

Marhamchurch Parish Council

Tuesday 21st February 2023

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

Councillors Present:

Chairman Cllr T Perry, Vice-Chair Cllr Edwards, Cllr R Bray, Cllr T O’Sullivan, Cllr Proudfoot, Cllr Kerr, Cllr Nield.

Also in attendance: Clerk Julie Gray and Cllr Chopak.

7 members of the public were present for the meeting.

Cllr Perry opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Record and Approve Apologies.

02.23/27:

Cllr Butler sent her apologies.

Cllr Waterhouse sent her apologies due to Covid.

It was resolved to approve the reasons for the absences. Proposed Cllr Nield. Seconded Cllr Kerr.
Unanimous

Declaration of Resignation - G Turney.

02.23/28:

G Turney has resigned from his position as Councillor. A vacancy has been declared and a notice published on the website.

Confirm the Minutes of the previous Meeting.

02.23/29:

An amendment was made: ref 01.23/08 b (i) the wording was changed – the vote count of ‘6 in favour, 1 abstained due to having an interest’ was removed and ‘Unanimous’ substituted. It was resolved to approve the minutes and ratify all decisions made at the meeting held on Tuesday 17th January 2023. Proposed Cllr O’Sullivan. Seconded Cllr Perry. 6 in favour. 1 abstained, due to not being present at the previous meeting. The Chair, Cllr T Perry, signed them as a correct record

Declarations.

02.23/30:

- (i) Cllr Perry declared his longstanding interest in Agenda item 14: Cemetery.
- (ii) Cllr Perry declared a longstanding interest in Agenda item 11c: Playpark.
- (iii) Cllr Perry declared an interest in Agenda item 18: LMP.
- (iv) Cllr Perry declared an interest in Agenda 10 b) iii: PA22/1435.

Dispensations.

02.23/31:

- a) To note approved dispensations relevant to items on the agenda.
 - (i) Dispensation was noted for Cllr Perry re Agenda item 14: Cemetery.
 - (ii) Dispensations were noted for Cllr Perry re Agenda Item 11c: Playpark.

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b) There were no other dispensation requests.

Matters Arising.

02.23/32:

- (i) Marhamchurch Parish Council received a letter of thanks from Poundstock Parish Council for our support in opposing the Crematorium Planning Application.

North Kernow Community Land Trust.

02.23/33:

Ian Mason, director of North Kernow CLT, attended and gave a brief talk on the aims of the trust – affordable housing for locals. They are newly set up and wish to have discussions with Parish Councils on how best to work with them.

Cllr Perry will arrange a meeting with Mr Mason.

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

02.23/34:

A Parishioner sent in an email that was read out by the Chair re Agenda 10bi – PA22/11432, concerning change of use of campsite. The parishioner listed their objections to the application.

A Parishioner read out a statement in favour of Agenda 10bi.

A Parishioner wished to know how far the garage in Agenda 10biii, PA22/11435, went to the boundary and also expressed concerns that trees will be felled.

Correspondence.

02.23/35: – all correspondence circulated via email.

- (i) Information request – Parish Council Survey.
- (ii) Town and Parish Council Newsletter.
- (iii) Camelford Community Network Panel Meeting Invite.
- (iv) RCHT Patient Leader Programme Launch.
- (v) BCNP agenda.
- (vi) Bude Canal & Harbour Society Newsletter.
- (vii) Creathorne Solar Farm Information Request.
- (viii) Local Council Planning Training: Climate Emergency.
- (ix) Speed Activated Signs.
- (x) Town & Parish Council Newsletter.
- (xi) Invite to Safeguarding Event.
- (xii) Invitation to free CALC event: Community Housing Conversations.
- (xiii) Invite to Pennon 'Let's Talk Water' Forum.
- (xiv) NALC Legal Update – February.

Mr Mason requested the details of correspondence xii as he would like to attend. The Clerk will send him the details.

Planning.

02.23/36:

a) Decision Notices/Updates:

- (i) PA22/10978 | Reserved Matters application following Outline approval PA21/00653 dated 16th May 2022 for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale | Beeston Farm Marhamchurch Bude EX23 0ET.
APPROVED. There is a CIL liability.

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The Clerk received contact with the Planning Officer: Bude Green 5 does not apply to Marhamchurch, as Marhamchurch Parish Council did not adopt this policy. There is a climate policy that is due to be approved that will apply across the board but this is in the future; also there is already an agricultural tie specified in the outline approval.

b) Planning Applications/Appeals:

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

- (i) PA22/11432 | Change of use to campsite | Land East Of Marine Drive (also Known As Sandparks Campsite) Marine Drive Widemouth Bay Bude Cornwall EX23 0AW.

Marhamchurch Parish Council has no objection to this application on condition that the usage is restricted to Easter until the end of September.

Proposed Cllr Edwards. Seconded Cllr Nield. 6 in favour, 1 abstained.

- (ii) PA22/10621 | Erection of a raised terrace to the south east elevation of the converted barn | Langford Dairy Marhamchurch Bude Cornwall EX23 0HS.

Marhamchurch Parish Council unanimously has no objection to the application. Proposed Cllr Bray. Seconded Cllr O'Sullivan.

- (iii) PA22/11435 | Demolition of garage and construction of detached dwelling. | Land Adj Verona Helebridge Road Marhamchurch Bude Cornwall EX23 0HY.

Marhamchurch Parish Council objects to the application due to it not being in keeping with the site in terms of scale and design.

Proposed Cllr Proudfoot. Seconded Cllr Kerr. 6 in favour, 1 abstention.

To receive oral or written reports and authorise any action.

02.23/37:

a) Chairman.

Cllr Perry wished Cllr Proudfoot well on moving house.

There have been a couple of funerals lately and they will be missed by all who knew them.

There was an online BCNP meeting on the 25/1/23. The new network panel will take in part of the Camelford area.

The extra money being taken by doubling council tax on 2nd homes will be used for affordable housing for local people.

The 20mph limit in villages will more than likely not be introduced before 2025.

Cllr Perry believes the 50mph limit at Thorn Cross is effective.

Cllr Perry thanked C Sims for the new foundry footbridge.

The application for the Marhamchurch Community Garden and Woodland Project has been submitted to the Good Growth Fund and it is expected to hear back by the end of March. The total amount from applicants that have applied exceeds the amount of funds available therefore they are looking at a criterion of completeness, eligibility and readiness when considering the applications. If Marhamchurch Parish Council is refused there may be opportunity to apply in year 2.

The pot holes have been filled in by Hilton to Hobbacott Lane.

Cllr Perry will supply Cllr Chopak with a list of the signs that are missing.

b) Cornwall Councillor.

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Not all of the improvements to Thorn Cross have been completed and Cllr Chopak will document what is missing and supply to Highways. Cllr Kerr expressed his surprise at the smallness of the 50mph signs. The Network Panels are dropping from 19 down to 12 therefore increasing workloads as the parishes have increased to 29. The change has increased the Highways budget to £50,000 from £11,000. The next BCNP meeting is the 6/3/23 and is calling for any expressions of interest as the new Network Panels will be starting in April. A problem may arise with attendance as usually the Network Panels are held locally but now some will be in Camelford.

Cllr Chopak attended a full Council meeting today. The full budget was given with no alternative budget given by opposition parties, as the paperwork was only supplied in January. There will be a Council Tax rise of 4.99%. 2% of which is for Adult Social Care. Most money goes on Social Adult Care and this reduces money available for other services.

The Tax on 2nd homes will not necessarily be spent on housing. It has not been included in the budget as the money has not been obtained yet.

The Mayor will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

c) Playpark.

Cllr Perry had nothing to report.

d) The Clerk.

The Clerk received an email from the CAB praising the hardship information that is on the Parish Council website.

The clerk attended the Planning Event on the 8th. There are going to be new provisions – a ‘building beauty and refusing ugliness’ provision; consideration of irresponsible behaviour of applicants; renewables; commencement notices; and design codes will be applied to permitted development too. Cornwall Council have to have a local plan, which will complement any Neighbourhood Plans. The slides from the event are available on Cornwall Council’s training page. There is also a government consultation. The deadline is 2/3 if anyone wishes to respond.

If there is anyone in the Parish that suffers flooding there is a new Property Flood Resilience Scheme to protect individual properties over the next three years. To secure funding, the Council needs to show demand for the scheme in Cornwall. If anyone in the parish is at flood risk, they should register their interest in PFR on Let’s Talk Cornwall. PFR protects individual properties. PFR can include flood gates, flood doors, portable pumps etc. PFR grants can help people to: Carry out a risk assessment to determine how and why their property was at risk of flooding; Conduct a survey to determine which PFR measures would work in their situation; Provide a certified contractor to supply and fit the measure.

Coronation.

02.23/38:

There is no update as Cllr Butler and Cllr Waterhouse are not in attendance.

Thorne Cross Junction A39.

02.23/39:

Cllr Chopak provided an update in the Cornwall Councillor report.

Cemetery.

02.23/40:

a) Plot Request.

A double plot request was received from a non-parishioner’s family – Le Broy.

This was authorised by a majority by email.

It was proposed by Cllr Perry to ratify the request. Seconded Cllr Bray.

Unanimous.

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b) Memorial Request.

Memorial – Williams. A request to remove the upright slate memorial, clean, repaint existing inscription and add an additional inscription that was circulated to the Councillors. It was proposed to authorise the request by Cllr Kerr. Seconded Cllr Proudfoot. Unanimous.

Shared Prosperity Fund.

02.23/41:

A new round of funding is now out.

Streetlights.

02.23/42:

In a move to reduce carbon emissions, reduce light pollution and save on energy costs, some Cornwall Council streetlights are set to be turned off or dimmed between midnight and 5am when Cornwall Council replace bulbs.

Town and Parish Councils will be able to submit requests for areas where they want to see streetlights switched off or turned back on again.

QR Code Strategy.

02.23/43:

Cornish mental health charity Pentreath asked for help to display a QR code in public spaces across Cornwall so people who find it hard to ask for help can access details of mental health helplines.

The QR code can be displayed on park benches, the backs of public toilet doors, on noticeboards and anywhere else that would be suitable, so people can scan the code whenever they need to.

The Parish Council wish to take part in this.

The Clerk will request plaques to possibly place in the bus shelter, the public toilet and on benches.

LMP.

02.23/44:

Marhamchurch Parish Council have been offered the local path maintenance contract again for the year 2023-2024.

It is proposed that we accept this and advertise for tenders on the website.

Proposed Cllr Proudfoot. Seconded Cllr Bray. 6 in favour. 1 abstained.

Boundary Change.

02.23/45:

It was requested that Marhamchurch Parish Council open a discussion with Poundstock Parish Council to consider minor boundary changes.

Upon further research it was found that Cornwall Council are coming to the end of a review period and they are not accepting further proposals. The Council do not have to conduct a new review within 2 years of a review. After 2 years the Parish Council will need over 160 residents to sign a petition to initiate a review, as the Council are only required to undergo reviews every 10-15 years. The Parish Council will look further into this when the Governance Review comes around again.

Neighbourhood Plan.

02.23/46:

Cllr Proudfoot thanked Cllr Edwards for his help. Cornwall Council is going to assist with the maps. The Environmental Regeneration and Adaptation team are concerned about a section of the coast – Widemouth to Bude, which is in danger of erosion and Cornwall Council are looking at recommending an

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area behind Widemouth Bay for Coastal Change Management Area, which allows the sand dunes to retreat and services may have to be relocated, for example, the road. Once received everything from Cornwall Council the Plan will be close to the consultation stage. Cllr Proudfoot wished to add an invoice to the payment list for services in assisting with the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Chopak pointed out there is a presentation at Poundstock Parish Council meeting about making space for sand that may be helpful.

Emergency Plan.

02.23/47:

Cllr Perry is amending the plan and taking out all the irrelevant points.

Allotments.

02.23/48:

There is no update at this time.

Cllr Chopak has delivered the Jubilee Tree. Cllr Perry and Cllr Proudfoot will plant the tree this weekend.

Hedgehog Highway.

02.23/49:

Marhamchurch Parish Council received an email from a Hedgehog Charity.

Hedgehog numbers are in decline and a Hedgehog Highway is a 5 inch gap in a fence and is essential to allow hedgehogs access to forage for food and meet mates. They are asking for each area of the UK to purchase a box of hedgehog highway surrounds and make them available for their residents. Each box of 50 is £150. They also suggest that the Parish could also donate the Highways and leaflets to the local school to educate in wildlife conservation

Cllr Edwards proposes that we purchase a box and Cllr Proudfoot suggests that they are shared with the local school. Seconded Cllr Proudfoot. 6 in favour. 1 abstention.

Let Cornwall Decide.

02.23/50:

This was deferred from last month. The consultation is now over therefore there is no further action to take.

Cornwall Council Email re Hobbacott.

02.23/51:

A letter from Cornwall Council re a Hobbacott Lane issue appears to imply that 3rd parties have acted improperly.

A member of the public made a statement that they had only acted upon advice from Cornwall Council and Highways.

Cllr Chopak will enquire of the meaning of the wording and ask them to comment and also enquire as to what is happening as nothing has been heard since November.

Finance & Legislation.

02.23/52:

- a) Approval of payments totalling £2,190.77 as per January schedule plus £560 Neighbourhood Plan costs. It was resolved to approve payments.
Proposed Cllr Perry. Seconded Cllr O'Sullivan. Unanimous
- b) To note Income & Bank Balances as per the schedule.
- c) To note Bank reconciliations.

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

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02.23/53:

It appears that a new access has been created on the Hobbacott Rise to Hilton Road. It was pointed out that you cannot make a new entrance onto the highway without planning. Cllr O'Sullivan will make enquiries.

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

02.23/54:

21st March

Marhamchurch 5

Meeting closed at 9.35 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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