

Marhamchurch Parish Council

Tuesday 22nd November 2022

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

Councillors Present:

22/276: Chairman Cllr T Perry, Vice-Chair Cllr Edwards, Cllr R Bray, Cllr T O'Sullivan, Cllr Proudfoot, Cllr Waterhouse, Cllr Turney, Cllr Butler.

Also in attendance: County Cllr Nicky Chopak, Clerk Julie Gray.

2 members of the public were present for the meeting.

Cllr Perry opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Record and Approve Apologies.

22/277:

Cllr Kerr sent their apologies due to being away on holiday.

Cllr Nield sent their apologies due to work commitments.

It was resolved to approve the apologies. Proposed Cllr O'Sullivan. Seconded Cllr Turney. Unanimous

Confirm the Minutes of the previous Meeting.

22/278:

It was resolved to approve the minutes and ratify all decisions made at the meeting held on Tuesday 25th October 2022. Proposed Cllr O'Sullivan. Seconded Cllr Waterhouse. 6 in favour. 2 abstained, due to not being present at the previous meeting. The Chair, Cllr T Perry, signed them as a correct record.

Declarations.

22/279:

- (i) Cllr Perry, Cllr Butler & Cllr Turney declared the longstanding interest in Agenda item 13: Cemetery.
- (ii) Cllr Perry declared a longstanding interest in Agenda item 9c: Playpark.
- (iii) There were no further declarations.

Dispensations.

22/280:

- a) To note approved dispensations relevant to items on the agenda.
 - (i) Dispensation was noted for Cllr Perry, Cllr Turney & Cllr Turney re Agenda item 13: Cemetery.
 - (ii) Dispensations were noted for Cllr Perry re Agenda Item 9c: Playpark.
- b) There were no other dispensation requests.

Matters Arising.

22/281:

- (i) Jubilee Tree
The Revel Trust has agreed to planting the jubilee tree to replace the trees taken down. Cllr

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Waterhouse and Cllr Perry will receive the tree from Cllr Chopak when transport can be arranged for the 8ft Rowan.

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

22/282:

A parishioner spoke on Agenda 7(iv). He recommended the Peninsula Business Plan – there are important elements to it. It's going to be more involved in looking at provision of bus services in collaboration with Travel Watch SW. It emphasises the importance of co-ordination with rail services to join up travel. There are funds in the project that could be beneficial - £60,000 to improve bus-rail connections and £75,000 allocated for pilot schemes to look at provision of public transport in rural communities.

The parishioner also spoke on Agenda 14. The parishioner has tried to identify problems with the Bude to Okehampton then Okehampton to Exeter service. The Bude to Okehampton seems to have no problems and appears to be running to timetables, although the parishioner has no personal experience with it. The 6A service that connects with the No. 6 at Okehampton to travel to Exeter by bus appears to be problematic. It often runs late and misses the No.6 service. The drivers are willing to wait 10mins for the connection. The train has been running well apart from some exceptions. There was flooding on the line so the Exeter to Okehampton was cancelled and the public were told they could use their tickets on the bus but the driver refused to accept them. The driver was also unaware of the intent to connect to the No.6 service at Okehampton.

Cllr Chopak cannot stay for the whole meeting so addressed Agenda 14 – Bus Service.

Cllr Chopak had an online meeting with Ms Thorn, the new portfolio holder, Cllr Le Broy, Mr Truscott and Ms Hall, who looks after traffic consultations. There is acceptance that the idea of encouraging the use of trains is good, but problems arose when the students were disadvantaged by the changes. Cllr Chopak, P Tilby and Cllr Le Broy are going to test what it is like to be a student. They will attempt to get to Exeter college in time for lectures. They are also going to do a Transport Audit – an overall picture of Bude and the area, specifically the buses, and Cornwall Council have agreed to help with officer time. There are issues with the Marhamchurch service, the No 6 & 6A and getting to Barnstaple – this will be done in the new year.

Parishioner suggested contacting Bude Climate Partnership, as they have done survey work.

Correspondence.

22/283: – all correspondence circulated via email.

- (i) Safeguarding T&PC Briefing.
- (ii) Dog Fouling Controls.
- (iii) Sandparks Campsite in Widemouth Bay.
- (iv) Peninsula Transport Business Plan 22/23.
- (v) Town & Parish Council Newsletter.
- (vi) Community Network Review.
- (vii) Bude, Stratton & District Old Cornwall Society Report.
- (viii) Boundary Commission Consultation.
- (ix) Town & Parish Bulletin – Spam email warning.
- (x) Hobbacott Lane – Joint Statement.
- (xi) Bude CNP TRO Schemes. Agenda 18.
- (xii) Consultation Dogs on Beaches.

Item (x) shall be forwarded to Cllr Chopak, as although the correspondence states it will be sent to Cllr Chopak she has not received this.

Item (xii) - Cllrs believe this should be responded to as individuals as it may be difficult to obtain a

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consensus to respond to the consultation.

Planning.

22/284:

a) Decision Notices/Updates:

- (i) PA22/07553 | Demolition of an agricultural building, erection of a dwelling and associated works | Land South Of Hilton Farmhouse Marhamchurch Bude Cornwall EX23 OHE. REFUSED.
- (ii) PA22/07959 | Stationing of Shepherds Hut for ancillary residential accommodation (home office) within the garden area. | Milton Cottage Tackbear Road Titson Bude Cornwall EX23 OHH. APPROVED with conditions.
The shepherd's hut can only be occupied by members of the family, or non-paying guests, and shall not be used, sold or let at any time as a separate residential unit of accommodation; they can only have 1 shepherd's hut and it cannot be replaced by any other structure or caravan differing from the approved details.
- (iii) PA22/07960 | Listed building consent for stationing of Shepherds Hut for ancillary residential accommodation (home office) within the garden area. | Milton Cottage Tackbear Road Titson Bude Cornwall EX23 OHH. WITHDRAWN.

b) Planning Applications/Appeals:

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

- (i) PA22/09116 | Renovate existing dwelling and construct a two storey rear extension to provide additional bedrooms upstairs and living accommodation on the ground floor, including a suite of rooms to provide independent living for an elderly relative. Replacement garage and separate garden machinery/log store. | Driftwood Hilton Road Marhamchurch Bude Cornwall EX23 OHE.

Marhamchurch Parish Council unanimously agreed there were no objections to the proposal. Proposed Cllr Bray. Seconded Cllr O'Sullivan.

- (ii) PA22/08896 | Regularisation of mixed use of building as garage and self-contained annexe for use in connection with Cyder Cottage, together with associated works. | Cyder Cottage Hilton Road Marhamchurch Bude Cornwall EX23 OHE.

Marhamchurch Parish Council unanimously agreed that they supported the application on condition that the self-contained annexe remain ancillary to the main house. Proposed Cllr Edwards. Seconded Cllr O'Sullivan.

To receive oral or written reports and authorise any action.

22/285:

a) Chairman.

Cllr Perry stated the last month has been productive. Cllr Perry met with Mark Jewell, the countryside officer at Cormac, at Foundry bridge. After discussing the proposed plan, MJ agreed it was a good idea as a temporary measure - he has spoken to C Sims and they were happy to carry out the repairs themselves. Cllr Perry discussed the fencing with C Trewin regarding replacement of the fencing on the outside of the cemetery. He was happy for Marhamchurch Parish Council to go ahead with that whenever it was felt

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necessary. Cllr Perry will discuss with Mr Dennis, as he is in the process of putting up the type of fencing Marhamchurch Parish Council would need, to obtain an idea of costings.

Cllr Perry stated the Neighbourhood Plan is almost completed.

Cllr Proudfoot stated that Cllr Edwards has given her much support and the draft Plan has now been submitted to Cornwall Council for review. After this there will be a consultation. Cllr Proudfoot hopes to receive the draft back by mid-January, the Plan will then be modified, if necessary, then put on the Neighbourhood Plan website. At the next meeting we will look at how best to publicise the plan for the 6 week consultation. If the time line is adhered to the consultation will end at the beginning of March and Marhamchurch Parish Council can then ratify and adopt the Plan. Cllr Chopak will press Cornwall Council for completion in January if we have no response.

Cllr Perry thanked Cllr Proudfoot and all involved in the Plan.

Cllr Perry stated the allotment is now granted and he has informed the solicitors of the situation.

Cllr Perry stated that some of the 30 mph signs at Widemouth have faded. Cllr Perry has also looked at the cost of putting '20 is Plenty' signs on Pinch Hill, Hobbacott Lane and Helebridge Road. They are A4 size, 3mm thick and approximately £8.99 each. Cllr Perry believes Marhamchurch Parish Council need 8 signs.

Cllr Chopak stated the 20mph pilots in Camelford etc were successful, so the 20mph is being rolled out from early next year and every village will be 20 and be given signs. Cllr Chopak has asked for signs that have the Marhamchurch name on them.

Cllr Perry thanked Cllr O'Sullivan for his efforts in the Crematorium planning issue. The planning was passed.

Cllr Perry thanked Cllr Waterhouse for laying the wreath on Remembrance Sunday.

After the last meeting Cllr Perry looked into funding. Mindful of the fact that the Helebridge Trail can be a distance for some and the playpark in the Revel Field is next to the football pitch, Cllr Perry has submitted an expression of interest for funding. The funding is to consider the land behind Hobbacott Rise, which is still for sale, to create an open space to use as a peaceful area with seating areas, gardens, trees, water features and play area for small children / disabled play area. The plot has road access and it would be good to have something on the other side of the village. The response from the Good Growth Fund thinks it may be a fit for a delegated scheme, which they will be shortly be launching.

Cllr Perry asked if we should advertise the coffee mornings as a warm room. Neetside have a warm room and a coordinator – the Clerk will contact Neetside to let the coordinator know of the coffee mornings.

Cllr Perry has received the Emergency Plan folder and will review this.

There is a Budget & Finance Briefing on 8th December that Cllr Perry and Cllr Edwards will attend and disseminate to the rest of the Councillors.

b) Cornwall Councillor N Chopak.

There is an issue that Cornwall have to reduce the Network Panels from 19 to 12 - it is said that the best fit is for this area to mix in with Camelford, which means 29 parishes, which is large. Responses were given to the plan and a response to this will be heard in the new year.

Cllr Chopak wrote to O Jones re Thorn Cross – Cormac cannot get the electrical contractors in to complete the work for the signs and cannot do the painting until the signs are in. It is now stated that it will get done before the end of the financial year.

The Cornwall Mayor issue is coming up for debate at full council on Tuesday 29th.

There are still issues with adult social care, ambulance waiting times – Cornwall is the worst in the country, and discharges.

The transfer of land for the allotments have been confirmed by Cornwall Council Legal Dept and this can now be processed. Marhamchurch Parish Council will need to clarify the access to the allotments once they receive the Heads of Terms.

Cllr Chopak has put in a formal chase for information as to what is happening with the Bude to Holsworthy Cycle Path, as CC paid towards the feasibility study. It appears they are wanting to put in signage that may

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affect Marhamchurch. Cllr O’Sullivan discussed the unsuitability of cycling on the roads, especially during the summer.

The Crematorium was passed 7 votes to 4. It is stated that it will be the biggest Crematorium in Cornwall.

c) Playpark

Cllr Bray has obtained 2 bags of chippings and has distributed these in the playpark. He will pick up 2 more next week. The cost was £50 per bag. Cllr Perry thanked Cllr Bray for undertaking this work.

There is a H&S inspection of the playpark that will take place before the end of the financial year. Cllr Perry has checked the equipment and it appears to be in good order.

d) The Clerk.

BT have stated that they have paid the refund Marhamchurch Parish Council is due - it has not reached the account. They would not supply the reference to the payment, as the Clerk is not the named person on the account. The previous Clerk, B Heathcote, has kindly agreed to make contact.

Councillors had no objection to a new minute referencing format. The month shall be added onto the reference.

Councillors will consider a reserve account at the end of the financial year.

A new stile was delivered by Cornwall Council that Cllr Bray has collected and stored. Cllr Perry will place the new stile in the Spring.

Let Cornwall decide.

22/286:

42 local councils have now voted to call on Cornwall Council to hold a referendum before any Mayor of Cornwall role is introduced. There is a motion going to Cornwall Council on November 29, calling for a vote on a referendum. Let Cornwall Decide have asked for Marhamchurch Parish Council to support the call for a referendum.

It was proposed by Cllr O’Sullivan that Marhamchurch Parish Council support this motion. Seconded by Cllr Edwards. Unanimous.

The Clerk will notify Let Cornwall Decide that Marhamchurch Parish Council are in support of this.

Thorne Cross Junction A39.

22/287:

This was covered in Cllr Chopak’s report.

Foundry Bridge.

22/288:

This was dealt with in the Chair’s report.

Cemetery.

22/289:

a) Graveyard Fence.

This was dealt with in the Chair’s report.

b) Memorial Garden plaques policy.

The Clerk will update the policy with suggested amendments.

Bus Service.

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22/290:

Cllr Turney is concerned about the service to Barnstaple

A Parishioner was given leave to speak – before the revised timetable there was a bus to Barnstaple. Now you can bus to Hartland then change to get a bus to Barnstaple.

Cllr Edwards suggested bringing this up at the next Network Panel meeting.

Sewage.**22/291:**

The Clerk contacted BSTC - they discussed the issue at their meeting and agreed that this could be investigated by the Environment Forum and any conclusion be brought forward to Full Council to further discuss. The Forum meets on the first Tuesday of the month and it is now on the list of subjects - Cllr Browning is investigating in the first instance but here is no set date to report back to Council at this point.

The parishioner, who raised the issue, met Cllr Browning on Sunday to share ideas about how data can be gathered about the water quality and how this can be used to encourage non-compliant polluters to upgrade their sewage handling systems - he will report any progress or findings to the council as they occur.

Code of Conduct.**22/292:**

Cllr Turney has completed the Code of Conduct training.

Shared Prosperity Fund.**22/293:**

Cllr Waterhouse suggested an expression of interest re a project to develop the allotments and to plumb water into the allotments. Marhamchurch Parish Council were previously quoted £1,200 to clear the site.

Cllr Waterhouse will put the EOI in.

Cllr Perry will talk to The Revel Trust concerning development of the shed on their land.

Cllr Perry also covered this in the Chair's report.

Bude CNP TRO Schemes.**22/294:**

Marhamchurch Parish Council do not wish to make any further comments on the proposed schemes.

Parish Grant Applications.**22/295:**

Marhamchurch Parish Council received 2 applications.

1. Received from CAB earlier in the year - we notified them we would consider it this November.

Citizens Advice had 6 parishioners who sought their help.

2. Request from Marhamchurch Preschool for £250 - £300 – the request was circulated to the Councillors.

Cllr Butler pointed out that Marhamchurch School had a project in mind of a garden area and Cllr Waterhouse suggested other groups may be interested but may not have noted the application.

It was agreed to grant £200 to CAB and £200 to the Preschool. It was agreed to extend the application process to the next meeting for the remainder of the grant money.

Proposed Cllr Edwards. Seconded Cllr Waterhouse. Unanimous.

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Budget & Precept.

22/296:

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

It was agreed to request no change / increase in the Precept of £22,301 for the 2023/24 financial year.

There will be slight decrease to the tax payer as there are more tax payers than last year.

Proposed Cllr Edwards. Seconded Cllr Perry. Unanimous.

Clerk to submit the forms to Cornwall Council before the deadline of 31 December 2022.

Crematorium.

22/297:

This was covered in the Chair's report.

Cllr O'Sullivan expressed his concerns that the land is now classified as suitable for commercial development.

Neighbourhood Plan.

22/298:

This was covered in the Chair's report.

Emergency Plan.

22/299:

This was covered in the Chair's report.

Allotments.

22/300:

This was covered in the Chair's report.

Landmark Tree Planting.

22/301:

The Clerk received an email from Cornwall Housing that they are happy for Marhamchurch Parish Council to erect the tree in the location requested.

Cllr Waterhouse has been approached by a parishioner concerning a cherry tree. Cllr Perry and Cllr Waterhouse will consider if there is any location for it.

CI will look at choices of tree and bring options to the next meeting.

Child Poverty.

22/302:

There is no update re meeting with Mr Dart.

Bude to Holsworthy Cycle Path.

22/303:

It was agreed that Cllr O'Sullivan be the representative of Marhamchurch Parish Council at any meetings.

Proposed Cllr Bray. Seconded Cllr Butler. Unanimous.

Finance & Legislation.

22/304:

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a) Ratification of payments totalling £5,658.55 as per October schedule. It was resolved to ratify the payments.

Proposed Cllr Perry. Seconded Cllr O'Sullivan. Unanimous.

It is also proposed that the Council consider approving next month's payments by email (with a majority response) which will then be listed in January's meeting to be ratified.

Proposed Cllr Bray. Seconded Cllr O'Sullivan. Unanimous.

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

c) To note Bank reconciliations.

Parish Matters - Agree action and authorise associated expenditure.

22/305:

- i) Cllr Edwards looked into the repair of the projector (approx. £120) but this may not fix the fault, buying a new one and consideration of just selling the projector and having no projector.

It was proposed that Cllr Edwards sell the broken one and purchase a new one with a price of up to £200.

Proposed Cllr Butler. Seconded Cllr Proudfoot. Unanimous.

Staffing Committee.

22/306:

It was proposed the general public were excluded due to the confidential content. Proposed Cllr O'Sullivan. Seconded Cllr Perry. Unanimous.

The Clerk probation was successful therefore salary moved up a scale point. Increase in room rent due to increase in costs.

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

22/307:

Received notification from a parishioner that the road sweeper, which goes to St Marwenne Close on a regular basis, and attended Sunday 20th, was unable to sweep the gutters and drains due to so many cars being parked. The parishioner expressed their concern as to the cost of this service, but the close is not getting cleaned.

There is a form on CC site to report issues.

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

22/308:

17th January 2023

Meeting closed at 9.43 pm

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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