

## Minutes 17 November 2022

Time: 7.30pm  
Location: Old School, Menheniot PL14 3QY  
Present: Cllr Eve Easterbrook (Vice Chair); Cllrs; Tony Ball; Adrian Cole; Julian Berg; Sean Smith; James Curgenvan.  
Also present; John Hesketh (Clerk to the Parish Council). There were 2 members of the public in attendance.

### 101/2022 Chairman's Welcome.

Vice Chair Cllr Easterbrook took the chair in the absence of Cllr Tucker.

### 102/2022 Apologies for Absence.

Received from Cllrs Clarke, Crocker and Cade.

### 103/2022 Members' Declarations.

No declarations of interest made, or dispensations requested.

### 104/2022 Public Participation.

Members of Merrymeet Residents Association attended to report that: they thanked the council for its recent donation to purchase spring bulbs; would be making a new application to have St Mary's Church, Merrymeet listed as a Community Asset and asked for the council's support; asked for clarification on projects to control speeding vehicles on the A390; requested a fresh supply of green/red assistance posters to distribute to residents.

**Action:** Clerk to deliver a quantity of assistance posters and promote their use.

Cornwall Councillor Phil Seeva reported that: he thanked the Royal British Legion for organising the Remembrance Sunday service in the previous week; had met with Sheryl Murray MP recently and had been assured that proposals for works on the A38 were progressing with news due in the new year; had met with planning officers in his capacity as Chair of Strategic Planning to discuss developments at Ten creek Farm and had been assured that Menheniot's Neighbourhood Plan was an essential part of their decision making; is continuing discussions with Cornwall Council leader relating to the withdrawal of the bus service.

### 105/2022 Minutes of Meeting.

It was **Resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2022. Proposed Cllr Ball. Seconded Cllr Cole. All agreed.

### 106/2022 Correspondence

A Letter from Menheniot Scout Group asking for a donation to fund Christmas Carol Service. It was **Resolved** to donate £100 to the scout group. Proposed Cllr Cole. Seconded Cllr Berg. All agreed.

**Action:** Clerk to inform applicant and transfer funds.

### 107/2022 Matters Arising

A Increased water charges for public toilets (Item 94D)

Clerk presented chart showing the water usage since 2018 and councillors agreed that there was no obvious pattern to explain the changes in usage.

**Action:** Clerk will report a possible leak to South West Water. Cllr Smith agreed to install water monitors in both toilets and report back.

B Proposal for weed management at Merrymeet (Item 98A)  
Councillors discussed the options for managing weeds across the parish and agreed that because there was no statutory requirement for the council to remove weeds, they would not fund this work. This will be included in the budget calculation for 2023/24. (See Item 109D below)

### 108/2022 Planning

A To agree the parish council's response to Cornwall Council consultations on new planning applications received before the agenda was finalised. None received.

B Any applications received by Cornwall Council by the time of the meeting. Information only:  
Ref: PA22/09810  
Proposal: Discharge of Section 52 agreement in respect of decision 5/86/00307/F dated 14.4.87  
Location: Weldspray Engineering Ltd Wheal Honey Menheniot Liskeard Cornwall PL14 3RG  
*This item will be considered at a future meeting.*

C Planning decisions made by Cornwall Council.

#### Ref: PA22/03376 WITHDRAWN

Proposal: Change of use of the private adjoining field in association with The Old Stables, Menheniot, to private recreation and leisure for regular dog walking, training, and exercise of applicants dogs, approx. 3-4 hours in the morning and 2 hours in the late afternoon / evening. As well as private hobby and recreation land use for a 50cc dirt bike use, max 40 minutes in the afternoon / late afternoon one day a week on a weekday. The land is exclusively for domestic use and will not be used commercially.

Location: The Old Stables Hayloft Courtyard Cottages Lower Clicker Road Liskeard Cornwall PL14 3PJ

#### PA22/07039 APPROVED

Proposal: Conversion of barn to dwelling.

Location: Agricultural Barn St Marys Mine Hill Menheniot Cornwall PL14 3RB

#### Ref: PA22/08439 Granted (CAADs, PIPs and LUs only)

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 Liskeard Cornwall PL14 3RG

D Planning Update

#### Ref: PA22/03642 202

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

The Chair reported that she had held a meeting with the planning officer responsible for Tenecreek application, together with the Group Leader for Planning East Cornwall. They are aware of the concerns of this parish council and have a copy of Cllr Coles' recent report (Item 111A below).

They are currently negotiating with both Tenecreek applicants in order to agree a masterplan that is acceptable to all parties (notably Policy 4 of the Menheniot Neighbourhood Plan). Cllr Seeva will be asked to comment on any new proposals as will councillors in Menheniot.

### 109/2022 Finance

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

Date	Payee	Description	Pay	£
21/11/2022	DJBall Solutions	Grasscutting	OLB	892.80
21/11/2022	Tony Ball	Expenses	OLB	85.00
21/11/2022	RS Rowe	Allotment rental	OLB	80.00
25/11/2022	Salaries	Oct 2022	OLB	733.70
25/11/2022	HMRC	PAYE	OLB	138.80
<b>All payments this period</b>				<b>£ 1,930.30</b>

B Bank Receipts. For information.

Date	Payer	Description	£
17/10/2022	SLCC	refund	16.00
31/10/2022	Cornwall Council	Interest	90.84
<b>All bank receipts this period</b>			<b>£ 106.84</b>

C Bank Reconciliation.

At the close of business on 31 October 2022, the parish council held £77,735.84 in its accounts.

D To approve the budget for 2023/2024

Councillors discussed the background to their budget setting, that: inflation is reported at 11.1% (4.2% in October 2021) and cost increases for substantial parts of the budget are already known. Clerk had already presented a briefing note setting out the options for increasing the precept or drawing on reserves to mitigate the impact. The meeting agreed that they would consider a precept increase of 10% with the balance of any shortfall being made up of cost reductions and transfers from the General Reserve. Concluding that no budget would be agreed, or precept set at this meeting but postponed until December 2022.

**Action:** Clerk to rework budget proposals and recommend a precept after further consultation with councillors.

E To approve the precept for 2023/2024

Agreed that this would follow after further consultation with councillors.

F Community Grant Application

It was **Resolved** to make a grant £250 to the Menheniot Tennis Club. Proposed Cllr Smith. Seconded Cllr Coles. All agreed.

**Action:** Clerk to inform applicant and transfer funds.

**110/2022 Chair's Agenda Items**

A Christmas donation

Councillors discussed the proposal and agreed in principle to fund the donation of seasonal foodstuffs.

**Action:** Clerk to review costs and consult with councillors on a final budget.

**111/2022 Councillors' Reports**

A Cllr Adrian Cole

**Community Network Area** consultation, that: the mechanism for reforms and their delivery was not clear; current experience is that there is no joined-up work coordinated between the existing members of the CNA; the recent withdrawal of bus services from the parish is an example of how Cornwall Council and the CNA fail to engage or communicate with residents and their elected representatives; no confidence that this would be remedied in the new structure; communication between stakeholders is top down (from Cornwall Council to parish councils) and not bottom-up;

**Menheniot Green** update: councillors received and noted the report.

**Tencreek development** discussion paper: see Item 108D above.

**112/2022 Clerk's Report.**

A Casual vacancy. Clerk reported that there had been no enquiries into his office, and that the vacancy remains outstanding.

A Councillors reviewed and accepted the proposed schedule of meetings for the forthcoming year 2023.

**Action:** Clerk to confirm bookings with Menheniot Old School.

**113/2022 Diary Dates.**

A The next Public Meeting will be on Thursday 19 January 2023, at 7.30pm in Menheniot Old School.

**114/2022 End of meeting 21.55**