

Marhamchurch Parish Council

Tuesday 18th August 2026

The meeting of Marhamchurch Parish Council was held on the above date at 7:30pm, in The Bray, Marhamchurch Village Hall.

Councillors Present:

Chairman Cllr Perry, Vice-Chair Cllr Edwards, Cllr Biddick-Bray, Cllr O'Sullivan, Cllr Polkinghorn.

Also in attendance: County Cllr Nicky Chopak and Clerk E Hawkins.

6 members of the public were present for the meeting. Chairman Cllr Perry opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Record and Approve Apologies.

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None.

Confirm Minutes from the 21 July 2026 and ratify all decisions taken therein.

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It was resolved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 21 July 2026 and ratify all decisions made at the meeting. Proposed Cllr Biddick-Bray. Seconded Cllr Polkinghorn. 4 in favour. 1 against. Chairman signed them as a correct record.

Declarations.

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- (i) Cllr Perry declared longstanding interest in Agenda item 9: Cemetery.

Dispensations.

26/173

- a) To note approved dispensations relevant to items on the agenda:
 - (i) Dispensation noted for Cllr Perry re Agenda item 9: Cemetery.
- b) To review new dispensations requests.
 - (i) None.

Matters Arising – for report only.

26/174

Cllr Edwards wanted to address the statement made by Cllr O'Sullivan at 21 July 2026 meeting, that he had received no thanks for the work he had put into the Hele Valley Trail. Cllr Edwards drew attention to the following:

- 18 Feb 2025 – Chairmans Report – thanks to Cllr O'Sullivan for organising working party (REF: 25/31a)
- 20 May 2025 – Chairmans Report - Thanks were expressed to Cllr O'Sullivan and the Clerk, for all their hard work so far with the Hele Valley Trail project. (REF: 25/111a)
- 16 June 2025 – Hele Valley Trail – Chair expressed his gratitude to Cllr O'Sullivan for all his hard work on all matters relating to the HVT. (REF 25/138)
- 9 Dec 2025 – Hele Valley Trail - Cllr Perry extended his thanks to Cllr O'Sullivan for the time he put to

assessing the legal & other documents in preparation for tonight's meeting. (REF: 25/267 xiii).

- 9 Dec 2025 – Urgent Matters - Cllr O'Sullivan wished to propose a vote of thanks to the Grills Family for providing access to The Hele Valley Trail for the last 25 years. Cllr Perry seconded this, and added his thanks to Cllr O'Sullivan, Cllr Biddick-Bray and the Clerk for all their hard work on the project. (REF: 25/272)

Cllr O'Sullivan responded that he stands over the comments he made at the previous meeting.

Public Open Session.

(To receive statements, questions, and answers from the public on an agenda item)

26/175

Cllr Perry invited members of the public to talk on matters listed on the agenda.

PA26/05259 – comments and discussion held around this application. Neighbouring property owners flagged their concerns with particular attention to drainage, sewerage, traffic.

Correspondence.

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Circulated via email.

Planning.

26/177

a) Decision Notices/Updates:

- (i) **PA26/04619** | Works to trees in a conservation area - works include T5: Common Ash: Remove deadwood. T6: Common Ash: Remove small dead Ash from under canopy. G3: Remove Ash with dieback. Crown lift remaining trees over play area to ensure 4m clearance from ground level in summer months removing third order branches only. G4: Crown lift over play area to clear play equipment by 3m when in full leaf. T3: Common Ash: Fell both stems and remove small Norway Maple under canopy with no longterm potential. T4: Italian Alder: Crown lift over swings to clear by 4m when in full leaf, removing third order branches only| The Revel Field Pinch Hill Marhamchurch.

Decided not to make a Tree Preservation Order.

- (ii) **PA26/04618** | Works to Tree within a Conservation Area - T1 - Cornish Elm and smaller dead Elm to north and T9 - Cornish Elm - Fell all to ground level |The Revel Field Pinch Hill Marhamchurch.

Decided not to make a Tree Preservation Order.

Clerk updated that this means that the necessary work can go ahead (as advised from Tree Surveyor) in Marhamchurch Playpark and Revel Field. Clerk has made contact with agreed contractor.

b) Planning Applications/Appeals:

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

- (i) **PA26/04981** | Construction of two replacement self-build dwellings including demolition of existing dwellings|Land And Buildings At The Bay View Inn Marine Drive Widemouth Bay.

Cllr Edwards read email from applicant, which was noted by Cllrs. Following a review of application and discussion a proposal of NO COMMENT was made by Cllr O'Sullivan. There was no seconder for the proposal.

A proposal of NO OBJECTION was made by Cllr Biddick-Bray. Seconded by Cllr Edwards. 4 voted in favour. 1 abstained.

- (ii) **PA26/05259** | Application for Permission in Principle for the construction of up to 9 dwellings (minimum of 5, maximum of 9)| Land East Of Willow End Hobbacott Lane Marhamchurch.

Following a detailed discussion and review of the application it was unanimously agreed to OBJECT to the application based on the following concerns:

>Access - the area already has a high volume of traffic and is a narrow country road not made for large vehicles.

> Drainage and sewerage - the system cannot cope already and further pressures from proposed development will continue to add to the problems.

>There is no natural 'site' or boundary linked to this application. No hedge or stream.

> Proposed development is in open countryside. Further light pollution is a concern.

> There are already 53 properties approved (or under review) for development in Marhamchurch area. Is there a NEED for 9 more properties.

Proposal to OBJECT to application was made by Cllr Edwards, Seconded Cllr Biddick-Bray. Unanimous.

Cemetery.

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A request from parishioner to install a bench at Viewing Point North carpark.

Clerk has made contact with Cllr Chopak to find out who would need to be contacted to seek permission. As the Viewing Point North is Cornwall Council owned land, the application will likely need to go through them. Clerk to feedback.

Finance & Legislation.

26/179

- a) Approval of payments as per schedule (£1818.00) and approval of £15 payment for room hire and consider payment of urgent accounts presented by the date of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Biddick-Bray. Seconded Cllr Polkinghorn. 4 in favour. 1 against.
- b) To note Income & Bank Balances as per the schedule. Noted.
- c) To note Bank reconciliations. Noted.

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

26/180

20 mph signs have been installed in the village.

Flashing speed sign request for it to be moved to Hobbacott Lane.

Contact from Cornwall Council re dog fouling signs.

Chairman updated footpaths which had been completed.

Community Area Partnership Form to be completed – Clerk has circulated – please email through any feedback. If no feedback emailed then Clerk will not complete / submit ahead of the CAP meeting.

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

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Date of next meeting: Tuesday 15th September 2026.

Meeting closed at: 8:15pm

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.”