

Marhamchurch Parish Council

Tuesday 5 December 2023

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 Kerr, Cllr O'Sullivan, Cllr Proudfoot, Cllr Waterhouse.

Also in attendance: Clerk E Hawkins.

22 members of the public were present for the meeting.

Cllr Perry opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Record and Approve Apologies.

12.23/257:

Cllr Hunter sent her apologies, due to having a prior engagement she was unable to change. It was resolved to approve the apology. Proposed Cllr Edwards. Seconded Cllr Perry. Unanimous.

Cllr Chopak sent her apologies as she was attending a Parish Council meeting in Jacobstow.

Cllr Grigg did not attend.

Declarations.

12.23/258: None.

Dispensations.

12.23/259: None.

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

12.23/260:

None. It was agreed to wait until updates on Hele Trail Matter.

Hele Valley Trail Update.

12.23/261:

(i) Community Ownership Fund Update.

Expression Of Interest was submitted, 3-week response time. Next round of applications opens on 6th Dec and close 31st Jan.

A lengthy discussion was had regarding options available to Marhamchurch PC and the Friends of Hele Valley Trail. (FoHVT)

Representative from FoHVT updated potential support from the Plunkett Foundation, meeting imminent.

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Working party to include additional members of public, who volunteered at the meeting. To provide Clerk with contact details before leaving meeting. A meeting to be arranged for working party.

(ii) To consider setting up a Parish Council Fundraising Bank Account and discuss options.

Feedback from Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC) confirmed that MPC can use a current bank account to begin fundraising.

It was agreed that a MPC account can be used to hold money for the potential purchase of Hele Valley Trail, Lot 1 and for this bank account to be used for fundraising purposes. **Proposed Cllr Kerr. Seconded Cllr Proudfoot. Unanimous.**

If the purchase of land is unsuccessful it was agreed that if a donator wishes to have their donation refunded, that contact must be made directly to the clerk, to a specific email address (to be set up by clerk asap) requesting refund, at the time of donation, with proof of donation and contact details. **Proposed Cllr Perry. Seconded Cllr O'Sullivan. Unanimous.**

It was also agreed that Clerk submitted Expression Of Interest to Community Levelling Up Fund. **Proposed Cllr O'Sullivan. Seconded Cllr Proudfoot. Unanimous.**

Clerk advised she would move savings from the old Neighbourhood Plan account and this will be the account to be used for fundraising purposes.

Allotments.

12.23/262:

(i) Management Agreement Document

Concerns were flagged around the size of the plot stated in the Management Agreement, which is significantly smaller due to the encroachment issue. Also concerns around clearance costs to MPC for the smaller area. It was noted there is a break clause in the agreement which allows either party to terminate.

Proposal not to sign the Management Agreement Document was made by Cllr O'Sullivan. Seconded by Cllr Kerr. 2 in favour. 5 against.

Proposal to sign the Management Agreement Document was made by Cllr Waterhouse. Seconded Cllr Bray. 4 in favour. 2 against. 1 abstained. Cllr Perry signed the Management Agreement Document.

Requirement of Public Liability Insurance, Clerk to notify first thing Weds morning. Clerk to forward signed Management Agreement Document first thing tomorrow morning.

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

12.23/263: None.

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

12.23/264:

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Meeting closed at: 9pm

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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."

Signed: _____Chairman. 16/01/2024