MEVAGISSEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

On Thursday 21 July 2022 at 7pm

Present Cllrs. M Roberts (Chairman), M Facey (Vice Chairman), K Chamberlain, A Christie, D Drake, J Gann,

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

In Attendance Amanda Forman (Planet A), Cllr. J Mustoe (Ward Member), P Howson (Parish Clerk), T Cailleach (Parish Clerk from 1 August), 5 members of the public,.

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1. The Chairman opened by welcoming Teri Cailleach who will be the new Parish Clerk from 1st August.

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs. Barham and G Williams.

2. Cllr. Chamberlain declared an interest in agenda item 17 (Little Nippers).

3. Amanda Forman (Co-Founder and Managing Director of Planet A) presented the Renewables Energy report commissioned by the Council, and answered questions put by members and the public.

4. Public participation. Malcolm Triggs spoke on agenda item 21, highlighting the problems caused by vehicles, particularly commercials, parking inconsiderately in Lower Well Park / Polkirt Heights, blocking emergency vehicles and parking on the pavement and on double yellow lines.

5. Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Christie that agenda item 21 be brought forward. Carried.

Cllr. Gann added that vehicles often parked in the turning area. It was agreed that the Ward Member would ask Cornwall Council (CC) Parking Enforcement to visit the area and ticket offending vehicles. The Chairman suggested that this is something to consider for the next phase of the Community Network Highways Scheme.

6. Proposed by Cllr. Chamberlain, Seconded by Cllr. Drake that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2022 be accepted. Carried.

7. Proposed by Cllr. Gann, Seconded by Cllr. Leiser that the minutes of the planning meeting held on 17 June 2022 be accepted. Carried.

8. The Clerk reported that:

* Emails had been received from the organisers of the Trevarth and Penmeva Jubilee parties thanking the Council for their grants;
* A thank you letter had been received from the Mevagissey Male Choir thanking the Council for its grant;
* An email reply had received from Mark Gardner (Ocean Group Chief Executive) stating that it is not considered appropriate to provide a full schedule of Ocean’s land assets in Mevagissey, but that he will arrange to ensure that the Parish Council is informed of any future land sales prior to completion;
* DCW (who provide the seasonal litter bins in the village centre) announced that they will be adding a fuel surcharge to their services from 4th July;
* The public access defibrillator is now installed and operative at the Portmellon Shack. The weekly ‘Guardian Checklist’ has been sent to Kirsty at the Shack and the package includes a free training session on its use (all details have been sent to Cllr. Morgan);
* Jonathan Cocks offered a redundant greenhouse for community use, and Cllr. Leiser has liaised with him to arrange for its relocation to the MAC;
* The contractor who cuts the coast path has been recuperating from hand surgery, so the second cut has been delayed.

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

* Cormac have cut back the vegetation on School Hill, but are also adding the site to the safety cutting inventory from next year, thus avoiding the annual reactive cutting requests;
* Cormac also cut all the parks, green spaces and verges as planned just before Feast Week;
* Together with Steve Double MP, he has worked to highlight to government the likely impact on the local inshore fishing fleet of last month’s decision by Cornwall’s Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority (IFCA) to recommend approval of a new by-law that restricts fishing in local waters. The decision was not backed by the evidence or by key stakeholders and appears to be the result of lobbying by recreational anglers.

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

10. To approve the monthly finances.

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| Bills to Pay | June & July Salaries | £ | 2,000.00 |  |  |
|  | June & July PAYE | £ | 500.00 |  |  |
|  | PC attendants 27/06/22 - 01/07/22 (paid) | £ | 140.00 |  |  |
|  | West Wharf PC water 05/05/22 - 08/06/22 (paid) | £ | 40.42 |  |  |
|  | PC attendants 01/07/22 - 08/07/22 (paid) | £ | 80.00 |  |  |
|  | Valley Road PC electricity 02/06/22 - 01/07/22 (paid) | £ | 27.80 |  |  |
|  | West Wharf PC electricity 02/06/22 - 01/07/22 (paid) | £ | 32.36 |  |  |
|  | Bin rental and haulage at Kiers car park 17/06/22 - 28/06/22 | £ | 331.10 |  |  |
|  | Portmellon defibrillator annual monitoring fee | £ | 228.00 |  |  |
|  | Bottle bank servicing June 2022 | £ | 276.00 |  |  |
|  | Operate Valley Road PC July 2022 | £ | 1,150.34 |  |  |
|  | Operate West Wharf PC July 2022 | £ | 1,171.20 |  |  |
|  | Replacement parish phone handset (repay to Clerk) | £ | 24.99 |  |  |
|  | Parish phone top-up (repay to Clerk) | £ | 10.00 |  |  |
|  | Valley Rd PC water 08/06/22 - 06/07/22 | £ | 222.14 |  |  |
|  | PC attendants 09/07/22 - 17/07/22 (paid) | £ | 160.00 |  |  |
|  | Repairs to Valley Road (Ladies) PC (paid) | £ | 281.53 |  |  |
|  | TOTAL | *£* | 6,675.88 |  |  |
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| Accounts | Amount available to spend as of last meeting | £ | 133,442.98 |  |  |
|  | Expenditure last month | £ | 6,271.06 |  |  |
|  | plus Inland footpath cutting (1st cut) | £ | 391.51 |  |  |
|  | Bank charges | £ | 8.00 |  |  |
|  | Valley Road PC electricity 02/05/22 - 01/06/22 | £ | 28.04 |  |  |
|  | West Wharf PC electricity 02/05/22 - 01/06/22 | £ | 31.51 |  |  |
|  | Bin rental and haulage at Kiers car park 03/06/22 - 12/06/22 | £ | 331.10 |  |  |
|  | PC attendants 20/06/22 - 24/06/22 | £ | 140.00 |  |  |
|  | Public access defibrillator at Portmellon | £ | 3,120.00 |  |  |
|  | Arnold Baker Local Council Admin, 12th Edition | £ | 161.99 |  |  |
|  | Bank interest to 29/06/22 | £ | 13.11 |  | Received |
|  | Available to spend | £ | 122,972.88 |  |  |
|  | Bank Statements (01/07/2022) |  |  |  |  |
|  | Current Account |  |  | £ | 12.27 |
|  | Deposit Account |  |  | £ | 122,960.61 |
|  | TOTAL |  |  | £ | 122,972.88 |
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Proposed by Cllr. Christie, Seconded by Cllr. Drake that the accounts be accepted and the bills paid. Carried.

11. Public Toilets Working Group. Cllr. Facey reported that a burst pipe at the Valley Road PC had been isolated but repairs would not be carried out before September because of access issues, leaving one of the Ladies’ cubicles out of action. The deployment of attendants at the PCs would continue at current levels for the rest of the summer.

Income from the West Wharf PC is running at 50% of last year’s level.

12. Community Land Trust Working Group. Cllr. Gann reported that an ‘affordable’ property managed by LiveWest was being sold at market value. CC’s affordable housing officer has asked for an explanation. There followed a lively discussion on this and related issues.

Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Christie that the Council should write to CC, LiveWest and related parties, asking for a full explanation of how this had come about. Carried.

Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Williams that if a satisfactory reply is not forthcoming, all the relevant evidence should be assembled prior to seeking a legal opinion on the viability of a judicial review. Carried.

13. Climate Emergency Working Group.

Cllr. Whatty reported that the Climate Action Plan was progressing and would be presented at the August meeting.

Cllr. Leiser reported that Forest for Cornwall had produced a tree canopy map for the parish and had offered to meet for a ‘walkabout’ to identify potential tree planting sites. It was agreed that Cllr. Leiser would accept this offer and make the necessary arrangements.

Proposed by Cllr. Gann, Seconded by Cllr. Williams that the canopy map should be added to the Council’s website. Carried.

14. The Chairman reported on the recent devolution meeting with CC’s devolution officer and the Community Link Officer. This was very useful but further detailed information is awaited.

15. Cllr. Facey reported that the village clock is undergoing renovation, courtesy of St Austell Brewery, as part of a job lot of several of their own pub clocks. He will monitor progress towards its reinstatement.

16. To consider a contribution to The Fisherman's Mission (following the publication of 'Salty Cove').

Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Leiser that, following the generous grant previously made to support publication, no further grant would be made this year. Carried.

17. Proposed by Cllr. Williams, Seconded by Cllr. Gann that the Council endorses the request from Seafarers UK to fly the Red Ensign on Merchant Navy Day and will donate £300 to the Merchant Navy Fund Emergency Appeal. Carried.

18. To consider a request for support from Little Nippers.

Cllr. Chamberlain withdrew for this item, having declared an interest.

Proposed by Cllr. Shephard, Seconded by Cllr. Whatty that a grant of £200 be made towards the cost of new storage equipment and furniture. Carried.

19. To consider a response to the government consultation on short term tourist accommodation (Cllr. Mustoe).

The Chairman asked all members to look at this prior to agreeing a joint response at the next meeting.

20. Cllr. Leiser expressed concern at the recent actions of Cormac in a) cutting willows by the river in Valley Road recreation ground; b) the cutting of verges and banks on School Hill, and c) the restricted view at the Tregiskey crossroads resulting from overgrown hedges. It was agreed that Cllr. Leiser would ask CC’s tree officer about the willows and that the Clerk would ask CC Highways to cut back the side growth on School Hill sufficiently to expose the double yellow lines, and to remove the debris to avoid blocking the drains.

21. Cllr. Facey reported that following the submission of an expression of interest for a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) grant to upgrade the skateboard ramp in the Valley Road recreation ground (prepared by Cllrs. Facey and Chamberlain and the Ward Member), they had been invited to submit a full application and will be meeting next week to put this together.

22. The Chairman asked all members to consider the internal auditor’s report prior to the next meeting, when it will be discussed further.

23. Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Leiser that John Brown be co-opted to fill the casual vacancy which arose following the resignation of Les Hereward in February. Carried.

24. The Chairman (who would be unable to attend tomorrow’s planning meeting) praised the outgoing Clerk and thanked him for his service during the past nine years. Members followed with a round of applause.

25. The meeting ended at 9.40pm. Date of next (non-planning) meeting: 18 August 2022.

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