



**MINUTES OF THE MARAZION TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 26th APRIL 2022 TOWN HALL MARAZION**

Meeting number 24/21/22

Present: Cllr D Laity Chairman, Cllr W Collins, Cllr J Nicholas, Cllr P Hosking, Cllr G Reynolds; Cllr J Tuchier, Cllr D Walsh, Cllr J Rawlins, Cllr P Read

In attendance:

Mrs T Unstead Town Clerk

1101 Apologies

Cllr R Stokoe

1102 Public Participation

Resident one.

The destruction of a Cornish hedge to make a gate at Chymorvah East. The gate has also been defaced. St Aubyn Estates have been contacted but a reply not yet received.

The blocking off access to the memorial seat for Lady St Levan. Cllr Reynolds confirmed that the seat is located on private land. The resident is seeking help from the Town Council to gain access just through the gate to the 'knoll' where the memorial seat is located. Cllr Laity said that the Town Council can speak to the property owners and ask about access, the alternative would be to move the seat.

Resident Two – the architect for PA21/12400 addressed the Town Council. Cllrs Reynolds and Read declared an interest and left the room.

The architect advised the Town Council of the alterations made to the planning application after a meeting with the Cornwall Council Planning Case Officer.

1103 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Read agenda item 21 en bloc.
Cllr Reynolds agenda item 21(a)(i)
Cllr Walsh agenda item 21(a)(ii)
Cllr Nicholas agenda item 21(a)(v)

1104 Dispensations

None.

1105 Mayors Report - Matters of Urgency

The Mayor Cllr Laity reported that:

- i On Wednesday 13th April 2022 he had attended an Easter coffee morning at the Marazion Community Centre in aid of the Marazion and District Fund Raising Group for Cornwall Hospice Care
- ii The Annual Parish meeting held on Tuesday 12th April 2022 at the Marazion Community Centre was attended by more than usual, the reports presented by representatives of local organisations was a success, the format worked well and the use of the Marazion Community Centre as a venue for the holding of the Annual Parish meeting was good, the only downside being the acoustics so the use of a personal address system to be considered if the venue is used again.
- iii He and County Councillor Tara Sherfield had that morning walked around the Parish.

1106 Clerks Report.

The Town Clerk reported that:

- i End of year accounts will be presented to the Town Council Tuesday May 24th of 2022, the internal auditor visiting in June 2022 and the Annual Governance and Accountability Return must be submitted to the external auditor by the end of July 2022.
- ii There is an increase in anti-social behaviours in Marazion and a meeting with the local Police Community Safety Officer has been arranged for Thursday 28th April 2022. An article has been put onto the Town Councils website with a link to the Devon and Cornwall Police online crime reporting. Cornwall Council have been approached about a mobile CCTV unit and the Devon and Cornwall Police Anti-Social Behaviour Unit in Penzance has also been informed. All victims of crime in the town should be encouraged to report the incidents to the Police if they had not already done so.

1107 Correspondence Received

- i E-mail received from a resident who attended the Annual Parish Meeting. The Town Clerk is to reply and suggest that the resident contacts the administrator of the social media site about negative comments.

- ii E-mail received about damage to the allotments. The Town Clerk reported that those reporting damage have been asked to report the damage to Devon and Cornwall Police.
- iii E-mail received from a resident about a caravan getting stuck at the junction of Rose Hill and Beacon Road that caused a roadblock for an hour and a half. During this time emergency vehicles would not have been able to get through this stretch of road. Cllr Laity advised that he had shown Cornwall Councillor Tara Sherfield the area affected on their walk around the Parish and had requested that she support a request for an 'ignore your satnav' sign at the bottom of Virgin Hill.

1108 Councillor Reports

a) Cornwall Councillor

Cornwall Councillor Tara Sherfield reported that: -

- i The walk around the Parish was helpful. Footpath 14 - a request has been made for an officer update which Cllr Sherfield will report on once a response has been received.
- ii The relocation of the homeless persons pods from Longrock to the Newtown Roundabout. There is an apparent flood risk in the Longrock area. Cllr Sherfield explained that in her opinion the site at the Newton Roundabout area is totally unsuitable for several reasons which she explained. Cllr Sherfield asked the Town Council if they would support her in her objection to Cornwall Council about the relocation.
AGREED – to support Cllr Sherfield in her objection to Cornwall Council about the relocation of the homeless persons pods from Longrock to the Newtown Roundabout.

b) Town Councillors

i Cllr D Walsh

Reported that: -

The door to the telescope at the Gwelva is missing. The Town Clerk to report to the company.

ii Cllr J Tutchier

Reported that: -

He had spoken to the Cornwall Council Community Protection Team about the report of rats in and around the beach area. Further intelligence is needed as the team can act if the rat infestation can be attributed to poor practices by food businesses.

A brief discussion took place and Cllr Tutchier was advised that there had been rats in and around the beach area for years and years and that St Aubyn Estates put rat traps in the areas affected.

Cllr Tutchier further explained that the Cornwall Council Community Protection Team will help any food business with a pest control issue.

iii Cllr P Hoskings

Reported that: -

Parking on the pavement outside of the property known locally as Lyndhurst is continuing and after the recent damage to the manhole cover asked what can the Council do to stop the pavement parking, could the Council close the pavement off?

Cllr Hoskings is concerned that the manhole cover will be broken again which creates a hazard for pedestrians and would the Council be liable?

Cllr Laity explained that the Council has no jurisdiction to close a pavement off, this would be Cornwall Council as the Highways Authority.

iv Cllr J Nicholas

Reported that: -

The Folly Field toilets are now being closed at 5.00pm. The increase in mindless vandalism has now resulted in the early closure of this facility. St Aubyn Estates have been told. The gentleman's toilets are being damaged nearly every day. Repairs are being carried out so that the toilets remain open however the this is fast becoming unsustainable, and the repair cost is increasing day by day. The doors and frames will need to be replaced.

Cllr Laity thanked Cllr Nicholas for his hard work in continually repairing the toilets in his attempt to keep them open.

Cllr Read reported that he had been contacted by a resident about a group of youths seen in Back Lane throwing rocks into gardens.

A discussion took place about the use of social media to make local people aware as the reasons why the toilets are closed early.

v Cllr G Reynolds

Reported that: -

Cllrs Collins and Nicholas along with Cllr Reynolds had met at the Island Field allotments. They had discussed which allotments can be split into two, carried out an inspection of the plots, spoke to a tenant who said fixing the gate was a waste of time, another tenant had shared their concerns with Cllr Collins about the opening up of another access to the allotments off Turnpike Road as this would only encourage more vandalism and anti-social behaviour.

She had sent the Town Clerk details of Memorial Benches.

The Town Noticeboard is being affected by pigeon guano, pigeons roosting above the noticeboard. Can the Marazion Town Trust be approached to install pigeon spikes to prevent the roosting?

She had spoken to a former Council member who stated that the Marazion Methodist Church had no knowledge of a defibrillator being fitted. Cllr Reynolds suggested that the former Council member speaks to the senior member of the Church who advised the Town Council permissions had been given.

The area of land at the bottom of the cemetery (small triangle) needs to be considered for cremation plots. The Town Clerk advised that a report would need to be brought before Full Council to approve.

The access gate to the Cemetery which a licence fee is payable to St Aubyn Estates needs to be reviewed.

Despite specific instructions being given to a Memorial Stonemason, the headstone erected does not comply with the instructions given which is very frustrating.

Numbers for the allotments and signs for graves being dug where are they. Cllr Laity gave an update, they are being redone as there was a mistake on the first ones produced.

vi Cllr W Collins

Reported that: -

The benches at the Gwallon Lane play area now been put into the play area and not outside the fence as previously positioned. The benches do need to be fixed.

1109 Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 29th March 2022.

RESOLVED – unanimously approved that the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 29th March 2022 be approved and signed as a correct and accurate record.

1110 Formation Marazion Town Council Planning Working Group.

RESOLVED – unanimous to form a Marazion Town Council Planning Working Group.

1111 Letter to Cornwall Council Planning

RESOLVED – unanimous to send a letter to Cornwall Council expressing the dissatisfaction of residents as raised at the Annual Parish meeting about the lack of planning enforcement.

1112 Marazion Conservation Appraisal 2010 and Marazion Conservation Area

RESOLVED – unanimous to seek clarification from Cornwall Council.

1113 Play Area Repairs

RESOLVED – unanimously approved the spend needed for the urgent repairs needed.

1114 Unauthorised pavement parking, Marazion War Memorial

Cllr Laity explained that the pavement in front of the War Memorial is owned by Cornwall Council and not Marazion Town Trust as initially thought. The placing of bollards would prevent unauthorised parking.

RESOLVED – unanimous to in principle offer funding support to Cornwall Council for the placing of bollards in front of the War Memorial subject to cost.

1115 Marazion Memorial Garden Digital Mapping

RESOLVED – unanimous to in principle subject to cost, digitally map the Memorial

Garden.

1116 Bush Removal and Tree Planting Marazion Memorial Garden

RESOLVED – unanimous to remove the dead bush and plant a suitable tree for the Queen Platinum Jubilee.

1117 Memorial Benches

The Town Clerk advised the Council that the current policy is not clear which is not helpful when requests are being made by families for memorial benches.

A discussion took place about how the Council can facilitate requests and a few suggestions were made.

AGREED – the Town Clerk to draft a policy to bring to the Town Council for consideration, Tuesday 24th May 2022.

1118 Matters Arising from previous Minutes.

a **Minute 094(Footpath 14) – to receive an update.**

Cllr Laity has contacted the Community Link Officer – West Penwith and asked for a formal letter to be sent to the Town Council from Cornwall Councils about their position in relation to the management of the footpath and the Town Councils offer of a financial contribution towards the creation of steps.

b **Minute 184(Flooding Green Lane) – to receive an update.**

Cllr Laity has contacted the Community Link Officer – West Penwith and asked for an update. The Community Link Officer – West Penwith advised that another meeting is scheduled to take place in the summer with a strategy being put in place by the Autumn.

c **Minute 381(Footpath number 8)**

Town Clerk due to other priorities has yet to review the process and resources needed.

d **Minute 694(Maypole Gardens repair works) to receive an update.**

Feedback has been received from the Annual Parish meeting about the return of Maypole Gardens to St Aubyn Estates.

Cllr Rawlins stated that she had, and the feedback received not in favour. Further discussion took place about the seawall and repairs if the wall was to be repaired.

Cllr Laity reminded Councillors that the matters arising is about carrying out repair works, and it was agreed that the repair works to the crazy paving and any other repair works identified will be carried out.

e **Minute 853(Emergency Planning Working Group – to receive an update.**

A meeting has been held with the Cornwall Council Emergency Planning Officer and

a draft Emergency Plan is being prepared.

f **Minute 861(Defibrillators) – to receive an update.**

The Town Clerk confirmed that the defibrillators have been ordered and that a meeting has been held with the electricians. The Town Clerk advised that access to the Methodist Church electrics is required, and a former Councillor and member of the church has been contacted about access.

g **Minute 911(Vandalised Light Bus Shelter) – to receive an update.**

The Town Clerk yet to contact Western Power.

h **Minute 991(iv)(loose handrail Beacon Brazier) – receive an update.**

Cllr Collins reported that the repair had been carried out.

i **Minute 1033 (To consider what can be done to recognise 70 years' service – Mace Bearer)**

Cllr Rawlins prepared an outline from a photo, and it was agreed that the outline to be used for the glass etching. The Town Clerk to progress the award.

1119 Any other matters arising from Minutes not covered by items above.

None

1120 Finance

a) **Bank Reconciliation March 2022**

RESOLVED – unanimous to approve.

b) **Statement of Accounts**

RESOLVED – to note the statements of accounts as of the 21st of April 2022.

b) **Accounts for Payment**

RESOLVED – unanimous to approve.

c) **Receipts**

RESOLVED – unanimous to note

d) **Direct Debits**

RESOLVED – unanimous to approve

e) **Pre-payments**

RESOLVED – unanimous to approve

1121 Planning

- i **Application number: PA21/12400**
Location: Bel Air Rosehill Marazion TR17 0HB
- Proposal:** Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new dwelling.
RESOLVED – unanimous to support.
- ii **Application PA22/03609**
Location Mount House Market Place Marazion Cornwall
- Proposal** Listed building consent for the formation of new bathroom window, new porch, replacement windows and doors and internal alterations and upgrading
RESOLVED – unanimous to support.
- iii **Application PA22/03608**
Location Mount House Market Place Marazion Cornwall
- Proposal** Formation of new bathroom window, new porch, replacement windows and doors and internal alterations and upgrading
RESOLVED – unanimous to support.
- iv **Application PA22/03584**
Location 19 Boltern Road Marazion Cornwall TR17 0DL
- Proposal** Proposed two storey rear extension
RESOLVED – unanimous to support.
- v **Application PA22/02590**
Location 3 Shop Hill Marazion Cornwall TR17 0BG
- Proposal** Shed and carport to replace existing sheds and parking area
RESOLVED – unanimous to object on the grounds of overdevelopment.

1122 The Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Deems that all information held by this Council should be freely available to the public unless it falls under one of 23 exemptions

1123 Data Protection Act 2018

Precludes this authority from publishing the names, addresses or other private information of individuals unless written permission is given by the individual for such details to be made public.

Therefore, where necessary, personal details have been removed from the papers attached to ensure that information held is available, but individuals are protected.

1124 Part II

(Private)

Items which may be taken in the absence of the public and press on grounds that Exempt information may be disclosed as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 and Public Bodies (admissions) Act 1960.

To move that in the view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted viz; information where public disclosure at this time may be prejudicial to the good business of the Council, it is in the public interest that they be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw in accordance with Standing Order 3d
RESOLVED – unanimous to move into Part II

1125 East End land dispute

Cllr Laity updated the Council. The Town Clerk is to contact the Councils appointed legal representative.

1126 Update Folly Field Lease

Cllr Laity updated the Council about a meeting held with the Councils appointed land asset management consultant.

A letter of engagement setting out the terms of the negotiation to be sent to the Council and updates will be brought for Council as and when there are updates to bring.

Signed

Cllr Derek Laity

Town Mayor