

MENHENIOT PARISH COUNCIL

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At a Meeting of the Menheniot Parish Council held in Menheniot Old School on Thursday 20 October 2016 at 7.30pm there were present: Mr Jeremy Tucker (Chair); Mr Tony Clarke; Mrs Evelyn Easterbrook (Vice Chair); Mrs Lilian Hooper; Mr David Crocker; Ms Janice Turner; Mr Peter Sobey; Mr Will Sneyd; Mrs Pat Cade.

Clerk to the Council: John Hesketh

Minute	Agenda Items	Action
130/2016	<p>Chairman's Welcome</p> <p>Cllr Jerry Tucker welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting and explained how residents who were attending to answer questions about planning applications could participate.</p>	
131/2016	<p>Apologies for Absence: Mrs Sally Kendall.</p>	
132/2016	<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.</p> <p>Cllr Sobey is related to the owner of Trehawke Farm (item 136/2016 A refers); Cllr Crocker is listed on the church register.</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>	
133/2016	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>Members of the public are invited to address the Council. (15 minutes). There were 7 members of the public present.</p> <p>Cornwall Councillor Phil Seeva presented his monthly report.</p> <p>Cornwall Council and the Boundary Commission for England are reviewing the number of unitary councillors for the area. Currently, there are 123 councillors representing the county. The initial proposal for a reduction of between 105-115. Cllr Seeva has concerns about the increase in workload this would create for a reduced number of councillors. Consultations with residents and town and parish councils will take place between now and May 2017 when a decision will be taken.</p> <p>The Boundary Commission will also be examining the current structure of parliamentary boundaries and there may be a proposal to merge part of east Cornwall with West Devon (the Devonwall). At the moment, Cllr Seeva is unsure if Cornwall Council would object to this.</p> <p>On 29 September, he chaired a meeting between representatives from the parish council and the Parochial Church Council. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the future maintenance of the burial ground at St Lalluwys (see Cllr Easterbrook's report later at item 137/2016 E below). The meeting produced positive outcomes and a follow up is planned for 3 November 2016.</p>	

	<p>Mrs D Wilkins explained the background to her planning application (PA16/08641). The current building is not suited to occupation in later life, and the changes proposed in the application will make life easier for the owners. There will be no changes made in the footprint of the building, and any designs will be in keeping with its current style and heritage. There have been no comments made by neighbours.</p> <p>Mr James Bateman introduced his plans for changing the use of a building currently used for storage (PA16/08575). The building is 20 years old, and his intention is to adapt it and remodel the interior to make it into a domestic dwelling suitable for his family.</p> <p>Mr James Jenkison from the Foresight Group came to answer questions from councillors in advance of a resolution to support the change in planning conditions for a solar array at Trehawke Barton (PA16/08220). Following on from the public meeting held on 13 October 2016, Mr Jenkison explained that his company had been established to invest in and manage solar farms on a long term basis, and their application to extend the working life of the installation in Menheniot demonstrated their commitment. Most of the objections raised at the public meeting held in the previous week were concerned with the benefits that would accrue to the community. The Chair intervened to confirm that tonight's meeting would make its decision based solely on material considerations, and that any financial benefits due to parish could not be discussed at the moment. Councillors expressed concerns about the way in which contractor's traffic was managed during the installation of the original equipment. Mr Hicks, the landowner, explained that there had been mistakes made in the arrangements for trucks delivering equipment to the site. Councillors asked that any future truck movements connected to repairs or replacements on the site should be managed more strictly. Mr Jenkison agreed and explained that should any panels need replacing, they were most likely to be limited to low numbers because of their reliability.</p>	
134/2016	<p>Minutes of Meetings –</p> <p>Councillors agreed to accept the following minutes as a true and accurate record. 15 September 2016. Proposed: Cllr Tucker. Seconded: Cllr Easterbrook. All agreed.</p>	
135/2016	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes</p> <p>Councillors will report back on these actions.</p> <p>A Playground inspection report (item 126/2016 B). Cllr Tucker explained that there had been an urgent problem with the frame of a swing at the Merrymeet playground. He had engaged a local contractor at short notice who had made emergency repairs. This required the poring of concrete which was now curing, and the equipment would be back in use shortly. Cllr Clarke reported that, acting on a complaint from a resident, he had repaired a swing at the Menheniot playground. There were further minor repairs needed and they were in progress.</p>	
136/2016	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>A Members will be asked to consider the following applications: 12.09.16 PA16/08220 Applicant: Trehawke Solar Ltd Location: Land at Trehawke Barton Blunts Proposal: Variation of Condition 11 attached to planning approval PA12/11024 to allow for operation until 2050. Following on from the topics discussed during public participation, councillors were concerned that the parish as a whole, should derive a community benefit from the extended life of the installation. This should be a negotiated payment from the operating firm to the parish council, and councillors will approve the level of payment at their next public meeting on 17 November 2016.</p>	

	<p>Installation and commissioning of the original array was responsible for an unacceptable degree of road damage and traffic disruption which has left a legacy in the surrounding area. It was resolved to SUPPORT the application. Proposed: Cllr Clarke. Seconded: Cllr Hooper. Cllr Sobey abstained. The majority agreed but with these provisos: S106 funding (for community benefit) should be a negotiated with the operating firm and the parish council, and councillors should approve the level of payment at their next public meeting on 17 November 2016. Secondly, councillors will ask that Cornwall Council include a supplementary condition that would compel the operators to appoint a named person to act as a single point of contact to oversee and manage any traffic movements whilst carrying out repairs and decommissioning. The named person should make themselves known and available to the council and residents before and during any operations</p> <p>10.10.16 PA16/08641 Applicant: Mr & Mrs D Wilkins Location: Pengover Green Proposal: Proposed extensions to the north elevation and to the south elevation, demolition of existing conservatory and porch to south elevation. New entrance door with porch over and new window to east elevation, new window to west elevation. Councillors noted Mrs Wilkins explanations made earlier in the meeting. It was resolved to SUPPORT the application. Proposed: Cllr Turner. Seconded: Cllr Sobey. All agreed. It was accepted that the scale of building works being proposed would not exceed the current footprint of the building, and that the design of the changes is appropriate to the location and heritage of the building.</p> <p>09.09.16 PA16/08575 Applicant: Mr James Bateman Location: Menheniot Proposal: Notification for prior approval for change of use from storage to dwelling. For comment only. Councillors commented positively on this application. They noted that the current structure has been in place for over 20 years, and the proposed change of use will not increase the size of the footprint. Creating a new home from a former storage unit is seen to bring a benefit to the parish.</p> <p>22.09.16 Sales of land adjacent to Ardmere, Hartmede, Menheniot. Cornwall Council are asking councillors for comments on the proposed sale of a piece of land located in Hartmede. For comment only. Councillors discussed the proposed sale of this land. Concerns were expressed by those who live at Hartmeade that the map attached to the original letter from Cornwall Council's Property Services Valuer did not properly reflect the location of the land.</p> <p>Councillors were unable to confirm their support for the proposal, and ask that the valuer confirm the location (as shown on the map) and send any appropriate photographs that will help them understand where the land is in relation to the immediate surrounding area.</p> <p>B Any applications received by Cornwall Council by the time of the meeting. Information only. None received.</p> <p>C Planning applications approved by Cornwall Council – Information only: 6.09.2016 PA16/07187 APPROVED Applicant: Mr & Mrs Graham Clarke Location: Trethawle Barn Trethawle Horningtops Liskeard Cornwall Proposal: Conversion of existing barns to provide three holiday units with installation new septic tank to include ancillary works.</p> <p>28.09.2016 PA15/09821 APPROVED Applicant: Willton Homes West Ltd Location: Tencreek Farm Plymouth Road Liskeard Cornwall PL14 3PS</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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Proposal: Outline Application for the mixed-use urban extension.

D Planning applications refused by Cornwall Council or withdrawn by the applicant. Information only:
 13.09.2016 PA16/06807 WITHDRAWN
 Applicant: Mr Callum Campbell
 Location: Land East Of North Treviddo Farm Horningtops Cornwall
 Proposal: Construction of a general purpose agricultural building

E Planning Appeals: None

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Financial Matters

A Accounts for Payment – Schedule 2016/17 – Period 6– Members are to consider the payment schedule and agree payment.

Payments Schedule		September 2016	Period	6
Date	Payee	Description	CQ	£
21/09/2016	Cruse Bereavement	Donation	1637	£ 100.00
05/10/2016	Menheniot PCC	Grant	1638	£ 1,900.00
05/10/2016	B R Gerry	Playground repair	1639	£ 250.00
20/10/2016	Grant Thornton	Audit fee	1640	£ 240.00
20/10/2016	Rob Craig	Ground maintenance	1641	£ 415.00
20/10/2016	Launceston Town Council	Planning training	1642	£ 18.00
20/10/2016	John Hesketh	Expenses	1643	£ 81.93
31/10/2016	Staff costs	Salary	1644	£ 569.25
20/10/2016	CALC	Training	1645	£ 24.00
All cheque payments today				£ 3,598.18

Clerk explained that the first three items had been signed off outside of the public meeting in accordance with the council's Financial regulations (s1.41). It was resolved to SUPPORT the payment schedule. Proposed: Cllr Sneyd. Seconded: Cllr Easterbrook. All agreed.

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B Direct Bank Payment & Receipts. For information.

Bank Payments Schedule		September 2016	Period	5
Date	Payee	Description	Pay	£
01/09/2016	South West Water	Water supply allotments	DD	£ 27.23
01/09/2016	South West Water	Water supply toilets	DD	£ 182.27
All bank payments this period				£ 209.50

Bank Receipts Schedule		September 2016	Period	5
Date	Payer	Description		£
08/09/2016	Cornwall Council	Precept second payment		£ 13,379.57
09/09/2016	Lloyds Bank	Interest		£ 3.58
16/09/2016	Mr P Atkins	Donation		£ 864.00
All bank receipts this period				£ 14,247.15

C Bank Reconciliation – This was to be circulated to members for approval. Closing balances at 30 September 2016 were: Current account £3,255.92. Deposit £96,856.91. Clerk is investigating alternative bank accounts so that surplus funds may be held separately and accrue more interest.

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D A councillor will be invited to review bank payments from the previous month. Cllr Turner reviewed the previous months' payments, and approved the paper trail that was presented.

E Menheniot Parochial Church Council Graveyards Committee
 Following a meeting with the Parochial Church Council on 29 September, Cllr Easterbrook updated councillors about the council's future support for burial ground maintenance. Draft minutes of that meeting have been circulated and posted on the council's website. Cllr Easterbrook summarised the meeting as being both helpful and constructive. The PCC had agreed to accept the council's terms and conditions for community grants, and the payment that councillors agreed in April 2016 would now be released. All parties involved in the meeting had suggested a number of possible options for managing the burial ground in the future. These would be assessed and reported back at the next joint meeting on 3 November 2016. Councillors thanked Cllr Easterbrook for her work to resolve these outstanding issues.

	<p>It was RESOLVED to support the supplication by Mrs Medlen for the casual vacancy. Proposed Cllr Sneyd. Seconded Cllr Sobey. All agreed. Mrs Medlen was recalled to the room where the Chair welcomed her to the parish council. Cllr Medlen signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting. Action: Clerk to meet with Cllr Turner to organise an induction package and identify training needs.</p> <p>B Cllr Janice Turner spoke about her recent Code of Conduct training, and highlighted: the potential for conflicts of interest and how to manage them; the need to be respectful of other councillors and the advice you are given; sharing information with each other; the importance of making written and spoken communications respectful and honest.</p> <p>C Cllr Clarke presented councillors with latest crime figures for the parish (now published on the council's Community Safety website), introduced the new PCSO for the district and gave an update on the outcome of recent arrests made for car theft.</p>	
142/2016	<p>Diary Dates A The next Full Council Meeting is to be held at The Old School, Menheniot on Thursday 17 November 2016, commencing at 7.30pm.</p>	
143/2016	Meeting closed – 21.35	