

# Marhamchurch Parish Council

Tuesday 21 November 2023

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The meeting of Marhamchurch Parish Council was held on the above date at 7:30pm, in Marhamchurch Sunday School Rooms.

## **Councillors Present:**

Chairman Cllr Perry, Vice-Chair Cllr Edwards, Cllr Bray, Cllr Hunter, Cllr Kerr, Cllr O'Sullivan, Cllr Proudfoot.

**Also in attendance:** County Cllr N Chopak, Clerk E Hawkins.

12 members of the public were present for the meeting.

Cllr Perry opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Minutes from October meeting will be listed at next scheduled meeting for review and adoption.

## **Record and Approve Apologies.**

### **11.23/230:**

None received, noted that perhaps Cllr Waterhouse was still overseas.

## **Declarations.**

### **11.23/231:**

- (i) Cllr Perry declared their longstanding interest in Agenda item. 10c: Playpark.
- (ii) Cllr Perry declared a longstanding interest in Agenda item 12: Cemetery.
- (iii) Cllr Proudfoot declared interest in Agenda item 9bi: Planning PA23/06490.

## **Dispensations.**

### **11.23/232:**

- a) To note approved dispensations relevant to items on the agenda.
  - (i) Dispensations were noted for Cllr Perry re Agenda item. 10c: Playpark.
  - (ii) Dispensation was noted for Cllr Perry re Agenda Item 12: Cemetery.
  
- b) Dispensation request to remain in the room but not participate in discussion from Cllr Proudfoot re Agenda item 9bi: Planning PA23/06490. Approved unanimously. Proposed Cllr Perry. Seconded Cllr Hunter.

## **Matters Arising.**

**11.23/233: None.**

## **Co-option of New Councillor.**

### **11.23/234:**

The Parish Council has received 1 application for vacant position of Councillor. Mr J Grigg introduced himself to the Council.

Cllr Proudfoot proposed the Parish Council accept J Grigg as a Councillor for Marhamchurch Parish Council. Seconded Cllr Hunter. Unanimous. Councillor Grigg signed an Acceptance of Office Declaration in the presence of the Clerk. The Chairman welcomed the new Councillor.

## **Presentation by UK Country Parks re plans for Whalesborough (10mins)**

### **11.23/235:**

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Presentation from representatives of Avison Young provided an overview of current plans for the Whalesborough area.

- Strong focus on environmental impact of proposed development.
- Local job initiatives for Bude and surrounding areas.
- Educational farming projects in early stages of planning. In discussions with Kivells.
- Hope to upgrade the cycleway from Marine Drive to Whalesborough providing hard surfaces to cycle on.
- Plans to change the permissive pathways into public pathways.
- All vehicular access to be made from A39 and only access onto Marine Drive in case of flooding or emergency.
- 3-4 proposed EV charging points to be installed for public access – location to be determined due to recent flooding in lower carpark (which was originally earmarked area).
- Wind turbine to be relocated and remain at same height.
- Pathway off canal up towards Cherry Trees (which has been closed) to be reopened once boardwalk has been replaced with composite pathway.
- TEVI field proposal will be made up of single-story modular buildings, timeframe, triple glazed, EPC certified. Delivered under Dark Skies Policy with wild flower roof to reduce visual impact of development.

### **Public Open Session. (3 min reminder per item per person)**

#### **11.23/236:**

Concerns were flagged by members of public regarding Whalesborough proposed plans which included:

- Landscape and visual impact concerns.
- Impact on biodiversity on the agricultural land.
- Light pollution.
- Surface water drainage impact on both Marhamchurch & Widemouth sides.
- Query around drainage pack – unable to locate on planning information online.
- Lights at bottom of Helebridge Road, are still bright. Perhaps also helpful to paint fence white.

### **Correspondence.**

**11.23/237:** – all correspondence circulated via email.

- (i) Keeping Cornwall Updated Bulletin.
- (ii) The Annual Rough Sleeper Count – volunteer request.
- (iii) Neighbourhood Planning Newsletter - October 2023.
- (iv) Community Capacity Fund Application by Poundstock Parish Council.
- (v) T&PC Martyn's Law Briefing by Steve Rowell: Online Teams Link - Thursday 9 November 23.
- (vi) Community Levelling Up Grant Information Events.
- (vii) Cornwall Council Bulletin.
- (viii) Planning News for Local Councils and Agents - Autumn edition.
- (ix) Bude & Camelford CAP Meeting Invite – 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 7-9pm.
- (x) Town and Parish Council Newsletter: 3 November.
- (xi) Invitation for Meeting with Marhamchurch Parish Council and UK Country Parks.

### **Planning.**

#### **11.23/238:**

- a) **Decision Notices/Updates:**

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- (i) PA23/07463 | Non material amendment in relation to decision notice PA17/02783 dated 19/09/2018 to allow the addition of 16 PV panels per a unit, located on both sections of the wing roof | Whalesborough Farm Marhamchurch: Approved unconditional.
  - (ii) PA23/03104 | Construction of two storey dwelling to include enclosed private amenity and parking. | Land South West Of The White House Hobbacott Lane Marhamchurch.
- No further updates – waiting for comments from Highways.

**b) Planning Applications/Appeals:**

*Any late planning applications received will be discussed but not decided under this section.*

- (i) PA23/06490 | Relocation of existing wind turbine mounted on free standing monopole mast and associated concrete foundations and control cabinet. Construction of an overflow car park, padel tennis court and the creation of an outdoor event space. Change of use of land for the siting of 68 additional holiday lodges and decking, associated internal roadway, parking, ancillary buildings, landscaping, including amenity areas, drainage and associated works including the formation of a new access road. Whalesborough Farm Marhamchurch.

After a lengthy discussion regarding above application Cllr Bray proposed No Objections to the planning application, provided the following criteria were met:

A review of impact of vehicle access / numbers into the area be made (queries raised as to accuracy of 1% increase in traffic especially when proposed properties have parking spaces for 4 vehicles);  
Drainage report be submitted;  
Event space area have restrictions on sound and music being played after 11pm;  
Construction Management Plan be in place;  
Road surface survey be completed for Marine Drive access;  
To ask Planning Officer if possible, to please consult with Bude & Stratton TC and Poundstock Parish Council, as it was deemed that these areas will be impacted by potential development.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Perry. 3 in favour. 3 against. 2 abstained. As this was a tied vote, the Chairman Cllr Perry had the casting vote. Cllr Perry voted in favour of the proposal.

*Late Planning application was received:*

- (ii) PA23/07733 – Erection of ancillary domestic garage and associated development thereto | Milton Cottage Tackbear Road Titson.

Councillors looked at the amendments but as it was not able to be listed on the agenda (due to time restrictions) they were not able to formally make comments on the matter. However, Councillors agreed that as they had no objections to the original application then they would make no further comments on the amendments.

**To receive oral or written reports and authorise any action.**

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**11.23/239:**

a) Chairman.

Thank you to all those who attended the Remembrance Service in the village. It was well attended, despite the weather.

Great to see the Fish & Chip van back in the village again.

AJ Heywood & Sons won gold in Farming Awards recently. Heywood family should be very proud of this achievement.

b) Cornwall Councillor.

Full Council Meeting on Tuesday to discuss

- Tamar Bridge Roll removal
- Budget - £15m overspend so sadly service cuts are imminent.
- Brexit - £55m shortfall to SW area.

Bude & Camelford Community Area Panel Meeting Invite – 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 7-9pm in Parkhouse Centre, but can be accessed online too. Hope to see some more faces attend.

Footpaths to be accessible to all, so may well need to be altered to ensure disabled access. This legislation likely to come in sooner rather than later.

c) Playpark.

- (i) Annual Inspection with Landscaping East Cormac Solutions. – agreed by Cllr to continue using this.
- (ii) Thank you to Fraser & Cllr Proudfoot for organising more bark at the Park.

d) The Clerk.

Plaques were delivered with QR code on from Pentreath – a service which helps people manage their mental health. The QR code directs you to their website which provides contact numbers for Cornwall mental health helpline.

It was agreed to place 1 in bus shelter in the village. One by bench near the Weir. One at Viewpoint Widemouth. Clerk to arrange.

**Hele Trail Update.**

**11.23/240:**

Martyn Russell gave an update to Council regarding the progress of 'Friends of Hele Trail' group, which was formed at a public meeting held in The Bray on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. The aim is to raise funds in order to purchase Lot 1 of Hele Trail. They then hope to be able to hand over the land to Parish Council to manage. A WhatsApp group has been formed and research into legal status of group through the Charity Commission. Aim to begin crowdfunding once account is up and running, however this is proving to be challenging. The group agreed not to pursue a Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) or Asset of Community Value (ACV) application. Cllr Perry thanked Martyn for the updates.

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Council held discussions around the Hele Trail and how best to proceed.

Cllr O'Sullivan proposed that a small working party be set up. Cllr O'Sullivan, Cllr Grigg, Cllr Hunter & Cllr Proudfoot volunteered to be on the working party. This was seconded by Cllr Perry. Unanimous.

A second proposal was put forward to begin Expression of Interest for Community Ownership Fund. To begin application for Public Works Loan and submit necessary documents to CALC. For Cllr Perry & Cllr O'Sullivan to talk with owner of the Hele Trail land and an agreement in principle for a public meeting to be called should this be deemed necessary. Proposed Cllr O'Sullivan. Seconded Cllr Proudfoot. Unanimous.

Clerk to facilitate meeting with Hele Trail working party asap.

#### **Cemetery.**

##### **11.23/241:**

- (i) Request to instal Memorial plaque – MORGENSTERN

Approved. Proposed Cllr O'Sullivan. Seconded Cllr Hunter. 7 in favour. 1 abstained.

- (ii) Request for Parishioner Burial Plot - BARNES

This was approved but at Non-Parishioner rates, according to Policy. Proposed Cllr Hunter, Seconded Cllr Proudfoot. 7 in favour. 1 abstained.

#### **CIL Funding.**

##### **11.23/242:**

Deferred due to time constraints.

#### **Funding.**

##### **11.23/243:**

Cllr Perry to updated that a meeting with Revel Field Trustees is to be organised.

#### **Telephone Box.**

##### **11.23/244:**

To discuss repainting the telephone box, which holds the defibrillator.

Agreed for Clerk to get some quotes and feedback at next meeting.

#### **Neighbourhood Plan.**

##### **11.23/245:**

Still with Cornwall Council, should be on website soon.

#### **Allotments.**

##### **11.23/246:**

MPC have been asked by Property Team at Cornwall Council, to provide a sketched plan showing where the intended ramp will be installed. Cllr Perry provided. Draft Management Agreement submitted for review, but Cllr Perry expressed concerns with alleged encroachment area. Cllr Chopak to follow up and feedback.

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## **Parish Grant Applications.**

### **11.23/247:**

Applications received from the following:

- (i) Marhamchurch Pre-School (£300-£500)
- (ii) Marhamchurch PSFA (Parents, Staff & Friends Association) (£500)
- (iii) Snooker Club (£1000)

2022 allocated £200 to CAB, £200 to Pre-School & £140 to Revel Trust of £820 (£280 unspent).

CLlr Perry proposed to allocate funds accordingly:

- (i) Marhamchurch Pre-School - £300
- (ii) Marhamchurch PSFA - £300
- (iii) Snooker Club - £500

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Edwards. 7 in favour. 1 abstained.

## **Portfolio Holder Review.**

### **11.23/248:**

Deferred until next meeting, due to time constraints.

## **D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plans.**

### **11.23/249:**

Deferred until next meeting, due to time constraints.

## **Precept/Budget Plans.**

### **11.23/250:**

The draft precept was circulated before the meeting for any suggestions / queries.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to select the Precept of £24,531 for the 2024/25 financial year.

Proposed Cllr Proudfoot. Seconded Cllr Edwards. Unanimous. Clerk to action.

## **Cycleway Updates.**

### **11.23/251:**

Deferred until next meeting, due to time constraints.

## **Policy Review.**

### **11.23/252:**

Clerk circulated Tree Policy ahead of the meeting for review. It was agreed to adopt the new policy, however a resolution was not made. To be reviewed at next meeting.

## **Finance & Legislation.**

### **11.23/253:**

- a) Approval of payments of £2662.45 (Nov) & £1425.93 (Dec) as per schedules and consider payment of urgent accounts presented by the date of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Kerr. Seconded Cllr Perry. Unanimous.

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- b) To note Income & Bank Balances as per the schedule.
- c) To note Bank reconciliations.

**Parish Matters** - Agree action and authorise associated expenditure.

**11.23/254:**

It was agreed to purchase outdoor Christmas Lights (£100) for the village and a small Christmas Tree for the Christmas Tree festival (£20). Proposed Cllr Hunter. Seconded Cllr Edwards. Unanimous.

**Urgent Matters raised with the Chairman since the Agenda was published.**

**11.23/255:**

None.

**Date of next meeting and note items from Councillors for the Agenda.**

**11.23/256:**

16 Jan 24

Meeting closed at: 9:50pm

**PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) Act 1960 S1(2) & S1(6)**

During the meeting it may arise that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential or special nature of the business to be transacted and the press and public will be instructed to withdraw.

When this arises, the Chair will recommend to consider passing the following resolution: "to resolve that in view of the confidential or special nature of the business to be discussed, the public are excluded and instructed to withdraw."

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