

MEVAGISSEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

On Thursday 18 August 2022 at 7pm

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

In Attendance: 1 member of the public, T Cailleach (Clerk)

Unratified unless signed

1. The Chairman:
 - a. Welcomed Teri Cailleach at the first meeting in her role as Clerk.
 - b. At the Presentation of Barbara Howson asked the Chairman to formally pass on to the Cllrs at the next Parish Meeting her own and Phil Howson's gratitude for the lovely gift, the painting was very well received.
 - c. The Chairman for the benefit of the recently appointed Cllrs and the newly appointed Clerk providing an overview of the need to keep an open mind on matters brought before the Cllrs to be discussed in Meeting so that all matters could be discussed without any risk of the pre-determination.
 - d. The Chairman confirmed that all correspondence of the Parish Council is subject to the GDPR.
 - e. Apologies were received from Cllr Morgan and Ward Member James Mustoe.
2. No Declarations of Interest or Gifts.
3. David Sycamore spoke in support of the Mevagissey Climate Action Group
4. Proposed by Cllr Gann Seconded by Cllr Christie that the minutes of the meeting held on the 22 July 2022 were accepted. Carried
5. Proposed by Cllr Gann Seconded Cllr Christie Clarification of Item 5 of the Minutes of the Parish Council Planning meeting 23 July 2022 was provided and Item 5 amended to confirm Andrea Copper had raised a question why Polkirt Hill to the South of Lower Well Park had been allowed to extend upwards, the even numbers of Lower Well Park had not been granted Permission to extend upwards whereas the odd numbers of Lower Well Park had been allowed to extend upwards and made a comparison to a "ham sandwich". Carried
6. Proposed by Cllr Facey, Seconded by Cllr Whatty to appoint Teri Cailleach as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) (s 151 Local Government Act 1972. Carried
7. Proposed by Cllr Facey, Seconded by Cllr Whatty to authorise the Clerk as a Signatory of the Finance Accounts to enable the RFO Functions. Carried
8. Proposed by Cllr Gann, Seconded by Cllr Facey the appointment of Cllr Chamberlain as a Signatory of the Finance Accounts to replace Clifford John Daniel. Carried.
9. To receive the Clerk's Report.
 - a. Reply from Cormac representative Rachael Tatlow confirmed growth on School Hill and debris has been removed.
 - b. A Review of Auditors Report to be addressed after the transition period has been completed.

- c. Devolution documentation provided by the Clerk of Camelford PC to be reviewed and forwarded.
- d. Letter from Children's Hospice South West (CHSW) request to place Poster for Sunflower Event in aid of Little Harbour and Moonlight Memory Walk on Saturday 12 November 2022 7.30 p.m. at The Lost Gardens of Heligan (5k walk at 8.15 p.m.).
- e. Graffiti damage in Village dealt with my Cllr Facey and Gary Farr very quickly.
- f. Email received from Supportmatch Homeshare in partnership with Cornwall Council (CC) and Cornwall Voluntary Section Form (VSF) explaining service provided.
- g. Email from TrailTale Rafi Ilivitzky Plan for Staycation (new tourism trend).
- h. Government Briefing Water Situation in the South West.
- i. National Association Local Councils (NALC) Respect and Civility Project Update provided and to review for adoption in the Autumn.
- j. H M Land Registry (HMLR) List of Services awaiting a response from HMLR to assist with Parish Land issues.
- k. BHIC Councils Insurance sales email and the current cover with Zurich till 31 May 2023.
- l. Received amendment and update to the Electoral Register.
- m. Received complaint from a visitor to the Parish regarding the Sunny Valley Car Park, standard response confirming that it is privately owned and the Parish Council is unable to assist.
- n. Reminder of the WPD Stakeholder Workshops being held.
- o. Local Council Conference for Parish, Town and Community Councils across England and Wales 9 September 2022 at 9.30 am to 3 ish live on Zoom.
- p. Cornwall Association Local Councils (CALC) are hosting an Online Teams Briefing on the Shared Prosperity Fund on Tuesday 23 August 2022 at 11.a.m.
- q. Cornwall Community Energy email and leaflets received 17 August 2022.
- r. Coaststeering email new business activity Roseland Peninsula and St Austell Bay

10. The Ward Member's Report was presented including:

Information and link to the Shared Prosperity Fund now open for bids.

He has met with Cllr Louis Gardner Cabinet Member on Cornwall Council with responsibility for Economic Growth and understands that Council Officers will identify appropriate areas of funding and allocate once applications are made.

Report on the e-bike hire scheme launches and funding, Beryl Bikes will operate in Penzance, Newquay, Truro, St Austell and Falmouth/Penryn Areas with 50 e-bikes for hire via an app or phone in 20 bays across each town and the charging arrangements and bay locations and penalties in the event of return failure.

He is attempting to arrange a meeting between Cllr Gann and Olly Monk Cabinet Member on Cornwall Council with responsibility for Planning and Affordable Housing.

He is happy to call in the Trevalsa Court Hotel application if that is necessary.

He has reported the various graffiti issues in the Village to Police and awaits a return call from the Sector Inspection for an update.

Cormac completed new double yellow lines on Cliff Street requested by the Parish Council in 2020.

He welcomed new Mevagissey Parish Clerk Teri Cailleach and hopes to be fully recovered for the September meeting.

The full report is on the Parish Council's website.

11. To approve the monthly finances.

Cllr A Williams reported that the allocation of grant towards the Parish Nurse be deferred until the next financial year as it will not be required this financial year.

Clerk	-	Salary	1,000.00
HMRC	-		250.00
HSBC UK (paid taken automatically)	-	Bank charges to 31/05/22	56.00

FOR PAYMENT
BY CHEQUE

PAYEE	INVOICE DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Jason Trewinnard	12/08/22	LMP - footpaths - 2nd cut	345.49
British Gas	02/08/22	Valley Rd PC electricity 02/07/22 - 01/08/22	29.57
British Gas	02/08/22	W Wharf PC electricity 02/05/22 - 01/08/22	31.51
Devon Contract Waste	15/08/22	Bin rental & haulage River Street 07/08/22 - 14/08/22	476.33
Devon Contract Waste (paid)	15/06/22	Bin rental & haulage 17/07/22 - 31/07/22	380.64
G C Farr	11/08/22	PC attendants 08/08/22 - 13/08/22	240.00
G C Farr	17/08/22	PC attendants 14/08/22 - 31/08/22	580.00
G C Farr	10/08/22	Operate Valley Rd PC August 2022	1,150.34
G C Farr	10/08/22	Operate West Wharf PC July 2022	1,171.20
SW Hygiene	08/08/22	West Wharf PC Sanitary/Nappy Rental Air Freshener	333.53
SW Hygiene	29/08/22	Valley Road PC Sanitary/Nappy Rental Air Freshener	281.11
			(£)

PAYMENTS TOTAL 6,325.72

Cllr G Williams proposed approval of the monthly finances, Seconded by Cllr Shephard.

Carried.

12. Cllr Whatty reported on the Mevagissey Climate Action Plan and presented the results of the extensive work carried out by the Working Group following the Council declaring a climate emergency in 2019 only to be hit by the pandemic.
Aided by academic Dr Julian Donald of Exeter University and with changes in members over the last three years it was made clear that the Report by the Working Group will be meaningless unless there is now implementation of the Plan.
Further work to be carried out involving the Parish residents and incorporation into the Neighbourhood Plan.
13. Cllr Shephard proposed adoption of the Mevagissey Climate Action Plan, Seconded by Cllr Brown.
Carried.
14. Cllr Facey reported that there has been a substantial increase in the waste generated resulting in the need for additional bins to be put in place immediately until September 2022. The bins outside The Ship were causing issue to the business and have now been moved to the War

Memorial. An visitor to the Parish impressed with the tidiness of the Village is taking some ideas back to Tenby PC.

15. Cllr Facey reported on a report upon the PCs, the recent economic circumstances have increased the costs of the supplies needed for the West Wharf and Valley Road PC along with an increase of theft of supplies of toilet roll and hand soap. Damage has been incurred to one of the Valley Road WC separating from the waste pipe and one of the West Wharf stainless steel sinks being pulled from the wall. This results in an increase in charges to the Parish Council of £150. Cllr Gann proposed the increase of £150, Seconded by Cllr Whatty. Carried.
16. Cllr Gann reported on the Community Land Trust Working Group.
 - a. Research has revealed that Live West and Cornwall Council Housing Unit state as there was no funding the build was not bound what was originally agreed in the documentation.
 - b. There is concern about the level of Affordable Housing available in Mevagissey and the potential loss of existing Affordable Housing.
 - c. The Ward Member and Olly Monk with responsibility for Cornwall Council Planning and Affordable Housing meeting to be arranged.
 - d. Ocean Housing have offered a meeting on the 25 August 2022.Cllr Shephard proposed a letter be sent to Olly Monk copy to the Ward Member setting out the points regarding the reduction in Affordable Housing, Seconded by Cllr A Williams. Carried.
Cllr Gann proposed meeting with Ocean Housing on the 25 August 2022, Seconded by Cllr Christie. Carried.
17. Individual Counsellors will respond online to the Government Consultation on short term tourist accommodation. The "call for evidence" closes on 21 September 2022.
18. Cllrs discussed the "Meet the CORMAC Team" workshops around the County and Cllrs can attend to discuss and raise any issues regarding the cutting of trees, verges and banks in the Parish.
19. Cllrs Facey and Chamberlain reported on the planning and skateboard ramp in the Valley Road recreation ground and potential funding issues. Cllr A Williams confirmed that there was public support for a community garden and approved in principle by the CORMAC Community Officer.
20. Late evening on the 7 August 2022 graffiti was carried out in the Village. This was dealt with swiftly by Cllr Facey and local contractor G C Farr.
21. Current Clerk to contact Phil Howson previous Clerk to check if any communication pursuant to the previous Proposal in Minutes of the meeting of the Council on 20 June 2022.
22. Cllr Christie reported very positive steps had been made with contact with a Director of The Lost Gardens of Heligan, Alix Smit discussing potential links on projects for the Community such as water harvesting, flooding, soil and planting programmes, allotments, fruit orchards. The Lost Gardens of Heligan are already working with Gorran PC and Three Bays Wildlife. A meeting has been arranged for the 21 September between Cllr Christie and the Head of Projects and Head of Marketing at Heligan. Cllr Gann proposed that we explore how we can work more closely with Heligan and Cllr Barham seconded. Carried.
23. Cllr Leiser reported that a considerable amount of plastic bottles are being collected on litter picking expeditions and raised whether public water fountains could be used in the village. There are difficulties with location placement and the cost of water supply and maintenance. Cllr Chamberlain proposed further investigations for an Action plan to look at water fountains, Seconded by Cllr GB. Carried

24. Cllr Leiser reported on the Forest for Cornwall Walk with Meike Reiser the Three Bays will have around 1,000 trees for planting. An area of land was identified on the Walk that could be used for planting, however the open space concerned is already being used by a Voluntary group. Further investigation is required.
25. Cllr Facey proposed a grant to Mevagissey Ladies Choir of £120 for the sheet music for use in their Christmas production at St Andrews with the Mevagissey Male Voice Choir and Schoolchildren, Seconded by Cllr Barham. Carried
26. Discussion of the key issues for Cornwall residents of an unelected Mayor and the potential for powers to move from Cornwall Council to a Mayor's Office.
Cllr Shephard proposed that Mevagissey Parish Council believes that the way Cornwall is governed is extremely important to our local residents. We note the emerging proposals for a possible change to a powerful Mayor of Cornwall with their own staff, budget and choice of Cabinet. We believe that such a system should only be implemented if the people of Cornwall support it. We call on Cornwall Council and our local Cornwall Councillors to ensure that there is a referendum of all voters in Cornwall on whether to introduce this significant change, as set out in the relevant legislation, Seconded by Cllr Gann. Carried
27. Clerk will request further information about the issue at Tregoney Hill to be reported to Cllrs and raised next meeting.
28. Date of next meeting (not Planning) 15 September 2022.

NOTE: The meeting will include an opportunity for members of the public to make representations and give evidence on any item appearing on this Agenda. No member of the public may speak longer than three minutes. The meeting has been advertised as a public meeting and as such could be recorded by broadcasters, the media or members of the public.