

MEVAGISSEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Mevagissey Activity Centre
On Thursday 17 March 2022 at 7pm

Present Cllrs. M Roberts (Chairman), M Facey (Vice-Chairman), G Barham, J Gann, J Morgan, G Shephard, J Whatty, A Williams, G Williams.

In Attendance Anna Christie, Cllr. J Mustoe (Ward Member), P Howson (Clerk to the Council), no members of the public,.

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1. Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Chamberlain and Leiser.
The Ward Member arrived at 7.30pm.
2. There were no Declarations of Interest or Gifts.
3. Public participation. There were no members of the public present.
4. Proposed by Cllr. Shephard, Seconded by Cllr. Whatty that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2022 be accepted. Carried.
5. Proposed by Cllr. G Williams, Seconded by Cllr. Barham that the minutes of the planning meeting held on 18 February 2022 be accepted. Carried.
6. The Clerk reported that:
 - DCW (Zero to Landfill) are increasing their prices by 4.5% from 1st April;
 - Road closure between 7 Fore Street and 35 Polkirt Hill during 23-25 March (Wed-Fri next week), 7pm-11pm daily;
 - No local elector had asked for a by-election to fill the vacancy left by Les Hereward, so it can be filled by co-option;
 - From 21st March, Caitlin Lord will be taking on the St Blazey, Fowey & Lostwithiel Community Network in addition to our own;
 - Thanks had been received from the Mevagissey Feast Week Committee for the £1,600 grant for replacement lighting;
 - Cornwall Council (CC) Funding for the two free Learning Hub accounts ends on 31 March.
7. The Ward Member not having arrived, his report was deferred to later in the meeting.
8. To approve the monthly finances.

Bills to Pay	Salaries	£	1,000.00	
	HMRC (PAYE)	£	250.00	
	Valley Road PC water 03/12/21 - 04/02/22 (paid)	£	297.84	
	Community survey banner (paid)	£	50.00	
	Repairs to Valley Road PC (paid)	£	186.43	
	Grant to Mevagissey Feast Week Committee (paid)	£	1,600.00	
	Valley Road PC electricity 02/02/22 - 01/03/22 (paid)	£	19.01	
	West Wharf PC electricity 02/02/22 - 01/03/22 (paid)	£	25.49	
	Valley Road PC water 05/02/22 - 01/03/22 (paid)	£	785.89	
	West Wharf PC water 05/02/22 - 01/03/22 (paid)	£	82.02	
	Valley Rd PC hygiene services 29/03/22 - 28/06/22	£	265.22	
	Operate Valley Road PC March 2021	£	970.34	
	Operate West Wharf PC March 2021	£	740.80	
	TOTAL	£	6,273.04	

Accounts	Amount available to spend as of last meeting	£	114,537.09	
	Expenditure last month	£	6,974.58	
	plus bank charges	£	8.00	
	Grant for housing survey	£	6,634.00	Received
	Available to spend	£	114,188.51	
	Bank Statements (01/03/2022)			

Current Account £ 455.17

Deposit Account	£ 113,733.34
TOTAL	£ 114,188.51

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

Carried.

9. Public Conveniences (PCs).

9a. Cllr. Facey reported that there were no issues arising from the operation of the PCs.

9b. Proposed by Cllr. Shephard, Seconded by Cllr. Morgan that the projected spend on pre-season works at the PCs be approved/ Carried.

10. Cllr. Gann asked for his report on the Community Land Trust to be deferred until the Ward Member had arrived.

11. Cllr. Shephard presented the Housing Working Group's report, reporting a 26% response rate to the housing survey so far, with more expected. The open day had attracted eight members of the public. The full survey report would be presented at the next meeting, with a public meeting on the following Saturday.

12. Cllr Whatty presented his report from the Climate Emergency Working Group.

12a. Bright Environment had quoted £852 to provide a Biodiversity Survey, which would take two months to produce.

12b. Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Gann that funding for the survey be approved. Carried.

12c. It was agreed that a link would be provided from the Council's website to the Climate Group's website.

12d. CC has not yet agreed to the proposed changes to the rewilding of Pentillie field. The Ward Member offered to progress this.

12e. A summary of Planet A's climate audit report was presented. Planet A would give a full presentation at a future meeting.

12f. In her absence, Cllr. Leiser's presentation on the climate emergency based on the e-training provided by CC was deferred to a future meeting.

13. The Chairman reported that there had been no progress on the development of a devolution package, and he will highlight the delay in his report to the Community Network Panel.

14. Members will consider best use and location of the village clock and discuss further at the next meeting.

15. It was agreed that future meetings will continue at the MAC for the time being, and other options will be reconsidered at the May meeting.

16. A request for funding for a street party in Chapel Street to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee was considered, but the Council was concerned that a decision now might trigger further requests. Proposed by Cllr. Morgan, Seconded by Cllr. Whatty that interested members of the public should apply for funding by 8 April, that a sum be set aside, and that grants should be finalised at the next meeting. Carried.

17. The request for support from the Mevagissey Male Choir was deferred to the next meeting.

18. The proposal to request a replacement for the dead Cornish Palm in Cliff Park was deferred.

19. Motion from Cllr. Barham: In the light of the fact that we now know Housing Associations can sell off housing stock outside of the right to buy, the Council's Housing Manifesto should be amended to state that the government should prevent this from happening in future. Seconded by Cllr. Gann. Carried.

20. Proposed by Cllr. G Williams, Seconded by Cllr. Shephard that a formal letter of thanks be sent to Cornwall Council and the Hall for Cornwall for the ongoing programme of events provided in Mevagissey and facilitated by the EU's Welcome Back Fund. Carried.

21. The Ward Member presented his report, including that he has worked with Cllr Chamberlain to arrange a litter pick in the Trewinney area on Saturday 26 March, meeting at the school carpark from 10:00 – 12:00, as part of Keep Britain Tidy's Great British Spring Clean. All equipment will be provided courtesy of the Ward Member and Clean Cornwall. The full report can be seen on the Council's website.

22. Cllr. Gann reported that Ocean Housing was proposing to sell on the open market the lease of one of the Meadow Street flats because it did not meet the required energy performance rating. This is likely to be the first of many such sales with a consequent loss of affordable housing in the village. Cllr. Gann argued the case for taking control of the properties by forming a Community Land Trust (CLT) to buy the freehold. Proposed by Cllr. Shephard, Seconded by Cllr. Whatty that full support be given to Cllr. Gann and the CLT working group to pursue this plan with regard to Meadow Street, Wesley Court and the Royal George Flats, and together with the Ward Member, Cornwall Council and the MP to take steps as necessary to safeguard the existing affordable and social housing stock. Carried.

- 23. The Ward Member offered to push for the renovation of public benches in the village. The poor condition of benches by Kiers car park and Wesley Court and on Valley Road was specifically mentioned.
- 24. Proposed by Cllr. Barham, Seconded by Cllr. Facey that Anna Christie be co-opted to fill the casual vacancy on the Council. Carried
- 25. The meeting ended at 8.40pm. Date of next (non-planning) meeting: 21 April 2022.

Signed

Dated