

Marhamchurch Parish Council

Monday 8th April 2024

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 Biddick-Bray, Cllr O’Sullivan, Cllr Proudfoot, Cllr Waterhouse.

Also in attendance: Clerk E Hawkins.

5 members of the public were present for the meeting.

Cllr Perry opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Record and Approve Apologies.

3.24/88:

Cllr Hunter sent her apologies, due work commitments. Cllr Kerr sent his apologies due to personal matters. Cllr Grigg sent his apologies due to a prior commitment. It was resolved to approve the apologies. Proposed Cllr Waterhouse. Seconded Cllr Proudfoot. Unanimous.

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

Declarations.

3.24/89: None.

Dispensations.

3.24/90: None.

Matters Arising – for report only.

3.24/91:

None.

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

3.24/92:

No comments.

Cllr Biddick-Bray joined the meeting.

Hele Valley Trail.

3.24/93:

Cllr O’Sullivan updated the Council:

Ecological Report completed and circulated.

Valuations Report completed and circulated.

To date £4295 had been received in pledges from members of the community, which is very encouraging.

A discussion was had regarding future Crowdfunding plans. It was agreed to discuss this in more detail another time.

Signed: _____Chairman. 23/4/2024

Cllr Proudfoot requested to make a proposal to submit an Expression of Interest to Heritage Lottery Funding to hopefully secure some additional funds to support the project.

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

A query was raised regarding the £10,000 reference in the Parishioner Survey. It was noted that while the Parish Council have majority support from parishioners, to use up to £10,000 towards the project, there has been no resolution passed by the Council. No Parish Council funds can be used unless approved by the Parish Council. The hope is that it will not be accessed, as MPC plans to secure funds from alternative grants, ie Cornwall Council Community Infrastructure Grant and Heritage Lottery Funds to make up the £38,000 shortfall.

Following a review of the Community Ownership Fund, and subsequent discussions, the following resolutions were resolved:

To approve the submission of the Community Ownership Fund application form. Proposed Cllr Proudfoot. Seconded Cllr Waterhouse. Unanimous.

To approve the Business Plan and inclusion in application. Proposed Cllr Waterhouse. Seconded Cllr Biddick-Bray. Unanimous.

To approve inclusion of 'Support in Principle from BSTC', 'What can Local Councils Do' & 'Parishioner Survey Information' documents to the application. Proposed Cllr Perry. Seconded Cllr Waterhouse. Unanimous.

To approve inclusion of Letters of Support, Ecological Survey & RICS Valuation Report. Proposed Cllr Biddick-Bray, Seconded Cllr Waterhouse. Unanimous.

With agreement of Council, permission was given to the Clerk and Cllr O'Sullivan, to make any amendments deemed necessary before submitting documents. Proposed Cllr Proudfoot, Seconded Cllr Biddick-Bray. Unanimous.

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

3.24/94:

None.

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

3.24/95:

Tuesday 23rd April.

Meeting closed at: 9pm

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. 23/4/2024