



# Mawnan Parish Council

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### Members of the Council :

Cllr Denis Gartside  
(Chairman)

Cllr Malcolm Dearnley  
(Vice Chairman)

Cllr Mrs Marjorie Briars

Cllr Nigel Gilmore

Cllr Chris Hibbert

Cllr Phillip Moyle

Cllr David O'Dell

Cllr Rex Sadler

Cllr Richard South

Cllr Charles Stimson

### Kerrier District Councillors :

Cllr Rex Sadler  
Cllr Neil Hatton

### County Councillor :

Cllr Neil Hatton

The Parish Council Office is open to the public on Thursday and Friday mornings 10am - 12 noon, and at other times by appointment.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This is my third year as Chairman of Mawnan Parish Council. I would like to place on record my grateful thanks to our councillors for their support and professionalism during this time.

### Change of Parish Clerk

I would also like to thank Sarah Mason, who served as Clerk for 11 years, providing expert knowledge and tremendous support. Sarah moved on at the end of March, to become Chief Executive of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils.

Replacing Sarah we welcome John Harrop, who brings with him a wide range of skills, and knowledge of council business and procedures.

### Parish Council Office

John will be based at our office within Berry & Co, which is open to the

public on two mornings each week.

You are welcome to call in should you need access to information sent to or held by the council, including current planning applications.

This service ensures that the council is as approachable as possible.

### Public Toilets & Bus Shelter

Following completion of the transfer of ownership of the Public Toilets and Bus Shelter from the District Council, we intend renovating the Bus Shelter.

We would like to thank Kerrier DC for its assistance with the refurbishment of the toilets prior to their transfer.

We recognise that both are important amenities, and wish to ensure that these are retained for the future.

Denis Gartside Chairman

## BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Following Mawnan Smith's entry into the countywide Best Kept Village Competition, the response has been very enthusiastic. Judges investigate both community activity, particularly focused on the elderly and youth groups, and the overall presentation of all village areas, to search for a community which cares for its environment.

Many of our active organisations have responded to the challenge. The Guides, Brownies, Mawnan Wives, Mothers Union and Women's Institute are keeping roads and footpaths free of litter. The Carwinion Playing Field car park and boundaries have been improved. The Junior Playing Field has

new equipment, plus a sensory garden.

Mawnan School, the Toddlers Playgroup and Mrs Jane Rogers of Carwinion have created floral displays, and nine flower boxes have been made by Mawnan Bowling Club members. The 'Red Lion Inn' has been specially repainted.

We would like to thank all those who have supported this project. Success would qualify us for the South West Regional finals and thereafter a possible national Village of the Year entry. Good Luck Mawnan Smith

Cllr Charles Stimson - Best Kept Village Representative

## YOUR PARISH PRECEPT - AND HOW IT WAS SPENT IN 2005/06

The operation of a Parish Council is normally almost totally funded by members of the public through the Parish Precept, an element of Council Tax. However, we are delighted to report that, during the year 2005/06, Mawnan Parish Council was extremely successful at securing grant funding, from a number of sources. This exceeded the precept, and doubled our spending power.

The total income to the Council was £60,395, of which the precept represented less than 40%, at £23,919.

Obviously the grant funding was earmarked for specific projects, such as playground equipment, the Parish Plan, equipment for the Parish Office, and the Home Front Recall Project.

Other money was spent on services including the maintenance of the public footpaths and verge trimming, and the provision of the Public Toilets. Grants were given towards the maintenance of the Junior Playing Field and the Carwinion Playing Field, two charities which rely almost entirely on help from the parish council. They provide a valuable service, giving our children a safe place to play within the village, and encouraging sport for all ages. Finally the council has supported 14 village groups and local charities with small donations, often vital to their existence.

Cllrs M Dearnley, D Odell & R South,  
Office & Finance Committee

### Summary of Accounts - Year End March 31st, 2006

#### Income

Precept	£23,919	
B/fwd Project Funds	£ 7,095	
Other Income	£ 894	
Bank Interest	£ 291	
Grants (Parish Plan, Home Front Recall, Playground Equipment, Village Improvements)	£24,367	
VAT reclaimed	<u>£ 3,829</u>	£60,395

#### Expenditure

Salaries	£ 6,764	
Administration (including Parish Council Office)	£ 4,231	
Training	£ 1,191	
Footpaths, grass cutting & trees	£ 2,041	
Toilets / Repairs	£ 2,460	
Traffic & Parking	£ 250	
Best Kept Village	£ 11	
Playing Field Trusts	£ 7,863	
Other Donations & Subs	£ 3,589	
Grants (Parish Plan, Home Front Recall, Playground Equipment, Office Equipment)	£24,791	
VAT charged	<u>£ 4,936</u>	<u>£58,127</u>
		£ 2,268
Less C/fwd Project Funds		<u>£ 2,180</u>
Surplus 2005/06		£ 88

## ATTENDANCE AT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

During the year 2005/06, Mawnan Parish Council has held 11 monthly meetings (there was no August meeting). Attendance by Councillors has been as below. Please note that Cllr Stimson (\*) became a co-opted member of the council from July 2005.

Cllr D Gartside	11 meetings	Cllr P Moyle	4 meetings
Cllr Mrs M Briars	9 meetings	Cllr D Odell	7 meetings
Cllr M Dearnley	10 meetings	Cllr R Sadler	7 meetings
Cllr N Gilmore	8 meetings	Cllr R South	9 meetings
Cllr C Hibbert	7 meetings	Cllr C Stimson (*)	8 meetings

## PARISH PLAN PROGRESS

A well attended and enthusiastic Prioritisation Event was held in the Memorial Hall, on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2006, in tandem with a Cornish Food & Wine Fayre. We would like to thank everyone who attended or helped, for making the day such a successful one.

A total of 498 members of the local community attended, to give their views on the priorities of different themes raised in the Parish Plan Questionnaire and Appraisal Report, to assist with the publication of the Mawnan Parish Plan around June/July 2006. Cornwall Rural Community Council, the organisers, have stated that this was the best attended event of this type that they have ever been involved with.

The majority of attendees felt that Affordable Housing was the number one priority issue within the parish, followed by Traffic, Parking & Safety, Environmental & Recycling Concerns, Youth Activities, Community Transport and Energy. We will ensure that your input is reflected in the final plan, due out later in the year.

Cllr Denis Gartside - Parish Plan Representative

## JUNIOR PLAYING FIELD

With just over half an acre of land, and situated in the village centre, the objective of the Junior Playing Field Trust is to provide and maintain a recreation ground for the benefits of the Parish of Mawnan.

Play equipment was initially installed in 1978, when the Trust was set up, and until 1999 was enjoyed by the children of the village. At this time an adverse Health & Safety report forced the then trustees to remove condemned equipment leaving the children with nowhere to play safely.

Since 2002, the trustees have successfully attracted over £55,000 in funding from charitable organisations. We would like to express our thanks to the organisers

of the Mawnan Fun Run and the District Council's Liveability Fund for their assistance this year.

New equipment and safety surfaces have been installed, ranging from a zip wire, swings, round-about and assault nets for the older children, to climbing frames and rocking animals for the youngest.

The children's play area is now used extensively by all age groups, and includes a scented garden for disabled children and their carers, together with picnic tables for the whole family.

Cllr Denis Gartside - JPF Representative

## CARWINION PLAYING FIELD

The past year has been fairly quiet at Carwinion until the last two months, when, spurred on by the decision to enter Mawnan in the Best Kept Village competition, improvements have been brought forward.

The entrance wall has been rebuilt after removing the laurel tree that was threatening to pull it down completely. The trees at the side of Carwinion Road have been cut back. The boundary wall timber capping has been replaced. Playgroup mums and dads have painted the low boundary wall. Timber Planters, made by members of the Bowling Club, have been provided, which will be maintained by the Playgroup children with help from Mrs Jane Rogers of Carwinion.

Regrettably there have been one or two instances of vandalism and there have been problems caused by people walking their dogs, which then foul the pitches. In the interests of the health of all users of the facility, including the under 5s, the exercising of dogs is strictly prohibited.

The field will once more be the venue for the popular Country Fayre on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2006, and the Fun Run, which, following its successful first year, is likely to become an annual event.

Looking to the future, the Trustees are considering the provision of an all-weather surface for use by the older children, and would like to improve the changing rooms and kitchen, and resurface the car park. All this will be subject to obtaining grants.

Cllr Malcolm Dearnley - Carwinion Playing Field Representative

## MAWNAN COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Parish Council meets at Mawnan Memorial Hall on the third Thursday of each month. The meetings start at 7.30pm, with 10 minutes of public participation in items on the Agenda.

Meetings of the Planning Committee are convened, as and when required, to consider planning applications for which observations are required in advance of the next council meeting.

All meetings are notified on the Parish Notice Board outside the Doctors' surgery.

Parish Council Meeting Dates :

18th May 2006 (after the Annual Parish Meeting, 7.00pm)

15th June 2006 20th July 2006

(there is no August meeting)

21st Sept 2006 19th Oct 2006

16th Nov 2006 21st Dec 2006

You are invited to come along and take part in the public participation, and listen to the proceedings of the council meeting.

## PLANNING REPORT 2005/06

One of the council's responsibilities is its role as a consultee in the planning process. During 2005/06, the council considered a large number of applications, each one potentially posing new questions about the development of the parish. Although there were no applications concerning major developments, seven were for the building of new or replacement dwellings.

Mawnan Parish Council takes great care to consider each application on its merits. This is demonstrated by the fact that the council has visited approximately one third of all applications, to understand the nature of that specific proposal and its potential effects on the surrounding area.

Summary of Applications Considered :

- Development : 35
- Work on trees in protected areas : 7
- Site meetings held : 13

Cllr Nigel Gilmore, Planning Representative

## BALLOT : PLANTING AROUND THE MILLENNIUM CROSS

The Parish Council's decision to retain the bed around the Cross has caused concern in the village. The council recognises that whilst it had been discussed in council, there was a lack of consultation about the plan, but timescales were short, in that grant money needed to be applied for and spent before the end of March 2006.

In order to redress this balance, it was agreed, at the Parish Council Meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> April 2006, to carry out a ballot to decide on whether to relocate the wall and planting.

The council does not consider this as setting a precedent, rather an acknowledgement that further consultation should have taken place. Action will be taken based upon majority response to the ballot.

	YES	NO
Do you wish to see the Millennium Cross reinstated without the granite bed and planting area, which would be relocated to the opposite side of Carlidnack Road ?		

*Please put your 'X' in either the Yes or the No column. Space has been left for each member of a household to vote. It is most important that you do exercise your vote.*

