MEVAGISSEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Jubilee Hall

On Thursday 17 June 2021 at 7pm

Present Cllrs. M Roberts (Chairman), M Facey (Vice-Chairman), G Barham, D Drake, C Leiser, J Morgan,

G Shephard, C Tonks, J Whatty, A Williams, G Williams.

In Attendance Cllr. J Mustoe (Ward Member), Mark Wherry, P Howson (Clerk to the Council), 1 member of the public.

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1. Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Hereward and Gann, and Dr Julian Donald.

The Chairman reported that a vacancy now existed on the Council following Helen Nathan’s failure to take up office following the local elections.

2. There were no Declarations of Interest or Gifts.

3. Dr Julian Donald (Climate Action Group researcher) had sent his apologies and his presentation was deferred.

4. Mark Wherry presented his proposal for a Mevagissey to Gorran ferry. This would be a 19ft boat with the capacity for five passengers, making five stops at Mevagissey each day during the summer. Mr Wherry answered questions from members who wished him well with his plans.

5. Public participation. David Sycamore spoke on agenda item 14 and asked the Council to consider extending the rewilded area on Pentillie field.

6. Proposed by Cllr. Whatty, Seconded by Cllr. G Williams that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20 May 2021, the ordinary meeting held on 20 May 2021, and the planning meeting held on 21 May 2021 be accepted.

Carried.

7. The Clerk reported that:

* The recycling bank contract with Biffa ends on 26 September;
* The items requested by Little Nippers last month are no longer available and alternatives had been agreed;
* The approved Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2020/21 had been sent to the external auditor, and the period for the exercise of public rights is 21 June to 30 July;
* He had written to Ocean Housing and Live West for details of their local assets and Live West had sent details;
* He had written to Savills asking for details of the field at the top of Vicarage Hill.

8. The Council considered complaints about the standard of maintenance and repair provided by Ocean Housing.

Proposed by Cllr. A Williams, Seconded by Cllr. Shephard that she (Cllr. Williams) would gather information from the tenants of Ocean Housing and the Council would then seek a meeting with Ocean to address the issues. Carried.

It was then agreed that Cllr. Shephard would form a working group to identify affordable housing requirements and arrange an initial meeting with interested members.

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

* He has secured three designated parking spaces in Kiers Carpark for people using the surgery (normal parking charges apply);
* He has secured Cornwall Council’s agreement that they will repair the wall above the old East Wharf toilets on the harbour;
* Cornwall Council (CC) will write to the owner of the bank behind the Valley Road toilets with details of the work required to stabilise it. Meanwhile, he has asked Cormac to provide costs for the installation of safety fencing to allow the ladies and disabled units to open;
* He has obtained agreement from CC for a four-month trial from 1st August whereby CC will meet 50% of the cost of the recycling bank and deal with any fly tipping at the site, as well as signage and possibly CCTV at CC’s expense;
* He has arranged for the Area Planning Team Leader to meet the Parish Council in advance of the June planning meeting;
* He was honoured to be elected as Chair of CC’s Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
* He has reactivated his volunteer community action group, covid safe and outside in groups below the numbers needed under current regulations, and the first session is scheduled for Portmellon on 27 June;
* His Community Chest fund will shortly be open for bids and he encourages anyone who is interested in applying to get in touch with him so he can consider bids.

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

10. To approve the monthly finances.

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| Bills to Pay | Salaries | £ | 1,000.00 |  |  |
|  | HMRC (PAYE) | £ | 250.00 |  |  |
|  | Valley Road PC hygiene services 13/05/21 | £ | 8.21 |  |  |
|  | Attendants at West Wharf PC 31/05/21 - 05/06/21 | £ | 480.00 |  |  |
|  | Outdoor benches for Little Nippers | £ | 689.82 |  |  |
|  | West Wharf PC electricity 02/05/21 - 01/06/21 | £ | 29.91 |  |  |
|  | Attendants at West Wharf PC 06/06/21 - 12/06/21 | £ | 330.00 |  |  |
|  | Replace and fill salt bin at Chapel Point Lane | £ | 215.89 |  |  |
|  | Office costs (parish phone) | £ | 10.00 |  |  |
|  | May waste collections from West Wharf PC | £ | 91.44 |  |  |
|  | River Street car park waste bin duty of care admin. charge | £ | 66.00 |  |  |
|  | May recycling bank collections | £ | 598.50 |  |  |
|  | Annual data protection fee | £ | 40.00 |  |  |
|  | Operate Valley Road PC June 2021 | £ | 970.34 |  |  |
|  | Operate West Wharf PC June 2021 | £ | 1,111.20 |  |  |
|  | TOTAL | *£* | 5,891.31 |  |  |
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| Accounts | Amount available to spend as of last meeting | £ | 118,620.78 |  |  |
|  | Expenditure last month | £ | 6,786.47 |  |  |
|  | plus artwork and printing for bin signage | £ | 90.00 |  |  |
|  | Operate Valley Road PC May 2021 | £ | 970.34 |  |  |
|  | Attendants at West Wharf PC 16/05/21 - 22/05/21 | £ | 280.00 |  |  |
|  | Portmellon beach sign | £ | 49.68 |  |  |
|  | Street weed spraying (first treatment) | £ | 396.00 |  |  |
|  | Valley Road PC water 03/03/21 - 05/05/21 | £ | 26.74 |  |  |
|  | Attendants at West Wharf PC 23/05/21 - 30/05/21 | £ | 280.00 |  |  |
|  | West Wharf PC entry money | £ | 2,520.75 |  | Received |
|  | Available to spend | £ | 112,262.30 |  |  |
|  | Bank Statements (01/06/2021) |  |  |  |  |
|  | Current Account |  |  | £ | 2,058.67 |
|  | Deposit Account |  |  | £ | 110,203.63 |
|  | TOTAL |  |  | £ | 112,262.30 |

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

11. Cllr. Facey reported that the ladies and disabled toilets at Valley Road remained closed, and that this was reflected in the increased income from the West Wharf toilets.

12. Cllr. Gann had sent a written report on the proposed Community Land Trust: ‘I am continuing to research land owners in order to issue a letter to them with a call for land. Hopefully when restrictions are fully lifted we will get a date in the diary for face to face meetings with the community’.

13. Cllr. Whatty reported on the activities of the Climate Action Group. Proposed by Cllr. Whatty, Seconded by Cllr. Leiser that a letter be sent to Cornwall Council’s Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change stating that this Council supports Helston Town Council’s position on carbon literacy training. Carried.

14. Cllr. Whatty reported that, at a cost of £1,000, Planet A could carry out an initial assessment of options to reduce CO2 emissions within the parish, but that he was investigating partnering with other local councils to get a better deal.

Proposed by Cllr. A Williams, Seconded by Cllr. Leiser that authority be granted to spend up to £1,000 on this service after consulting with other councils. Carried.

15. The Council considered steps to measure traffic pollution in Fore Street, and the Ward Member undertook to arrange the installation of an air quality monitor.

16. Cllr. Facey confirmed that the ‘Zero to Landfill’ waste bins for businesses were in place and the system was working well. Proposed by Cllr. Morgan, Seconded by Cllr. Facey that CC’s offer of a four-month pilot scheme of joint funding for the recycling bank should be accepted. Carried.

(The Clerk will establish whether Biffa are willing to vary the agreed contract termination date to take advantage of this offer).

17. Cllr. Gann had sent a written report regarding the Council’s Facebook group: ‘No additional content received from Cllrs, so [the] only posts are agendas, minutes and planning applications of note – suggestions on additional content are most welcome’.

18. Proposed by Cllr. Barham, Seconded by Cllr. Tonks that the Ward Member be asked to arrange for an officer from Cornwall Council to visit the village and speak to shopkeepers who obstruct the highway. Carried.

19. Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Drake that the outcome of the Polkirt Hill one-way traffic consultation should alone determine whether to introduce the scheme, and that if introduced it should run from Monday 12 July to the end of September. Carried.

20. Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Morgan that an open letter should be broadcast, thanking all residents for their forbearance during last year’s one-way traffic scheme and also for this year should the scheme be repeated.

Carried.

21. Proposed by Cllr. Barham, Seconded by Cllr. Leiser that the Council supports 20’s Plenty for Cornwall’s aim for default 20mph limits where people live, work, shop, play, learn and spend leisure time, with signage and public engagement; and that the Council registers its support via www.20splenty.org. Carried.

22. The Council considered a request from Tracey Williams for funding for works to the Memorial Garden.

Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Shephard that £200 be granted for this. Carried.

The Ward Member also offered to provide Community Chest funding.

23. Cllr. G Williams presented details of a specialised bin for fishing waste for possible deployment on the harbour. It was noted that the Harbour Trustees already operate a recycling scheme, but this does not extend to amateur anglers. It was agreed that Cllr. Williams would consult the Harbour Master and if permission is granted he would seek approval for funding at the next meeting.

24. The Council considered financial support for the litter picking initiative presented at the last meeting by Pat Smith of ‘Charlestown Chums’. Cllr. A Williams said that there were already several litter picking groups covering beaches and the harbour area, and there was little interest in joining a more organised project. It was agreed that this should be deferred for a month to see if there was more interest in the scheme.

25. The Council considered public feedback to the recently installed Portmellon beach sign and it was agreed to review it after one year.

26. The Chairman reported that he had received complaints about Trewinney Cemetery being used as a playground and for the exercising of dogs. It was noted that the cemetery is the responsibility of Cornwall Council, but it was agreed that a letter be sent to the head teacher at the school, asking him to make an appropriate announcement.

27. The meeting ended at 9.30pm. Date of next (non-planning) meeting: 15 July 2021 (venue to be confirmed).

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