

Time: 7pm  
Location: Old School, Menheniot PL14 3QY  
Present: Cllrs Adrian Cole (Chair); Eve Easterbrook (Vice Chair); Pat Cade; Keith Goldsmith; Peter Luck; Steve Roberts; Sean Smith; Tamsin Hemming; Tony Ball.  
Also present: John Hesketh (Clerk to the Parish Council). Cornwall Councillor Phil Seeva. There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

**065/2024 Chairman's Welcome.****066/2024 Apologies for Absence.**

Received from Cllr Berg and Tucker.

**067/2024 Members' Declarations.**

Cllr Smith declared an interest in Item 71D (Donation to MRA) and Cllr Ball declared an interest in Ground Maintenance contract. No other declarations made or dispensations requested.

**PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of Business.

**Presentation & Training**

The Chair made a presentation to highlight the lack of affordable housing in the parish, and proposed that a working group be established to explore the options for setting up a Community Land Trust that could be used as a vehicle for acquiring suitable land and building new homes.

*Action: Clerk to draft terms of reference for this working group and add to November agenda.*

Cllr Ball left the meeting at 7.40pm

**Grounds maintenance contract 2025**

After discussions on the bids received, it was **Resolved to accept** Contractor 1 (ACE-ARB Ltd) tender for Contract 1 (Grasscutting & Path Maintenance) at an annual cost of £6752, and Contractor 2 (DJ Ball Solutions Ltd) for Contract 2 (Weed management) at an annual cost of £1250. Proposed Cllr Easterbrook. Seconded Cllr Goldsmith. All agreed.

*Action: Clerk to confirm to contractor and take up trade references.*

Cllr Ball returned to the meeting at 7.55pm

**068/2024 Public Participation.**

Cornwall Councillor Phil Seeva reported that: his workload from adjacent parishes had been reduced from 6 to 3; there will be an extraordinary meeting of Cornwall Council on 7 November that will include a vote of no confidence in the leader (Cllr Seeva will not support the motion); recently published figures show that 63% of all household waste has to be incinerated at the new plant in St Austell but the calculation was made prior to the new recycling scheme that became operational in April 2024 – the figure is expected to drop to 30% when the scheme is fully implemented; is preparing to meet the head of Cornwall highways shortly to discuss parking issues at Menheniot school & on pavements, new speed warning signs at Merrymeet and the pedestrian area in front of

the Spar shop; expects a public consultation on the introduction of 20mph zones to begin in November; will speak to Cornwall building control about the regularisation of current issues surrounding Homefield in Merrymeet.

**069/2024 Minutes of Meeting.**

It was **Resolved to approve** the minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2024. Proposed Cllr Easterbrook. Seconded Cllr Luck. All agreed.

**070/2024 Planning**

A To agree the parish council's response to Cornwall Council consultations on new planning applications received before the agenda was finalised.

**PA24/07182**

Proposal Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale (details following outline consent PA23/10077 dated 27.02.2024 for the erection of manager/owner's dwelling)

Location Torr Farm Menheniot Liskeard Cornwall

It was **Resolved to support** the application. Proposed Cllr Goldsmith. Seconded Cllr Easterbrook. All agreed. Councillors agreed that there were no relevant material considerations that would prevent their approval.

**PA24/07344 For information**

Independent water networks limited inset appointment

Land At Tencreek Farm Plymouth Road Liskeard Cornwall PL14 3PS

Received and noted.

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

C Planning decisions made by Cornwall Council.

**PA24/05539** Prior approval not req'd(PA/AF/TEL/DEM/)

Proposal Prior notification of proposed development by telecommunications code system operators for the Installation of 23.10m Telecommunications Monopole Supporting 3no. Antennas, 1no. 0.3m Dish, Installation of 3no. Equipment Cabinets, 1no. Meter Cabinet and Development Ancillary thereto

Location:- Land South Of Lower Clicker Road Lower Clicker Road Menheniot Liskeard Cornwall PL14 3QX

**PA24/06129 APPROVED**

Proposal Construction of Agricultural building for dung storage on existing farm yard

Location: Land East Of Cartuther Barton Horningtops Cornwall PL14 3PS

**PA24/00956/PRE Closed - advice given**

Proposal: Pre-application advice for proposed use of land for tourist accommodation (static caravans)

Location: Land South East Of The Hayloft Courtyard Lower Clicker Road Menheniot Liskeard Cornwall PL14

Summary: It is therefore considered likely that the development/use of the site for holiday purposes could be supported at officer level, subject to all other considerations as discussed below.

**071/2024 Finance**

A It was **Resolved to approve** the schedule and agree payment. Proposed Cllr Luck. Seconded Cllr Roberts. All agreed. Cllr Smith verified the payment schedule. Cllr Easterbrook to authorise.

Date	Payee	Description	£
21/10/2024	John Hesketh	Expenses	338.14
21/10/2024	Prydis	Payroll support	132.00
21/10/2024	DJBall Solutions	Grounds maintenance	1789.20
25/10/2024	John Hesketh	Salary	610.70
25/10/2024	Kyleigh Newbould	Salary	280.60
25/10/2024	HMRC	PAYE	155.20
<b>All payments this period</b>			<b>£ 3,305.84</b>

#### B Bank Reconciliation.

At the close of business on 30 September 2024, the parish council held £54,021.58 in its accounts

#### C Outturn Q2 (July-September 2024)

Received and noted. Cllr Smith queried variations in the water charges allocated to the public toilets.

*Action: Clerk to extract water consumption data for the public toilets and pass to Cllr Smith.*

#### D Donations

It was **Resolved to approve** a donation of £50 to St Lalluwys Church. Proposed Cllr Hemming. Seconded Cllr Goldsmith. All agreed.

It was **Resolved to approve** a donation of £100 to Menheniot Scout Group. Proposed Cllr Smith. Seconded Cllr Goldsmith. All agreed.

Cllr Smith left the meeting at 8.46pm

It was **Resolved to approve** a donation of £100 to Merrymeet Residents Association. Proposed Cllr Goldsmith. Seconded Cllr Hemming. All agreed.

*Action: Clerk to inform applicants and arrange transfer of funds.*

Cllr Smith rejoined the meeting at 8.48pm

#### E CIL Neighbourhood Payments

It was **Resolved to agree an extension to the current Community Infrastructure Levy agreement.** Proposed Cllr Luck. Seconded Cllr Goldsmith. All agreed. Cllr Smith asked that a working group be established to manage potential s106 and other payments that may arise from the Tencreek farm development.

*Action: Clerk to respond to Cornwall Council's request and draft terms of reference for a new working group.*

#### F Menheniot Speedwatch

It was **Resolved to purchase** two hi-vis jackets for CSW volunteers to wear when conducting Speedwatch sessions at a cost of £55 each. Proposed Cllr Goldsmith. Seconded Cllr Cole. All agreed.

*Action: Clerk to arrange purchase and delivery of jackets.*

### 072/2024 Chairs Report

#### A Civility & Respect

Chair signed the C&R certificate to endorse the pledge agreed in July 2024

*Action: Clerk to publish and promote the pledge.*

#### B Trafalgar Day events 21 October 2024

Events will begin at dawn when Cllr Roberts will raise the White Ensign, and Rev Li Selman will lead a special evening service from 8pm when the flag will be lowered. More information in the October church magazine.

#### C Parish Noticeboard at Menheniot

At least one of the glass panels in the noticeboard is becoming loose and potentially dangerous, and may result in the board being taken out of use. Chair is in contact with a local resident to agree the siting of a replacement board.

D Reinstatement of grassed areas at rear of parish hall

Noted that there are still outstanding works remaining to restore the playing field following building of an extension to the hall. Chair plans to meet Chris James shortly to agree remedial works.

E Consultation of proposed 20mph areas in the parish

Chair present draft maps of the proposed areas in the parish that may be included in the 20mph speed reduction zone (Menheniot centre, Lower Clicker, Pengover Green and Merrymeet). Cornwall Council will start a public consultation in November.

*Action: Clerk to publish and Transport & Highways working group to promote the consultation.*

### **073/2024 Councillors Report**

A Cllr Keith Goldsmith

Reported that the parish had won the Pennant Cup and a Gold Award for its first entry in this South West in Bloom competition. The full list of awards is:

#### **Its Your Neighbourhood**

Merrymeet Community - Level 5 Outstanding

Merrymeet Community A390 - Level 4 Thriving

Menheniot Green – Level 4 Thriving

#### **Menheniot Green in Bloom**

Gold Award in Cornwall Village Pennant Cup category

Winner (and Cup) in Cornwall Village Pennant category

The Councillor thanked all volunteers and donors who had taken part and supported this years entry. The Chair reminded the meeting that the competition entry was driven by Menheniot Green as part of its response to the challenges of climate change. Planning is already underway for winter/spring and summer 2025. Agreed that the council would fund the purchase of spring bulbs.

*Action: Clerk to liaise with Cllr Goldsmith to meet costs of spring planting. Chair to convene meeting to plan Menheniot Green works for 2025.*

See Appendix 1 for full review – this report may be viewed on the council's website

### **074/2024 Clerk's Report**

A GOV.UK domain name

It was **Resolved to purchase** the parish domain name and incorporate into the council's website and email system. Proposed Cllr Cole. Seconded Cllr Luck. Majority agreed.

*Action: Clerk to work with IT provider to migrate services to new domain.*

### **075/2024 Diary Dates.**

A 21 November 2024 7pm Menheniot Old School

**076/2024 End of meeting 22.25**

Published 23/10/24

## Menheniot Green

### Village in Bloom Project 2024

#### Review

1. Building on the work by Keith Goldsmith for the Open Garden scheme it was decided supported by MPC to enter the whole Parish in the RHS Village in bloom competition. The objective was to showcase the work of the community and raise the public profile of Menheniot, as well as helping deliver Menheniot Green's commitment to encourage environmental improvements.

Community groups and individual volunteers were engaged with together with schools and the Church.

The project was led by Menheniot Green through Cllr Goldsmith and Cllr Cole.

2. The aim was to be as successful as we could but still recognising our limitations in funding, time and practicalities of stretching our volunteers too far.

The main focus was on what was being done already and bringing this together into a coordinated community project.

The decision was taken to concentrate on key areas and devote resources there. The main elements being the Green planters and floral displays located on main routes from Lower Clicker through to Merrymeet, involving the school, Church, the Gardening Club and the residents of Merrymeet.

From initiation of the project in November it was a slow start which led to uncertainty in purchasing materials and mobilising volunteers however thanks to the willingness of those directly involved the judging day target was met.

3. The whole of the Parish benefitted from the outcomes achieved, bringing delight and pleasure to all. There has been a great deal of interest and support across the community as well as the external recognition now given to their efforts and to the Parish as a whole.

The following awards represents the highest recognition of the communities efforts.

- a) RHS Village in Bloom, Gold Village in Bloom
- b) Cup winner is at the highest level of recognition.

- C) Three, In your Neighbourhood Awards, for Merrymeet and Menhneniot.

It is the intention to enter again next year to retain the Cup.

4. The intention was to by way of donations make as far as possible the project self-funding. Businesses and individual were encouraged to donate with cash or time. There are a few donations pledged still to be received. The intention was to minimise the need for grants from the Menheniot Green grant fund. The outcome is expected to show a balanced account. The main cost this year was the planters. This will not be a cost next year and the outlay will only be for consumables.

A grant of £350 from Menheniot Green will be requested for spring bulbs.

If the planter scheme is extended into Merrymeet there may be a cost, but it is hoped through the MRA that this will be funded separately

5. As this project was carried by volunteers or by organisations who were already committed to individual components to separate any meaningful analysis of time for cost benefit analysis is not considered appropriate.
6. The project was a significant success and contributor to delivering the PC's responsibilities in particular climate change, the environment, community cohesion and communication.
7. Any project dependant on weather and being able to bring together volunteers for a particular target date which may not be known until a few weeks before will have risks. To start planning and starting the work as early as possible to ensure a long enough window when the flowers will be at their peak is the only practical mitigation.
8. It is proposed to enter in 2025 and to seek donations as this year but as the financial risks are lower in terms of costs it is expected that Menheniot Green will not need to grant and funding.

Cllr Adrian Cole

Menheniot Green.

17 October 2024