MEVAGISSEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

On Thursday 18 November 2021 at 7pm

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

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

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

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1. The Chairman reported that the Remembrance Sunday service had been very well attended and put on record his sincere thanks to all those who had made the area so tidy and attractive and to those who had curated the well- researched exhibition in the Jubilee Hall. He then welcomed back Cllr. Hereward following his absence.

2. Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Drake and G Williams. Cllr. Mustoe will arrive late.

3. There were no Declarations of Interest or Gifts.

4. David Sycamore presented his suggestions for an improved rewilding scheme on Pentillie field.

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

6. Proposed by Cllr. Whatty, Seconded by Cllr. Facey that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2021 be accepted. Carried.

7. Proposed by Cllr. Barham, Seconded by Cllr. Facey that the minutes of the planning meeting held on 22 October 2021 be accepted. Carried.

8. The Clerk reported that the Community Link Officer has added the Council’s request for a village-wide 20mph zone to the ’20 is plenty’ scheme list and will advise on progress; and free parking in Cornwall Council car parks will be available on Saturday 4 December.

9. To approve the monthly finances.

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| Bills to Pay | Salaries | £ | 1,000.00 |  |  |
|  | HMRC (PAYE) | £ | 250.00 |  |  |
|  | Meeting room hire Aug - Oct (paid) | £ | 191.00 |  |  |
|  | West Wharf PC electricity 02/10/21 - 01/11/21 (paid) | £ | 32.63 |  |  |
|  | Valley Road PC electricity 02/10/21 - 01/11/21 (paid) | £ | 25.45 |  |  |
|  | West Wharf PC water 05/10/21 - 01/11/21 (paid) | £ | 176.59 |  |  |
|  | Kiers car park waste collections 19/10/21 - 31/10/21 | £ | 245.52 |  |  |
|  | October waste collections from West Wharf PC | £ | 91.44 |  |  |
|  | October recycling bank collections | £ | 762.00 |  |  |
|  | Operate Valley Road PC November 2021 | £ | 970.34 |  |  |
|  | Operate West Wharf PC November 2021 | £ | 740.80 |  |  |
|  | TOTAL | *£* | 4,485.77 |  |  |
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| Accounts | Amount available to spend as of last meeting | £ | 127,040.28 |  |  |
|  | Expenditure last month | £ | 5,552.85 |  |  |
|  | plus street weed spraying (second treatment) | £ | 396.00 |  |  |
|  | Attendants at West Wharf PC 18/10/21- 21/10/21 (half-term) | £ | 160.00 |  |  |
|  | Kiers car park waste collections 01/10/21 - 15/10/21 | £ | 586.08 |  |  |
|  | Works to War Memorial garden | £ | 204.10 |  |  |
|  | People's Climate Festival (donation) | £ | 100.00 |  |  |
|  | Portmellon Regatta (towards defibrillator) | £ | 1,535.00 |  | Received |
|  | LMP grant (inland paths) | £ | 751.14 |  | Received |
|  | Available to spend | £ | 122,327.39 |  |  |
|  | Bank Statements (01/11/2021) |  |  |  |  |
|  | Current Account |  |  | £ | 1,554.79 |
|  | Deposit Account |  |  | £ | 120,772.60 |
|  | TOTAL |  |  | £ | 122,327.39 |

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

10. To agree the Budget for Financial Year 2022/23.

The draft budget was presented and several changes were agreed, with the final agreement deferred to next month.

10a. Proposed by Cllr. Morgan, Seconded by Cllr. Barham that £10,000 be ringfenced towards the Valley Road PC refit.

Carried.

10b. Proposed by Cllr. Leiser, Seconded by Cllr. Hereward that £6,000 be made available in equal instalments over three years from the free resource towards the cost of a parish nurse. Carried.

10c. Proposed by Cllr. Barham, Seconded by Cllr. Facey that an increase to the Precept would be necessary to maintain financial reserves, with the amount to be decided at the next meeting. Carried.

11. To set the Precept for Financial Year 2022/23. Deferred to next meeting.

12. The Ward Member, who had arrived at 8pm during agenda item 10, presented his report including:

He has secured more than match funding for up to £5,000 to augment the community-raised funding to replace vandalised trees and establish improvements in Valley Road Park;

He thanked everyone involved in the organisation of the Remembrance Sunday service and to the Museum and volunteers who were involved, with a special mention to Kevyn Braddock whose hard work over many months brought the life stories of old Mevagisseyans back to us in 2021.

The full report is available on the Council’s website.

13. Cllr. Facey reported on issues arising from the operation of the public conveniences.

14. Cllr. Gann reported on progress with the Community Land Trust (CLT).

15. Cllr. Shephard reported on progress with the Housing Working Group. The questionnaire is ready for circulation for input by the various working groups and other interests, with additions to mirror those in the NDP questionnaire for comparison purposes. The final version will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

16. Cllr. Whatty reported on the work of the Climate Emergency Working Group. Planet A has been instructed to proceed with the carbon assessment. Cllr. Leiser has been investigating possible uses for the abandoned flowerbeds behind the MAC. The People’s Climate Festival takes place on 27 November at Cornwall College St Austell, Tregonissey Road. Consideration of David Sycamore’s proposals (see above) will be on the next agenda.

17. Cllr. Facey reported on the recycling bank. A decision from Cornwall Council on future part-funding is awaited.

18. A meeting has been arranged with the Community Link Officer to progress agreement on the development of a devolution package.

19. Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Barham that £150 be donated to the Royal British Legion’s ‘Poppy Appeal’. Carried.

20. It was agreed that the Ward Member would arrange a site meeting with Cormac to consider the recurrent problem of blocked drains on Vicarage Hill and consequent flooding in Church Lane.

21. Proposed by Cllr. Morgan, Seconded by Cllr. Gann that the ‘Christmas crib’ installed in the memorial garden as usual would be most welcome. Carried.

22. It was agreed that the Ward Member would arrange a meeting with Ocean Housing and Gilbert & Goode to discuss a range of issues including their letting policy and the condition of their properties. A list of issues will be compiled in advance and Steve Double MP will be invited to attend.

23. Proposal to discuss with St Austell Health Care the possibility of introducing morning ‘walk in’ sessions at the Mevagissey surgery (Cllr. Drake). Cllr. Drake was absent, but it was agreed that a partner from St Austell Health Care would be invited to a future meeting when this and other issues could be discussed.

24. To consider a request from Little Nippers for a donation towards the cost of the children’s Christmas party.

Cllr. Williams reported that the Mevagissey Bay Association had already funded this.

Proposed by Cllr. Shephard, Seconded by Cllr. Barham that if the funding is still required then £200 should be provided; otherwise Little Nippers would be invited to request funding for something else. Carried.

25. Proposal to improve crime prevention in the parish (Cllr. Gann). It was agreed that somebody from the St Austell policing team should be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss this.

26. The Chairman reported a complaint he had received from a visitor about the Sunny Corner carpark, which prompted many similar reports from members and the Clerk, who was asked to write to Premier Parking Solutions.

25. The meeting ended at 9.50pm. Date of next (non-planning) meeting: 16 December 2021.

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