

**St. Mellion Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
St. Mellion Church Hall
Minutes**

PRESENT: Cllr. Bridie Kent (BK); Cllr. Pam Sambrook (PS); Cllr. Ben Bryan (BB); Cllr Hilary Gill (HG)
Cllr. Adam Sturtridge (AS).

IN ATTENDANCE: Ren Jackaman (Parish Clerk); Ward Cllr. Sharon Dawe, one member of the public.

1. Councillor matters

- 1.1 *To receive apologies for absences:*
NH gave apologies as absent in Bristol, these apologies were accepted.
- 1.2 *To receive declarations of pecuniary interests:*
None
- 1.3 *To receive declarations of non-registrable interests*
None
- 1.4 *To approve written requests for dispensations*
None

2. Previous Parish Council meetings

- 2.1 *To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 8th February 2022*

It was proposed by HG, seconded by PS and RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting on the 8th February 2022, all in favour.

- 2.2 *Matters Arising*
None

- 2.3 *Items actioned since last meeting*
Cornwall Highways have been asked to address all reported items and to explore the option of 'Jubilee Planting' on the bank next to the Millennium Bench and prohibiting parking by the village bus shelter.

3. Questions from the public:

It was reported that several parishioners have expressed an interest in becoming part of a Jubilee working party.

Bryan Hammond has righted the grit bins at the entrance to Dunstan Lane, which were overturned by the hedge trimmer. Thanks were given to Mr. Hammond.

The situation in the Ukraine was discussed and general support for the people of the Ukraine was voiced. For reference, RJ recited the advice issued by CALC about donating to charities in aid of the Ukraine Crisis.

Under s.137(3) contributions may be made to charities and bodies providing a public service on a non-profit making basis, but only in furtherance of their work in the United Kingdom. It is unlawful for a council to contribute to a charity or a public service body operating overseas, or to a fund established to help persons the UK. Contributions to UK charities and bodies providing a public service do not have to bring any direct benefit to the council's area or to its inhabitants.

4. Correspondence received (to include any received after this agenda is published but prior to the meeting)

The letter circulated by SLCC from Calstock Parish Council regarding second homes and holiday lets was shown on screen and discussed. It was noted that there is no similar problem in St. Mellion parish. It was also noted that this issue may rise in the future NDP questionnaire results.

5. Planning matters (to include any applications received after this agenda is published but prior to the meeting)

5.1 Planning Applications:

PA22/02219 Tom Watson, Crocadon Farm St Mellion Saltash Cornwall PL12 6RL

To provide a three phase electricity connection to the above address (approximately 600 metres supported by existing wooden poles 45KJJ1 through to 4KJJ8 (8 poles).

Planning Officer: Sarah Tatton

Consultation Expiry Date: 29th March 2022

The plans were viewed on screen and discussed.

- It was noted that the application is in response to a statutory duty of Western Power Distribution to provide the necessary electricity connections for the restaurant (which has already been granted planning permission).
- The necessary poles are mostly the existing ones, so are already in place.
- The area in question is open countryside, so there are no other residences in the area.
- Ultimately, it would be desirable for solar power to become a feature in this development if and when appropriate.

It was proposed by BK, seconded by HG and RESOLVED to support this application, all in favour.

5.2 Enforcement Refusals, Approvals & Appeals

Ref. No: PA22/00451 Messers Hammond - Land West of The Laurels, St Mellion PL12 6RG

Reserved Matters application following Outline approval PA21/06319 dated 4th October 2021 of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale in respect of two dwellings

STATUS: Awaiting Decision.

5.3 Other Planning Matters

Neighbourhood Development Plan working group update:

- BK reported that the working party has been working on the questionnaire for survey monkey.
- The group have discussed purchasing some tablets to assist in gathering responses from those who do not have the necessary technical abilities.
- St. Dominick have held a public meeting to establish if there is public support for their NDP and the response has been strongly in favour.

6. Highway & Transport

6.1 Any issues reported

The fence bordering pt.9143 was further damaged in Storm Eunice and had fallen towards the road, causing an obstruction and becoming potentially dangerous to pedestrians and vehicles. RJ was contacted by Paul Teale of the Glebe Residents Association, who sent a useful photo and asked for the fence to be repaired. RJ explained that the property is still Diocese owned and that the Parish Council cannot therefore undertake works. RJ copied in Jim Bennett of the PCC and then contacted The Diocesan Solicitor and requested that action be taken, at the same time referring them to Highways and Environment East for advice and resources. The fence has since been manoeuvred into a safer position.

PS has reported the issue of water pooling at the end of Mud Lane due to blocked drainage. Highways & Environment East have determined no action to be taken at this time.

BK noted that there is a potholes starting to appear at the exit to St. Mellion on Vivadon Roundabout but this has been marked for repair.

7. Council Property & Assets

7.1 *Any issues reported*

During hedge trimming both Dunstan Lane grit bins were overturned and one was smashed, the same problem occurred last year. The terminally damaged grit bin was the older one and was always intended to be replaced by the newer one, so no new grit bin is required at this time.

ACTION: RJ to contact Coryton estates to alert them to the problem of the grit bin being damaged by the hedge trimmer.

8. Project Updates

8.1 *Proposed siting of northbound village bus shelter on pt9143:*

Earl & Crocker have addressed the issues raised in the transfer agreement and the only remaining item is clause 11 relating to the identify of the Parish Council as purchaser.

ACTION: RJ to check clause 11 of the draft transfer with Cornwall Legal.

8.2 *Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2022*

- Planting up of the bank by the Millennium bench has been approved by Will Glassup of CORMAC. RJ to look into tendering for this work and ongoing maintenance. The very overgrown section would be hazardous to work on, advice should be sought on how to approach this work.

ACTION: RJ to ask H&EE for advice again and send photograph of the relevant section.

- It was noted that it would be desirable to have a plaque to commemorate the Jubilee in the same area.
- The Beacon lighting at Kit Hill on 2nd June will be attended by AS representative of the PC.
- Vivienne Malsom is organising an exhibition in the church. The WI will be helping with refreshments at the exhibition. Both Vivienne and the WI ladies are therefore fully committed in terms of time and workforce.
- The school field is confirmed as available for an event, a date and time to be chosen which does not clash too much with nearby events.
- Bryan Hammond has confirmed he is happy to hold a fireworks display in the evening. He has also identified someone who is available to cater with free hotdogs and a DJ for music.
- The choice and location of Jubilee tree is still to be confirmed by the PCC.
- Ordering of souvenirs for children of the parish by the Parish Council is permissible under S137 LGA 1972, so the PC can happily pay for this but the problem of the school status as Church of England is still an issue (the PC cannot directly fund any religious organisation), so to comply with LGA1972, the children of the parish are to be purchased for. Suggested limit of 40 items.
- Cllr Dawe suggested having sunflower seedlings planted in recycled tin cans to hand out to children.
- Crown Golf to be approached by Cllr Dawe to undertake some planting for the Jubilee.
- An evening meeting to be arranged to decide on a few of these issues. All parishioners to be invited.

ACTION: RJ to check availability of the Church Hall in week commencing Monday 28th March.

8.3 *Community Litter Pick*

The Litter pick took place on the 5th March, with good attendance and 15 bags were collected. Several fly tipping spots were noted and will be reported to Cornwall Council.

9. Parish Council Governance

Nothing to report.

10. Parish Council finances

10.1 *To approve monthly payment schedule for March 2022*

It was proposed by BB, seconded by PS and RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule for March, all in favour.

10.2 Bank Account transfer - update

The login issues have been resolved, the transfer has completed successfully.

ACTION: RJ to get BB added to the bank mandate.

11. Local Organisations & Stakeholders updates

The next Mellanus News is due to be published in April, editorial to be submitted to Amanda Copson.

12. Items for next Parish Council meeting agenda:

- End of year financial report.
- Planning for APEM and APCM.

(PS and AS offered apologies for next meeting).

13. Date and time of next meeting 12th April 2022

Meeting closed at 20:35

St. Mellion Parish Council				
Payment Schedule REVENUE Account				
DATE: March 2022				
PAYEE	Invoice Date	Invoice #	Description	Amount
R Jackaman	n/a	n/a	Clerk Salary and Reimbursements	£489.71
AG Accountancy Ltd	01.03.2022	3547	Payroll Service	£11.36
NEST	09.03.2022	n/a	Employer + Employee contribution to clerk's pension	£40.41
TOTAL				£541.48