MEVAGISSEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Planning Meeting held at the Mevagissey Activity Centre

On Friday 17 January 2025 at 7pm

Present Cllrs. M Roberts (Chairman), M Facey (Vice-Chairman), G Barham, J Brown, L Burdett, B Collins,

P Simpson, G Shephard, J Whatty.

In Attendance Cllr. J Mustoe (Ward Member), Peter Bowker RIBA, P Howson (Clerk to the Council), 3 members of the public.

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1. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs. J Gann, J Morgan, K Prynn, G Williams.
2. Cllr. Brown declared an interest in agenda item 5a (PA24/09248).

3. Peter Bowker RIBA presented revised plans for the development of land north of 22 Portmellon Park following advice received from PA24/01125/PREAPP, and answered questions put by members.

4. Public participation.

Timothy Battel voiced his objection to any development of the land north of 22 Portmellon Park.

Paul Murray, the applicant for PA24/09649 (agenda item 5b), outlined his proposals and the reasons for them, and explained that the kayak store shown in the plans would not be part of the development following representations made by neighbours.

5. Planning applications.

5a. PA24/09248 : Listed Building Consent for:- Demolition of two existing chimney stacks, insertion of new lead damp proof course and rebuild in lime mortar all as existing. Buckingham House 17 Tregoney Hill Mevagissey St Austell Cornwall PL26 6RD. Cllr. Brown withdrew for this item, having declared an interest.

Proposed by Cllr. Barham, Seconded by Cllr. Shephard that the Council supports the application. Carried.

5b. PA24/09649 : Like-for-like replacement of rear balcony. Construction of wall to front of property. Lean-to store along northwest elevation. 1 Polkirt Heights Mevagissey St Austell Cornwall PL26 6TT.

There was concern that the plans under consideration did not show the applicant’s intentions following his remarks about the kayak store.

Proposed by Cllr. Barham, Seconded by Cllr. Burdett that the Council makes no objection to the application on condition that the submitted plans are amended to reflect the applicant’s stated intentions. Carried.

6. Planning decisions (for information). There have been no notifications.

7. To consider the impact of national planning policy changes on the Mevagissey Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP), and consider the development of a Neighbourhood Priorities Statement covering priorities for future growth, preferred locations for new homes, and infrastructure needed to ensure that the community can flourish into the future. It was agreed to defer this to the next planning meeting, by which time members would have had the opportunity to attend the event arranged for all local council clerks and councillors covering the revised National Planning Policy Framework and other changes impacting on Neighbourhood Plans.

8. Other planning matters.

8a. Following consideration of the letter from the Mayor of Marazion at the last meeting, Cornwall ALC was asked to coordinate an exercise to establish the views of member councils on the performance of the planning department. CALC had replied that such an action fell outside its role. Following further discussion, the consensus was that it would be more to the benefit of residents to work constructively with the planning department than to pick fights with it. No further action will be taken.

8b. The Chairman referred to a letter he had received from an organization formed to fight South West Water’s plans for a desalination plant at Par, asking to make a presentation to the Council. It was agreed that, although interesting, this was not relevant to the Council, and the organization would be informed of such.

9. To receive updates on Planning Enforcement cases. It was noted that planning enforcement was working to find an appropriate outcome on two cases; was considering the expediency of formal action on one case (and had been since last July); and had commenced formal action against one case (starting June 2024).

10. Proposed by Cllr. Barham, Seconded by Cllr. Facey that under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for agenda item 9 (to receive updates on individual Planning Enforcement cases). Carried.

10. The remainder of the meeting was held in closed session.

11. The meeting ended at 8.15 pm. Date of next meeting: 21 February 2025.

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