

# Marhamchurch Parish Council

Tuesday 21st March 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 T Perry, Vice-Chair Cllr Edwards, Cllr T O'Sullivan, Cllr Proudfoot, Cllr Butler, Cllr Kerr.

**Also in attendance:** Clerk Julie Gray and Councillor Chopak.

4 members of the public were present for the meeting.

Cllr Perry opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

## Record and Approve Apologies.

### 03.23/55:

Cllr Waterhouse sent her apologies due to travelling.

Cllr Bray and Cllr Nield did not attend.

It was resolved to approve the reason for the absence. Proposed Cllr Edwards. Seconded Cllr Perry. Unanimous

## Confirm the Minutes of the previous Meeting.

### 03.23/56:

It was resolved to approve the minutes and ratify all decisions made at the meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023. Proposed Cllr O'Sullivan. Seconded Cllr Kerr. 5 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.

### 03.23/57:

- (i) Cllr Perry & Cllr Butler declared their longstanding interest in Agenda item 12: Cemetery.
- (ii) Cllr Perry declared a longstanding interest in Agenda item 9c: Playpark.
- (iii) Cllr Perry declared an interest in Agenda item 16: LMP
- (iv) There were no further declarations.

## Dispensations.

### 03.23/58:

- a) To note approved dispensations relevant to items on the agenda.
  - (i) Dispensation was noted for Cllr Perry & Cllr Butler re Agenda item 12: Cemetery.
  - (ii) Dispensations were noted for Cllr Perry re Agenda Item 9c: Playpark.
  
- b) There were no other dispensation requests.

## Matters Arising.

### 03.23/59:

- (i) Cllr O'Sullivan stated that the gate onto the highway that has been created on Hobbacott Rise has been reported.

## Public Open Session.

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### 03.23/60:

No member of the public chose to speak.

### Correspondence.

**03.23/61:** – all correspondence circulated via email.

- (i) Bude Community Network Panel Meeting.
- (ii) Government Consultation on Planning Changes.
- (iii) BCNP meeting invite.
- (iv) Civility and Respect Newsletter.
- (v) Gwynt Glas Floating Offshore Wind Newsletter.
- (vi) Parishioner Request re Whalesborough Road Plans.
- (vii) NALC Newsletter.
- (viii) Slides of CALC AGM; Climate Risk Assessment.
- (ix) NALC Events.
- (x) Town and Parish Council Newsletter.
- (xi) Local Bus Network Review.
- (xii) NALC Newsletter.

### Planning.

#### 03.23/62:

##### a) Decision Notices/Updates:

- (i) PA21/12019 | Application for Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved for the construction of one residential property namely access only | Land South Of Little Elm Hobbacott Lane Marhamchurch Bude Cornwall EX23 0ES.  
**WITHDRAWN.**
- (ii) PA22/10621 | Erection of a raised terrace to the south east elevation of the converted barn | Langford Dairy Marhamchurch Bude Cornwall EX23 0HS.  
**APPROVED.**

##### b) Planning Applications/Appeals:

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

- (i) PA23/01196 | Installation of ground mounted 6.4 Kwp solar PV panel array together with storage battery. Solar panel array to be 8m wide by 3m deep and 2m high | Sharlands Farm Marhamchurch Bude Cornwall EX23 0HP.

Marhamchurch Parish Council unanimously had no objection to the application.

Proposed Cllr Edwards. Seconded Cllr Kerr.

Cllr Chopak had communication from the Planning Officer concerning an objection to planning at the previous meeting – that they are happy with the height but it could have cladding similar to other nearby properties and installation of a hedge could soften the sightline. Marhamchurch Parish Council will receive the 5 day protocol with explanations. Cllr Edwards requested information as to the height of adjacent properties in contrast with the proposed application.

Cllr Chopak was invited to a Parishioner's farm concerning potential development. Cllr Chopak suggested the Parishioner obtain draft plans and these are expected next week. Correspondence was handed in to

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the Parish Council prior to the meeting concerning an invite in this matter. This will be considered when the plans have been drafted and sent.

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

**03.23/63:**

a) Chairman.

There have been a couple of deaths in the village and the Parish Council extends their deepest condolences to the families.

Cllr Perry attended the last Bude Community Network Panel (BCNP) before it is merged with most of Camelford and is called the Community Area Partnership (CAP) rather than BCNP. There is new funding, £2k - £25k, for initial project ideas, e.g. to fund architects drawings, business plans and feasibility studies. Mr Mason, from the North Kernow Community Land Trust updated the BCNP and Cllr Perry hopes to work with the Trust in the future.

There has been a couple of accidents at Thorn Cross.

Cllr Perry and Cllr Proudfoot planted the Jubilee Tree.

There is a skip in Perran Close that has been there for a long time and is causing problems.

The missing road signs have not been replaced. Cllr Chopak will investigate.

b) Cornwall Councillor.

Cllr Chopak stated the lights at Thorn Cross are for the placement of Dragon's Teeth. The 50mph signs are to be changed as it has been agreed that they are too small.

Cllr Chopak met with Mr Mason of the NKCL Trust and Cornwall Council are supportive of the Trust. Mr Mason is going to update the Parishes individually over the next 6 months.

The Mayoral debate will be at the next Full Council Meeting.

Council Tax has been increased and there have been complaints concerning the fact that they are posted from Northampton.

BCNP change to CAP has reduced the Network Panels from 19 to 12 and increased the parishes for this area from 13 to 24. The Levelling Up fund is supposed to go through the new CAPs but the first meeting isn't until May.

Hopefully there will be news concerning the workshop re funding applications next week.

c) Playpark.

The annual report was mainly fine. A few minor repairs and graffiti clean up were recommended. Also the chippings are low and need to be topped up. Cllr Proudfoot will contact a member of the public that is giving away chippings to see if it is suitable for the playpark.

d) The Clerk.

The Hedgehog Highways have been received and passed to Cllr Perry.

The QR codes have been ordered and have been sent to the printers.

The Clerk advised Cllrs to review their Register of Interests and if there are any amendments needed to contact the Clerk.

The policies need to be reviewed therefore the Clerk shall circulate 1 per meeting to consider.

**Coronation / Armed Forces Day.**

**03.23/64:**

Cllr Butler has been in talks with Parishioners and it has been suggested that a bonfire and barbecue would be of interest on the Saturday evening.

Armed Forces Day National Event Cornwall 2023 is centred on 24 and 25 June.

This is deferred until the next meeting.

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### **Thorne Cross Junction A39.**

#### **03.23/65:**

An update was in Cllr Chopak's report.

### **Cemetery.**

#### **03.23/66:**

- a) Plot request from Parishioner, D Johns, for a double cremation plot.

It was proposed that this be authorised by Cllr Proudfoot. Seconded Cllr O'Sullivan. 4 in favour, 2 abstentions due to interest.

### **Funding.**

#### **03.23/67:**

The funding application was rejected.

### **Marhamchurch Green 5.**

#### **03.23/68:**

Marhamchurch Parish Council propose the following resolution:

That the Marhamchurch Green 5 is adopted and will apply to all future planning applications.

Proposed Cllr Edwards. Seconded Cllr Proudfoot. Unanimous.

The Marhamchurch Green 5 comprises a set of measures that encourage developers to provide a community fit for our future.

Marhamchurch Parish Council understands that these may not be required in national planning law but encourage prospective developers to consider each of the suggested measures and include them in their proposals. As a minimum, Marhamchurch Parish Council would expect to see a statement attached to every application in response to the Five.

#### 1. Energy use

A minimum of one RAPID specification car charging point. An expectation that all buildings will generate some power resources.

Fossil fuel powered heating only used where no alternative

A commitment to renewable electricity supply PV Generation with diverter to car charging point and/or battery storage

#### 2. Materials

Local sustainable building materials used to minimize carbon footprint of bringing material to site.

Buildings to be insulated to Passivhaus or Carbon Neutral standards

#### 3. Renewables

Solar energy

Wind energy

Geothermal energy

Biomass energy

#### 4. Natural Resources

Rainwater harvesting

Grey water recycling

Encourage composting

Any hard standing to be made of permeable materials

#### 5. Environment

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Designed to maximise potential gains eg: south facing for solar gain, extra Insulation on east facing walls.

An environmental net gain statement for every proposal

**Asset Register.**

**03.23/69:**

The review was deferred until next month. The Councillors will consider the locations of the assets and confirm these with the Clerk.

The Councillors will also review the circulated Asset policy in order to consider adoption of said policy.

*\*Cllr Perry left the room and Cllr Edwards chaired the Agenda Item\**

**LMP.**

**03.23/70:**

Marhamchurch Parish Council received one tender. The sum has not increased from last year and the cost is fully covered by the grant.

It was proposed that Marhamchurch Parish Council accept the tender. Proposed Cllr Butler. Seconded Cllr Kerr. Unanimous

*\*Cllr Perry returned to the meeting\**

**Annual Parish Meeting.**

**03.23/71:**

The date of the meeting is confirmed for the 16/5/23 and will be held at 7pm prior to the AGM.

Cllr Proudfoot will give a short presentation of the Neighbourhood Plan and Cllr Butler suggested inviting the School Council.

Cllr Butler and Cllr Proudfoot will liaise with the school.

**Neighbourhood Plan.**

**03.23/72:**

There is to be a steering group meeting on Thursday to finalise the Plan and to discuss publicity. The Consultation will start on the 17<sup>th</sup> April and end on the 19<sup>th</sup> May. The Methodist Hall is booked for the 13<sup>th</sup> May for the community to consider the Plan.

**Emergency Plan.**

**03.23/73:**

Cllr Perry is still in the process of amendments.

**Allotments.**

**03.23/74:**

The process is still ongoing.

**Citizen of the Year.**

**03.23/75:**

The nominations deadline is 17<sup>th</sup> April.

**Council Vacancy.**

**03.23/76:**

The Councillor vacancy is on the website.

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**PA14/07040 - land fill at Marhamchurch A39 junction.**

**03.23/77:**

In the recovery management system, it was stated that there would be a set quantity of land fill. This has been used for 7 years and the soil can now be seen from the road. Cllr Edwards enquired as to how the quantity is measured and has this been completed?

Cllr Chopak will investigate.

**Finance & Legislation.**

**03.23/78:**

- a) Approval of payments totalling £3,305.76 as per February schedule - £1,988 from the Neighbourhood Plan Grant. It was resolved to approve payments.  
Proposed Cllr O'Sullivan. Seconded Cllr Butler. Unanimous
- b) To note Income & Bank Balances as per the schedule.
- c) To note Bank reconciliations.

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

**03.23/79:**

- a) Village Planters.

A Parishioner has been dealing with the upkeep of a few of the planters and Cllr Butler states that the Parishioner should be reimbursed for the expenses incurred. Cllr Perry will look at the cost of planting the others too and bring the cost to the next meeting.

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

**03.23/80:**

None.

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

**03.23/81:**

18<sup>th</sup> April

Policy reviews

Meeting closed at 8.50 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."

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman. 18/04/2023