

MENHENIOT PARISH COUNCIL

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At a Meeting of the Menheniot Parish Council held in Menheniot Old School on Thursday 20 April 2017 at 7.30pm there were present: Mr Jeremy Tucker (Chair); Mrs Evelyn Easterbrook (Vice Chair); Mrs Lilian Hooper; Mrs Sally Kendall; Mr Will Sneyd; Mrs Pat Cade; Mrs Demelza Medlen.

Clerk to the Council: John Hesketh

Minute	Agenda Items
40/2017	Chairman's Welcome
41/2017	Apologies for Absence: Mrs Janice Turner; Mr Peter Sobey; Mr Tony Clarke; Mr David Crocker.
42/2017	<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. Cllr Medlen declared an interest in Item 46A (Planning Application PA17/03007) and Item 47Ei and ii (Grant application from Menheniot School Association). Cllr Hooper also declared an interest in Items 47Ei and ii.</p> <p>B. Non-registerable Interests – Members must declare non-pecuniary interests at the start of the meeting or whenever the interests become apparent. None.</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>
43/2017	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>Members of the public addressed the Council.</p> <p>Ms Sue Gilbard introduced herself from Menheniot School Association, and Mr Jim Cock from the Parochial Church Council.</p> <p>Mr Lavers presented his planning application (PA17/02465) and explained he had lived at Trouts Mill for 30 years, but that after the floods in 2015 he recognized that he needed to improve his flood defences. The purpose of the proposal was to protect his property and slow down the dispersal of any flood water. A flood risk assessment had been included as part of the application, and Mr Lavers drew councillors' attention to it. Based on this report, the Environment Agency had no objections to the proposal. Cllr Easterbrook asked people owning land adjacent to the property had been consulted. Mr Lavers assured the councillor that they had been consulted and agreed with the application.</p> <p>Mr Fitton (PA17/03007) explained that the reason for seeking retrospective planning permission was because he had been obliged to leave his former home at short notice, and move his family into the mobile home located adjacent to his workshop.</p>

	<p>Report from Cornwall Councillor Phil Seeva</p> <p>Cllr Seeva explained that because county elections are being held on 4 May, this would be his final attendance at the parish meeting for this session. He had felt honoured to have been chosen by the electorate in 2016, and had enjoyed meeting and working with them over the past twelve months. There are two candidates standing in the election: both have met and committed to ensuring a smooth transition into the next council year whatever the outcome on 4 May. Cllr Seeva thanked the Chair and all Menheniot councillors for their support over the last year, and hoped to be representing them in the future.</p>
44/2017	<p>Minutes of Meetings –</p> <p>Councillors reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2017 and RESOLVED to accept them as a true and fair record. Proposed Cllr Medlen. Seconded Cllr Easterbrook. All agreed.</p>
45/2017	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes</p> <p>A Clerk updated councillors on the parish election process: There were two seats vacant at the close of nominations on 4 April 2017 which means that this will be an uncontested election. The two vacancies will be filled by co-option and the process will begin immediately after election day on 5 May. Councillors were reminded that they remain as councillors of the current council until midnight on 8 May, after which time they will become councillors of the new administration.</p> <p>The date of the first (annual) meeting of the new parish council will take place on 18 May 2017. Prior to this date, the Clerk will issue each councillor with a Declaration of Acceptance of Office that must be returned before the start of that meeting. ACTION: Clerk to email all councillors with a DAO prior to 18 May.</p> <p>All councillors will need to complete a 'Declaration as to election expenses' (the form is enclosed with the nomination pack) and return it to St Austell One Stop Shop before 2 June. This is compulsory, even if no expenses were incurred. ACTION: Clerk to email reminder to all councillors prior to 2 June.</p> <p>Clerk will also issue a new Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests to each councillor that must be completed and returned to Cornwall Council before 5 June. Councillors were reminded that there is now an additional declaration on trades' union membership to be completed. ACTION: Clerk to reissue original copies of the RDPI to all councillors and a blank copy prior to 5 June.</p>
47E/2017	<p>The Chair agreed to move items 47e (Community Grant Applications) forward in the agenda. Councillors were asked to support applications to award grants to the following groups:</p> <p>i Menheniot School Association (publicity material £480) It was RESOLVED to support the grant application in the amount of £250 that had been recommended. Proposed Cllr Sneyd. Seconded Cllr Kendall. Both Cllr Medlen and Hooper abstained. All other councillors agreed.</p> <p>ii Menheniot School Association (sports equipment £2,895) Sue Gilbard represented the MSA and explained that the old equipment was nearing the end of its 10 year life, and new equipment was needed. This would have a useful life of 20 years and she estimated that over 500 children would benefit from it. It was RESOLVED to support the grant application in the amount of £1,940 that had been</p>

	<p>recommended. Proposed Cllr Kendall. Seconded Cllr Easterbrook. Both Cllr Medlen and Hooper abstained. All other councillors agreed.</p> <p>iii Menheniot Parochial Church Council (graveyard maintenance £3,800). The Chair asked Cornwall Cllr Phil Seeva to summarise discussions that had taken place between the parish council and the PCC over the past year. The parish council had introduced a system for the administration of grants and donations two years ago that every applicant must comply with. The councillor agreed that a well maintained graveyard was an asset to the whole of the parish, but reminded everyone present that the parish council did not have an unlimited supply of funding to grant to every applicant. He thanked Mr Cock for assisting the council in determining the application and for answering their questions. Supplying a copy of the church's accounts had been useful in helping councillors understand what the church's financial position was. Cllr Easterbrook asked that the PCC should look at alternative ways to deliver on its maintenance obligations. In her view, payment of the full application would only be viable if it had been a single application, but because the PCC made an annual request to the parish council for funding, it had to consider the longer term implications of its support. Cllr Tucker explained that awarding the full amount requested (£3,800) would equate to 17% of the parish's annual precept, and that this would not be tenable. It was RESOLVED to support the grant application in the amount of £1,900 that had been recommended. Proposed Cllr Easterbrook. Seconded Cllr Sneyd. All agreed.</p> <p>iv Cllr Medlen gave details of a new young peoples' project for sports activities being planned for the parish. The early stage of the project required a small scale survey to be carried out, and the councillor requested a donation of £35 to cover the costs of printing a questionnaire. Proposed Cllr Easterbrook. Seconded Cllr Kendall. All agreed.</p>
46/2017	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>A Councillors were asked to agree the parish council's response to Cornwall Council consultations on new planning applications received before the agenda was finalised:</p> <p>24.03.17 PA17/02465 Applicant: Mr Lavers Location: Trouts Mill, Menheniot Proposal: Construction of flood defence Cllr Sneyd led a discussion on the comments that had been posted online by a planning consultant who owned a neighbouring property. The consultant challenged parts of the Environment Agency's comments that had been published as part of the consultation. Cllr Sneyd echoed the concerns, and felt that there were issues that needed to be clarified before giving an opinion. Among the concerns were the calculations and modelling used by the JGP in relation to the rapid run-off of water that would contain debris from three sources, and the effect that the new housing development at Tencreek Farm (and along the east of the A390 Eastern Relief Road) would have. It was RESOLVED to postpone a decision on the application until further information had been obtained. Proposed Cllr Sneyd. Seconded Cllr Medlen. All agreed. ACTION Clerk to work with Cllr Sneyd to obtain additional information and organise an extraordinary public meeting to determine the application.</p> <p>26.04.17 PA17/02841 Applicant: Mr & Mrs Lord Location: Fourgates, Menheniot</p>

Proposal: Erection of a single storey extension and replacement front porch. It was RESOLVED to support the application. Proposed Cllr Medlen. Seconded Cllr Hooper. All agreed. In making their decision, councillors noted that because of the design and siting of the extension, there would be no impact on the residential amenity and no need for additional parking spaces. The replacement of the front porch, whilst not requiring planning consent, will occupy the same footprint at the existing one and will also not impact on the local amenity. Supporting the application complies with Policy 21, sC of the Cornwall Local Plan, by increasing building density and taking into account the character of the surrounding area.

27.04.17 PA17/03007

Applicant: Mr Simon Fitton

Location: Crossways

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land for the formalisation of a temporary residential dwelling. It was RESOLVED to support the application. Proposed Cllr Kendall. Seconded Cllr Tucker. All agreed. Cllr Medlen abstained (see Item 42A above). In making their decision, councillors noted that due to its isolated location, there would be no impact on the residential amenity. Additionally, the low level of the mobile home would be substantially concealed behind a Cornish hedge. Supporting the application complies with Policy 7, s5 of the Cornwall Local Plan, by providing accommodation for a full-time agricultural worker. This is also the case for the NPPF Section 7:- Economic role, Section 21:-Delivering sustainable development, Section 28 Supporting a prosperous rural economy and Section 106 Business.

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

C Planning applications approved by Cornwall Council – Information only.

17.03.2017 PA16/11717 APPROVED

Applicant: Mr Mark Wilson

Location: Jaxons Barn Pengover Farm Pengover Green PL14 3NH

Proposal: Conversion of redundant agricultural buildings to two dwellings, demolition of pole barn, landscaping and creation of new access

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Address Trewint Farm Trewint Road Menheniot PL14 3RE

Proposal Prior Notification of agricultural development, namely the erection of a steel framed building to be used for the storage of agricultural machinery and straw

Decision Prior approval not required

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

E Planning Appeals: None

F Update on Planning Application PA16/11451 Mr Dudley Easterbrook. The Clerk had received a notice from Cornwall Council Planners challenging the decision they had made in February 2017 on this planning application (Item 21A) where councillors had requested that a condition be inserted into the officer report to compel the applicant to plant screening trees. The Clerk took this request to the Chair who consulted with the councillor leading on that application (Cllr Turner) who agreed that the officer's request was not so significant as to warrant calling an extraordinary public meeting. Both councillors accepted the advice from the planning officer and agreed that they would agree to delete the condition to plant screening trees on the applicant's property and to present their reasons to this public meeting.

The substantive part of the application to construct an agricultural building is not affected.

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Financial Matters

A Accounts for Payment – Schedule 2016/17 – Period 1– Members RESOLVED to accept the payment schedule and agree payment. Proposed Cllr Kendall. Seconded Cllr Easterbrook. All agreed.

Payments Schedule		Mar 2017	Period	12
Date	Payee	Description	CQ	£
20/04/2017	Cornwall Council	NNDR Sports Ground	1678	£ 29.91
20/04/2017	Wicksteed Playgrounds	Repairs	1679	£ 79.87
20/04/2017	Rob Craig	Ground maintenance	1680	£ 360.00
20/04/2017	John Hesketh	Expenses	1681	£ 22.11
20/04/2017	Cornwall Council	Local Plan	1682	£ 120.00
28/04/2017	John Hesketh	Salary	1683	£ 522.00
All cheque payments today				£ 1,133.89

B Direct Bank Payment & Receipts. For information.

Bank Receipts Schedule		Mar 2017	Period	11
Date	Payer	Description		£
09/03/2017	Lloyds Bank	Interest		£ 3.69
31/03/2017	Residents	Allotments		£ 42.00
All bank receipts this period				£ 45.69

C Bank Reconciliation – Previously circulated.

D Cllr Kendall sampled a selection of bank payments.

F Councillors reviewed and accepted a recent briefing note on the Neighbourhood Development Plan proposal to appoint a Project Manager. It was RESOLVED to appoint Mr Steve Besford-Foster as project manager for the Menheniot NDP. Proposed Cllr Easterbrook. Seconded Cllr Tucker. All agreed.

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Correspondence

A Clerk presented a letter from Cornwall Women’s Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre asking for donations. Clerk explained that the original request had been for a grant of £56,000 to fund rebuilding in Bodmin, and that he had written back to the applicant to direct them to the council’s policy on small and charitable donations. Waiting for a reply.

B The Clerk had received a letter from Jon Bercow, the Speaker of the House of Commons encouraging councils to participate in UK Parliament Week 13-19 November.

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Chair’s Agenda Items

A Chair updated councillors on the following items:

	<p>The war memorial in the village will be registered and there is a proposal to erect and set of low railings around it.</p> <p>B Report back on The Pumphouse at Doddycross. Recent high winds have caused slight damage to the new roof. The building materials are secured, and the Chair will contact the original builder to have it repaired.</p> <p>C Noted that many parts of the parish (especially around Doddycross) have poor provision for broadband and mobile signals. The recent consultation by Ofcom only relates to the quality of maintenance services not service provision.</p> <p>D Proposal to cut and trim hedges adjacent to football field. The Chair asked the Clerk to obtain a more detailed quotation from Rob Craig before proceeding.</p> <p>E The village defibrillator (located opposite the Post Office) will need to have its maintenance contract renewed shortly. Chair has asked the Clerk to obtain more information about the costs involved.</p>
50/2017	<p>Diary Dates</p> <p>A The next Full Council Meeting is to be held at The Old School, Menheniot on Thursday 18 May 2017, commencing at 7.30pm.</p>
51/2017	Meeting closed – 21.30