

Marhamchurch Parish Council

Tuesday 20th June 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 T O’Sullivan, Cllr Proudfoot, Cllr Waterhouse, Cllr Butler, Cllr Kerr, Cllr L Bray.

Also in attendance: Clerk Julie Gray, Cornwall Cllr N Chopak.

17 members of the public were present for the meeting.

Cllr Perry opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Co-option of New Councillor.

06.23/137:

There was 1 applicant for the vacancy – Laura Bray.

Application from the applicant:

I have lived in the area for 16 years, since I moved from our family farm near St Columb in 2007. Robert and I first lived at Poundstock whilst farming at both parishes, and 5 years ago, we moved back to the farmhouse at East Helscott Farm.

We have 3 children who attend Marhamchurch School. Our daughter is due to start Budehaven in September. I work on the family farm, mainly in the office, but also lamb our sheep each spring. I also manage our new holiday let.

I love where we live and I have become more involved recently with village life and as part of this would like to contribute to the Parish Council.

My background and interest is farming and the countryside. After leaving college with my Agriculture Degree, I have worked in livestock feed manufacturing, running farmer discussion groups, agriculture and skills, and project management. Following having our children, my role has become more home based, focusing on supporting and growing our own farming businesses.

Cllr Butler proposed the Parish Council accept Mrs Bray as a Councillor for Marhamchurch Parish Council. Seconded Cllr Proudfoot. Unanimous.

Councillor L Bray signed an Acceptance of Office Declaration in the presence of the Clerk. The Chairman welcomed the new Councillor.

Record and Approve Apologies.

06.23/138:

Cllr R Bray sent their apologies.

Cllr Nield did not attend.

It was resolved to approve the apology. Proposed Cllr O’Sullivan Seconded Cllr Edwards. Unanimous

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Confirm the Minutes of the previous Meeting.

06.23/139:

It was resolved to approve the minutes and ratify all decisions made at the meeting held on Tuesday 16th May 2023. Proposed Cllr O’Sullivan. Seconded Cllr Proudfoot. 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.

06.23/140:

- (i) Cllr Perry & Cllr Butler declared their longstanding interest in Agenda item 12: Cemetery.
- (ii) Cllr Perry declared a longstanding interest in Agenda item 10c: Playpark.
- (iii) There were no further declarations.

Dispensations.

06.23/141:

- a) To note approved dispensations relevant to items on the agenda.
 - (i) Dispensations were noted for Cllr Perry & Cllr Butler re Agenda item 12: Cemetery.
 - (ii) Dispensation was noted for Cllr Perry re Agenda Item 10c: Playpark.

- b) There were no other dispensation requests.

Matters Arising.

06.23/142:

- (i) Citizen of the Year announcement, as there was no time at the Annual Parish Meeting. We had two nominations this year and all were very worthy. Our award this year goes to Chris Hutt for the many years of commitment and dedication he has spent working in the Parish. He does so much, helping the village groups to raise funds by putting quiz events together – he has helped the school and pre-school many times over the years. Also, for his dedication to our village Xmas tree and the lovely children's event each year. His work often goes unnoticed and he deserves a thank you.

Public Open Session.

06.23/143:

Two members of the public spoke out against Agenda 9b)(ii) – Planning Application PA23/03104.

Correspondence.

06.23/144: – all correspondence circulated to the Councillors via email.

- (i) Chief Executive’s Bulletin.
- (ii) Peninsula Transport Carbon Transition Strategy.
- (iii) NKCLT Slides.
- (iv) Chief Executive’s Bulletin.
- (v) Public Spaces Protection Order Renewal Consultation.
- (vi) Peninsula Transport Consultation.
- (vii) Levelling Up Ideas.
- (viii) NALC Newsletter.
- (ix) Chief Executive’s Bulletin.
- (x) Town and Parish Council Newsletter.
- (xi) Cornwall Community Land Trust Newsletter.
- (xii) Keeping Cornwall Updated.

- (xiii) Town and Parish Council Bulletin: Armed Forces Day.

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- (xiv) NALC Newsletter.
- (xv) Chief Executive's Bulletin.
- (xvi) Keeping Cornwall Updated.
- (xvii) Info: New CLO for Bude & Camelford CAP.
- (xviii) Parishioner Email re traffic.
- (xix) Parishioner Email re planning.
- (xx) Bude Go Cornwall Roadshow.

Correspondence (xviii) email:

There seems to be a lot more heavy goods, and builders vehicles coming through the village, would the parish council know why, they are extremely noisy, and Helebridge Rd is not wide enough for passing these, had to reverse this morning again. Also speeding seems to be increasing again, and junction parking on St Marwenne Close by vans and cars is causing a problem as cars coming in and out of the close cannot see past them.

I brought these problems up at a parish meeting quite a few years ago, but it has got worse now. Would appreciate the councils comments. Thank you.

The Councillors are unaware of why there are more heavy goods.

Clr Chopak informed the Council that the 20mph limit should be coming to this area in Autumn 2024.

It was suggested that the Parish Council put the junction parking issue on the agenda next month to discuss the possibility of applying to the left-over budget from the old Community Network Panel highway's budget to request yellow lines.

Planning.

06.23/145:

a) Decision Notices/Updates:

- (i) None.

b) Planning Applications/Appeals:

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

- (i) PA23/03554 | Proposed erection of Eco Hotel and amenity buildings without compliance with condition 5 of decision notice PA11/08127 dated 22/12/2011.
| Whalesborough Farm Access To Whalesborough Marhamchurch Bude Cornwall EX23 OJD.

Marhamchurch Parish Council have no objection to the application.

Proposed Clr O'Sullivan. Seconded Clr Edwards.

- (ii) PA23/03104 | Construction of two storey dwelling to include enclosed private amenity and parking. | Land South West Of The White House Hobbacott Lane Marhamchurch Bude Cornwall EX23 OES.

Marhamchurch Parish Council object to the planning application on the basis that it is in conflict of the policy of three bodies; the points made in the previous application still apply; the location is inappropriate in that the building is too large for the plot even though the height has been reduced, the amenity space is not equal to the floor space and it is too close to the road.

Proposed Clr O'Sullivan. Seconded Clr Proudfoot. 6 in favour, 2 abstentions.

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To receive oral or written reports and authorise any action.

06.23/146:

a) Chairman.

Cllr Perry attended the Community Area Partnership (CAP) meeting where planning, the NHS and funding were discussed. The advantage of having a larger number of parishes involved is that there is more money available. There is also a new Link Officer.

The Hilton sign has now been replaced.

Hobbacott Lane is closed on the 24th – 28th July due to South West Water works.

The planter boxes are rotting so Cllr Perry will repair these and paint them. Cllr Butler stated a parishioner had volunteered to repair the planter.

It appears the churchyard is getting overgrown and it was pointed out this is the responsibility of BSTC.

Cllr Perry stated there is gravel needed for the cemetery.

Cllr Perry has put in an expression of interest concerning the old Revel shed.

b) Cornwall Councillor.

Cllr Chopak wished to remind everyone that the Armed Forces Day is this weekend in Falmouth – it is the first time it has been held in Cornwall.

There is a transport roadshow, the Chatty Bus, that is being held on Monday in the Tourist Information Centre car park. Cllr Chopak urges people to go along and comment / make suggestions etc on transport in the area.

The Community Area Partnership (CAP) meeting was well attended. There are 24 parishes involved. The new Community Levelling Up Funding (CLUP) will be reviewed by the CAP. The CAP is hoping to set up two workshops, one for CLUP Funding and one for Highways to deal with the left over Highway's budget.

There is a new link officer and her area of expertise is economic development.

Cllr Chopak urges parishioners to attend the North Kernow Housing meeting that is being held in the Bray on Saturday.

c) Playpark.

The picnic bench at the playpark needs repairing.

The Clerk circulated some recyclable plastic benches that are between £650 - £900.

Cl Perry found one using sustainable wood for approximately £500. Cllr Perry also found a large circular one that is made from recyclable plastic approximately £800.

Cllr Chopak has funds in the Community Chest that the Council can apply for to obtain an extra bench to put in the Revel Field. Cllr Chopak will send the Clerk the application form.

d) The Clerk.

The audit paperwork has been submitted to the external auditor and the paperwork has been published on the website.

The Annual Parish Meeting local reports have been uploaded onto the website.

The Tamara Landscape Partnership sent an update on the planned launch of the Tamara Coast to Coast Way (a new long distance walking route) in the week of July 10th. They are hoping to encourage walkers to join their two Tamara staff members who will be walking the whole route during that week. There was an itinerary that the Clerk will upload on the Parish Council website and contact details if people wish to join for a short stretch etc.

The North Kernow Housing event is being held on Saturday and the advertisement has been uploaded onto the Parish Council website and the Marhamchurch Matters Facebook page.

Policy Review.

06.23/147:

- Abusive, Persistent or Vexatious Complaints and Complainants policy for review.

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It was proposed to confirm the reviewed policy by Cllr O’Sullivan. Seconded Cllr Perry. 7 in favour. 1 abstention.

- Community Benefit Fund.

After discussion of amendments to be made, it was proposed to confirm the reviewed policy by Cllr Perry. Seconded Cllr Proudfoot. 7 in favour. 1 abstention.

- Email and publication of minutes.

After discussion of amendments to be made, it was proposed to confirm the reviewed policy by Cllr Waterhouse. Seconded Cllr Proudfoot. 7 in favour. 1 abstention.

Cemetery.

06.23/148:

- (i) Memorial Bench Policy.

A memorial bench policy has been circulated to the Councillors. After discussion and suggestion of an amendment that it not be restricted to parishioners, it was proposed that the Parish Council adopt the policy.

Proposed Cllr Proudfoot. Seconded Cllr Butler. Unanimous.

Funding.

06.23/149:

Cllr Perry has submitted an expression of interest.

The Parish Council received an email, that was circulated to the Councillors, from a parishioner with suggestions of resurfacing the ground where the basketball hoops are so it could be used for basketball, scooting, skateboarding etc; table tennis table available in the Bray; more picnic benches for socialising on the revel field.

There are many strands of funding and there is also funding from landfill operators. These schemes are aimed at community groups and organisations, situated in the vicinity of landfill sites, that are in need of funding to improve the quality of life in their community or to conserve wildlife.

There are four themes - Community Buildings, Recreation, Cultural Facilities and Rebuilding Biodiversity. Under these themes funding can be to create or improve community amenities. For example, upgrading kitchens, meeting rooms and toilets in village halls and community facilities; creating new playparks; installing new seating, lighting and exhibitions within theatres and museums; or establishing, protecting and enhancing habitats for biodiversity.

It was suggested that volunteers are needed from the community to set up a committee to come up with what is required and then to push these ideas forward rather than doing things piecemeal.

If any volunteers are interested, please contact the Parish Council.

Neighbourhood Plan.

06.23/150:

The Consultation finished on the 5th June and comments were received a number of ways. The responses have been collated but assistance is required with how best to complete the report. The officer is on leave until the 5th July so Cllr Proudfoot will update the Council at the next meeting.

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Cllr Proudfoot read out the minutes of the Committee that will be uploaded to the Parish Council website.

Emergency Plan.

06.23/151:

Cllr Perry urged everyone to watch their water usage due to the reservoirs being low.

South West Water (SWW) offer water saving devices if you complete a survey on water usage.

At the moment SWW have no free water butts to give out but Cllr Perry states they are approximately £35 to buy.

Allotments.

06.23/152:

Due to an encroachment on the land Cornwall Council can offer $\frac{3}{4}$ of the land to be used on a licence until this is sorted out. A licence could be obtained within the month and Cornwall Council would then build a fence between the encroached land and the rest. Once the dialogue has completed the purchase can be finalised.

Cllr Proudfoot proposed the Parish Council accept the licence in order to get the allotment started.

Seconded Cllr Waterhouse. Unanimous.

Cllr Chopak will relay this to the legal team.

Crematorium.

06.23/153:

The crematorium issue is going to judicial review on the 6th July.

Cllr O'Sullivan enquired as to whether the Council would be interested in attending an informal meeting of any parishes that wished to be involved, as he felt people's comments were not being heard. Cllr Perry stated he would attend any meeting that was set up.

Finance & Legislation.

06.23/154:

- a) Approval of payments totalling £2,086.06 as per May schedule. It was resolved to approve payments.
Proposed Cllr Proudfoot. Seconded Cllr Edwards. Unanimous
- b) To note Income & Bank Balances as per the schedule.
- c) To note Bank reconciliations.

Parish Matters - Agree action and authorise associated expenditure.

06.23/155:

- a) Freedom of Information Request.

Cllr O'Sullivan circulated the response he received from asking Cornwall Council for information. Cornwall Council also stated that any information held is subject to legal privilege.

- c) Marhamchurch Flag funding consideration.

The Clerk received a response re the Councillor's queries. It is believed that the budget should account for a flag change approximately every month, which would be approximately £60 per year.

It was proposed that the Parish Council budget this into the Council's budget. Proposed Cllr Butler.

Seconded Cllr Waterhouse. Unanimous.

As this will not be budgeted for until next financial year it was suggested that an application is made to the Community Fund that is open for applications in November for the costs until April.

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

06.23/156:

None.

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

06.23/157:

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Highways – yellow lines

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

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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