr Sean Smith

Reported that the public meeting called on 14 September by the Parochial Church Council to discuss its finances and the possible closure of St Mary's Church has been postponed. Residents from Merrymeet are making a collective approach to the PCC to discuss a way forward. Cllr Smith will monitor the situation and report back in October.

Review of the council's response to the Covid-19 outbreak was discussed, and the proposals made in Cllr Smith's report will be discussed by the Working Group with any agreed actions being implemented as soon as practicable.

**Action.** Clerk to consult with Community Helpers, and take instruction from the Covid Working Group.

B Cllr Pete Mulford

Talked through his plans for examining alternative methods of weed management with a view to submitting proposals for alternative methods.

**Action.** Clerk to forward details of the original costings for weed spraying.

C Cllr Tony Clarke

Cllr Clarke submitted a written request for the council to consider introducing a 20mph speed limit along Mine Hill and the surrounding area.

**Action.** Clerk to contact Clerk for Botus Fleming Parish Council. Cllr Seeva to speak with Cllr Jesse Foot.

### 112/2020 Chair's Agenda Items.

A Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The Project Manager reports that two developers have shown interest in the site at Tenecreek Farm. Discussions between Cornwall Council planners and the parish council are ongoing.

**B Climate Change Working Group.**

Councillors discussed the briefing note that had been prepared with information supplied by the CCWG. It was **Resolved** to declare a climate emergency in the parish of Menheniot. Proposed Cllr Tucker. Seconded Cllr Mulford. Majority agreed. The Chair thanked the members of the Working Group for their work and formally closed the group because its terms of reference had been delivered.

**Action.** Clerk to write to members of the Working Group with this decision and advertise for membership of a new independent Climate Change Action Group.

**C Councillors and responsibilities**

It was **Resolved** to accept the list of councillor representatives and volunteer roles, with the addition of Cllr Pearce to Allotments. Proposed Cllr Tucker. Seconded Cllr Smith. All agreed.

**D Delegated authority**

It was **Resolved** to agree to extend the period of delegated authority to the Clerk until March 2021. Proposed Cllr Easterbrook. Seconded Cllr Ball. All agreed.

**E Menheniot Sports Association**

The base for the outdoor table tennis table has been completed, and the Club will shortly be making application for a Community Grant to purchase a replacement table. PCSO Steve Edser has advised MSA on ways to manage antisocial behaviour linked to the Cricket Club, and individual parents have received words of advice.

**113/2020 Clerk's Report.**

**A Community Governance Review**

The Review Panel is currently three months behind its original timetable, and this may result in either proposals to change the parish boundary being dismissed or postponed until a later date.

**B Website Accessibility Regulations**

The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) Accessibility Regulations 2018 take effect from 23 September 2020. This council has already published an Accessibility Statement on its website, updated key council documents for compliance and is working to ensure compliance.

**C Vacancy for parish councillors**

Following on from the recent resignation of Justin Malkin as newly co-opted member, Cornwall Council have issued an election notice that will be determined on 2 October. If fewer than ten residents request an election, responsibility for filling the vacant seat will be delegated to the parish council.

**114/2020 Diary Dates.**

**A** The council will maintain business continuity in line with its published policies. The next Public Meeting will be held on Thursday 15 October 2020, commencing at 7.30pm. Venue and medium to be confirmed.

Neighbourhood Plan meetings are suspended until further notice. All enquiries to [sblfoster@gmail.com](mailto:sblfoster@gmail.com)

**115/2020 Meeting closed 21.35.**