MEVAGISSEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

On Thursday 19 May 2022 at 7pm

Present Cllrs. M Roberts (Chairman), M Facey (Vice-Chairman), G Barham, K Chamberlain, A Christie, D Drake, J Gann, C Leiser, J Morgan, G Shephard, J Whatty, A Williams, G Williams.

In Attendance Cllr. Mustoe (Ward Member), P Howson (Clerk to the Council), 1 member of the public,.

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1. Cllr. Shephard referred to the several local hosts of Ukrainian refugees and proposed that they should be invited to bring their guests to a future meeting of the Council where they could be offered any support the Council could provide.

2. There were no Apologies.

3. Cllr. Morgan declared an interest in agenda item 16 (funding for the Museum).

Cllr. Roberts declared an interest in agenda item 20 (funding for the Jubilee Hall).

4. Angela Blamey spoke on agenda item 17 and asked the Council to support the St Andrews Flower Festival.

5. Proposed by Cllr. Chamberlain, Seconded by Cllr. A Williams that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2022 be accepted. Carried.

6. Proposed by Cllr. Whatty, Seconded by Cllr. Christie that the minutes of the planning meeting held on 22 April 2022 be accepted. Carried.

7. Proposed by Cllr. Whatty, Seconded by Cllr. Christie that agenda item 17 be brought forward. Carried.

8. Proposed by Cllr. A Williams, Seconded by Cllr. Gann that a grant of £100 be made in support of the St Andrews Flower Festival. Carried.

9. The Clerk reported that

* Cornwall Council (CC) Highways will not support the installation of a bus shelter at the River Street bus stop;
* The internal audit this year was being carried out by Robert Larter;
* He had submitted an expression of interest form for CIL funding for improvements to the Valley Road playground but then withdrawn it at the Ward Member’s request because he and Cllr. Facey had been discussing it and they will send the completed form for submission;
* Thank you letters had been received from Cornwall Hospice Care and St Peter’s Church for grants received;
* Meike Weiser’s Forest for Cornwall presentation had been postponed to the June meeting.

10. The Ward Member presented his report which can be seen on the Council’s website.

11. To approve the monthly finances

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| Bills to Pay | Salaries | £ | 1,250.00 |  |  |
|  | Councillor training (paid) | £ | 72.00 |  |  |
|  | Meeting room hire 17/02/22 - 22/04/22 (paid) | £ | 166.75 |  |  |
|  | Grant towards Tower & Spire printing costs (paid) | £ | 300.00 |  |  |
|  | Grant to Mevagissey Male Choir (paid) | £ | 490.00 |  |  |
|  | Grant to Cornwall Hospice Care (Mount Edgcumbe) (paid) | £ | 1,000.00 |  |  |
|  | Grant towards Trevarth jubilee street party (paid) | £ | 300.00 |  |  |
|  | Valley Road PC electricity 02/04/22 - 01/05/22 (paid) | £ | 26.27 |  |  |
|  | West Wharf PC electricity 02/04/22 - 01/05/22 (paid) | £ | 29.87 |  |  |
|  | Valley Road PC water 02/03/22 - 04/04/22 (paid) | £ | 363.00 |  |  |
|  | Bin rental and haulage at Kiers car park 19/04/22 - 29/04/22 | £ | 331.10 |  |  |
|  | Operate Valley Road PC May 2022 | £ | 1,090.34 |  |  |
|  | Operate West Wharf PC May 2022 | £ | 1,111.20 |  |  |
|  | West Wharf PC hygiene services 08/06/22 - 07/09/22 | £ | 363.53 |  |  |
|  | Stationery | £ | 3.00 |  |  |
|  | TOTAL | *£* | 6,897.06 |  |  |
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| Accounts | Amount available to spend as of last meeting | £ | 102,248.35 |  |  |
|  | Expenditure last month | £ | 4,695.41 |  |  |
|  | plus bank charges | £ | 8.00 |  |  |
|  | PC attendants over Easter weekend | £ | 230.00 |  |  |
|  | Grant towards war memorial centenary event | £ | 216.41 |  |  |
|  | Bin rental and haulage at Kiers car park 05/04/22 - 15/04/22 | £ | 331.10 |  |  |
|  | Venue hire for housing survey public meetings | £ | 50.00 |  |  |
|  | Precept and CTS - 1st payment | £ | 41,591.23 |  | Received |
|  | Reclaimed VAT for 2021/22 | £ | 4,367.65 |  | Received |
|  | Available to spend | £ | 142,676.31 |  |  |
|  | Bank Statements (01/05/2022) |  |  |  |  |
|  | Current Account |  |  | £ | 228.81 |
|  | Deposit Account |  |  | £ | 142,447.50 |
|  | TOTAL |  |  | £ | 142,676.31 |

Proposed by Cllr. Morgan, Seconded by Cllr. Shephard that the accounts be accepted and the bills paid. Carried.

12. Public Conveniences

12a. Cllr. Facey reported that all units were fully operational and currently open from 9am to 6pm, although they would close later as the season progresses.

12b. Proposed by Cllr. Gann, Seconded by Cllr. Christie that GCF (the contractor) be authorised to increase his monthly charge by £120 to meet the increased costs of consumables. Carried.

13. Cllr. Gann reported on the activities of the Community Land Trust and there was a general discussion on the problems of affordable housing provision.

14. Housing Working Group.

14a. Cllr. Shephard reported that the Group had now been wound up, having achieved its objective, and thanked the Group members for all their hard work.

14b. Proposed by Cllr. Shephard, Seconded by Cllr. A Williams that the Council should approve the Housing Survey Report. Carried.

14c. The Housing Survey Report will be posted on the Council’s website.

15. Climate Emergency Working Group.

15a. Cllr. Whatty reported that he had registered an interest with Hunkin Homes for any space which might be made available for allotments. Planet A would present their decarbonisation overview report at the July meeting. The Group will be meeting on 7th June.

15b. Cllr. Leiser reported that she had started the application for a ‘Landmark’ tree to replace the dead palm in Cliff Park, to be planted in October.

16. The Ward Member presented the set of figures just released by CC as the basis for negotiating a devolution package. All members were asked to study the figures and send questions to the Clerk before the next meeting, when they will be collated and fed back via the Ward Member. On receipt of the answers, a meeting will be arranged with CC in mid to late July.

17. Cllr. Facey reported that the village clock had been removed for renovation by York Electrics on St Austell Brewery’s instructions, presumably because the brewery believed the clock to be theirs. Proposed by Cllr. Gann, Seconded by Cllr. Morgan that Cllr. Facey should contact the brewery to discuss. Carried.

18. To consider further funding requests for street parties to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee.

18a. Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Whatty that £300 be granted from the ‘free resource’ for Chapel Street’s Jubilee party. Carried.

18b. A request for funding for Penmeva View’s Jubilee party had been received after the advertised deadline.

Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. A Williams that £210 be granted for the purchase of commemorative coins for the children attending. Carried.

19. To consider a funding request from the Mevagissey Museum, who have been quoted £437 to upgrade their fire alarm system. Cllr. Morgan withdrew for this item, having declared an interest.

Proposed by Cllr. Gann, Seconded by Cllr. Facey that the full cost should be granted. Carried.

20. Proposed by Cllr. G Williams, Seconded by Cllr. Gann that a grant of £100 be awarded to Gorran Rainbows to help with their rising costs. Carried.

21. Proposed by Cllr. Facey, Seconded by Cllr. Barham that the full annual cost of pitch cutting should be paid to Mevagissey FC. Carried.

22. Proposed by Cllr. Barham, Seconded by Cllr. Christie that the budgeted amounts should be granted to the Jubilee Hall and the Mevagissey Activity Centre. Carried.

23. The Chairman reported that the Clerk had announced his intention to retire at the end of July and had accordingly given the required three months’ notice at the end of April.

Proposed by Cllr. Shephard, Seconded by Cllr. A Williams that the Council should go into closed session to discuss arrangements for recruiting a replacement. Carried.

The arrangements were agreed.

24. The meeting ended at 9.45 pm. Date of next (non-planning) meeting: 16 June 2022.

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