

# MEVAGISSEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Mevagissey Activity Centre

On Thursday 20 January 2022 at 7pm

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

In Attendance Dr Dan Murphy and Alan Lawler (St Austell Health Care), Cllr. J Mustoe (Ward Member), P Howson (Clerk to the Council), 2 members of the public.

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1. The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Chamberlain to her first meeting.  
Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Hereward and G Williams.
2. There were no Declarations of Interest or Gifts.
3. Dr Dan Murphy (GP Partner), assisted by Alan Lawler (Executive Strategic Business Manager), spoke about the work of St Austell Health Care with particular reference to the Mevagissey Surgery, and answered questions put by members.
4. Public participation.  
David Sycamore outlined his proposals for extending the rewilding of Pentillie field (see agenda item 16b).  
Allison Foard spoke on the problems arising from a Cornwall Council planning enforcement letter being sent to the previous owner of a recently sold property, despite being deceased.
5. Proposed by Cllr. Barham, Seconded by Cllr. Shephard that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2021 be accepted. Carried.
6. Proposed by Cllr. Barham, Seconded by Cllr. Gann that the minutes of the planning meeting held on 17 December 2021 be accepted. Carried.
7. The Clerk reported that:
  - Charlotte Tonks had ceased to be a member of the Council, having failed to attend for 6 months;
  - Contributions towards the cost of the seasonal litter bins had been received from The Fish Grill, The Fishermen's Chippie, and She Sells.
8. The Ward Member presented his report, which can be seen on the Council's website.
9. To approve the monthly finances.

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| Bills to Pay | Salaries  | £ | 1,000.00 |
|              | HMRC (PAYE)   | £ | 250.00   |
|              | Valley Road PC electricity 02/12/21 - 01/01/22 (paid)         | £ | 20.83    |
|              | West Wharf PC electricity 02/12/21 - 01/01/22 (paid)          | £ | 27.89    |
|              | W Wharf PC hygiene 08/12/21 - 07/03/22 (less cr. note) (paid) | £ | 21.58    |
|              | Kiers car park December waste haulage plus bin rental         | £ | 65.04    |
|              | Annual website hosting and maintenance                        | £ | 370.00   |
|              | Operate Valley Road PC January 2021                           | £ | 970.34   |
|              | Operate West Wharf PC January 2021                            | £ | 740.80   |
|              | TOTAL   | £ | 3,466.48 |

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| Accounts | Amount available to spend as of last meeting        | £ | 119,890.75 |
|          | Expenditure last month                              | £ | 4,463.59   |
|          | plus Valley Road PC electricity 02/11/21 - 01/12/21 | £ | 20.31      |
|          | Valley Road PC water 05/10/21 - 02/12/21            | £ | 390.02     |
|          | West Wharf PC water 02/11/21 - 02/12/21             | £ | 106.51     |
|          | Supply and fit new chain around war memorial        | £ | 46.00      |
|          | Bank charges  | £ | 2.50       |

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| Business contributions towards the seasonal litter bins | £               | 2,250.00   | Received   |
| Bank interest   | £               | 3.01       | Received   |
| Available to spend                                      | £               | 117,114.83 |            |
| Bank Statements (01/01/2022)                            |                 |            |            |
|   | Current Account | £          | 2,343.81   |
|   | Deposit Account | £          | 114,771.02 |
|   | TOTAL           | £          | 117,114.83 |

- Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Morgan that the accounts be accepted and the bills paid. Carried.
10. Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Drake that the amount previously ringfenced for the Valley Road PC refit should be removed from the 2022/23 draft budget, and that the budget should then be approved. Carried.
11. Cllr. Gann reported that an alternative supplier of the recycling bank would be substantially cheaper than existing. Cllr. Facey reported that he has received almost no complaints following the removal of the skips, so a decision was deferred for a further month.
12. Cllr. Facey reported a few instances of low-level damage to the public conveniences. Full opening of the West Wharf PC during half-term was under consideration.
13. Cllr. Gann provided an update on the Community Land Trust (CLT).
14. Housing Working Group
- 14a. Cllr. Shephard said that he had invited bids for the housing questionnaire from four suppliers, and only one had tendered.
- 14b. Proposed by Cllr. Gann, Seconded by Cllr. Barham that the final version of the housing questionnaire should be approved. Carried.
- 14c. Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Barham that up to £6,500 be approved to fund the contract with the successful bidder and provide additional publicity and marketing. Carried.
- 14d. Proposed by Cllr. Morgan, Seconded by Cllr. Williams that Cllr. Leiser's proposed application for funding be approved. Carried.
15. Cllr. Barham summarised matters arising from the recent Ocean Housing meeting and confirmed that minor maintenance issues are now in hand. Proposed by Cllr. Gann, Seconded by Cllr. Facey that a letter should be sent to Ocean challenging their decision on the S106 requirements for Roberts Close to ensure that recent mistakes are not repeated. Carried.
16. Climate Emergency Working Group.
- 16a. Cllr. Whatty provided an update on the Group's activities.
- 16b. Cormac has agreed to sow the Pentillie rewilded areas with wildflower seeds and would be happy to do this on other areas of CC-owned land.
- 16c. Proposed by Cllr. Gann, Seconded by Cllr. Facey that the Council support's David Sycamore's latest proposal for rewilded areas on Pentillie field and Cllr. Whatty will seek agreement with Cormac on implementation. Carried.
- 16d. Proposed by Cllr. Gann, Seconded by Cllr. Shephard that the Council declares an ecological emergency. Carried.
17. The Chairman and Ward Member met the CC Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods last week, and she will establish whether CC is willing to forego the car park income streams as part of a devolution package. A follow-up call with the Community Link Officer is scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> February.
18. Proposed by Cllr. Shephard, Seconded by Cllr. Facey that a proposal to carry out a traffic survey of Polkirt Hill / Fore Street be submitted for consideration in the next phase of the Community Network Highways Scheme. Carried.
19. To consider appointing Cormac to carry out a traffic survey of the village/Polkirt Hill at a cost of up to £8000 (Cllr. Facey). Deferred pending the outcome of the next phase of the Highways Scheme.
20. To consider the problem of anti-social behaviour in the village (Cllr. Gann). This was deferred to the next meeting, when St Austell Sector Inspector Ian Jolliff will be attending.
21. Proposed by Cllr. Morgan, Seconded by Cllr. Drake that the Clerk be authorised to spend up to £200 on a projector for use in future meetings. Carried.
22. Proposed by Cllr. Gann, Seconded by Cllr. Drake that the public should be excluded from the rest of the meeting. Carried.

The staff annual salary review was then completed.

- 23. The meeting ended at 10pm. Date of next (non-planning) meeting: 17 February 2022 (starting at 6.30pm).

Signed .....

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