

# MEVAGISSEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

On Thursday 17 February 2022 at 7pm

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

In Attendance Insp. Ian Jolliff and Sgt. Ian Chambers of St Austell Sector Police, Cllr. J Mustoe (Ward Member), P Howson (Clerk to the Council).

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1. The Chairman announced the resignation of Les Hereward and wished him well for the future. Apologies had been received from Cllr. Gann.
2. Cllr. G Williams declared an interest in agenda item 17 (request from Feast Week Committee).
3. Insp. Jolliff, St Austell Sector Inspector, supported by Sgt. Chambers, talked about the work of the police within the St Austell Sector and answered questions put by members.
4. Public participation. There were no members of the public present.
5. Proposed by Cllr. A Williams, Seconded by Cllr. Morgan that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2022 be accepted. Carried.
6. Proposed by Cllr. A Williams, Seconded by Cllr. Shephard that the minutes of the planning meeting held on 21 January 2022 be accepted. Carried.
7. The Clerk reported that:
  - A grant of £6,634 had been received from Groundwork UK, requested by Cllr. Leiser towards the housing survey;
  - He had written to Ocean Housing regarding the Roberts Close S106 agreement, and a reply was awaited;
  - He had submitted an Expression of Interest form for the next phase of the Community Network Highways Scheme, proposing a traffic survey for Fore Street / Polkirt Hill;
  - The application for funding for last year's Shanty Festival from the Welcome Back Fund had been ruled ineligible by the Cornwall Development Agency who are administering the fund;
  - The election period following Charlotte Tonks's departure ends tomorrow, after which the vacancy can be filled by co-optation (assuming an election has not been called);
  - The 2022/23 'free resource' is £8.82 per elector, which means a limit for Mevagissey of £15,593;
8. The Ward Member presented his report, including details of an offer from Cornwall Council's bus shelter cleaning/maintenance contractor (Fernbank Advertising) to replace free of charge the Valley Road bus shelter with a new "living roof" design.  
Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Barham that Fernbank's offer be accepted. Carried.  
The Ward Member's full report can be seen on the Council's website.
9. To approve the monthly finances.

Bills to Pay	Salaries	£	1,000.00
	HMRC (PAYE)	£	250.00
	Part payment for residents survey (paid)	£	3,380.40
	Code of Conduct training x 3 (paid)	£	72.00
	Valley Road PC electricity 02/01/22 - 01/02/22 (paid)	£	20.83
	West Wharf PC electricity 02/01/22 - 01/02/22 (paid)	£	28.11
	West Wharf PC hygiene services 08/03/22 - 07/06/22	£	314.67
	West Wharf PC water 03/12/21 - 04/02/22	£	197.43
	Operate Valley Road PC February 2021	£	970.34
	Operate West Wharf PC February 2021	£	740.80
	TOTAL	£	6,974.58

Accounts      Amount available to spend as of last meeting      £    117,114.83

Expenditure last month	£	3,466.48	
plus Councillor finance training	£	36.00	
May 2021 election recharge	£	255.00	
Meeting room hire 18/11/21 - 17/12/21	£	130.50	
Kiers car park bin rental early December	£	10.08	
Bank charges	£	8.00	
Part funding for recycling bank	£	1,328.32	Received
Available to spend	£	114,537.09	
Bank Statements (01/02/2022)			
	Current Account	£	437.75
	Deposit Account	£	114,099.34
	TOTAL	£	114,537.09

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

10. Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. A Williams that the final draft of the Budget for Financial Year 2022/23 be approved. Carried.
11. Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Chamberlain that Biffa should be contracted to reinstate the bottle bank by the Valley Road bus stop from April, but that the cardboard skip should not be reinstated. Carried.
12. Public Conveniences (PCs).
- 12a. Cllr. Facey reported on issues arising from the operation of the PCs.
- 12b. Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Drake that GCF's quotes for operation of the PCs during the next financial year be accepted. Carried.
- 12c. GCF's risk assessment for the operation of the PCs was noted.
13. Cllr. Gann was not present to report on the Community Land Trust (CLT).
14. Housing Working Group.
- 14a. Cllr. Shephard thanked Cllrs. Leiser, Morgan and A Williams for helping to produce the housing questionnaire which will be posted out next week with a covering letter. The grant received from Groundwork UK will cover all the costs and a banner will be displayed in the village centre. A reminder will be posted out a fortnight later in time for the public meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March. The Group will then be closed, having fulfilled its purpose.
- 14b. Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Leiser that the 'housing manifesto' drafted by Cllr. Shephard, amended to include additions from Cllr. Leiser, should be sent to all Cornish local councils, the Community Network Panel, and CC's Portfolio Holder for Housing and Planning (Oliver Monk). Carried.
15. Cllr. Whatty reported on the activities of the Climate Emergency Working Group:
- The Planet A Renewables Assessment is expected by the end of the month;
  - Cormac is looking into the proposals for enhancing the rewilded parts of Pentillie field;
  - The Woodland Trust has reported a big problem with ash dieback in Gorran's Sanctuary Wood (which was originally part-funded by Mevagissey) and has appealed for volunteers to help;
  - Gorran PC has commissioned a Biodiversity Survey, and if the Group was to commission one for Mevagissey this would be helpful for future decision making, for monitoring invasive species and providing educational value. Costs will be obtained for approval at the next meeting.
- The Chairman reported that he had circulated a link to the Harbour Trustee's Climate Change Project.
16. The Chairman reported that there had been no progress on the proposed devolution package because CC had still not provided the required information.
17. To consider a request for support from the Feast Week Committee.  
Cllr. G Williams withdrew for this item, having declared an interest.  
Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Shephard that the full amount requested should be granted. Carried.
18. The meeting ended at 8.35pm. Date of next (non-planning) meeting: 17 March 2022.

Signed .....

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