MEVAGISSEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held as a virtual meeting

On Thursday 17 December 2020 at 7pm

Present Cllrs. M Roberts (Chairman), M Facey (Vice-Chairman), D Drake, J Gann, L Hereward, C Leiser,

J Morgan, H Nathan, G Shephard, J Whatty, A Williams.

In Attendance Cllr. J Mustoe (Ward Member), P Howson (Clerk), 2 members of the public.

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1. All members were present, with no apologies received.

2. Cllr. Drake declared an interest in agenda item 7b (PA20/09796).

Cllr. Facey declared an interest in agenda item 7a (PA20/04346).

3. Mr Frits Sutmoller wished to speak on agenda item 7a (demolition and rebuild of 15 Polkirt Hill) but lost his internet connection. He re-joined the meeting later and was permitted to speak and answer questions during consideration of the agenda item.

4. Proposed by Cllr. Williams, Seconded by Cllr. Facey that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2020 be accepted. Carried.

5. The Clerk reported that:

* A ‘five day protocol’ letter was received for the planning application at 5 Higher Lavorrick and there was a majority vote by email to accept the LPA’s recommendation for conditioned approval;
* A ‘five day protocol’ letter was received for the planning application at land adjacent 38 Kiln Close and there was a majority vote by email to maintain the Council’s objection to the LPA’s recommendation for conditioned approval;
* He had written to Cormac to advise that the Parish Council objected to their proposal to replace the bollards at Portmellon Cove with railings;
* Dr Lynne Behennah had thanked the Council for the grant towards ‘Light up Mevagissey’;
* Three Bays Wildlife had advised that they are considering buying the wetland areas and eastern slopes of the Pentewan valley, which are part of the recently advertised land at Penwarne;
* He had forwarded the plans for the proposed Valley Road PC upgrade to the Community Link Officer for the necessary permissions to be obtained from the freeholder (CC).

6. The Ward Member presented his report, including that:

* St Austell Healthcare have confirmed that they are using Carlyon House in St Austell as their hub for the rollout of the Covid-19 vaccine;
* The Central Planning Committee voted to defer the application at 15 Polkirt Hill pending submission of more detailed plans in a variety of areas;
* The scaffolding on 11-13 Polkirt Hill has now mostly been removed;
* He is organising a meeting between the Environment Agency, Steve Double MP, a Parish Councillor and himself to discuss a potential flood relief scheme for the village;
* He has secured bulbs from Cormac for community planting next year;
* He thanked the Parish Council for their work over the past year and wished all a Merry Christmas.

The full report can be seen on the Council’s website.

7. Planning and Enforcement.

7a. PA20/04346 : Demolition of structurally unsafe dwelling and construction of new dwelling on same footprint with juliet balcony to front elevation and dormer to rear roof slope. 15 Polkirt Hill Mevagissey PL26 6UR

NOTE: To receive feedback from the Central Sub-Area Planning Committee (Cllr. Gann) and consider next steps.

Cllr. Facey withdrew for this item, having declared an interest. Proposed by Cllr. Morgan, Seconded by Cllr. Drake that Cllrs. Gann and Nathan should liaise with the applicant and other interested parties as necessary to reach agreement on outstanding issues, and report back at the next meeting. Carried.

7b. PA20/09796 : Refurbishment and conversion of existing flats to 3 x 2 bed and 2 x 1 bed flats. Pentillie House School Hill Mevagissey PL26 6TQ.

Cllr. Drake withdrew for this item, having declared an interest. Proposed by Cllr. Shephard, Seconded by Cllr. Williams that the Council makes no objection on condition that the earth bank and shrubs on the south and east boundaries are retained, and that there should be no change of use for the proposed bin and bicycle stores. Carried.

7c. PA20/09435 : Construction of a conservatory. Tregwidden School Hill Mevagissey PL26 6TH

Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Shephard that the Council makes no objection. Carried.

7d. PA20/09022 : Proposed works to extend into the roof space of annexe. Create new ground floor entrance extend car port around building. Divide dwelling into two dwellings by way of party wall. Cosy Nook Valley Road Mevagissey PL26 6SB Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Shephard that the Council makes no objection subject to compliance with NDP Policy HO1 (principle residence requirement). Carried.

7e. PA20/10222 : Listed building consent for alterations to internal partition positions, alteration to entrance door and reinstatement of window at rear. Tea On The Quay West Wharf Mevagissey PL26 6UJ

Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Drake that the Council makes no objection subject to the views of the Conservation Officer. Carried.

7f. PA20/10664 : Non material amendment in relation to Decision Notice PA16/11229 dated 15.03.2017. Tamarisk Penwarne Lane Mevagissey Cornwall PL26 6PF

Proposed by Cllr. Shephard, Seconded by Cllr. Whatty that the Council makes no objection. Carried.

7g. PA20/10520 : Extension and general alterations. Seagulls Polkirt Mevagissey St Austell Cornwall PL26 6UY

Proposed by Cllr. Shephard, Seconded by Cllr. Facey that the Council makes no objection. Carried.

7h. PA20/02818/PREAPP : Pre-application advice for a single dwelling. 47 Cliff Street Mevagissey St Austell Cornwall PL26 6QJ (not a consultation). The Clerk was asked to inform the LPA that the Council would be very concerned about any development proposal in this place.

7i. To receive an update on planning enforcement cases.

i) Property 2 at Portmellon. Investigations still underway.

ii) Landscaping at properties on School Hill. Following the receipt of legal advice advising that there was no escalation route for enforcement issues, and that the only option would be to raise the issue at a political level, the Clerk was asked to write to Steve Double MP (cc the Ward Member), asking for his intervention.

iii) WC and boat storage at Portmellon car park. No update.

7j. The following planning decisions have been received:

PA20/06311 : Removal of pitched roof and creation of flat roof area as balcony with new access from Bed 1, to be lined with black galvanised steel railings with timber handrail. 5 River Terrace, River Street. REFUSED

PA20/07047 : Work to various tree species. Woodland West of Mevagissey Fire Station. APPROVED

PA20/08889 : Listed building consent for application of tanking and render systems to rear wall of property (external) to prevent water ingress in solid wall masonry. The Sea Hoss, 1 The Cliff. APPROVED

8. To approve the monthly finances.

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| Bills to Pay | Salaries | £ | 970.53 |  |  |
|  | HMRC (PAYE) | £ | 242.80 |  |  |
|  | Monthly subscription to Zoom | £ | 14.39 |  |  |
|  | Weed clearance at Wesley Court / Meadow Street | *£* | 352.50 |  | (paid) |
|  | Valley Rd PC electricity 02/11/20 - 01/12/20 | *£* | 22.12 |  | (paid) |
|  | West Wharf PC electricity 02/11/20- 01/12/20 | *£* | 21.10 |  | (paid) |
|  | Valley Rd PC hygiene services 29/12/20 - 28/03/21 | *£* | 265.22 |  |  |
|  | Temp suspension of W. Wharf PC November waste collections | £ | 3.37 |  |  |
|  | Service glass recycling bank November | £ | 150.00 |  |  |
|  | Website hosting and maintenance annual fee | *£* | 370.00 |  |  |
|  | Valley Road PC water 03/11/20 - 02/12/20 | *£* | 172.21 |  |  |
|  | Operate Valley Road PC December 2020 | *£* | 996.15 |  |  |
|  | Operate West Wharf PC December 2020 | *£* | 1,058.29 |  |  |
|  | TOTAL | £ | 4,638.68 |  |  |
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| Accounts | Amount available to spend as of last meeting | £ | 109,332.72 |  |  |
|  | Expenditure last month | £ | 7,743.59 |  |  |
|  | plus L. Behennah ('Light up Mevagissey') | £ | 100.00 |  |  |
|  | Harbour Trustees (car parking compensation) | £ | 1,000.00 |  |  |
|  | Valley Road PC water 30/09/20 - 02/11/20 | £ | 356.63 |  |  |
|  | CALC (councillor finance training) | £ | 36.00 |  |  |
|  | RBL (remembrance wreath £20 plus donation) | £ | 170.00 |  |  |
|  | West Wharf PC entrance money | £ | 5,900.00 |  | Received |
|  | Cornwall Council (2020 LMP/SWCP grant) | £ | 1,712.31 |  | Received |
|  | Available to spend | £ | 107,538.81 |  |  |
|  | Bank Statements (01/12/2020) |  |  |  |  |
|  | Current Account |  |  | £ | 6,141.04 |
|  | Deposit Account |  |  | £ | 101,397.77 |
|  | TOTAL |  |  | £ | 107,538.81 |

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

9. To consider further the purchase of the Stuckumb Point viewing platform and access path at Nare Court.

More information is required regarding the potential costs of inspection and maintenance. Cllr. Morgan will contact the original engineer to arrange an inspection and report at the next meeting.

10. To consider a proposal to form a Planning Committee (Cllr. Shephard) so that the main meeting would not run so late from the increased amount of business each month. However, it was considered preferable to have two monthly meetings of the full Council, with one confined to planning matters. Proposed by Cllr. Morgan, Seconded by Cllr. Drake that the planning meeting would be held on the Friday immediately following the main Thursday meeting, and would trial for three months starting in January 2021, with a review in March. Carried.

11. Cllr. Facey reported that the West Wharf public toilets remained closed, and that the Valley Road public toilets had closed once or twice because of flooding. Cllr. Facey then presented draft plans for an upgrade to the Valley Road public toilet block, which the ‘toilet committee’ will consider further during the next month.

12. Cllr. Gann reported that following discussions with the landowner at Meadow Court, one unit had been refurbished and offered within the local community rather than via the usual route, and another unit was expected soon. Cllr. Williams said there was a growing need for larger affordable dwellings.

13. Cllr. Whatty reported that the Carbon Audit report was still awaited., and that he had attended an online Climate Change working group organised by the Community Link Officer. Cllr Facey reported that there would be 4 x 22kW vehicle chargers installed at the Willow car park by February. Cllr. Mustoe wished to place on record his congratulations to Cllr. Facey and Jeremy Roberts of Mevagissey Garages Ltd for their ‘Highly Commended’ placing in the Environmental Growth category of the Cornwall Sustainability Awards for phase one of their ‘Parking for Pollinators’ project.

14. Cllr Facey confirmed that the cardboard recycling bank would be back in time for Christmas.

15. To receive an update on the proposal to set up a working group to explore longer term solutions for traffic congestion in Fore Street (Cllr. Facey). No update this month.

16. Cllr. Gann reported that he has been discussing with local businesses the benefits of having smaller waste and recycling bins in the village centre.

17. Cllr. Gann had produced a proposal shortly before the meeting to create a social media presence for the Council. This was deferred to the next meeting to give members sufficient time to consider it.

18. To receive an update on the proposed beach management plan for Portmellon.

Cllrs. Whatty and Shephard were to produce a list of the hazards and liabilities for anyone using the beach so that an informed decision could be made regarding taking on the management of the beach. This was not forthcoming, and the matter is deferred to the next meeting. The Clerk confirmed that the Council’s existing public liability cover is more than sufficient to meet the requirements of the Duchy of Cornwall, who own the beach.

19. To consider a response to the consultation by the Committee on Standards in Public Life.

Proposed by Cllr. Whatty, Seconded by Cllr. Leiser that Cllr. Gann’s draft response be submitted in its entirety on behalf of the Council. Carried.

20. To fill by co-option the casual vacancies on the Council. There are no candidates.

21. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Williams and all her helpers in the Community Support Group for their hard work throughout the year, and Cllr. Williams replied, thanking the Council for its support.

The Chairman wished everybody a Happy Christmas and the meeting ended at 9.45pm.

Date of next meeting: 21 January 2021, to be followed by the first Planning Meeting on 22 January 2021 (both virtual meetings unless advised otherwise).

Signed ......................................................................................... Dated ....................................