MEVAGISSEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

On Thursday 21 October 2021 at 7pm

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

 J Whatty, G Williams.

In Attendance Cllr. J Mustoe (Ward Member), P Howson (Clerk to the Council).

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1. The Chairman delivered a eulogy to the late John Olford, the previous Clerk to the Council, and called for a brief period of silence.

2. Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Hereward, Shephard, Drake and A Williams. Cllr. Mustoe will arrive late.

3. Proposed by Cllr. Gann, Seconded by Cllr. Facey that the Council should renew its approval of the reason for the persistent absence of Cllr. Hereward. Carried.

4. There were no Declarations of Interest or Gifts.

5. Public participation. There were no members of the public present.

6. Proposed by Cllr. Whatty, Seconded by Cllr. Williams that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2021 be accepted. Carried.

7. Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Morgan that the minutes of the planning meeting held on 24 September 2021 be accepted. Carried.

8. To receive the Clerk’s report.

 A letter had been received from The Seafarers’ Charity thanking the Council for its donation to the Merchant Navy Fund;

 A letter of condolence had been sent to Valerie, the widow of the late John Olford;

 The wording on the pedestrian signs at Cliff Park has been changed as agreed;

 The dog waste bin on Pentillie field has been moved as agreed;

 Works by Cornwall Council (CC) to install the stainless steel railings at Portmellon cove began on 18th October;

 This year’s free parking day in CC’s car parks will be 4th December;

 A request for funding for the People’s Climate Festival in St Austell on 27th November had been received from the Community Link Officer (CLO);

 Followjng Helen Nicholson’s departure to the Truro and Roseland Community Network Area (CNA), our new CLO is Caitlin Lord;

 The works to the Memorial Garden had completed, although the cost was slightly more than expected.

9. Matters arising from the Clerk’s report.

9a. Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Barham that £100 be donated to the People’s Climate Festival. Carried.

9b. Proposed by Cllr. Morgan, Seconded by Cllr. Whatty that the additional cost of works to the Memorial Garden be approved. Carried.

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 03/10/21 - 04/10/21 (paid) | £ | 100.00  |  |  |
|  | Valley Road PC electricity 02/09/21 - 01/10/21 (paid) | £ | 39.07  |  |  |
|  | West Wharf PC electricity 02/09/21 - 01/10/21 (paid) | £ | 35.07  |  |  |
|  | Attendants at West Wharf PC during Shanty Festival (paid) | £ | 150.00  |  |  |
|  | West Wharf PC water 08/09/21 - 04/10/21 (paid) | £ | 209.12  |  |  |
|  | Valley Road PC water 08/09/21 - 04/10/21 (paid) | £ | 504.37  |  |  |
|  | September waste collections from West Wharf PC | £ | 114.30  |  |  |
|  | September recycling bank collections | £ | 598.50  |  |  |
|  | Kiers car park waste collections 17/09/21 - 28/09/21 | £ | 470.88  |  |  |
|  | Operate Valley Road PC October 2021 | £ | 970.34  |  |  |
|  | Operate West Wharf PC October 2021 | £ | 1,111.20  |  |  |
|  | TOTAL | *£* | 5,552.85  |  |  |
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| Accounts | Amount available to spend as of last meeting | £ | 96,791.35 |  |  |
|  | Expenditure last month | £ | 8,629.60 |  |  |
|  |  plus West Wharf PC water 03/08/21 - 07/09/21 | £ | 553.25 |  |  |
|  |  Kiers car park waste collections 03/09/21 - 14/09/21 | £ | 470.88 |  |  |
|  |  Third cut of coast path (supplementary) | £ | 19.52 |  |  |
|  |  Attendants at West Wharf PC 19/09/21 - 25/09/21 | £ | 610.00 |  |  |
|  |  Valley Road PC water 03/08/21 - 07/09/21 | £ | 841.03 |  |  |
|  |  Unblock toilets and repair gutters at West Wharf PC | £ | 70.00 |  |  |
|  |  Attendants at West Wharf PC 26/09/21 - 03/10/21 | £ | 610.00 |  |  |
|  |  Repairs and replacements at both PC sites | £ | 289.99 |  |  |
|  | Precept and CTS Grant (2nd payment) | £ | 38,240.50 |  | Received |
|  | West Wharf PC entry money | £ | 4,100.00 |  | Received |
|  | Bank interest | £ | 2.70 |  | Received |
|  | Available to spend | £ | 127,040.28 |  |  |
|  | Bank Statements (01/10/2021) |  |  |  |  |
|  | Current Account |  |  | £ | 3,018.82 |
|  | Deposit Account |  |  | £ | 124,021.46 |
|  | TOTAL |  |  | £ | 127,040.28 |

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

11. Cllr. Facey reported that the ongoing graffiti problem at the public toilets has now stopped; West Wharf toilets, except for the disabled unit, will close for the winter on 31st October; further consideration will be given to the proposed refurbishment of the Valley Road toilets with a view to starting work this time next year.

12. Cllr. Gann reported on progress with the Community Land Trust (CLT). He has two meetings scheduled with property owners who have expressed an interest in providing rented accommodation. At the Cornwall CLT seminar this week it was announced that funding was secure from next April in the form of grants, and funding from social providers; and Cllr Shephard had obtained a commitment from Savills to meet for a discussion on the use of glebe land for affordable housing.

13. Cllr. Morgan reported that the Housing Working Group has made good progress on developing a questionnaire, which is expected to be ready for approval by the Council at the next meeting.

14. Cllr. Whatty reported that members of the Climate Emergency Working Group (CEWG) had attended the 999 Climate Emergency event at Gorran and had established useful contacts; both he and Cllr. Leiser have started their Carbon Training, facilitated by CC; the proposed crowdfunding for the Planet A carbon assessment is now set up; following a meeting on the Pentillie field; and Cormac have agreed to sow wildflowers in the rewilded zone next year.

15. Cllr. Roberts will discuss with the Harbour Board the feasibility of screening the film ‘Plenty More Fish?’ in the aquarium. Cllr. Morgan will also propose a screening in the museum.

16. Cllr Leiser reported that the CEWG may run a stall at the St Austell Climate Festival on 27th November and at the Mevagissey Christmas markets.

17. Cllr. Gann confirmed that the contract for the village centre litter bins would end on 31st October. Cllr. Facey reported that the recycling bank was running smoothly.

18. Cllr. Mustoe arrived and delivered his report, including that he had accompanied Cllr Pauline Giles, Chairman of Cornwall Council, to Mevagissey where she presented a Chairman's Gonk Award and a Cornwall Council Good Citizen award to village sweeper Mark Groom in recognition of his long and dedicated service to the village.

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

19. Referring to CC’s inaction on providing a full cost breakdown of services to enable progress on the development of a devolution package, Cllr. Mustoe reported that he, together with the new CLO, had pressed officers to commit to providing the necessary data.

20. The Council agreed that the introduction of a 20mph speed limit throughout the village would be desirable, with illuminated signs on Valley Road and School Hill, and the Clerk will pursue this via the CLO.

21. The Council considered a response to the government’s consultation on measures to control the dangerous use of recreational and personal watercraft. Cllr Mustoe reported that St Austell Bay Parish Council had made a good proposal on the issue, and he will ask for a copy to be made available. This will be circulated to members for agreement before the consultation closes on 1st November.

22. Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Gann that the new Code of Conduct for Local Councils, including the revisions recommended by CALC, be adopted. Carried.

23. It was agreed that the Council would not respond to the informal consultation on CC’s Housing Strategy but would await the formal consultation.

24. The Council made no objection to CALC’s recommendations following the decision of its Board of Directors to postpone the 2021 AGM until next year.

25. Proposed by Cllr. Gann, Seconded by Cllr. Morgan that the measures introduced to manage visitors during the pandemic, ie additional litter bins in the village centre and the employment of attendants at the public toilets, should be continued next year and that the budget should include £15,000 for this. Carried.

26. Cllr. Gann reported that the wall separating Polkirt Hill from Cliff Park had suffered damage from vehicle collisions, and it was agreed that the Ward Member should be asked to arrange for its inspection and repair as necessary.

27. The Chairman reported that the Harbour Trustees had arranged for the gate to the path leading to the Stuckumb Point viewing platform to be retrieved from the foot of the cliff where it had been thrown by some hooligan, and awaited collection by the Secretary to Nare Court Residents Company Ltd, who had expressed his gratitude.

28. The meeting ended at 8.40pm. Date of next (non-planning) meeting: 18 November 2021.

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