

MEVAGISSEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

On Thursday 19 October 2023 at 7pm

Present Cllrs. M Roberts (Chairman), J Brown, L Burdett, J Gann, J Morgan, K Prynn, G Shephard, P Simpson, J Whatty, G Williams.

In Attendance Jeremy Burt and Helen Brett of Glanville Environmental, Cllr. J Mustoe (Ward Member), 5 members of the public, P Howson (Clerk to the Council).

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1. Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Barham and Facey. Cllr. Mustoe would have to leave at 9pm. The Chairman reported the resignation from the Council of Alex Williams, creating a vacancy.
2. Cllr. Morgan declared an interest in agenda item 23 (Mevagissey Museum).
3. Jeremy Burt of Glanville Environmental (contractor to S W Water) gave a further update on plans for the infiltration works required in the village and around the harbour. S W Water have sent letters to residents, including Portmellon as requested. Two-way access for emergency services, fish lorries and carers during the road closure has been agreed with CC Highways. Work will start from 6 November, pause during the Christmas period, and resume on 10 January with the closure of Church Street. Most of the works are around the harbour and will be done during the evenings when it's quiet. He introduced Helen Brett (Community Liaison Officer) who said she will be visiting all businesses during the next couple of weeks. Looking at the closure and diversion design, Members suggested a couple of extra road signs which Jeremy said he will look at, adding that CC Highways will drive the diversion route to make final adjustments to the design prior to implementation. Rodney Ingram (Chair of the Harbour Trustees) was assured that fishermen's pick-up vehicles would be able to enter St Georges Square the 'wrong way' to access the harbour. Helen said she would be available to help with any issues which may arise.
4. Public participation.
Alexander Kennel spoke on agenda item 19 (speed limit on the B3273), describing his parents' recent involvement in a head-on collision, presenting accident data obtained via a FOI request, and urging the Council to push for a speed reduction between the 30mph zone and the Tregiskey crossroads, where currently the national limit applies. He thanked Cllrs. Mustoe and Facey, and the Clerk, for help in getting this put on the agenda.
Fergus Cochrane-Dyet spoke on agenda item 20 (widening of Polkirt Hill adjacent to Cliff Park), objecting to the proposal.
5. Proposed by Cllr. Simpson, Seconded by Cllr. Williams that agenda items 19 and 20 should be brought forward. Carried.
6. Cllr. Gann, a resident of Polkirt Hill, had requested a Dispensation to allow him to participate and vote on agenda item 20. The Chairman ruled that this was not necessary.
7. Proposed by Cllr. Prynn, Seconded by Cllr. Shephard that an application under the Community Network Highways Scheme be made to reduce the speed limit between the existing 30mph zone and the Tregiskey crossroads and, with the agreement of Pentewan Valley Parish Council, as far as the Pentewan 40mph zone.
Amendment Proposed by Cllr. Simpson, Seconded by Cllr. Williams that the proposed 40 mph zone should include Old Road from the Tregiskey crossroads to the 30mph zone by the Vicarage Hill junction. Amendment Carried.
Substantive Motion Carried.
It was agreed that the accident data provided by Alexander Kennel should accompany the application.
8. The Chairman presented the arguments in favour of the proposal to widen part of Polkirt Hill to improve traffic flow but, apart from Cllr. Simpson, members did not agree.
Proposed by Cllr. Brown, Seconded by Cllr. Whatty that the road should remain as it is. Carried.
9. Proposed by Cllr. Shephard, Seconded by Cllr. Williams that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2023 be accepted. Carried.
10. Proposed by Cllr. Burdett, Seconded by Cllr. Shephard that the minutes of the planning meeting held on 22 September 2023 be accepted. Carried.

11. The Clerk reported that:
- He was awaiting a quote from Linda Coles to take on the role of Internal Auditor;
 - The transfer of funds to the new bank account had completed apart from a nominal amount remaining until the old account was closed;
 - The broken stile on FP5 south of Penwarne Manor had been reported to Cormac Countryside who had replied that they had no resources to fix it;
 - Carlyon Systems had advised that a VPN (virtual private network) should be installed on the parish laptop computer, used by the Clerk;
 - The December planning meeting scheduled for Friday 22nd was expected to be short, and members may find it expedient to deal with planning matters at the Thursday meeting.
12. Proposed by Cllr. Morgan, Seconded by Cllr. Gann that standard NordVPN should be installed on the parish laptop computer. Carried.
13. Proposed by Cllr. Prynne, Seconded by Cllr. Morgan that just one meeting should be held in December, on 21st. Carried.
14. The Ward Member presented his report, including:
- He had joined residents to help lay a new path on the unadopted route from Pentillie Way to the coastpath, with thanks to Sally Hodgson and Denis May & Sons Ltd for organising the donation and delivery of four tonnes of gravel;
 - He had accompanied Cllr. Prynne to a site meeting with Cormac at Trewinney Cemetery where a range of repairs and improvements were agreed;
 - CC's legal department still hasn't signed off on the permissive path agreement at Polstreath, and once this is done, they will take action on fixing steps etc. At the moment Cormac is not responsible for them, and any queries should be referred to the landowner;
 - He has requested a planning enforcement case be raised over the ash trees at Ava. The full report can be seen on the Council's website.
15. To approve the monthly finances.

Bills to Pay	Service seasonal litter bins 01/09/23 - 15/09/23 (paid)	£	683.64	
	Valley Rd PC electricity 02/09/23 - 01/10/23 (paid)	£	27.33	
	West Wharf PC electricity 02/09/23 - 01/10/23 (paid)	£	49.00	
	September staff costs	£	1,602.40	
	Service bottle bank 21/09/23	£	219.60	
	Service seasonal litter bins 17/09/23 - 30/09/23	£	549.65	
	Projector	£	139.99	
	Stationery	£	8.97	
	IT support fee for October	£	54.86	
	Operate West Wharf PC October	£	1,352.88	
	Operate Valley Road PC October	£	1,397.89	
	Meeting room hire May - September	£	324.00	
	Valley Rd PC water 06/09/23 - 04/10/23	£	377.06	
	West Wharf PC water 06/09/23 - 04/10/23	£	182.03	
	TOTAL	£	6,969.30	
Accounts	Amount available to spend as of last meeting	£	114,500.87	
	Expenditure last month	£	8,854.73	
	plus IT support fees for Aug-Sep	£	179.32	
	External audit fee	£	504.00	
	PC attendants 16/09/23 - 22/09/23	£	308.00	
	Third cut of coast path	£	382.83	
	Windpower feasibility study	£	2,400.00	
	Bank charges to 31/08/23	£	8.00	
	Business contributions towards seasonal litter bins	£	500.00	Received
	Precept (2nd payment)	£	47,586.50	Received
	Nayax card reader payment	£	806.13	Received
	Bank interest	£	593.13	Received
	Presented cheques (Unity Trust bank)	£	1,000.00	Received
	Available to spend	£	152,349.75	
	Bank Statements (01/10/2023)			
	Current Accounts	£	3,679.51	

Deposit Accounts	£ 148,670.24
TOTAL	£ 152,349.75

- Proposed by Cllr. Simpson, Seconded by Cllr. Shephard that the accounts be accepted and the bills paid. Carried.
16. Proposed by Cllr. Morgan, Seconded by Cllr. Whatty that the Q2 statement of accounts be accepted. Carried.
17. The approval of agreed works to be carried out at the public toilets was deferred to the next meeting.
18. Cllr. Gann provided an update on the activities of the Housing Working Group.
19. Cllr. Gann reported that a decision is imminent on when to scale down and end the provision of the seasonal litter bins.
20. Cllr Brown (Climate Emergency Working Group) reported that:
- Mevagissey Planter Programme - second quote for ground works being sourced for submission to MPC and The MAC;
 - Revamp of website and social media pages underway;
 - Programme of speaker events being developed to help inform the community of key climate issues ranging from renewable energy through to green roofs and biodiversity;
 - Biodiversity audit of Pentillie scheduled for end of November report due in December MPC meeting;
 - Information being gathered on dark sky initiatives in Portmellon and Mevagissey;
 - Next meeting scheduled for 26th November 2023 6pm at The Mac.
21. The Council considered whether to support the Climate and Ecology Bill. Cllr. Brown led the arguments for and Cllr. Shephard those against.
Proposed by Cllr. Whatty, Seconded by Cllr. Prynne that the Council should support the Bill. Carried.
Note: Cllr. Mustoe left the meeting at this point.
22. Cllr. Whatty reported that the IT improvements had completed, and this item should be removed from future agenda.
23. Cllr. Shephard reported on the 12 October meeting of the Asset Working Group, at which it had been agreed that comprehensive risk assessments were required for the two toilet blocks, including full capital and lifecycle assessments. A meeting would be arranged with the Chairman of the Public Toilets Working Group to progress this.
24. Financial data from CC required to progress a devolution package was still awaited.
25. The Chairman provided an update on the 2 October meeting of the Cornwall South Community Area Partnership (CAP), which he had attended with Cllr. Shephard and following which they had expressed their dissatisfaction at the CAP's direction of travel, as a result of which the Community Link Officer (CLO) had arranged a meeting with them and Cllr. Gann at which it had been agreed that the next CAP meeting would focus on social and affordable housing and a working group to address this would be created. Cllr. Shephard was also on the sub-group looking at grant applications.
26. It was agreed that the revised Document Retention Policy should be expanded to cover electronic documents. Cllr. Whatty will establish how much cloud storage capacity the Council has.
27. To consider making an annual grant to the Mevagissey Museum.
Cllr. Morgan withdrew for this item, having declared an interest.
Proposed by Cllr. Shephard, Seconded by Cllr. Gann that a grant of £5,000 should be paid towards the cost of reroofing the museum, paid in equal instalments over two years, but that the request for recurrent payment should be rejected until information is received showing the extent of the shortfall in museum running costs. Carried.
28. To consider an invitation to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings on 6 June 2024 by lighting a beacon in the parish. Cllr. Brown offered to obtain a beacon and be responsible for lighting it at a site to be determined.
29. To consider a response to Cornwall Council's review of Polling Districts and Polling Places. It was agreed that the current provision of Jubilee Hall was acceptable, but that the omission of a polling place at Portmellon was not, and that this should be requested.
30. Proposed by Cllr. Prynne, Seconded by Cllr. Gann that under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the rest of the meeting. Carried.
The remainder of the meeting was held in closed session.

31. The meeting ended at 9.55pm. Date of next (non-planning) meeting: 16 November 2023.

Signed

Dated