



**DRAFT MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF MAWNAN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, 4th AUGUST 2009 IN MAWNAN METHODIST CHAPEL**

PRESENT : Cllrs Gartside (Chairman), Dearnley, Gibbons, Gilmore, Miss King, Mrs Loomes, Odell and Sadler.

573/05 PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments on items on the agenda.

574/05 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Barlow & Mrs Lawry.

575/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) In Items on the Agenda

All members declared both personal and prejudicial interests in agenda item 577/05 (a) (iii), as the Parish Council was the applicant. Cllr Gilmore declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 577/05 (a) (iv) and stated that he wished to make a personal statement on this matter.

b) Of gifts of a value of more than £25

There were no declarations of gifts of a value of more than £25.

576/05 AGENDA ITEMS

a) To consider scheduling a meeting of the council's Staffing Committee

The Chairman stated that, under the Council's Standing Orders in respect of confidential staffing matters, this item should be discussed at the end of the meeting, with public and press excluded.

It was proposed by Cllr Gartside, seconded by Cllr Dearnley and

RESOLVED that, in line with Standing Orders, and under the 1960 Public Admission to Meetings Act, this item be left to the end of the meeting, and that the public and press be excluded during its discussion.

b) To consider whether the council wishes to support the Helford River Association's response to the Local Government Ombudsman, regarding the handling of the complaint about the then Kerrier DC's Planning Enforcement team's handling of the Anna Maria Creek situation

Copies of correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Chairman summarised the correspondence, and reminded members that the council had passed resolutions of support for the Helford River Association's longstanding complaint.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Gilmore, seconded by Cllr Gartside and

RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the Ombudsman, copying the Chief Executive of Cornwall Council, stating that

“This Council strongly urges the Local Government Ombudsman to ensure that the investigation is conducted by an externally recognised, independent, and certainly not officers of the former Kerrier District Council Planning and Enforcement teams, who are now employed at Cornwall Council.

“To allow self-scrutiny destroys what should be a democratic and equitable process. Such an action will continue to bring planning enforcement in Cornwall into disrepute”.

e) To consider whether the council wishes to take up the place offered on CALC's Planning training courses

The Clerk stated that a series of courses on Planning, for members of Cornwall Council, were scheduled for September, and that Parish and Town Councils had been invited to send one member to each of the introduction and advanced courses, at a cost of £25 per delegate.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Chairman should attend the courses scheduled for Helston.

d) To consider whether the council wishes to support representations being made by Julia Goldsworthy MP, to the Walker Review on Water Charging in the UK, concerning the fact that 30% of UK beaches are in the South West, with the cost of their maintenance being borne by just 3% of the UK population

The Clerk stated that the Walker review had produced an interim report, in which it proposed continuing with geographically differing water charges across the UK, even though the concept of equalisation of charges had been originally envisaged. There remained an opportunity to make representations to the author of the report during August 2009, prior to the final version being produced.

It was proposed by Cllr Gibbons, seconded by Cllr Gilmore and

RESOLVED that the Clerk should submit a representation to the author of the report, expressing the council's disappointment that it was proposed to continue with an unfair system of charges. In particular, the benefit of clean beaches throughout this country is to all UK residents, and not just people living in the vicinity of beaches. Many local residents were retired and on fixed incomes, and others had low-paid work, which made it difficult to justify paying the highest water charges in the country, in order to maintain the beaches of the South West.

577/05 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) To Consider Planning Applications Received From the District Authority

- i) **PA09/00795/F – Mr & Mrs J Pinkney, Bareppa Farmhouse, Bareppa – Conversion of outbuildings to form holiday let / ancillary accommodation and extension to form car port**

Cllr Gilmore explained that this application was a repeat of a previous one, which was due to expire in September 2009, and to which the council had had no objections.

OBSERVATION : No objections.

- ii) **PA09/00796/LBC – Mr & Mrs J Pinkney, Bareppa Farmhouse, Bareppa – Listed Building Consent for the conversion of outbuildings to form holiday let / ancillary accommodation and extension to form car port**

This was the other half of PA09/00795/F.

OBSERVATION : No objections.

- iii) **PA09/00945/F – Mawnan Parish Council, Land adjacent to St Mawnan Church, Old Church Road, Mawnan Smith – Use of land as an extension to the existing graveyard**

OBSERVATION : No comment, all members having expressed a prejudicial interest in this item.

- iv) **PA09/00965/F – Holiday Cornwall Ltd, former Laundry, Ferryboat Inn Complex, Helford Passage – Demolition of former laundry building and erection of a unit for holiday accommodation**

Having declared a prejudicial interest, Cllr Gilmore made the stated that this application followed on from a series of previous ones, the last one of which had been withdrawn on the advice of the Planning Authority. All previous applications had been for the conversion of the existing laundry building. The Planning Authority's advice had been that an application to demolish the existing laundry building, and replace this with a new holiday unit, would be more likely to obtain approval, hence this application. Cllr Gilmore left the room.

A site visit was requested, which the Clerk agreed to arrange as soon as possible. Cllr Gilmore returned to the room.

578/05 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Mawnan Parish Council would be held on Thursday, 17th September 2009, commencing at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall. As in other years, there would be no meeting held in August.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from members of the public.

579/05 TO CONSIDER SCHEDULING A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL'S STAFFING COMMITTEE

The Chairman stated that, for personal and family reasons, the Clerk to the Council had tendered his resignation. Although the Clerk was happy to continue working until the end of September, advertising of the vacancy and recruitment should not be constrained by the fact

that the council's next scheduled meeting was in mid September, with no scheduled August meeting.

He suggested advertising within the next two weeks, with the Staffing Committee meeting for interviews in early September.

He also reminded members that the Clerk also worked for Budock Parish Council, and suggested that the council consider working closely with Budock, as the increased hours of work from the two councils might attract a higher calibre of applicant. There might also be some potential for savings in recruitment and office costs.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Gilmore, seconded by Cllr Gibbons and

RESOLVED that the Chairman liaise with Budock Parish Council with regard to recruitment, but that the possibility of the recruitment of two different individuals for the two vacant positions must not be discounted.

Signed : 17th September 2009

Chairman