

St. Mellion Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 9th August 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
(in place of cancelled meeting of 12th July 2022)
St. Mellion Church Hall
Minutes

PRESENT: Cllr Bridie Kent (BK); Cllr Nick Habermehl (NH); Cllr Hilary Gill (HG); Cllr Ben Bryan (BB); Cllr Adam Sturtridge (AS).

IN ATTENDANCE: Parish Clerk Ren Jackaman (RJ) and one member of the public

1. Councillor matters

1.1 To receive apologies for absences

Cllr Pam Sambrook (PS) on personal grounds, this apology was accepted by all present.

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 14th June 2022

AS requested amendment of the spelling of his name, which was incorrect, which amendment was duly made.

It was proposed by AS seconded by HG and RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 14th June 2022 as a true record of the meeting, all in favour.

2.2 Matters Arising:
None

2.3 Items actioned since last meeting:
Nothing not dealt with elsewhere in the minutes.

3. Questions from the public & correspondence received

The member of the public who was present raised the ongoing issue of traffic on Church Lane, both the speed and use of the road for access to the Golf Club when it is an access only road for residence and people using the Church Hall, School and Church. It was also reported by BB that there have been several near misses on local roads with children playing nearby.

ACTION: BK asked BB to liaise with Steve Moss again and request that the Golf Club staff all be instructed to avoid using Church Lane to access the Golf Club and that doing so is illegal.

ACTION: RJ to contact the PCSO and ask if any police presence can be arranged to visit at Church Lane to discourage the illegal use of the road.

ACTION: BK will flag this issue with the SMPRA.

Email from Paul Teale on behalf of Glebe Residents:

Requesting that the vegetation at pt9143 be cleared from the residents' fences as it is causing damage. RJ Responded and gave an outline of the works for the fourth bus shelter on the site, including clearing vegetation and potentially landscaping, plus the regime planned for ongoing maintenance.

Mr. Teale has asked that remedial work be done immediately to stop growth of vegetation through the hedges, the fence at number 12 is being damaged by the ingress of plants. When asked he recommended Heard's Garden Services be approached to quote as most people on the Glebe use this contractor.

A short discussion followed.

It was determined that the Parish Council is now responsible for this piece of land and is now responsible for its maintenance, regardless of previous ownership and maintenance or lack thereof.

It was proposed by BB seconded by AS and RESOLVED to hire a contractor to clear the excess vegetation bordering the fences at both front (adjacent to the footpath) and rear (adjacent to residences) of pt9143 (to be tendered for if over the de minimus of £100, otherwise to be commissioned immediately), all in favour.

ACTION: RJ to contact Heard's Garden Services for a provisional quote.

Offer from Crown Golf re: Farmers Market:

Steve Moss of St. Mellion Golf Club has proposed an idea which aims to engage more closely with the community. They offer free use of a piece of land on the Golf Club estate to hold a Farmers Market, as often as desired. To be marketed as "at St. Mellion Estate" and all proceeds to be used as the Parish Council sees fit.

The close proximity of the residences of many of the Parish Councillors was addressed as a potential conflict of interest but was deemed a non-issue, since every councillor but one necessarily lives either on, or within half a mile of the Golf Club.

Discussion followed and it was determined that the Parish Council does not have the resources to undertake such an endeavour and that consequently will have to decline this offer.

Further, the Parish Council applauds any effort to engage with local residents and would like to encourage the Golf Club to explore market management with a commercial contractor instead.

4. Planning matters

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

4.1 *Planning Applications:* None

4.2 *Enforcement Refusals, Approvals & Appeals*

- **PA22/03591 Mr. D. Cox, Crocadon Farm, St Mellion, PL12 6RL**
Change of use of barns to cafe/event space and farm shop.
Status: Approved

- **PA22/05090 Mrs D Fry St Barnabas CE MAT, St Mellion C Of E School Church Lane, PL12 6RG**
Proposal Demolition of existing outdoor building and replacement with new building.
Status: Approved

4.3 *Other Planning Matters*

- **Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group:**
The last meeting was two weeks ago. Efforts have been made to condense the draft survey to a more user friendly version, this is currently on a free survey site.
The option of printing the survey to be distributed is currently favoured as it allows for engagement with the community.
The survey focuses on services which currently exist with options for the future.
A proof copy will be sent to councillors for approval.

- Proposed changes under Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill:
The planning measures in the bill are stated to have been informed by more than 40,000 responses to the government's 2020 White Paper 'Planning for the Future', and the subsequent inquiry into planning reform by the Housing, Communities and Local Government Select Committee. The Bill is unlikely to be enacted until 2024.
Most pertinent to St. Mellion:
 - A new design code.
 - A new levy replaces S106 and CiL charged on the value of property when it is sold and applied above a minimum threshold.
 - More weight would be given to local plans and neighbourhood plans and the new national planning policies.
 - Changes to Neighbourhood Plans and a 'simpler to prepare' alternative introduced.
 - A council tax premium on second homes would be introduced.

ACTION: RJ to upload the briefing note to the website.

5. Highway & Transport

5.1 *Any reported items and updates*

Road lines have been repainted at the Golf Club.

6. Council Property & Assets

6.1 *Any reported items and updates*

None.

7. Project Updates

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

Monies have been transferred and completion has taken place. St. Mellion Parish Council now own pt9143. The Land registration is currently being processed, after which the deeds will be collected from Earl & Crocker to be kept in the custody of the Parish Clerk.

7.2 *Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2022*

Costs so far:

Printing flyers and posters	£27.00
Pasties	£330.00
Mugs	£306.24
Mugs additional payment	£306.24
B Hammond reimbursement	£254.71
A. Copson reimbursement	£158.23
TOTAL	£1382.42

UPCOMING:

Tree and Planting costs + plaque (Ginkgo Tree has been requested) approx. £250

Approximately £3500 remains of budgeted funds.

Councillors were invited to consider any additional Jubilee related items on which money could be expended.

The following suggestions were made:

A bench, whether a Jubilee themed one, or possibly a half circle bench to be placed around the Jubilee tree.

A memorial stone or Menhir to be placed on pt9143 and associated landscaping.

ACTION: RJ to explore options around both these suggestions for presentation at the next meeting.

8. Parish Council Governance: Nothing to Report

9. Parish Council finances

9.1 To approve monthly payment schedule for July/August 2022

St. Mellion Parish Council					
Payment Schedule REVENUE Account					
DATE: July 2022					
PAYEE	Invoice Date	Invoice #	Description	Amount	Payment Type
R Jackaman	n/a	n/a	Clerk Salary and Reimbursements	£507.31	BACS
AG Accountancy Ltd	28.06.2022	3638	Payroll Services	£11.83	BACS
Truro Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd (Savills)	15.07.2022	744927	Permissive path annual fee	£100.00	BACS
Brian Hammond	n/a	n/a	Reimbursement of Jubilee Expenses	£254.71	Cheque
Cornwall Legal	06.06.2022	8100275065	Legal fees for June 2022	£63.90	BACS
NEST	n/a	n/a	Employer + Employee contribution to clerk's pension	£40.10	DD
TOTAL				£977.85	
Payment Schedule REV-ENUE Account					
DATE: August 2022					
PAYEE	Invoice Date	Invoice #	Description	Amount	Payment Type
R Jackaman	n/a	n/a	Clerk Salary and Reimbursements	£490.52	BACS
AG Accountancy Ltd	02.08.2022	3681	Payroll Services	£11.83	BACS
NEST	n/a	n/a	Employer + Employee contribution to clerk's pension	£40.04	DD
TOTAL				£542.39	

It was proposed by NH seconded by AS and RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule for July and August 2022.

9.2 VAT return submission for ye 2022.

The Vat return had been circulated as pre-reading and was shown onscreen, total £108.37

10. Community & Stakeholders:

10.1 Crocadon Licensing application

The application details had been circulated as pre-reading and was shown onscreen. It is in fact a modification of the existing licence to restrict it to relevant buildings. No questions or discussion followed.

10.2 Cornwall Council 'New County Deal' and Mayor for Cornwall:

HM Government is proposing "New County Deals to take devolution beyond the largest cities, offering the rest of England the same powers metro mayors have gained" County deals are a proposed mechanism to deliver sub-national devolution in England. They will involve agreements between the UK government and local authorities in non-metropolitan parts of the country.

Cornwall has previously rejected the option of a mayor and in previous rounds of devolution negotiations, the government's insistence that deals must include a directly elected mayor led to the collapse of several deals.

A petition has been set up to request a Cornish Referendum on this issue.

10.3 TVAONB Annual Forum

RJ attended the TVAONB Annual Forum on 14th June 2022 at Calstock Arts Centre. A variety of projects were covered, including Farming in Protected Landscapes with Jess Jeans of Bohetherick Farm, Tamara Landscape Partnership Scheme and the River Tamar Walkway at Calstock. Also, in early stages of planning is the Great River Festival 2024, which will be a cultural celebration of the River Tamar and will include things like permanent art installations.

11. Items for next Parish Council meeting agenda:

Jubilee spending and further projects
Remedial work at pt9143

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

BK and NH gave their apologies, for the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 20:43