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Cllr Mrs Beth Lawry
Cllr Mrs Audrey Loomes
Cllr David Odell
Cllr Rex Sadler

Cornwall County Councillor :

Cllr Neil Hatton

The Parish Council Office is open to the public on Thursday and Friday mornings, 10.00am to 12.00 Noon, and at other times by appointment.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Each year at the Annual Parish Meeting, I am impressed by the number and breadth of the organisations which exist, each contributing to the life and sustainability of our community. Two of the most conspicuous are the Christmas Lights Committee, who yet again surpassed themselves to produce a spectacular display over Christmas, and the Panto Group. Each year we engage in the friendly rivalry with Mylor, and each year Mawnan comes out on top. This year there was no comparison, Robinson Crusoe and the Pirates really was a superb production. So a huge thanks to the Christmas Lights Committee and the Panto Group for making winter seem shorter and much more fun.

On 1st April Cornwall's county and district councils joined together to form Cornwall Council, with the strategic aim of transforming local government in Cornwall. Services will now all be delivered by the single Cornwall Council.

The purchase of the new graveyard appears to be moving very slowly, but it is progressing. The Compulsory Purchase Order has been presented. The National Trust has agreed to sell the land. We are just waiting now for the legal formalities to run their course. I attended a legal course on burials held by the Institute of Cemetery & Crematorium Management, which has enabled me to draw up the regulations, and informational notes. These will be available in the Parish Council Office once the graveyard is functional.

Incidents of vandalism in the village have occurred over the last few months : Christmas lights broken, fire in the toilet, toilet roll holders torn off, roof tiles broken on the bus shelter, and guttering forcibly removed. I am aware of other cases involving private individuals who have allegedly been intimidated by a group of youths. The Parish Council is considering what might be the best course of action, including the possible formation of neighbourhood watch schemes. In the meantime, we must not allow this sort of thing to ruin our delightful village. If you witness **ANY** suspicious activities, or you feel intimidated, then ring the police immediately on 0845 2777 444.

And please remember that the police cannot respond if they don't know what's going on.

Congratulations to David Rickard who was nominated at this year's Kerrier Sports Awards on March 20th for his lifetime services to sport. Awards were presented by Heather Fell, the Modern Pentathlon silver medallist from the Beijing Olympics and Hannah Stacey, seven times UK Freediving Champion. Councillor Rex Sadler and I joined David and his family for this great occasion celebrating sport across Cornwall.

After 14 years, the Parish Council regrettably said goodbye to Phil Moyle who has resigned for personal reasons. I would like to place on record our grateful thanks to Phil, who always represented and articulated local interest. Sylvia King was duly co-opted to the vacancy left by Phil, and we look forward to her growing input to Council business.

Elections for the Council will take place on June 4th, with 123 electoral divisions, Mawnan, Budock and Constantine making up a ward. Mawnan is in the Falmouth & Penryn Community Network Area, and our "One Stop Shops" for advice and services are in the old Carrick Council building at 34 Church Street, Falmouth, and inside the Town Hall, Saracen House, Higher Market Street in Penryn. They may be contacted by telephone on 0300 1234 100.

I would like to thank both Neil Hatton and Rex Sadler for their hard word as our County and District Councillors over the years, plus all members of Mawnan Parish Council and the Parish Clerk for their loyalty and efforts, and for their continuing dedication to this Parish and our community.

Dr Denis Gartside - Chairman

HOW THE PARISH PRECEPT WAS SPENT IN 2008/09

By Cllr M Dearnley - Vice Chairman

The main income of Parish and Town Councils is provided by local residents via the Parish Precept, an element of your Council Tax. During 2008/09, Mawnan Parish Council secured additional income, in the form of donations from local businesses, to allow for the Footpaths Brochure to be reprinted at no cost in terms of Council Tax.

Other necessary expenditure included the day to day operation of the Parish Council (Clerk, office accommodation and administration), along with maintenance of public footpaths, grass verges & weed killing, plus maintenance and cleaning of the public toilets and bus shelter.

Significant grants were offered to the Junior Playing Field and Carwinion Playing Field Trusts which own and operate the two playing fields, to assist with their maintenance. The provision of safe places to play is an important aspect of community life, as is the encouragement of sport for all age groups.

In addition to this, 16 other local organisations received Parish Council grant assistance, which is often vital to their continuing existence. The initial speed visor project, for traffic calming on Grove Hill, has been completed. The graveyard extension at the Parish Church is moving ahead in early 2009/10, and has significant reserves carried forward to next year.

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY, 2008/09

Balances Carried Forward

Bank Balance	£9,818
(excluding Reserved Funds)	
Reserved Funds	<u>£10,433</u>
	£20,251

Plus Income

Precept	£43,200
Donations / Grants	£1,320
Bank Interest	£344
Other Income	£1,921
VAT Reclaim	<u>£1,280</u>
	£48,065

Less Expenditure

Salaries & Training	£9,177
Council Office / Equipment	£1,200
Administration	£2,040
Footpaths & Open Spaces	£2,748
Public Toilets - Cleaning & Maintenance	£4,724
Playing Field Trusts	£10,106
Other Donations & Subscriptions	£3,962
Project - Replace Footpaths Booklet	£1,380
Project - Graveyard CPO	£648
VAT Charges	£1,280
	<u>(£37,265)</u>
	£31,051

Less Reserves

Speed Visor	(£8,000)
Graveyard CPO	(£11,780)
Public Toilets	(£1,500)
Memorial Hall	(£500)
Future Election Expenses	(£750)
Clerk's Pension Fund	<u>(£830)</u>

Closing Balance (Excluding Reserves)

£7,691

PARISH PRECEPT, 2009/10

The Mawnan Parish Precept remains unchanged from 2008/09, at £43,200. This includes the final part of the 3-year budget provision for the extension to the graveyard, now undergoing compulsory purchase from the National Trust.

Our two sports and leisure facilities, Carwinion and Junior Playing Fields, cost the community a large percentage of the precept. As more equipment has been provided, insurance and maintenance costs have increased and we have had to increase the budget allocation. We have also budgeted for a limited number of grants to other organisations.

PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS

The council is empowered to make some grants to local organisations, to help with special events or purchases. None of this is "free money". It comes out of YOUR pocket (via the Precept / Council Tax), so we have to carefully consider the merits of each and every application.

We try to be professional in our approach, and organisations seeking such assistance are urged to respond quickly to the reminders sent out by the Clerk each Autumn.

We have to budget 18 months ahead, so the budgeted sum for 2010/11 will need to be agreed between October and November 2009.

JUNIOR PLAYING FIELD TRUST

The Junior Playing Field continues to be used effectively by the young children of the village. Other than some petty vandalism, the equipment and garden appear to be in good repair. One dark cloud on the horizon is the children's climbing frame which is showing signs of rot. This will need replacing in the next few years and when our health and safety inspectors inform us.

Cllr D Gartside - JPF Representative

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Following the Public Paths Improvement Program (PPIP) activity in Mawnan in 2007/08, only a small number of maintenance issues have been required this year :-

- The Mawnan entrance to Maenporth Beach had become overgrown, and the sign and chain appeared to have been vandalised. These issues have been addressed.
- Problems were reported of slurry on the Footpaths 12 & 17 at Meudon Farm. A plan to resolve this has been agreed with County Farms and the new tenant farmer, involving the upgrading or rerouting of these paths.
- The trees alongside Footpath 16 have required some trimming back.

Signs on Mawnan Footpath 3 and the connecting Budock Footpath 21, behind Penwarne have been requested from Cornwall CC..

Cllr Mrs A Loomes - Rights of Way Representative

PLANNING REPORT

During 2008/09, the council was consulted on 51 planning applications within the parish. Although there were no applications concerning major developments, 5 were for the building of new or replacement dwellings, and each application had the potential to pose important questions about development in the area.

Mawnan Parish Council takes great care to consider each application on its merits, demonstrated by the fact that the council held a site visit for approximately one in five of all applications, to allow it to understand the nature of that specific proposal and its potential effects on the surrounding area.

A summary of Applications considered during 2008/09 is :-

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| • Development | 46 |
| • Work on Trees in Protected Areas | 5 |
| • Site Meetings held | 7 |

Following the transition to a single, unitary council covering the whole of Cornwall, there will be changes in the way that planning services are delivered. These will be on a geographic area basis, rather than the old districts, Mawnan being part of the Cornwall West delivery area.

It is planned that other changes will also be introduced. The Cornwall Council Planning Committee will only consider larger planning applications, with decisions on householder applications being 100% devolved to planning officers. This, in turn, will increase the importance of sound consultation responses from Parish and Town Councils, hence Mawnan Parish Council continuing to be actively involved with all planning applications in the area.

Cllr N Gilmore - Planning Representative

BATTERY RECYCLING INITIATIVE

The Parish Council, in conjunction with Cornwall County Council, has set up a recycling facility for small household batteries. AAA, AA, C & D, plus button batteries used in hearing aids, mobile phones, etc. can be recycled.

The recycling tube is installed inside the "Hammer 'n' Hoe" shop, Goldmartin Square, Mawnan Smith. Many thanks to the proprietor for his assistance.

***** Note : No car batteries or industrial waste *****

Cllr M Dearnley - Vice Chairman

ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS, 2008/09

Cllr D Gartside	12 meetings	Cllr N Gilmore	9 meetings	Cllr P Moyle	+ 2 meetings
Cllr M Barlow	5 meetings	Cllr Mrs B Lawry	6 meetings	Cllr D Odell	7 meetings
Cllr M Dearnley	8 meetings	Cllr Mrs A Loomes	11 meetings	Cllr R Sadler	10 meetings
Cllr D Gibbons	12 meetings	Cllr Miss S King	* 2 meetings		

* Co-opted February 2009

+ Resigned January 2009

QUALITY COUNCIL RE-ACCREDITATION

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has confirmed that Mawnan should retain its Quality Status for the next four years. Mawnan is one of just 15 Quality Town & Parish Councils in Cornwall, and was the second in Cornwall to achieve this accolade, back in November 2004.

The Quality Council scheme is open to all Parish and Town councils in England, irrespective of size. It aims to enable local councils to work more closely with others in the delivery of local services and to better represent their local communities.

The achievement of Quality status brings real benefits, not only for the Quality council, but also for the people who work with it and, more importantly, the community it serves.

Quality status is high on the list of priorities for all local councils. The accreditation demonstrates an ability to deliver efficient services to local residents, and speak with greater authority to principal councils when seeking delegated functions which can be better carried out locally.

John Harrop - Clerk to the Council

MAWNAN FUN RUN 2009

Over 200 women, children, dogs and men braved what might have been a wet run ... But the weather cleared up just in time for our 4th community event. The school again provided many young athletes, possibly with the London 2012 Olympics in mind !!

Enough cash was raised to give almost £1,000 to Helford Giggers for a children's boat, and the same to the Bishop's Fund for their excellent youth work. The run was deliberately held later (October) than previously. Your feedback on this change would be appreciated.

The 5th Mawnan Fun Run will take place on either Sunday, 27th September or 4th October 2009. Please pencil these dates in your diary, and start your training as soon as possible.

The Fun Run Committee would like to thank Mel Dixon-Phillip for her dedication to the organisation ... The event could hardly have been staged without her hard work. Thanks are also extended to all of the sponsors, prize givers (especially the local kindnesses), marshals, cooks and helpers who made it such a healthy community fun run.

Cllr David Odell - Fun Run Committee Member

FALMOUTH & PENRYN COMMUNITY PLAN

Our neighbouring communities of Falmouth and Penryn are working together to set out their 15-year vision of the community, including a more immediate 5-year action plan, based upon community consultation.

Work is being undertaken by 10 Topic Groups, each dealing with a particular aspect of community life. The groups are: Housing; Leisure, Culture and Tourism; Transport and Access; Health and Well-Being; Students; Maritime; Young People; Crime and Safety; Business and Economics; Over-50's. Their proposals will form the basis for widespread public consultation in April/May.

Input is invited from the surrounding parishes, a summary of whose Parish Plans will be included in the Community Plan as appendices. Please watch the local press for how you can assist by sending in your own ideas and input.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES, 2009/10

The Parish Council meets at Mawnan Memorial Hall on the third Thursday of each month, at 7.30pm. The Planning Committee meets as and when required, to consider any planning applications for which observations are required in advance of the next full council meeting.

Meetings are notified on the Parish Notice Board outside the Doctors' surgery. Residents are welcome to come along to any meeting, take part in the public participa-

tion, and listen to the proceedings.

Meeting dates for 2009/10 are as follows :-

16 Apr 09	15 Oct 09
21 May 09	19 Nov 09
18 Jun 09	17 Dec 09
16 Jul 09	21 Jan 10
(no August Meeting)	18 Feb 10
17 Sep 09	18 Mar 10