

## Marhamchurch Parish Council

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Methodist Room on the above date at 7.30pm.

**Councillors present:** Vice Chairman Mr M Grills, Messrs R Blewett, S Colwill, T O’Sullivan J Petherick, and Mrs F Hunt. Mrs I Waterhouse arrived at approximately 7.40pm  
Also in attendance: C Cllr N Chopak for the first part of the meeting  
Approximately 6 members of the public were present

**Apologies** - Messrs R Hockin, T Edwards and T Perry.

### **Declarations of Interest**

15/183 None

### **Dispensations**

15/184 None received

### **Public Open Session**

15/185 No matters raised.

With approval of the council, as Cllr N Chopak had to leave to attend another meeting, it was agreed to deal with Agenda item 9

### **Cllr N Chopak.**

15/186 CC has set up a ‘Refugee Crisis’ page on their website and welcome offers from anyone who can provide services/assistance. CC has acknowledged that they have an obligation not to close toilets in the CC run car parks and so the toilets at Widemouth Bay, Summerleaze and Crooklets will remain open until 2016. CC has intimated that Bude Library/One Stop Shop cannot exist unless it has other services using the facilities – some suggestions have been as a jobcentre and police enquiry offices. CC has advised that the overgrown trees/shrubs in the Bullers Arms car park are not bad enough for them to instigate that the owner cuts them back. Cllr Chopak will make further enquiries as it was noted that large vehicles and agricultural machinery have to go out into the road to avoid the vegetation. CC are currently not going to deal with the weeds (including ragwort) on the cycle track at Helebridge, as the track does not lead anywhere. Cllr Chopak mentioned that in April there may be some European funding and a group for Safer Cycling may be interested in the path. Cllr Chopak has requested that CC Planning Enforcement investigate the structure that is being erected along the Widemouth Bay road near Wildcroft.

Mrs I Waterhouse arrived at 7.40 during the above item,

### **Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on August 10<sup>th</sup> 2015.**

15/187 It was resolved to approve the minutes.

### **Matters Arising**

15/188a **Para 15/176x Correspondence Dogs on Beaches.** CC plan to standardise the system. The existing Dog Control Order currently in place at Widemouth North is largely unenforceable and has not been patrolled and CC plan to repeal it. It was agreed to request that the generic ban PSPO is extended to cover Widemouth North beach. Cllr Chopak will ask Poundstock Parish council for their view.

15/188b **Para 15/161 Horse chestnut Tree outside the row of cottages beside The Old School.** CC have confirmed the tree is clearly situated within the limits of the highway and following a visit Mr D Thomas, Tree Inspector has recommended to remove the lowest branches over the road and over the footway, shorten branches to the edge of the road and edge of the footway and remove small branches to crown raise remainder by 1m.

15/188c **Para 15/162 Hele Valley Trail** – Some of the path has been trimmed and the owner plans to cut more when the weather and conditions allow safe access for the machinery. It was agreed to add a note to the parish newsletter asking for volunteers to strim the path and if they wish to clear some of the wooded overgrowth by the edge of the lower path contact Mr M Grills.

15/188d **Code of Conduct training at the Parkhouse Centre 01.10.15 4 – 6pm** Three places have been booked.

### **Correspondence.**

15/189a The following had been circulated beginning 08.09.15

- i) NHS – Peninsula Community Health Summer 2015 Issue 10.
- ii) Clerks and Councils Direct.
- iii) Playpark meeting minutes 10.06 15 & 08.07.15.
- iv) Marhamchurch Parish Council Balance Sheet, Bank Reconciliation and Income & Expenditure details up to and including August 2015.
- v) Broxap catalogue.
- vi) TSB The way your money is protected is changing.
- vii) Cornwall for Change email + notice of AGM in October (date tba)
- viii) Report from CARE meeting on 12.08.15.
- ix) Cornwall Sports – grassroots sport.
- x) Waste Incentive Neighbourhood Scheme.
- xi) CC Communities & Devolution Bulletin 04.09.15.

15/189b Items circulated at the meeting:

- xii) CC Communities and Devolution Bulletin 2 x dated 10.09.15.
- xiii) Copy letter from G Street MP to S Mann MP re the Cinnamon Network
- xiv) Copy of letter from S Mann MP to D Cameron, Prime Minister and G Clarke MP re CC closing public toilets and business rates.
- xv) Vital Venues re community hall management.

15/189c Items dealt with at the meeting:

- xvi) Details of CC Third Localism Summit in Truro on 30.09.15.
- xvii) CRUSE Bereavement Care Cornwall 2015 Appeal – placed on file for the November meeting.
- xviii) Email from Smartwheelie advertising wheelie bin stickers.
- xix) Planning Conferences – Mr J Petherick expressed an interest in attending and the cost per delegate of £10 was approved.
- xx). Details of information about ‘old’ kiosk uses and information about various types of defibrillators and suppliers

Once again with approval of the council it was agreed to deal with Agenda item 10 next.

### **Feedback re meetings about the Bullers Arms Car Park.**

15/190 Messrs T O’Sullivan, J Petherick and Mrs I Waterhouse (Advisory Group) met with representatives of the shop committee to enquire if they would be prepared to consider being part of a community effort (support, finance and otherwise) to resolve the issue of the former car park. Following a shop committee meeting a letter was sent and circulated which confirmed they wish to continue with their plans to build the shop on the site of the existing public conveniences in the Square. Messrs T O’Sullivan, J Petherick and Mrs I Waterhouse had a meeting with Ms N Unger and Marhamchurch Conservation Group (MCG). MCG advised caution against supporting any, even limited business or other, development in the car park as their advice is this could be interpreted as agreement in principle to development on the site. MCG would be favourable to attempts to acquire the car park at a reasonable commercial value though there was no indication as to what this is. Ms Unger expressed her opposition to any business development in the car park other than the possible accommodation of the village shop in the renovation of the existing shed/building. Regarding the commercial value of the car park, the owner is under no obligation to sell to a specified person or group or for anything under what he believes it to be worth. The Advisory Group (AG) believe the prolonged closure of the car park is a major concern and has a negative impact on Bullers Arms trade and traffic issues and safety for everyone. The AG believe the community value aspect as well as the traffic issues give the site a valuation that is outside of its monetary value and recommended the need for more broad based public consultation.

A copy of the full report/update following meetings, for reference, is at the end of these minutes.

During the discussion, the merits of having a public meeting to gauge from parishioners if they would be in favour of the parish council pursuing funding or assisting in the funding of the car park purchase was examined, but it was felt that unless an idea of the sum of money required is known, electors would not have enough information to form judgement. How a purchase may be funded was also mentioned with reference to a public works loan. Thanks were extended to everyone who has been involved with meetings and discussion and Messrs T O'Sullivan, J Petherick and Mrs I Waterhouse agreed to arrange another meeting with Mr Rudman.

## **Planning**

### **15/191a Decision Notices:**

- i) PA15/05191- Conversion of Existing Stable Building into 2 holiday Cottages to include for guests stabling provided within part of the existing farm building and use of equestrian menage. Mr Lee Hooker. Approved.
- ii) PA15/06453 - Construction of a dwelling. Village Farm Marhamchurch. Mr S Rudman. The planning officer had advised on 01.09.15 that he was mindful to recommend approval in contrast to the parish council's recommendations and requested that the parish council respond within 5 working days to the following 3 options:  
Option 1. To agree with my recommendation;  
Option 2 To agree to disagree with it; or  
Option 3 To maintain the objection to object to the proposal and to request committee consideration by the planning committee. Following responses from 8 councillors – there was a majority of 6 for Option 3. (1 for Option 1 and 1 for Option 2) The planning officer has since advised that the application will be dealt with at the East Planning Committee on 12th October. The Chairman has agreed to attend and speak on behalf of the parish council.
- iii) PA15/06210 - Proposed new dwelling. Land North of Westlands Helebridge Road (Foundry Lane) Marhamchurch. Mr Mark Ford Builders Ltd. Refused.
- iv) PA15/06269 - Removal of condition (agricultural occupancy only) from application E/STR/50/1550 - Erection of farmworkers bungalow and construction of 10ft access. Oakdene Marhamchurch. Mrs S Kirby. The planning officer had advised on 02.09.15 that he was mindful to recommend refusal in contrast to the parish council's recommendations and requested that the parish council respond within 5 working days to the following 3 options:  
Option 1. To agree with my recommendation;  
Option 2 To agree to disagree with it; or  
Option 3 To maintain the approval for the proposal and to request committee consideration by the planning committee. Following responses from 8 councillors, there was a majority of 5 for Option 1. (2 for option 2 and 1 for option 3). The planning officer has since advised that the proposal has been refused.
- v) PA15/06587 - Extension to dwelling. Westleigh Pinch Hill Marhamchurch. Mr N Jessop. Approved.

### **15/191b Applications:**

- i) PA15/06893 - Extension of dairy shed (same dimensions and design) to house farm machinery and a farm scale anaerobic digester, using farm produced waste and producing power to be used on the farm. East Titson Tackbear Road Titson. Philip Cholwill. Following examination of the plans and the discussion, Mr T O'Sullivan recommended approval, seconded` by Mrs I Waterhouse with unanimous approval.
- ii) PA15/06368 - Prior Notification under classes Q (a) and (b) conversion of a piggery to a dwelling. Waterstone Access to Gingers Cottage Marhamchurch. Mr C Jopling. CC will ascertain if the proposal warrants a full application and at this stage the parish council are not consulted.

- iii) PA15/07872 - Submission of details to discharge conditions 3 and 5 in respect of decision notice PA14/09441. Barn Orchard Cottage The Foundry Helebridge Marhamchurch. Mr C Crocker-White. For information only

**Referendum re Creathorne Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund.**

15/192 Following the item in the parish newsletter, there has not been many responses. It was agreed to place another item in the next magazine including a list of suggestions to date. It was suggested that a policy/protocol is in place setting out how applications and allocations are managed.

**Public Conveniences**

- 15/193a Voluntary Contribution Box. Having something similar to the system at Crackington Haven was discussed as was the system at Kilkhampton. The Clerk will enquire from Kilkhampton how their system works.
- 15/193b The back rest/cushion in the ‘Ladies’ has come away from the fixings and has been placed in the storeroom. The Clerk suggested that councillors may like to check to see if it needs re-fixing or replacing.
- 15/193c The police have been monitoring the area after reports of someone smoking banned substances in the toilets.
- 15/193d The Clerk has ordered more toilet tissue and soap and a replacement toilet dispenser for the ‘Gents’ as the lock on the current one is unusable.

**Red Kiosk and future use.**

15/194 Mr S Colwill has been making enquires and sourcing companies who may be willing to donate paint and glazing panels to refurbish the kiosk but with no success so far. Mr Colwill advised that some uses for de-commissioned kiosks include a book share and art gallery; the most common use appears to be for defibrillators and there was a suggestion to have details of local footpaths. Details of all the information was placed for circulation.

**Review terms of Marhamchurch Playpark Working Group/Sub Committee.**

15/195 Due to the Clerk’s workload this has been deferred again.

**Cemetery**

- 15/196a It was resolved to approve a request for a cremation plot in the Cemetery from a Bude resident. The Clerk confirmed that there had been a majority approval for the late Mr AW Faber to be allowed parishioner fees.
- 15/196b Review Water Provision. Mr M Grills offered to provide a container suitable to use as a water butt. There was a discussion about the best way to fill the water butts, Mr R Blewett mentioned a system suggested by Mr R Hockin using guttering to drain water off the wall. It was agreed to meet in cemetery to have a look.
- 15/196c Clerk’s Training. Information from SLCC for Cemetery Legal Compliance training in Bodmin had been circulated to councillors and the Clerk’s attendance had been approved. The whole day’s training had been very intensive and a multitude of matters had been covered. All registers should be stored in a fireproof container; Mr R Blewett suggested a fireproof blanket. Black durable ink only should be used in the registers. Exclusive Rights of Burial need to transferred to a beneficiary for the remaining term of the 99 years’ lease and this will entail the Clerk following up with enquiries and getting paperwork signed and updating records. Some cemeteries issue separate memorial certificates and this can allow them to be for a shorter period than the lease for the plot. Some cemeteries have areas set aside where ashes can be scattered – with a wall for memorial plaques. A separate register must be kept for stillborn interments. Notice of Interment forms must be signed by the purchaser or owner of the plot and not the Funeral Director, the forms and the legal authority for the burial must be given to the Burial Authority (the Parish council) before the interment takes place. In order to ensure that new memorials erected in the cemetery do not become unstable and therefore hazardous it is vital that installations comply with British



resolved that Messrs R Blewett, R Hockin and the Clerk will be the signatories and the Clerk will administer the account.

**Other Parish Matters**

15/203a Highways – The broken post by bus shelter has been replaced. Harlake Cross to Borough Cross will be closed from 21<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> September for road repairs.

15/203b Community Shop – the Big Lottery application is in hand. The shop needs more shoppers and volunteers to work in the shop.

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

15/204 There were no urgent matters. Mr T O’Sullivan suggested placing the Bullers Arms carpark report from the advisory group on the parish newsletter link, there were no objections and Mrs F Hunt agreed add it.