

Marhamchurch Parish Council

Tuesday 15 February 2022

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

Councillors Present:

22/32: Vice Chair Cllr T Perry, Cllr R Bray, Cllr T Edwards, Cllr Nigel Nield, Cllr T O'Sullivan, Cllr S Proudfoot, Cllr I Waterhouse, Cllr L Kerr.

Also in attendance: County Cllr Nicky Chopak, Clerk Julie Gray.

11 members of the public were present for the meeting.

Cllr Perry opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Cllr Perry reminded everyone to adhere to the 3minutes per item per person as per Standing Orders.

Record and Approve Apologies.

22/33:

Chair Cllr Walter sent apologies due to sickness. It was resolved to approve the apology. Proposed Cllr O'Sullivan. Seconded Cllr Edwards. Unanimous.
Cllr Butler was absent.

Declarations.

22/34:

- a) To note declarations of interest relevant to items on the agenda:
 - (i) Cllr Perry declared a 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 17: Local Maintenance Partnership.

- b) There were no other declarations.

Dispensations.

22/35:

- a) To note approved dispensations relevant to items on the agenda.
 - (i) Dispensation was noted for Cllr Perry re Agenda Item 9c: Playpark.
 - (ii) Dispensations were noted for Cllr Perry re Agenda item 12: Cemetery.
 - (iii) Dispensation was noted for Cllr Perry re Agenda item 17: Local Maintenance Partnership.

- b) There were no new dispensation requests.

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

22/36:

A member of the public delivered an update on the Dartmoor Line: Buses will replace trains in the scheduled line closures. Pocket time tables are available in the Marhamchurch Village Shop.

A member of the public pointed out the danger at Thorn Cross Junction due to the speed of the traffic.

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A statement was made by a member of the public that due to confirmation to him from the Cornwall Council Infrastructure Adoptions Manager that the area in Hobbacott Lane is a public highway and an Expression of Interest has been sent to the Community Highway Scheme concerning parking on Hobbacott Lane.

Confirm the Minutes of the previous Meeting.

22/37:

It was resolved to approve the minutes and ratify all decisions made at the meeting held on Tuesday 18 January 2022. Proposed Cllr O’Sullivan. Seconded Cllr Waterhouse. 7 in favour. 1 abstained, due to not being present at the previous meeting. The Vice Chair, Cllr Perry signed them as a correct record.

Matters Arising

22/38:

- (i) Concerns regarding surface water on the road at the Underlane/Sharlands Rd junction.

Further information arose that the matter had already been reported to South West Water and that they had viewed the road but there was no action taken. Upon viewing it was pointed out the water was not flowing therefore likely to be a Highway issue. Cllr Walter reported this and a response was received 13/2 that they will carry out an inspection and notify us of the outcome.

- (i) Email of thanks from non-parishioner for considering their cemetery application

Correspondence:

22/39 – all correspondence circulated via email.

- (i) Town and Parish Council Newsletter.
- (ii) Local Council Finance Briefing Presentation.
- (iii) Introduction to Planning Training is available – 21/2; 21/3.
- (iv) Bude Area Community Network Meeting - cancellation on Zoe’s planner.
- (v) SLCC 21 Jan News Bulletin.
- (vi) CALC AGM invite – Cllr O’Sullivan will attend this.
- (vii) Funeral Provision Discussion Group Invite 9/2/22 – Cllr J Walter & Cllr S Proudfoot attended.
- (viii) Dartmoor Line Update – closures and car parking charges.
- (ix) Pop Up Vaccination Clinic Notice – Bude Parkhouse Centre 30/1/22.
- (x) Climate Change Summit invitation – Agenda item 18.
- (xi) Community Governance Review – any new views to be submitted by 20/3/22. Any response given originally will still be considered.
- (xii) Bude Area Community Network Highways Scheme – invite for Expressions of Interest by 28/2. Agenda item 27.
- (xiii) Cormac Update on Highway Scheme.
- (xiv) Cubert Parish Council update on affordable housing allocation. Agenda item 24.
- (xv) Free Mental Health Training invite – on website.
- (xvi) A member of the public from Widemouth Bay called to pass on thanks to re the demarcation for space for emergency vehicle access in the layby above Widemouth Bay to the point which enjoys disabled access.
- (xvii) Expression of Interest – re Hobbacott Lane.

Planning.

22/40

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a) Decision Notices/Updates:

- (i) PA21/09791 | Change of use and conversion of part of Public House to provide an attached 4 bedroom house. | Bullers Arms. The Village Marhamchurch Bude. APPROVED.
- (ii) PA21/10119 | Proposed extension and new porch | 1 Sharlands Road Marhamchurch Bude EX23 0HW. APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS.
- (iii) PA21/12804 | Installation of solar panels to roof of garden outbuilding. | Milton Cottage Tackbear Road Titson Bude EX23 0HH. APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. (Within six months of the cessation of electricity generation by the solar PV panels, the solar PV panels and all associated equipment shall be removed from the roof of the building).
- (iv) PA21/12293 | Replacement of existing timber windows and external doors with new aluminium windows and doors. | Marhamchurch Primary School Helebridge Road Marhamchurch Bude EX23 0HY. APPROVED.
- (v) Cllr O'Sullivan enquired as to whether there was an update concerning PA21/00653. Beeson Farm. Cllr Chopak attended a meeting with the planning officer last week and it was stated the Land Agent's view had not changed. No update has been received from the planning office to date.

b) Planning Applications/Appeals:

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

- (i) PA22/00343 | Proposed rear single storey extension and flat roof dormer, along with minor internal alterations. | Leaferne Hobbacott Lane Marhamchurch Bude EX23 0HD

MPC unanimously agreed there were no objections to the proposal. Proposed Cllr Edwards. Seconded Cllr O'Sullivan.

- (ii) PA22/00759 | Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of decision PA18/06620 dated 31/08/2018 'Proposed extension and alterations together with re-roofing' | Chynoweth Under Lane Marhamchurch Bude EX23 0EW

MPC unanimously agreed there were no objections to the proposal. Proposed Cllr Perry. Seconded Cllr Bray.

To receive oral or written reports and authorise any action.

22/41

- a) Chairman.

Cllr Perry gave MPCs congratulations to Elly on the birth of her son last week.

Cllr Walter attended the Funeral Provision Discussion Group meeting. First step is to complete a cemetery audit, which will be emailed in due course.

- b) Cornwall Councillor N Chopak.

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Cllr Chopak reported that there is a full council meeting next week re the upcoming budget. CC are making 500 redundancies, which has the potential to set back partnerships and networks; and there will be a loss of experience and knowledge. There are, amongst other things, pressures on Adult Social Care, Hospitals and ambulances. There have been a few instances of homelessness and Cllr Chopak requests from Cllrs that if there are any instances of evictions brought to their attention to contact her as early as possible to attempt to prevent the person becoming homeless. The Community Network Highway scheme is relaunched and the Bude Area Community Network has approximately £34,000 to invest per year and any schemes will be prioritised at an extraordinary meeting in March. Deadline to express an interest is 28/2. Thorn Cross Junction is a work in progress and is in the scheme already from the previous prioritisation. Cllr Chopak is aware of the expression of interest that has been submitted re Hobbacott Lane. This will be discussed at the Bude Community Network meeting and voted upon

Cllr O'Sullivan proposed that Marhamchurch Parish Council support the parishioner's expression of interest. There is no involvement concerning the legal ownership of land issue but support is for an expression of interest concerning the public highway.

It was resolved that Marhamchurch Parish Council support the expression of interest that has been submitted. Proposed Cllr O'Sullivan. Seconded Cllr Proudfoot. 6 in favour. 2 abstained

c) Playpark

MPC have received the payment from the Community Chest Grant. Payment of deposit has been made and work to start 16th February.

Cllr Perry has refurbished the swings - had to replace the top bar of the swing as the ends are rotted out but it will mean that the whole structure is as near new as possible. Will be finished on Thursday.

d) The Clerk.

Requested photo and website biography to complete updating the website.

Access to the bank is still pending – the permanent clerk kindly agreed to set the payments up online to be authorised.

Attended free Introduction to 'Working with Your Council'.

Easter Sunday 2022 Dawn Service.

22/42

Update from Mr Peter Green – the Dawn Service will not be going ahead at this time but it is still something they will consider doing at some time and will keep us posted.

Thorne Cross Junction A39.

22/43

No further updates re speed reduction and red road painting.

It was resolved that an email be sent to Oliver of MPC concerns surrounding the junction.

Proposed Cllr Edwards. Seconded Cllr Nield. Unanimous.

Cemetery

22/44

- (i) Email now received from the Funeral Provision Discussion Group for the cemetery audit. The information will be reviewed by the Funeral Provision Discussion Group in early April. Each of

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the Parishes will be invited to carry out a consultation with their Parishioners to establish their burial preferences. Clerk will send to cemetery portfolio holders.

Cllr Proudfoot raised concerns about burial spaces in the future and that councils are not obliged to provide burial space. There was a discussion concerning natural burial grounds, which are environmentally friendly and could open up more options.

a) Future purchase of land.

Cllr Perry at this time sees no problem with future purchase of land to extend the cemetery upon discussion with the land owner.

Cornwall Council Code of Conduct Training.

22/45

Cllr Nield has completed the training.

Cllr O'Sullivan suggested Councillors review their Register of Interest forms to keep them updated as it is a potential criminal offence that could lead to a fine to not declare an interest. Cllr O'Sullivan has extensively studied codes of conduct and is happy to give advice to any Councillors if required.

Neighbourhood Plan.

22/46

There is no update at this time.

Emergency Plan.

22/47

Updated details are now in the MPC notice board and on the website.

Allotments.

22/48

An email was sent enquiring as to any update. An email was received from Helen Fincham that she would look into this.

Cllr Chopak also has no update concerning this.

Local Maintenance Partnership 2022/2023

22/49

Although rates have increased the amount is down from previous years due to reduction in the number of paths to cut. There appears to be no explanation for this. Clerk to contact requesting an explanation. It was also noted that there are markers that are missing and a stile is needed. Cllr Chopak informed MPC that these can be requested from Cornwall Council.

It was resolved that the LMP offer be accepted and the clerk will request: a stile and markers, and an explanation for the reduced paths in the schedule.

Proposed Cllr Waterhouse. Seconded Cllr Edwards. Unanimous.

Climate Change Summit

22/50

After investigation it appears the toolkit mentioned in the Summit Agenda are to use for the delivery of certified Carbon Literacy training. Locally there are many groups: Bude Marine Group, Bude Coastal Community Group, Bude Friends of the Earth and the Bude Climate Partnership Group (BCP).

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BCP received lottery funding last year to develop toolkits for schools and the community. Cllr Chopak pointed out they have a meeting 7th March where they will be giving an update. Cllr Perry is attending this meeting. It was also suggested considering inviting BCP to give a talk at the AGM.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

22/51

Grigg Fencing has agreed to store the old playpark fence until the Jubilee, which can then be used for firewood for the beacon. R Blewitt has agreed the use of his field. The Food Fair will be on Friday 3rd June and the street party lunch will be on Sunday 5th June. The committee will enquire the use of a field for parking, make enquiries concerning the choir and a bugler. Cllr Perry volunteered to join the committee.

Pearl Exchange.

22/52

The Pearl Exchange have introduced Saturday Socials from 1pm onwards – free coffee and nibbles, music, card games. They have free counselling for 18-30's. There is a facebook page with a 'What's On' section where they advertise events – yoga, drawing, sewing, arts, a parental support group, which are free.

Community Growing Space.

22/53

Re Bude Coastal Team request – the Clerk advised the Bude Coastal of horticultural society, Neetfield Market Garden and sent the link; that we have no food growers or allotment users at present; and MPC did not know of any land that could be used as community growing space.

Virtual Meetings.

22/54

SLCC (society of local council clerks) have sent open letter to the media - to allow councils in England to have the choice to meet virtually.

Hele Valley Trail Fundraiser / Grants.

22/55

Received a response from BSTC requesting that Mr Grills contact BSTC – the usual grants are to organisations for approx. £200. A letter was sent to Mr Grills with K Cornell's contact details.

Cllr O'Sullivan suggested a review of the grants policy but this was not taken up.

Housing

22/56

There was a discussion concerning the correspondence received on affordable housing from BSTC and other parishes. It was resolved that MPC endorse the BSTC statement and to place affordable housing at the top of the list in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Proposed by Cllr Proudfoot. Seconded by Cllr Waterhouse. Unanimous.

CIL

22/57

None.

Finance & Legislation.

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22/58

- a) Approval of payments totalling £5,104.91 as per January schedule. It was resolved to approve payments. Proposed Cllr Kerr. Seconded Cllr O’Sullivan. Unanimous.
- b) Cllrs noted Income & Bank Balances as per the schedules.
- c) Cllrs noted Bank reconciliations.

Parish Matters - Agree action and authorise associated expenditure.

22/59

a) Highway matters.

(i) Community Network Highway Scheme

The CNHS is being relaunched from April 2022 for another 3 years. Schemes have to be prioritised by the Bude Area Community Network at an extraordinary CNP Meeting to take place in March. Expressions of interest must be submitted to N Chopak, Oliver Jones and Helen Fincham by 28th February 2022.

After discussion it was resolved to resubmit a proposal made for the previous scheme, i.e. double yellow lines. Proposed Cllr Bray. Seconded Cllr Waterhouse. 5 in favour. 3 against.

b) Equipment

Cllr Edwards stated that the projector is in need of a new bulb, which is approx. £50. After discussion it was proposed that this be fixed and either used or sold. Proposed Cllr Perry. Seconded Cllr O’Sullivan. 7 in favour. 1 abstained.

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

22/60

No urgent matters.

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

22/61

15 Mar 2022

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

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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