

Parish of Menheniot

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting

Under s14 of the 1972 Local Government Act, notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Parish of Menheniot took place on **Thursday 19 May 2022 at 7pm** at Menheniot Old School, Menheniot PL14 3QY

Chair: Cllr Jerry Tucker

Also present; John Hesketh (Clerk to the Parish Council) and 7 members of the public.

Minute	Agenda Items
1	Welcome & Introduction The Chair welcome residents and visitors to the meeting.
2	Apologies None received
3	To approve the report of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9 May 2019 Proposed Mrs Eve Easterbrook. Seconded Cllr Tucker.
4	<p>Annual Report of the Parish Council by Chair, Cllr Jerry Tucker: After seven years in preparation, the Menheniot Neighbourhood Development Plan has been completed and supported by 85% of residents taking part in the referendum in April 2022.</p> <p>Menheniot Green, the council's climate change and environmental working group was successfully set up in July 2021. Already, it is supporting the rewilding of Mine Hill, a flower bed on the playing fields on East Road and the community garden at Trelawney Road.</p> <p>New contractor appointed for ground maintenance in the parish, following a consultation with residents about the scope and extent of grasscutting and weed control. The council's Community Emergency Plan was finalised and tested during Storm Eunice in February 2022. This was followed up by a desk-top exercise conducted jointly with Cornwall Council that will improve our response plan.</p> <p>Having successfully declared the General Power of Competence at its May 2021 meeting, councillors exercised their new power by donating £2000 to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukrainian Appeal. The flagpole on the Menheniot village green currently flies the Ukrainian flag, and a flower display using the Ukrainian national colours has been planted on the war memorial.</p> <p>The Community Governance Review, initiated in 2019, remains unresolved. In February 2022, Cornwall Council set up a review for those parishes whose boundaries remained unresolved in November 2020. This council has maintained its position that any changes to the boundary between Menheniot and Liskeard at Tencreek should be determined by those residents. At the time of writing, there are no submitted plans for development at Tencreek, and so potential changes should be postponed until there are sufficient residents living on that site who can make that determination themselves.</p> <p>Parish elections held in May 2021 were uncontested, and there is one seat vacant at present. Any resident interested in becoming a parish councillor should contact the</p>

	<p>Clerk's Office. Cllr Tucker welcomed back Cornwall Councillor Phil Seeva for his sixth year in elected office.</p> <p>The issue of seasonal flooding on Menheniot village green appears to have been resolved.</p> <p>During the last year, the parish council donated over £2000 to voluntary groups based inside the parish, including St Lalluw's Church, Merrymeet Residents Association, Cherry Fayre and Scout Group.</p> <p>In January 2022, the tenancy agreement for all allotment holders was amended to enable plot holders to sell their genuine surplus produce to raise funds for allotment projects. This supports the council's aim to encourage more people to grow their own produce and sell it locally.</p>
5	<p>Matters of interest raised by residents of the parish</p> <p>Q: The Merrymeet Residents Association is planning to change its legal status from 'voluntary group' to 'registered charity'. Will this affect the group's relationship with the parish council?</p> <p>A: The council's grants and donations scheme is open to all constituted volunteering groups based inside the parish. The change in status of the MRA will not affect its eligibility to make application for funding.</p> <p>Q: Will the parish council be making a statement on the closure of St Mary's church?</p> <p>A: The parish council has a representative who regularly attends meetings of the Parochial Church Council and we have been kept informed of their discussions throughout. The council continues to monitor the situation.</p> <p>Q: St Mary's Church is designated as a 'refuge' in the council's Emergency Plan. Will the current proposal to close the church be delayed or prevented because of its 'refuge' status?</p> <p>A: The parish council would like to keep a building in Merrymeet that can be used as a refuge in case of emergency evacuation. We will follow this question up with Cornwall Council and report back.¹</p> <p>Q: The defibrillator in Merrymeet is located on the exterior wall of St Mary's Church. How will this be affected by the possible closure and redevelopment of the church?</p> <p>A: The defibrillator is installed with permission of the church owners. This permission may be withdrawn at any time. Should the church close, the parish council will need to identify an alternative location if the facility is to be retained.</p> <p>Q: Will there be an S106 funding be available to the MRA should the proposed development at Tencreek Farm proceed?</p> <p>A: At the moment, there are no plans for development at Tencreek Farm. S106 funding is negotiated centrally by Cornwall Council. Once an application is received and determined, we will know if there is any S106 funding available and under what terms it may be available for community improvements.</p> <p>Q: Is there any news of progress to build a pedestrian refuge on the A390 at Merrymeet?</p> <p>A: Funding for this piece of work will be determined by parish councillors from the Liskeard Looe Community Network Area on 6 June. It has high priority with the CNA – we will report back after the meeting.</p>

¹ 23/5/22 Cornwall Council Emergency Management Officer explains that 'any building that has been offered for as a Rest Centre or Evacuation Centre in a CEP holds no special power to stop any sale or development work. They are entirely voluntary'

	<p>Q: Cormac intended to install a data box on the A390 (Merrymeet/Menheniot junction area). Is there any progress on this? A: Cllr Seeva will make enquiries and report back.</p> <p>Q: Drains adjacent to the showground in Merrymeet have still not been cleared. A: Cllr Seeva will make enquiries and report back.</p> <p>Cllr Adrian Cole thanked the Merrymeet Residents Association for their improvement work on the A390 and in the village and looks forward to supporting them in the future.</p>
6	<p>Thank you and close of meeting Chair thanked residents for attending and closed the meeting at 7.25pm</p>

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