MEVAGISSEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

On Thursday 23 September 2021 at 7pm

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

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

In Attendance P Howson (Clerk to the Council), 4 members of the public.

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1. Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Hereward, Barham, Tonks and Mustoe (Ward Member).

2. Cllr. Facey declared a possible interest in agenda item 16 (devolution package).

3. Mr Tom White was unable to attend for his presentation of the draft Code of Conduct for Portmellon Beach.

4. Public participation. Suzanne Wixey of Beach Road spoke on agenda item 17 and asked for the dog waste bin to be moved away from their property because the smell was unacceptable.

5. Proposed by Cllr. Whatty, Seconded by Cllr. Facey that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 August 2021 be accepted. Carried.

6. Proposed by Cllr. G Williams, Seconded by Cllr. Gann that the minutes of the planning meeting held on 20 August 2021 be accepted. Carried.

7. Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Morgan that agenda item 17 (regarding the dog-waste bin on Pentillie field) be brought forward. Carried.

Proposed by Cllr. Shephard, Seconded by Cllr. Leiser that the bin should be clearly visible from both directions on the coast path and not less than 10m from residential boundaries, benches and children’s play areas. Carried.

8. To receive the Clerk’s report.

* Savills had replied regarding the field at the top of Vicarage Hill, stating that the tenant farmer sprayed the field with Roundup, and the dumped soil was intended to repair damage caused by farm machinery to the entrance to the field;
* The new owner of The Hollies / Tall Trees (Orchard Dean Developments) had confirmed that the existing building would revert to ‘The Hollies’ and the new building would probably be called ‘Tall Trees’;
* A letter had been sent to BT objecting to the siting of the new pole by Church Park Farm and suggesting an alternative solution as proposed by the owner;
* A notice of a proposed closure of Polkirt Hill between no. 2 and Pebble House for up to 5 days from 04/10/21 had been received. This will be 24 hours daily on weekdays and is for the provision of a new water service;
* A letter had been sent to the owners of the land above Roward’s Quay regarding the proposal to make a DMMO application for a footpath along the cliff top and their reply had been forwarded to members. Confirmation of who would be providing user evidence for the application was awaited.

9. The Ward Member's report had been circulated to members in his absence and 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 |  |  |
|  | Attendants at West Wharf PC 29/08/21 - 04/09/21 (paid) | £ | 610.00 |  |  |
|  | Attendants at West Wharf PC 05/09/21 - 11/09/21 (paid) | £ | 610.00 |  |  |
|  | Donation to Seafarers UK (paid) | £ | 200.00 |  |  |
|  | Valley Road PC electricity 02/08/21 - 01/09/21 (paid) | £ | 40.49 |  |  |
|  | West Wharf PC electricity 02/08/21 - 01/09/21 (paid) | £ | 43.70 |  |  |
|  | Extra consumables at West Wharf and Valley Rd PCs (paid) | £ | 840.45 |  |  |
|  | Second cut of inland footpaths (paid) | £ | 375.57 |  |  |
|  | Third cut of coast path (paid) | £ | 324.33 |  |  |
|  | Hire of Jubilee Hall for meetings May - July 2021 (paid) | £ | 150.00 |  |  |
|  | Attendants at West Wharf PC 12/09/21 - 18/09/21 (paid) |  | 610.00 |  |  |
|  | Operate Valley Road PC September 2021 | £ | 970.34 |  |  |
|  | Operate West Wharf PC September 2021 | £ | 1,111.20 |  |  |
|  | Kiers car park waste collections 17/08/21 - 31/08/21 | £ | 586.08 |  |  |
|  | August waste collections from West Wharf PC | £ | 91.44 |  |  |
|  | August recycling bank collections | £ | 816.00 |  |  |
|  | TOTAL | *£* | 8,629.60 |  |  |
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| Accounts | Amount available to spend as of last meeting | £ | 105,425.74 |  |  |
|  | Expenditure last month | £ | 10,780.95 |  |  |
|  | plus West Wharf PC water 02/07/21 - 02/08/21 | £ | 529.60 |  |  |
|  | Valley Road PC water 02/07/21 - 02/08/21 | £ | 193.24 |  |  |
|  | External audit fee | £ | 480.00 |  |  |
|  | Attendants at West Wharf PC 15/08/21 - 21/08/21 | £ | 610.00 |  |  |
|  | Attendants at West Wharf PC 22/08/21 - 28/08/21 | £ | 610.00 |  |  |
|  | Waste collections from Keirs car park 01/08/21 - 15/08/21 | £ | 475.92 |  |  |
|  | Valley Rd PC electricity 02/07/21 - 01/08/21 | £ | 4.68 |  |  |
|  | Internal audit fee | £ | 50.00 |  |  |
|  | West Wharf PC entry money | £ | 5,000.00 |  | Received |
|  | Contribution to 'toilet fund' from B & C Garlick | £ | 100.00 |  | Received |
|  | Available to spend | £ | 96,791.35 |  |  |
|  | Bank Statements (01/09/2021) |  |  |  |  |
|  | Current Account |  |  | £ | 5,013.09 |
|  | Deposit Account |  |  | £ | 91,778.26 |
|  | TOTAL |  |  | £ | 96,791.35 |

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

11. Cllr. Facey reported on issues arising from the operation of the public conveniences. There had been repeated occurrences of right wing and anti-vax graffiti which had to be removed; various repairs at Valley Road and a roof repair at West Wharf had been completed; full-time attendance would be reduced next month.

12. Cllr. Gann had nothing to report this month on the proposed Community Land Trust.

13. Cllr. Shephard reported on the activities of the Housing Working Group. Meetings with local people with a variety of housing issues were continuing and it was hoped that some conclusions could be presented at the next Council meeting. There will be a questionnaire and a public meeting in due course. Meanwhile, Cllr. Shephard would like to hear from more local people with housing issues.

14. Cllr. Whatty reported on the activities of the Climate Emergency Working Group and reminded people of the 999 Climate Emergency at the Gorran Memorial Hall on 25 September (as noted in the August minutes). Cllr. Facey reported that an ultra-fast DC EV charger had been installed in the Willow car park.

15. Cllrs. Facey and Gann reported on waste recycling and disposal. Both contracts were running smoothly. The glass bin had been very busy throughout the summer. The harbour bins would not be stepped down until after half-term, with that contract ending no later than 4 November.

16. Cllr. Gann reported that the Council’s Facebook group had been ‘ticking over’.

17. Progress on the development of a devolution package remained on hold pending a reply from CC to Cllr. Mustoe’s request for a full cost breakdown.

18. To consider requesting additional 20mph zones in the village (Cllr. Barham) (deferred to next meeting).

19. Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Gann that Bude-Stratton Town Council’s housing-related proposals should be supported in full. Carried.

20. Proposed by Cllr. G Williams, Seconded by Cllr. Facey that the Council supports the campaign to ban the sale of environmentally damaging body boards and will consider how to progress this locally. Carried.

21. Cllrs. Morgan provided an update on the provision of a defibrillator at Portmellon, with a large proportion of the cost having already been raised by the Portmellon Regatta. Proposed by Cllr. Morgan, Seconded by Cllr. Facey that the Council will make up the difference and will have the final say on the location. Carried.

Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Morgan that, in addition, the Council would provide up to £1,000 for unforeseen costs, eg installation. Carried.

Cllr. A Williams would like training in the use of the defibrillator to be arranged as necessary, and this will appear on a future agenda.

22. To consider a response to the government’s consultation on measures to control the dangerous use of recreational and personal watercraft. Deferred to next meeting.

23. Cllr. Shephard thought that the Council should support the Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE) Bill because, although he does not agree with all parts of it, there is nothing else currently going through Parliament.

Proposed by Cllr. Gann, Seconded by Cllr. Leiser that the Council supports items 2, 3, 4 and 5 from the draft motion provided, but replacing ‘ecological emergency’ with ‘climate emergency’. Carried.

24. To receive feedback following the site visit to the Stuckumb Point viewing platform and consider options.

Proposed by Cllr. Gann, Seconded by Cllr Morgan that the Council declines the opportunity to take possession of the viewing platform, and that the Nare Court Residents Company Ltd be advised to arrange a risk assessment of the platform and establish a sinking fund to meet the requirements of the S106 agreement. Carried.

25. The Chairman reported that Helen Nicholson (CC Community Link Officer) was moving to the Truro and the Roseland Community Network Area, and it was agreed that she would be much missed.

26. The meeting ended at 9.05pm. Date of next (non-planning) meeting: 21 October 2021.

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