

MEVAGISSEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Mevagissey Activity Centre
On Thursday 19 August 2021 at 7pm

Present Cllrs. M Roberts (Chairman), M Facey (Vice-Chairman), D Drake, J Gann, C Leiser, G Shephard, J Whatty, A Williams, G Williams.

In Attendance Cllr. J Mustoe (Ward Member), P Howson (Clerk to the Council), 2 members of the public.

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1. Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Hereward, Morgan, Tonks and Barham. Cllr. Facey would be arriving late.
2. Cllr. Facey had declared an interest in agenda item 21 (Cliff Street parking restrictions).
3. Public participation. No members of the public requested to speak.
4. Proposed by Cllr. Whatty, Seconded by Cllr. G Williams that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2021 be accepted. Carried.
5. Proposed by Cllr. Shephard, Seconded by Cllr. Whatty that the minutes of the planning meeting held on 16 July 2021 be accepted. Carried.
6. To receive the Clerk's report.
 - Thanks had been received from Mevagissey FC for the grant towards pitch drainage treatment;
 - Cllrs. Whatty and Leiser would take up Cornwall Council (CC)'s offer of two free Learning Hub accounts for a period of one year for access to climate literacy training;
 - Barry and Carol Garlick of Polkirt Forge have donated £100 to the 'toilet fund' in appreciation of the good work of Gary Farr and his team, and asked that their sincere thanks be put on record;
 - The Biffa recycling bank contract termination date has been extended to 30/11/21 to take advantage of CC's four-month part-funding scheme;
 - The audit of the 2020/21 accounts by PKF Littlejohn has completed to their satisfaction.
7. The Ward Member presented his report which can be seen on the Council's website.
8. To approve the monthly finances.

Bills to Pay	Salaries	£	1,000.00
	HMRC (PAYE)	£	250.00
	Attendants at West Wharf PC 25/07/21 - 31/07/21 (paid)	£	560.00
	Attendants at West Wharf PC 02/08/21 - 08/08/21 (paid)	£	560.00
	Valley Road PC refurbishment (less £1,500 advance) (paid)	£	2,922.00
	Valley Road PC refurbishment (electrical work) (paid)	£	164.01
	Valley Road PC refurbishment (plumbing work) (paid)	£	546.73
	Coast path second cut	£	325.78
	River Street car park waste collections 16/07/21 - 30/07/21	£	470.88
	July waste collections from West Wharf PC	£	114.30
	July recycling bank collections	£	816.00
	Attendants at West Wharf PC 08/08/21 - 14/08/21 (paid)	£	610.00
	Operate Valley Road PC August 2021	£	970.34
	Operate West Wharf PC August 2021	£	1,111.20
	West Wharf PC hygiene services 08/09/21 - 07/12/21	£	314.67
	West Wharf PC electricity 02/07/21 - 01/08/21	£	41.04
	Land registry search fee (Portmellon slipway) (repaid to Clerk)	£	4.00
	TOTAL	£	10,780.95

Accounts	Amount available to spend as of last meeting	£	109,029.38
	Expenditure last month	£	6,503.71

plus West Wharf PC water 06/05/21 - 01/07/21	£	776.28	
Attendants at West Wharf PC 11/07/21 - 17/07/21	£	560.00	
Waste collections from Keirs car park 02/07/21 - 13/07/21	£	317.28	
Grant towards football pitch drainage works	£	250.00	
Valley Road PC water 05/06/21 - 01/07/21	£	134.23	
Councillor's Code of Conduct training	£	24.00	
Attendants at West Wharf PC 18/07/21 - 24/07/21	£	560.00	
West Wharf PC entry money	£	3,950.00	Received
Refund of Valley Road PC business rates 01/04/20 - 31/03/22	£	1,571.86	Received
Available to spend	£	105,425.74	
Bank Statements (01/08/2021)			
	Current Account	£	3,647.48
	Deposit Account	£	101,778.26
	TOTAL	£	105,425.74

Proposed by Cllr. Shephard, Seconded by Cllr. Gann that the accounts be accepted and the bills paid. Carried.

9. Cllr. Gann reported on the proposed Community Land Trust. Land searches had now completed and a meeting arranged for early next month to agree the format of letters to be sent to land owners.
10. Cllr. Shephard reported on the Housing Working Group, comprising Cllrs. A Williams, Tonks, Leiser, Morgan, and himself as Chair. They have been categorising by housing type and establishing the requirements of those looking to rent or already renting and will provide feedback to Cllr. Gann.
11. Cllr. Whatty reported on the activities of the Climate Emergency Working Group. The August litter pick had been very successful. Details of tree planting were awaited from the Forest for Cornwall team. A 999 Climate Emergency event will be held at Gorran Memorial Village Hall on 25th September and the public is welcome to drop in between 10am-4pm. A site meeting had been held on Pentillie field to reassess the wilding scheme as a result of which CC would be approached to consider sowing wildflowers rather than simply leaving the grass and weeds to grow. There was concern at the dumping of building spoil on the field at the top of Vicarage Hill and an explanation would be requested from Savills.

Proposed by Cllr. Whatty, Seconded by Cllr. Gann that Cllr. Leiser be authorised to represent the Council as co-applicant for funding for a one-day workshop with councillors and scientists to expand on the work recently carried out in the Parish by Dr Julian Donald, the bid to be led by Now Try This, part of the FoAM Network. Carried.

12. Cllr. Gann reported that the Council's Facebook group had registered c.500 people looking at the meeting agenda, but more content was required.
13. Proposed by Cllr. Shephard, Seconded by Cllr. Drake that the draft response to the request for local councils' views on Cornwall Council, compiled from members' input, should be submitted without amendment. Carried.
14. Progress on the development of a devolution package was on hold pending a reply from CC to Cllr. Mustoe's request for a full cost breakdown.
15. To consider making a Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) application to add a public footpath along the clifftop above Roward's Quay at Chapel Point (Cllr. Facey arrived during this item at 7.50pm).
Proposed by Cllr. Gann, Seconded by Cllr. Leiser that a letter be sent to the landowner explaining the widespread opposition to the recent fencing installed which obstructed the long-established access along the clifftop, stating the intention to make a DMMO application and asking for a response within two weeks, after which the DMMO procedure would be instigated. Carried.
16. To receive a report from Cllr. Facey on issues arising from the operation of the public conveniences.
- 16a. Cllr. Facey reported that a screen had been installed below the bank behind the Valley Road PC for safety reasons and the ladies and disabled units were now open. He reported that the toilets had been unusually busy, and Gary Farr and his team had been fully stretched.
- 16b. Proposed by Cllr. Gann, Seconded by Cllr. Shephard that payment was authorised for the additional sundries required to cater for the exceptional numbers of visitors. Carried.
- 16c. Barry and Carol Garlick of Polkirt Forge had asked for the following to be read out: 'We will be grateful if the Parish Council will put on the record and pass on to the team our most sincere thanks. We believe that all accommodation

providers in Meva should be asked to make a contribution, Without the efforts of Gary and his team, Meva would be significantly downgraded as a holiday destination. Their work is undervalued, please will the Parish Council consider a more proactive approach to other accommodation providers’. Cllr. Facey commented that he will be ‘shaking the tin’ in the next few weeks.

17. Cllrs. Facey and Gann reported that the village centre waste disposal scheme had coped well with the exceptional numbers of visitors and the village centre had remained tidy as a result. Contributions towards the cost of the scheme will be sought from business owners.
18. Following pre-pandemic consideration of taking over the Stuckumb Point Viewing platform below Nare Court, it was now agreed that a site visit should take place at 6pm on Wednesday 22nd September.
19. To consider a request from Seafarers UK to fly the Red Ensign on Merchant Navy Day and donate to the Merchant Navy Fund Emergency Appeal. The Clerk will liaise with the harbour office regarding the flying of the flag. Proposed by Cllr. Whatty, Seconded by Cllr. Drake that £200 will be donated to the Appeal. Carried.
20. Cllr. A Williams summarised recent events which had highlighted a need for the provision of emergency medical assistance in the parish in the absence of adequate NHS responses. It was noted that the Council would always consider making a grant towards any volunteer group, but that any move to replicate NHS services would be beyond both its remit and its resources.
21. To consider a response to the latest proposals under the Community Network Highways Scheme (Cliff Street and Market Square).
- 21a. Cliff Street: restrictions on waiting. Having declared an interest, Cllr. Facey withdrew, along with the Clerk. Proposed by Cllr. Drake, Seconded by Cllr. A Williams that the proposed restriction opposite Trevona should proceed, but that the proposal further down should be amended such that the existing restriction by the junction with Coastguard Station Mall should be extended southwards for two car-lengths, and the proposed new restriction outside Cobblestones should not proceed. Carried.
- 21b. Market Square: revised junction markings. Proposed by Cllr. Gann, Seconded by Cllr. Facey that the proposal should proceed. Carried.
22. To consider requesting additional 20mph zones in the village (Cllr. Barham). Deferred to next meeting.
23. It was agreed to keep the Polkirt Hill temporary one-way system in place until the end of September.
24. To consider problems arising from a) Levalsa Meor traffic lights and b) traffic congestion at the Pentewan Road retail park junction (Cllr. Gann).
- 24a. Proposed by Cllr. Gann, Seconded by Cllr Drake that if the barrier and traffic lights were not gone by 26th August, the Ward Member should ask CC Highways to provide a copy of the risk assessment which had led to their deployment. Carried.
- 24b. It was noted that the Community Network Panel had already agreed to prioritise the retail park junction and the double-roundabout under the Highways Scheme.
25. Cllr. Facey will liaise with Cllr. Morgan and come back in September with proposals, including costs, for the provision of a defibrillator at Portmellon.
26. The meeting ended at 9.50pm.
Date of next (non-planning) meeting: 23 September 2021 (Note: this will be the **fourth** Thursday in the month).

Signed

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