

Marhamchurch Parish Council

Tuesday 5th September 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.

Also in attendance: Clerk Julie Gray.

3 members of the public were present for the meeting.

Cllr Perry opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Record and Approve Apologies.

09.23/180:

Cllr Kerr & Cllr Waterhouse sent their apologies as they are away. Cllr Chopak will be late, as she is at another meeting. Cllr O'Sullivan sent apologies.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the reason for the apologies.

Cllr Proudfoot did not attend the meeting.

The Council were quorate therefore the meeting went ahead.

Co-option of New Councillor.

09.23/181:

The Parish Council had one applicant for the vacant position of Councillor.

My name is Kerstie Hunter and I have been back in the village for a year after being away for 25 years.

I grew up in Marhamchurch firstly in Pinch Hill then Old Canal Close.

I was head Choir Girl at St Marwennes Church and have attended services throughout the years I have been away.

I have also helped at events run at the Bray and the Church.

I helped run the Cub Pack when it was in the village all those years ago.

I am currently secretary of The Revel, and secretary of The Christmas Tree Committee.

I always wanted to move back to my home village and now I have... and to be involved in all aspects of village life.

I have attended The Bray Institute Meetings, I am supporting The Village Shop nearly every day which I see as a great asset to our Village.

I like to get involved and doing things and I will have lots of free time to devote to the Village.

I live right on the village square so quite central to all events and my door is always open for anyone....

Now I am in my forever home I would love to contribute even more to the village and being part of the Parish Council would help me achieve this.

Cllr Bray proposed the Parish Council accept K Hunter as a Councillor for Marhamchurch Parish Council. Seconded Cllr Perry. Unanimous. Councillor Hunter signed an Acceptance of Office Declaration in the presence of the Clerk. The Chairman welcomed the new Councillor.

Confirm the Minutes of the previous Meeting.

09.23/182:

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It was resolved to approve the minutes and ratify all decisions made at the meeting held on Tuesday 18th July 2023. Proposed Cllr Perry. Seconded Cllr Edwards. 3 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.

09.23/183:

- (i) Cllr Perry 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.

09.23/184:

- a) To note approved dispensations relevant to items on the agenda.
 - (i) Dispensations were noted for Cllr Perry 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.

09.23/185:

There were no matters arising.

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

09.23/186:

No member of the public chose to speak.

Correspondence.

09.23/187: – all correspondence circulated via email.

- (i) Chief Executive's Bulletins.
The Design Code Pathfinder Showcase may be of interest. It is an hour and a half online event.
- (ii) Peninsula Transport International Gateway Study.
- (iii) Town & Parish Council Newsletter.
- (iv) Bude Area Community Jury on Climate Change.
- (v) Keeping Cornwall Updated.
- (vi) Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee.
- (vii) Reminder: Homechoice Review.
- (viii) D-Day 80th Anniversary.
- (ix) Notification of Planning Submission – Whalesborough Farm.
The Council received an invitation to view a proposed application on the 19th of September. Cllr Edwards, Cllr Bray and Cllr Hunter are happy to attend.
- (x) CALC Executive Board Vacancies.
- (xi) Shared Prosperity Fund Events.
- (xii) Standards Committee Vacancies.
- (xiii) Local Area Energy Plan.
This is to be held on the 8/9 at the Parkhouse.
- (xiv) Town & Parish Council Bulletin.
- (xv) Clean Air for Cornwall Workshop.
This is on Monday 16 or Wednesday 18 October, 7-8.30pm online. There is a face to face on 19 October. If any Councillor wishes to attend, they can notify the Clerk.

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- (xvi) Bude & Camelford Community Area Partnership Meeting Venue.
- (xvii) Youth Council Query.
- (xviii) Let's Talk Water Invite.
This is online on 14/9 at 2-4pm.
- (xix) Bude & Camelford CAP meeting.

Planning.

09.23/188:

a) Decision Notices/Updates:

- (i) PA22/00728/PRE | Is planning needed to holiday let a property throughout the whole year | 14 Old Orchard Close Marhamchurch Bude Cornwall EX23 0EJ.
ADVICE GIVEN.
- (ii) 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 0JD.
APPROVED. *Before any of the development is brought into use, parking and turning areas shall be laid out and constructed in accordance with approved drawing under PA11/08127 and the said areas shall not thereafter be obstructed or used for any other purpose.*
- (iii) PA23/04714 | Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse (use Class C3). | The Old Mill Burns Hall Sharlands Road Marhamchurch Bude Cornwall EX23 0HP.
PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED. *It is considered that the agricultural building in question is suitable for conversion to a dwelling and the building operations required would fall within the tolerances set out*
- (iv) PA22/07553 - Demolition of agricultural building, construction of dwelling and associated works - Hilton Farmhouse, Marhamchurch, Bude.
Appeal Dismissed. No Costs claimed

b) Planning Applications/Appeals:

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

- (i) PA23/04721 | Application for Permission in Principle for construction of a single dwellinghouse | Land Adjacent Trevoise View Marine Drive Widemouth Bay Bude Cornwall EX23 0LZ.

Marhamchurch Parish Council is unanimously reluctant to support the application, due to it being situated at an area of outstanding natural beauty, until the Council has seen further plans and information.
Proposed Cllr Edwards. Seconded Cllr Bray.

- (ii) PA23/04788 | The change of use of land from agriculture to ground mounter agri-voltaic solar array with associated infrastructure and landscaping. | Whalesborough Farm Marhamchurch Bude Cornwall EX23 0JD

Marhamchurch Parish Council is unanimous in not supporting the application.
The Council agrees with Poundstock Parish Council that "it detracts from the public visual amenity of the area due to its elevated position" for the many walkers of the public and permissive paths.

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The Parish Council also takes note that there are no solar panels on the existing buildings of the property. In PA22/06139, G Eustice stated that "the policy statement creates a clear presumption against solar developments on agricultural land where possible and also states that, where development on agricultural land cannot be avoided, developers must seek to build on lower value agricultural land". We believe the land in question is graded at 3b, it has been used for agriculture in the past and has not been judged unsuitable for horticultural production, as far as the Council is aware.

Due to this we do not believe a compelling case has been made for development on agricultural land on this site.

Proposed Cllr Edwards. Seconded Cllr Bray.

To receive oral or written reports and authorise any action.

09.23/189:

a) Chairman.

The planter has been revamped and Cllr Perry thanks the parishioners for working on the Helebridge planter.

The cemetery path has been re-gravelled.

The goal posts have been moved and new nets will be purchased.

The Revel was a great success and the Parish Council gives thanks to all who had a hand in this.

Cllr Perry thanked the Clerk J Gray for their time with the Council and is happy to welcome E Hawkins back to the Parish Council from their maternity leave.

b) Cornwall Councillor.

Cllr Chopak sent their apologies.

c) Playpark.

The Clerk purchased the bench and it is due to arrive on 25th September.

Cllr Perry will send the second bench to the Clerk for purchase.

Cllr Perry is undertaking playpark inspections.

Wood chippings are needed again. Cllr Proudfoot will be approached again in order to see if she has a source for the chippings again.

d) The Clerk.

The Clerk thanked Cllr Perry for his kind works and reiterated how much she had enjoyed working with the Council.

The Clerk missed the deadline to order the Darley Oak landmark tree.

The existing internet provider are ending the broadband contract, as the internet is going digital. We have subscribed with BT, which costs £4 more pm. The engineer will attend to change the modem.

The Clerk asked the Council to think about having a bench portfolio. Cllr Perry will map the benches and take photographs in order to see if any benches need changing.

As the Council own trees, it was agreed that a Tree Policy may be sensible. The Clerk will leave one for Elly to put on the agenda at the next meeting.

The Surveys we spoke of at the last meeting have been added to the website.

The Clerk attended the Refuse meeting with Cornwall Council. Everyone will receive a 180l bin or sack. This will hold 3-4 black bags. Each household will receive a 23l food waste container and a smaller one will be supplied to keep in the kitchen. They will supply trial liners for the food caddy but when used up everyone will be expected to purchase their own. The food will be collected weekly and black bags and recycling will be fortnightly. This area will change next year. There will be leaflets, roadshows and radio alerts; the bins will be supplied and calendars with the dates for pick-ups, as these may change. Once the changeover happens the bins that people have now will not be emptied if used and any bags not in the 180l bin will not

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be removed. If you do not wish to keep your old bins Cornwall Council will pick these up. The new bins cannot be used until stated. If you have special circumstances, which mean you need more than 180l of rubbish each fortnight you can apply for an assessment. They will also take away clinical waste and have started to take commercial waste by arrangement.

Cllr Perry is still in the process of obtaining information concerning the vouchers for citizen of the year. It has come to the Council's attention that the certificate for citizen of the year was not given to last year's winner.

Cllr Perry and Cllr Edwards have signed the TSB forms for change of address and removal of J Gray. The Clerk will send these to the bank. The Clerk suggested that the Council consider reducing the authorised signatories to two as most forms can then be completed online. If you have more you have to complete paper forms, which takes a long time to arrive.

The Clerk suggested obtaining a smart phone for the Clerk – the Councillors will consider this.

Policy Review.

09.23/190:

Equal Opportunities Policy was reviewed and agreed. 3 in favour and 1 abstained due to not receiving the policy.

Cemetery.

09.23/191:

Cllr Perry will take photos of and map out the benches in the Parish. For any that need replacing they will be offered for memorial benches.

Funding.

09.23/192:

There were no further updates.

Neighbourhood Plan.

09.23/193:

There were no further updates at this time.

Highways.

09.23/194:

At the last meeting it was asked that a suggested one-way system in the village be considered.

There was no proposal for this suggestion.

Allotments.

09.23/195:

There was no update at this time.

Finance & Legislation.

09.23/196:

- a) Approval of payments of £3,344.95 as per August schedule and consider payment of urgent accounts presented by the date of the meeting. The Clerk, EH, submitted 13.5 hours from January 2022 to 4/9/23. Ellie will submit hours worked up to 19/9 for review and approval. Councillors agreed that the Clerk will transfer the May CIL payment into the reserve account. Proposed Cllr Perry. Seconded Cllr Edwards. Unanimous
- b) To note Income & Bank Balances as per the schedule.
- c) To note Bank reconciliations.

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Parish Matters - Agree action and authorise associated expenditure.

09.23/197:

a) Footpath at St Marwenne Close.

Cllr Waterhouse has had contact from a parishioner regarding a footpath which is overgrown and not really used.

Cllr Perry will have a look and take his strimmer.

b) Toilet lock

Cllr O’Sullivan had emailed that there have been reports of problems with the lock to the public toilet.

Cllr Perry will visit and see what the problem is.

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

09.23/198:

There were none raised.

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

09.23/199:

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Tree policy

Authorised signatories – once the mandate has been completed by TSB

Mobile phone

Meeting closed at 8.53 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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