

Minutes

18 January 2024

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Time: 7pm

Location: Old School, Menheniot PL14 3QY

Present: Cllr Adrian Cole, Chair. Cllrs Eve Easterbrook (Vice Chair); Julian Berg; Peter Luck; Pat Cade; Sean Smith; Tony Ball; Keith Goldsmith; James Curgenven.

Also present: John Hesketh (Clerk to the Parish Council). There were no members of the public in attendance.

146/2023 Chairman's Welcome.

147/2023 Apologies for Absence.

None received.

148/2023 Members' Declarations.

The Chair noted that most councillors present were acquaintances of the applicant of planning reference PA23/10077 and gave a blanket dispensation for their participation in that agenda item (151A). No other declarations made or dispensations requested.

149/2023 Public Participation.

Cornwall Councillor Phil Seeva reported that: the recent full council meeting a motion to Defend Democracy (tackling cases of bullying and intimidation of councillors and council officers) had been supported across all parties, and encouraged the parish council to consider a similar motion; budget for 2024/25 was likely to be the maximum 4.99%; recent news reports about the level of council debt were concerning but that needed to be viewed in context (that some council debt arose from loans that were used to fund capital investment).

150/2023 Minutes of Meeting.

It was **Resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2023. Proposed Cllr Easterbrook. Seconded Cllr Cole. All agreed.

151/2023 Planning

PA23/10030

Proposal: Construction of Rear Balcony and Internal Remodelling

Location: Trevenna Menheniot Liskeard Cornwall PL14 3RA

It was **Resolved to support** this application. Proposed Cllr Cole. Seconded Cllr Easterbrook. All agreed. Councillors noted that the remote location would not give concerns about overlooking or disturbance.

PA23/10077

Proposal Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved, namely 'access' only for the erection of a farm manager/owner's dwelling.

Location Torr Farm Menheniot Liskeard Cornwall

It was **Resolved to support** this application. Proposed Cllr Goldsmith. Seconded Cllr Curgenven. All agreed. Councillors noted that Policy 7(5) of the Cornwall Local Plan applied.

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

C Planning decisions made by Cornwall Council.

PA22/01459 dated 08.08.22 WITHDRAWN

Proposal Reserved Matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline consent

Location:- Land North East Of Trenodden Farm Trerulefoot Cornwall PL14 3RE

152/2023 Councillors' Reports

A Transport & Highways Working Group

The T&H group reported that the re-routing of traffic needed to create a one-way system (from the B390 into Merrymeet) was not practical or possible because of the narrow junction at Trengrove Cottages and Church Road, and the restricted access along Church Road for agricultural vehicles. The Chair thanked the group for their work and all agreed that this project was now completed.

153/2023 Finance

A It was **Resolved** to approve the schedule and agree payment. Proposed Cllr Cole. Seconded Cllr Curgenvin. All agreed. Cllr Cole will authorise online payments. The Chair thanked Cllrs Ball and Goldsmith for their work to install a new bench in the car park at Hartmeade.

Date	Payee	Description	Pay	£
22/01/2024	GH Walters	Christmas parcels	OLB	969.00
22/01/2024	Prydis	Accountancy support	OLB	114.00
22/01/2024	NALC	LCAS Registration	OLB	60.00
22/01/2024	Peake (GB)	WC waste disposal	OLB	114.00
22/01/2024	DJ Ball Solutions	Materials for bench install	OLB	198.29
26/01/2024	Salaries	Dec-23	OLB	993.33
26/01/2024	HMRC	PAYE	OLB	225.40
All payments this period				£ 2,674.02

B Bank Reconciliation.

At the close of business on 31 December 2023, the parish council held £ 50, 622.73 in its accounts.

154/2023 Chair's Agenda Items

A Councillor Development Programme 2024

The Chair asked councillors to consider volunteering for a selection of topics presented for their development. Cllr Goldsmith suggested that councillors might each attend one different training session and report back on the usefulness.

Action: Clerk to circulate training schedule with descriptions and collate responses.

B Highways Maintenance & Safety

Met with the CC Highways Manager in November, and reported that: flooding on CC maintained roads was managed by a variety of organisations, but that initial reports should always be made to Cornwall Council through the Report It section of the website; parish councils were able to take over the maintenance of grass verges where they could offer an improved service, and that grant funding was available; the speed warning sign for Merrymeet would flash to indicate a staggered road junction ahead; the 20mph speed limit was being introduced in phases across south-east Cornwall in 2024/25, with a local consultation planned for October 2024. Cllr Seeva advised lobbying to bring the consultation forward.

Action: Clerk to circulate reporting links for CC Highways; follow up available grants for grounds maintenance; contact CC Road Transport to expedite speed limiting consultation.

C Building works at village hall

The Chair and Menheniot Village Hall Committee had agreed to waive a licence to occupy. No construction vehicles would need access across the parish council owned playing field and no damage would be caused the PC property.

D Economic Development Group

The next meet of the Community Area Partnership ED Group was scheduled for 23 January 2024 and would be attended by David Rodda (CC Economic Growth Manager) who will take questions about the . The agenda for this meeting is published on the PC's website, and topics for inclusion will include an explanation of CC's economic strategy, how it is derived and delivered to benefit councils across south-east Cornwall.

155/2023 Clerk's Report.

A Vacancy for parish councillor

Clerk reported that the vacancy is still existent, and will continue to be advertised on parish noticeboards and our website.

B Local Council Award Scheme

The refresh of the LCAS Foundation entry is updated with progress made on publicity and communication); councillor training and development is promoted (154A above). For 2024, Clerk will be presenting new policies on Health & Safety, Equalities and Community Engagement.

Action: Councillors are asked to forward head and shoulders photos of themselves for inclusion on the council website.

156/2023 Diary Dates.

A The next Public Meeting will be on Thursday 22 February 2024 at 7pm in Menheniot Old School.

157/2023 End of meeting 20.45

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