

## Minutes | 20 October 2022

Time: 7.30pm  
Location: Old School, Menheniot PL14 3QY  
Present: Cllr Eve Easterbrook (Vice Chair); Cllrs Tony Clarke; Tony Ball; Adrian Cole; Lee Crocker; Julian Berg; Sean Smith.  
Also present; John Hesketh (Clerk to the Parish Council). There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

### **86/2022 Chairman's Welcome.**

### **87/2022 Apologies for Absence.**

Received from Cllrs Tucker and Cade, Cornwall Councillor Phil Seeva. No apologies received from Cllr Curgenvén.

### **88/2022 Members' Declarations.**

Cllr Ball declared an interest in Item 98A. No other declarations of interest made or dispensations requested.

### **89/2022 Public Participation.**

A A resident attended to raise issues of maintenance around the entrance to the playing fields on East Road, that: gate at the entrance to the road leading to the school and sports club needs repairs; fence alongside road in need of repair; drain at roadside blocked; corner of entrance road (school sign) overgrown. The resident also undertakes regular litter picks and reports regular problems with waste strewn across roads after the recycling collection has been made. Overgrown hedge at the lower end of Trewint Road. The Chair thanked her for bringing this to the council's notice and for her litter regular picking and asked the Clerk to take remedial action.

**Action:** Clerk to contact grounds maintenance contractor and school to make necessary repairs to fences and drains; Biffa in regard to waste collection and Cornwall Council about the overgrown hedges.

B Jon Pollard attended to present proposals relating to the development of land opposite William Laundry Close (PA21/11129), that: his client may be able to purchase an additional strip of land that would allow an extra two houses to be built with improved layout and amenity access. Councillors discussed the proposal and given the choice of the current 8 houses (with the existing layout) or the revised 10 houses (with a new layout) agreed that their preference was for the revised plans. They will look forward to receiving a new planning application in due course.

C Cornwall Councillor Phil Seeva sent a written report, that: he has spoken with the planning officer managing both Tencreek Farm applications and negotiations will be taking place between them; asked that the Tencreek 'wish list' previously discussed be forwarded to him; hopeful that the decision to withdraw the 77 bus service may be reversed – in contact with council leader, and Go Cornwall bus company; has received results of speed survey from Merrymeet and although the data does not support a reduction in the speed limit sees the report as a starting point for fresh discussions; has made a donation to the Menheniot Tennis Club; looks forward to the first space launch from Newquay; watching progress on the proposal to establish an investment zone at the parish boundary.

### **90/2022 Minutes of Meeting.**

It was **Resolved** to approve the notes of the meeting held on 15 September 2022. Proposed Cllr Easterbrook. Seconded Cllr Berg. All agreed. It was **Resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2022. Proposed Cllr Clarke. Seconded Cllr Smith. All agreed.

### **91/2022 Correspondence**

A Letter from Menheniot Primary School Governors asking for support for a grant made under the Community Infrastructure Levy scheme.

Councillors discussed the application and agreed that supporting it would endorse their previous planning decision (PA20/01553).

**Action:** Clerk to draft letter of support for school governors.

B Email trail from Cornwall Council about listing St Mary's Church, Merrymeet. As an asset of community value. Councillors noted the response from Cornwall Council declining to list the church as an asset. Councillor Smith, speaking on behalf of the residents' association, argued that the decision underestimated the previous use of the premises and explained that the association will reapply for the listing.

### **92/2022 Matters Arising**

A Actions from 15 September Zoom meeting. Councillors **Resolved** to approve the actions agreed by the Clerk under his delegated authority. Proposed Cllr Easterbrook. Seconded Cllr Clarke. All agreed.

### **93/2022 Planning**

#### **Ref: PA22/01562/PREAPP**

Proposal: Pre-application advice for extension and reconfiguration of listed dwelling, plus construction of annexe in rear garden, replacing an existing piggery.

Location: Lower Trengrove Farm Merrymeet Liskeard Cornwall PL14 3LL.

Councillors received and noted the application without comment.

#### **Ref: PA22/01507/PREAPP**

Proposal: Pre-application advice for various works and the erection of a garden room.

Location: Skiber Goth Menheniot Liskeard Cornwall PL14 3RF.

Councillors received and noted the application without comment.

#### **Ref: PA22/08439**

Proposal: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use - the construction and use of a building as a separate and self-contained dwellinghouse.

Location: The Acorns Road From Mine Hill To Junction North East Of Trewint Menheniot PL14 3RG.

It was **Resolved** to support this application. Proposed Cllr Easterbrook. Seconded Cllr Crocker. All agreed. In making their decision, councillors noted the evidence in support that had been accepted by the planning officer as correcting a previous historic error made by Caradon District Council.

#### **Ref: PA22/09107**

Proposal Application for discharge of a planning obligation attached to E2/92/00599/F dated 09.11.1992.

Location Beaufort Menheniot Liskeard Cornwall.

It was **Resolved** to support this application. Proposed Cllr Clarke. Seconded Cllr Berg. All agreed. In making their decision, councillors noted the historic anomaly that had unintentionally created two taxable dwellings within the same structure.

B Any applications received by Cornwall Council by the time of the meeting. Information only: none received.

C Planning decisions made by Cornwall Council: none received.

Street Trading Application

Street Trading Sub-Committee on 28 September 2022, resolved to refuse the application from Mrs Luminta Buibas trading as 'B Alive'.

Ref: PA22/06219 APPROVED

Location:- 2 Park An Keres Menheniot Cornwall PL14 3FT

Proposal Householder application for removal of existing block shed and erection of extension to rear elevation with new window to side elevation of original dwelling.

D Planning Update

Ref: PA21/09891

Proposal: Domestic (non boarding) kennels out building (part retrospective)

Update: Property for sale including description that it includes 'established kennels business' contrary to the East Sub Area Planning Committee determination 14 June 2022.

Ref: PA22/03642 202

Proposal: Full planning for the erection of 202 dwellings and associated works

Update: Planning officer is in discussions with applicant to revise the original proposal.

**Action:** The Chair asked Cllr Coles to forward her his copy of ten critical points for negotiation with planning officers and applicants.

## 94/2022 Finance

It was **Resolved** to approve the schedule and agree payment. Proposed Cllr Clarke. Seconded Cllr Easterbrook. All agreed. Cllr Easterbrook will authorise online payments.

Date	Payee	Description	Pay	£
24/10/2022	Keith Goldsmith	Trelawny Gardens	OLB	200.00
24/10/2022	DJBALL Solutions	Grounds maintenance	OLB	1551.71
24/10/2022	Full Blooms	Funeral wreath	OLB	60.00
24/10/2022	Western Web	Website redesign	OLB	684.00
24/10/2022	John's Janitorial	Toilet supplies	OLB	46.99
24/10/2022	Salaries	Sep 2022	OLB	1199.85
26/10/2022	John Hesketh	Expenses	OLB	176.93
24/10/2022	HMRC	PAYE	OLB	255.40
<b>All payments this period</b>				<b>£ 4,174.88</b>

B Bank Receipts. For information.

Date	Payer	Description	£	
31/08/2022	Cornwall Council	Interest	53.11	
08/09/2022	Cornwall Council	Precept & CTS	11517.82	
<b>All bank receipts this period</b>				<b>£ 11,570.93</b>

C Bank Reconciliation.

At the close of business on 30 September 2022, the parish council held £81,716.34 in its accounts.

D Outturn Q2 (July-September 2022)

Councillors received and noted the report. Cllr Smith queried the recent increased water charges for the public toilets.

**Action:** Clerk to investigate increase and report back.

## 95/2022 Chair's Agenda Items.

A Operation London Bridge

Chair presented the review of the council's response to the recent death of HM The Queen.

Councillors noted the summary and agreed follow up plans for the forthcoming Coronation. All agreed to send a letter of condolence to HM The King.

**Action:** Clerk to create display of photographs taken on Proclamation Day for exhibition across the parish; ask residents for their memories of the period of mourning; collate the Book of Remembrance and arrange for binding, permanent display in the Old School and an online digital copy; purchase an official portrait of HM The Queen for donation to the Old School; arrange for the purchase of a memorial tree in 2023; explore the creation of a memory wall for The Queen and new King; investigate possibility of a children's gift to mark the Coronation in 2023.

B Highways Expressions of Interest  
Councillors discussed proposals for road safety improvements and agreed to make submissions for: speed warning signs at Merrymeet and Mine Hill; removal of the speed hump at the entrance to the car park in the Hartmede Estate.

**Action:** Clerk to prepare EOI for submission before 28 October 2022.

C Withdrawal of 77 bus service to Liskeard  
See Item 89C above.

## 96/2022 Councillors' Reports

A Cllr Adrian Cole

### Menheniot Green projects

Flower bed at East Road has been well received and primary school will be sowing yellow rattle seeds.

Proposed new noticeboard for playing fields to explain more about flower bed and council rules on use of fields.

Tree of Life to be purchased for primary school and Trelawny Gardens.

Success for residents at Mine Hill, Trelawny Gardens and Merrymeet in recent RHS It's Your Neighbourhood awards.

Menheniot Playgroup had adopted raised bed on village green.

Holy Well maintenance: prune privet bushes and create path across grassed area.

Bowling Green verge: grassed area to be tidied up.

Community Energy: research and viability options being explored.

Telephone box in Menheniot: BT can provide paint and brushes if working group can be recruited.

### Engagement & Media Policy Working Group

Has spoken with the Chair of Liskeard & Looe Community Network Area, and the parish council will be taking part in the consultation on their future.

### Community Emergency Plan & Community Helpers

Concerns about the risk of planned and unplanned power cuts this winter. Proposed that a meeting of Community Helpers be organised to plan a response and identify vulnerable people who may need support. Link to Warmth Bank.

## 97/2022 Clerk's Report.

A Casual vacancy. Clerk reported that recent enquiries had not been successful, and that the vacancy remains outstanding.

Cllr Ball left the meeting at 21.55

## 98 Closed Session

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of Business.

A Weedspraying

Councillors discussed the plans to continue weedspraying across the parish and received the single quotation they had received. It was **Resolved** to halt proposals for universal weedspraying across the parish until Spring 2023 and explore options for local, volunteer led initiatives. Proposed Cllr Clarke. Seconded Cllr Berg. All agreed.

**Action:** Clerk to inform local contractor and draw up proposals for small scale weed control

## 99/2022 Diary Dates.

A The next Public Meeting will be on Thursday 17 November 2022, at 7.30pm in Menheniot Old School.

## 100/2022 End of meeting 22.10