

Marhamchurch Parish Council

Tuesday 15 March 2022

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

Councillors Present:

22/62: Vice Chair Cllr T Perry, Cllr T Edwards, Cllr T O'Sullivan, Cllr S Proudfoot, Cllr L Kerr.

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

6 members of the public were present for the meeting.

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

Record and Approve Apologies.

22/63:

Cllr Walter, Cllr Bray and Cllr Butler sent apologies due to sickness. Cllr Waterhouse sent apologies due to travelling to Cornwall from abroad. It was resolved to approve the apologies. Proposed Cllr Perry.

Seconded Cllr O'Sullivan. Unanimous.

Cllr Nield was absent.

Declarations.

22/64:

- (i) Cllr Perry declared the longstanding interest in Agenda item 11: Cemetery.
- (ii) Cllr Perry declared longstanding interest in Agenda item 9c: Playpark.
- (iii) Cllr Perry declared an interest in Agenda item 16: Local Maintenance Partnership.
- (iv) There were no other declarations.

Dispensations.

22/65:

- 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 11: Cemetery.
 - (iii) Cllr Perry declared an interest in Agenda item 16: Local Maintenance Partnership.

- b) There were no new dispensation requests?

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

22/66:

No comments.

Confirm the Minutes of the previous Meeting.

22/67: A dispute had been circulated to the councillors concerning the previous draft minutes re 22/41b.

With Councillors agreement Standing Orders were lifted at 7.42pm for statements from the public.

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.48pm. Cornwall Councillor Chopak stated that a line will be drawn

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under this issue as regards involving Marhamchurch Parish Council. A submission has been made by a member of the public and that is in process with no involvement from Marhamchurch Parish Council.

It was resolved to approve the minutes and ratify all decisions made at the meeting held on Tuesday 15th February 2022. Proposed Cllr O'Sullivan. Seconded Cllr Perry. 4 in favour. 1 against. The Vice Chair, Cllr Perry signed them as a correct record.

Matters Arising

22/68:

- (i) The markers for the path are being sent. Cornwall Council are looking to change the stiles to gates where possible when the stile becomes in need of repair. Cllr Perry will review the state of the stiles.

Correspondence:

22/69 – all correspondence circulated via email.

- (i) Town and Parish Council Newsletter.
- (ii) Age UK Cornwall & IoS/Macmillan end of contract evaluation survey.
- (iii) Civility and Respect CALC Newsletter. – Agenda item 13.
- (iv) Pop up vaccination clinic 19-20/2/22. – This did not go ahead due to the winds.
- (v) Replies to BSTC re housing emergency statement. – Agenda item 23.
- (vi) Pledge to Nature Campaign and Ecological Summit invite. – Agenda Item 19
- (vii) NALC Star Council Awards. Request for nominations.
- (viii) Training Bulletin.
- (ix) NALC legal update and Chief Executive's Bulletin. The boundary commission are holding a secondary consultation until 4/4/220 and encourage local councils to have their say on the proposals. There is a National Thank You day the day of jubilee to say thank you to everyone in the community – this explains how parishes can get involved.
- (x) Town and Parish Bulletin – cyber threat. Warning to be vigilant with phishing etc.
- (xi) Community Link Officers: Allocation to Community Network Areas.
- (xii) NALC Newsletter.
- (xiii) Neighbourhood Plan – outline agreement. Agenda item 14.
- (xiv) Parishioner dispute.

Planning.

22/70

a) Decision Notices/Updates:

- (i) PA21/11604 | Non-material amendment (NMA1) in relation to decision notice PA21/01360 dated 12.08.21 for amended plans | East Helscott Marhamchurch Bude Cornwall EX23 ONE. WITHDRAWN
- (ii) PA22/00343 | Proposed rear single storey extension and flat roof dormer, along with minor internal alterations. | Leaferne Hobbacott Lane Marhamchurch Bude EX23 0HD. APPROVED

Beeson Farm – Cllr Chopak has confirmed that this is going to committee on 19th April '22. Cllr O'Sullivan will draft a submission.

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b) Planning Applications/Appeals:

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

- (i) PA22/01352 | Regularisation of existing car park, together with associated works. | Bay View Inn Marine Drive Widemouth Bay Bude Cornwall EX23 0AW

Marhamchurch Parish Council unanimously supported the application with the proviso that it be used solely as a car park. Proposed Cllr Edwards. Seconded Cllr O'Sullivan.

To receive oral or written reports and authorise any action.

22/71

a) Chairman.

Cllr Perry attended the Community Network Panel meeting.

Bude Canal are looking into regular maintenance of the canal. The Climate Partnership are encouraging the use of public transport and have set up a loan library. The first week in July there will be a festival in the Castle grounds. Engagement of over 60's are being considered. There are plans for a circular footpath around Cornwall. Suggested reviews of Emergency Plans in light of war. Donations are being taken by the church for Ukraine – items or money. Over 100,000 households have put their name down for housing refugees. Dartmoor rail timetables are available in the shop.

b) Cornwall Councillor N Chopak.

Cllr Chopak thanked everyone who has made donations re Ukraine which can be made at dec.org.uk.

Marhamchurch Emergency Plan is held up as a good plan but in light of events may need slight amendments, for example, in the event of power cuts or lack of provisions at the local shop. Thorncross update – there will be a speed reduction to 40mph from Hill Head to the bottom of Pinch Hill. Dragon's teeth will be placed either side of the junction and then approximately 6 - 12 months a temporary flashing speed monitor will be installed. Marhamchurch Parish Council will be receiving a Jubilee Tree.

c) Playpark

The swing frame has been replaced and Cllr Perry was thanked for his work on this.

Marhamchurch Parish Council thanked Marhamchurch Community Shop for the financial support with regards to replacing the old play park fence; and Nicky Chopak for the Community Chest grant made towards the fence replacement.

Comments have been forwarded concerning the height of the fence, as it is higher than the previous one. Parents cannot monitor their children, who are playing in the field, whilst with their smaller children in the park. A panel has also been pulled out / knocked out of the gate entrance.

Cllr Perry will request the fence be lowered.

d) The Clerk.

Access to the bank is still pending and a complaint has been made.

The clerk has attended pension training and Casework Assist training for clerks – any issues raised by Councillors, Casework Assist will send the enquiry automatically to the correct Cornwall Council team, who will provide the required information. Casework Assist is included in Cornwall Council's 10 day service promise. Service requests must still be submitted service the usual way.

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Clerk attended the pre-summit meeting for Pledge for Nature. Since the 1950's a 133 species have become extinct and 15% are threatened with extinction. The Environment Act came in last year and Cornwall are 1 of 5 pilots to develop a strategy. Government guidance is awaited but there will be changes in planning and there will be a toolkit with guidance. There are no specifics for pledging a person / Council can choose to do anything.

Thorne Cross Junction A39.

22/72

An update was given by Cllr Chopak in her report.

Cemetery

22/73

a) Requests.

(i) For a non-parishioner's request to reserve a double plot the Councillors exercised their discretion and granted permission. Proposed Cllr Proudfoot. Seconded Cllr O'Sullivan. 3 in favour. 2 abstained.

(ii) The request for a memorial was unanimously agreed. Proposed Cllr O'Sullivan. Seconded Cllr Proudfoot.

b) Cemetery Audit.

The deadline for submission of the Cemetery Audit is 31/3/22. The Cemetery portfolio holders will complete this.

Cornwall Council Code of Conduct Training.

22/74

Cllr O'Sullivan reminded Councillors to review their Register of Interests.

Code of Conduct

22/75

The Model Code of Conduct 2020 (updated May 2021), which was endorsed by SLCC and NALC, has not yet been widely adopted. Cllr O'Sullivan will review and compare this to the Code of Conduct used by Marhamchurch Parish Council. He will report on this at the next meeting to advise of any update needed.

Neighbourhood Plan.

22/76

Cllr Proudfoot stated that a professional consultant is needed to finalise the Plan. The consultant has drafted a proposal to use to obtain a grant for a consultant's fee. The fee would be approximately £5,000 – £6,000. If the application for a grant is refused there will be no cost to the Parish Council for the proposal. It was proposed that Cllr Proudfoot obtain a second quote then use the proposal to apply for a grant.

Proposed L Kerr. Seconded Cllr Proudfoot. Unanimous.

Allotments.

22/77

The Community Link Officer has been reallocated therefore all matters have been passed on to the new Officer. Apologised for the delay but it is still awaiting Legal. The matter is near the top of the list to be dealt with.

Local Maintenance Partnership 22/23

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22/78

The clerk emailed Cornwall Council and the missing paths have been reinstated. One tender has been received therefore The Parish Council will not advertise further due to the potential cost involved.

Climate Change.**22/79**

Discussed the pledge for nature summit that has 2 items of interest – pledges for nature and examples of best practice: one for landowners, and private sector and the second one for local councils, community organisations and individuals. Cllr Proudfoot was interested in attending.

Annual Parish Meeting.**22/80**

Date of meeting to be 17/5/22 prior to the monthly meeting.
Councillors will consider speakers and discuss at the next meeting.

Citizen of the Year.**22/81**

The nominations deadline will be extended until the April meeting.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.**22/82**

Cllr Waterhouse sent posters to be displayed.
Text message read out from Cllr Waterhouse concerning road closures and cost.

Pearl Exchange.**22/83**

Pearl Exchange held a market on Saturday of handmade clothing, jewellery, ceramics, second hand clothing, local art – this will be semi regular event.
They have a bereavement Support Group and have introduced a Photography club and Art club on Fridays.

Virtual Meetings.**22/84**

No changes or updates at this time.

Housing**22/85**

Received an email from BSTC, who copied us letters they sent to the MP and Cornwall Council with responses. They are now working with Cornwall Council to undertake a Housing survey, to better define the housing needs in the Parish.

Finance & Legislation.**22/86**

- a) Approval of payments totalling £1,922.36 as per February schedule. It was resolved to approve payments and ratify the payment of £1,810 made to Griggs Fencing. Proposed Cllr Kerr. Seconded Cllr Perry. Unanimous.
- b) Upon receipt of bank statements clerk will send Income, Bank Balances and Bank reconciliations.

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Parish Matters - Agree action and authorise associated expenditure.

22/87

a) Highway matters.

An expression of interest was submitted re parking outside of The Bullers due to safety issues

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

22/88

None

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

22/89

19 April 2022

Meeting closed at 9.07pm

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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