

Planning: your questions answered

The Parish Council welcomes questions and comments from residents and planning applicants on all aspects of its decision making. During the COVID-19 lockdown, the council will continue to publish details of applications it receives and still encourages residents and applicants to comment on them. You will find details of any planning applications it receives on the front page of the website.

If you are a resident

The notes below may help you understand what the council can and cannot do when it receives a planning application.

I want to comment on a planning application

If you are affected by any of the applications in the parish, you can comment directly to Cornwall Council and their Planning & Enterprise Service.

Search online for 'Cornwall Council Planning' and follow their links.

I want to talk to my councillor about a planning application

If you want to speak to your parish councillor about a planning matter (this could be about an application or something that has gone wrong), you can contact them by speaking to the parish clerk.

You can phone him on 01579-342437 or by emailing clerk@menheniotparishcouncil.co.uk

If you prefer to speak to your Cornwall Councillor, you can email Cllr Phil Seeva here:
phil.seeva@cornwallcouncillors.org.uk

Can I make comments to Menheniot Parish Council?

Yes. Even though public meetings are suspended, you can email or phone your comments through. We always publish an agenda showing what decisions councillors have to make. The agenda is posted on the noticeboards in Menheniot centre and Merrymeet three days before the virtual meeting takes place.

Details of any planning application being considered will be published on the front page of this website.

What can the parish council do?

The final decision on any planning matter is made by Cornwall Council, and not the parish council. The parish council must always be consulted by Cornwall Council, and it must agree an opinion at its meeting. When it does, the parish council has to follow strict and legal rules about what matters when giving that opinion. It can only consider the effect that the planning proposal will have on the surrounding area and the people who live there.

What is the parish council unable to do?

It cannot take any account of what other people might think about the applicant. So if you are having a dispute with them or you think they have a bad reputation for something that has affected you, the councillors cannot use that information when making their decision. In the same way, councillors cannot refuse an application if you think the development will affect your property price or interfere with a view you have.

If something like this is affecting you, contact the planning officer at Cornwall Council who is handling the application and talk with them.

If you need to know who the officer is, contact the parish clerk.

How do I get to know about planning applications in Menheniot?

You can either check the front page of this website or visit the Planning Portal of Cornwall Council. On the Cornwall website, you can sign up for their Weekly Planning Report. It's emailed out on Friday morning and lists every planning application made in the previous seven days.

If you are an applicant

If you intend to submit a planning application that could impact on the parish (this means that your development may not be in the parish itself but would affect our residents), then you are invited to consult with us prior to submitting your application to Cornwall Council.

Speak to the Cornwall Planning Officer or take advice from your agent or architect.

The Planning Team in Truro are maintaining their service of receiving applications and will include this parish council in their public consultation. The standard policies of Pre-Application Protocols are mainstreamed.

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