



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MAWNAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER 2011 IN MAWNAN MEMORIAL HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Gartside (Chairman), Gibbons, Miss King, Mrs Lawry, Sadler and Barlow

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Hatton, Mr Bidgood, Mr Dickinson and sixteen members of the public

813/05 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Loomes, O'Dell and Gilmore.

814/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) In Items on the Agenda

Cllr Barlow declared a prejudicial interest in the planning application for Budock Vean Hotel.

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

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

815/05 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE POLICE

The Clerk spoke to the report forwarded by the police. Since the last meeting on the 21st July there had been no crimes reported in the parish. This covered the school holiday period and was an encouraging result.

There was a near miss between a pedestrian and a car on Grove Hill. This was not formally reported to the police. Police were flagged down to help a member of the public on Carwinion Road after a badger was struck by a car but not killed. The relevant authority attended and removed the badger from the roadside.

PCSO Gardiner and PC Cook conducted a speed check on Grove Hill of vehicles entering the village on the 18th August 2011 for a period of forty five minutes. During this time eighty nine vehicles were recorded of which the most common speed was twenty two miles per hour at 15.7% of vehicles. Only two vehicles were in excess of thirty miles per hour at thirty two miles per hour. Representing 2.2% of the vehicles recorded.

There was one report of minor antisocial behaviour after three local youths disturbed a church meeting.

Residents were reminded to always ask for identification from anybody calling at the door who claims to be from a utility company or a salesperson. Any person wishing

to have further advice on this matter could receive a leaflet 'Who can you trust?' from PCSO Gardiner.

The 'Have Your Say' (PACT) postcards and collection boxes in the surgery and post office had been collected. They will be reviewed and police focus given to the main issues raised.

Also, as of the 5th September 2011 there was an easier 'non-emergency number' to use when reporting a theft or seeking advice, this replaced the old 08452 777444 with 101.

816/05 TO DISCUSS ROAD SAFETY CONCERNS IN THE PARISH WITH OFFICERS FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

Councillor Gartside introduced Mr Bidgood and Mr Dickinson from Cornwall Council Highways. He said that the hardcore path that had been installed at Durgan Crossroads had received a mixed reaction with residents. Previously a petition for a path had been raised after an accident involving a pedestrian and a car. The path had highlighted concerns with road safety in the parish. There was a lot of pedestrian and vehicular traffic. There were concerns with the speed of vehicles entering the village. The speed visor was situated well inside the 30mph limit, on the wrong side of a blind bend where children exit the primary school. He had stood next to the speed visor and the first three cars that he saw had activated the device.

Two members of the public entered the meeting at this point at 7.40pm.

Suggested solutions to speeding vehicles on Grove Hill included:

- Moving the speed visor to the other side of the blind bend
- Two pinch points outside of Rose Lyon and Lowenter – not speed humps

Two members of the public entered the meeting at this point at 7.40pm.

Members of the public said:

- The blind bend on Grove Hill is walked by people with pushchairs, dogs and elderly people. These people are unable to get over the stile onto the footpath. Some people may not know where the footpath leads. It was suggested that people are made more aware of safe off road footpaths in the parish.
- Road safety was felt to be paramount. The path at Durgan cross roads was an unsightly diabolical mess. There had been no thought, design or imagination. It was important to maintain the rural aspect of the village. There were concerns that the path would become a parking area. It was suggested that stone and earth path would be more appropriate.
- It was suggested that a pinch point, large enough to make drivers think and slow down, be erected by the exit to the Junior Playing Field. Children exit the play area fast and are exposed to traffic straight away.
- The 30mph limit through the village was too fast with the visibility of the roads.
- There were a lot of cars parked at the sides of the roads reducing drivers visibility.

- Cars accelerate heading out of the village past the Alanco Garage. The first left hand turning had poor visibility.
- Blind spots were created by delivery lorries parked outside of the Spar shop.
- It was suggested that the stiles were removed, signage increased and improvements made to the footpath that comes out on Grove Hill.
- That a 20mph limit was introduced during school entry and exit times.

Mr Dickinson said that he would look into the feasibility of relocating the speed visor. The effectiveness of speed visors varies from area to area.

Mr Bidgood said that 20mph signs could be erected but would be unenforceable and would make enforcing any speed limit unenforceable without a traffic regulation order. Traffic regulation orders are expensive and take a long time due to the consultations and legal work required. There are trials of 20mph speed limits in other areas. It would take about a year to complete a traffic regulation order. There was concern that if drivers ignored a 30mph limit they may also ignore a 20mph limit.

The police were being encouraged to introduce Community Speed Watch Schemes. Members of the public were under took training with the police on how to use a speed gun. The volunteers recorded the speeding vehicles and the police followed up and contacted the offending drivers. There would need to be at least six volunteers. Basic training, hi viz vests and a speed gun would be provided. Cllr Gartside asked the members of the public present if they would be interested in joining a community speed watch scheme, there was one person present that expressed an interest.

In response to a question Mr Bidgood said that highly reflective micro prismatic posts could be used for traffic calming measures in areas with no street lighting.

Mr Dickinson said that he would look at barriers that would prevent the children coming straight on the road from the Junior Playing Field.

Mr Bidgood said that the path at Durgan Crossroads was completed to create a safe path for pedestrians with the limited budget available. The standard width for a path was 1.2m. Mr Bidgood and Mr Dickinson agreed to look into reducing the path width. It was intended that the path would be continued further down Grove Hill in the future. The officers would check their official records to establish the ownership of the grass verges further down Grove Hill.

It was suggested that the footpath from Trebah to Durgan be continued through the fields to join existing paths further down. Mr Bidgood said that there could be land purchase issues and there would be massive cost implications.

In response to a question it was agreed that Mr Dickinson would speak to Mr Bird from Cornwall Council and discuss the possibilities of removing the stiles and replacing them with cattle grids and also improving the surface of the footpath that joins Grove Hill.

Satellite Navigation Systems were directing large lorries down Carlidnack Lane. The Lane was unsuitable for large vehicles who either got stuck or had to reverse a long way. A member of the public asked if a sign could be erected to let lorry drivers

know that the lane was unsuitable for their vehicles. Mr Bidgood said that Cornwall Council were criticised for having too much signage on the highway. He suggested contacting the software manufacturers to highlight the issues.

The Cornwall Council officers explained that the only budget they had was for routine works. Cllr Hatton had a small highways budget to share between three parishes.

Cllr Sadler said that the road to Barreppa had not been cleared for three years. There were a lot of leaves on the road. Mr Bidgood said that there was no budget for road sweeping, they had to rely on the person who brought the mud onto the roads to clean up after themselves.

1 member of the public left the meeting at this point at 8.45pm.

It was noted that the roads in Cornwall were in a better condition than most other areas in the Country.

Cllr Gartside thanked Mr Bidgood and Mr Dickinson for attending the meeting.

Mr Bidgood and Mr Dickinson left the meeting at 8.55pm.

817/05 PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

A members of the public expressed their support for the planning application for Wyllswood. They explained that all the properties attached to the farm were lived in by family members who worked on the farm. The static home would be for a 5th generation local person who had been born and bred on the farm in the village.

A member of the public left the meeting at 9pm.

An architect for a proposed dwelling on land adjacent to Trevornack explained the proposed development, current and emerging policies and legislation. There were two options for the planning application; the erection of a single dwelling or the erection of the dwelling and erection of sheds and tree landscaping in the adjacent field designated for allotments with a financial contribution to the allotments. The Clerk suggested that the applicant and his architect contact Cornwall Council Planning Officers for their opinion. Mawnan Parish Council were unable to comment until the formal planning application had been received.

818/05 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE ALLOTMENTS

Mr Peter Trotman had met with Mr Hayes and the National Trust. An allotments association needed to be formed. The National Trust had placed a time limit for the implementation of various actions. It was believed that if the time limits were not met the funding and possibly the lease of the field would be withdrawn. Mr Trotman had spoken to some residents of Mawnan who had expressed an interest. The previous concerns that had been raised were highlighted. Further to discussion:

It was proposed by Cllr Gartside seconded by Cllr Mrs Lawry and

818/05.2 **RESOLVED** that this item is deferred until the October meeting when the Council expect an allotment association to be formed to include a list of members and a draft constitution.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

Three members of the public left the meeting at 9.24pm.

819/05 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 21ST JULY 2011

It was proposed by Cllr Gibbons seconded by Cllr Barlow and

819/05.2 **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st July 2011 be approved as a true record and be duly signed.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

820/05 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH AUGUST 2011

It was proposed by Cllr Gartside seconded by Cllr Sadler and

820/05.2 **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 4th August 2011 be approved as a true record and be duly signed.

On a vote being taken the matter was approve unanimously.

821/05 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON THE 26TH AUGUST 2011

It was proposed by Cllr Sadler seconded by Cllr Mrs Lawry and

821/05.2 **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 26th August 2011 be approved as a true record and be duly signed.

On a vote being taken the matter was approve unanimously.

822/05 TO REPORT MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

The work to the slipway at Maenporth had been completed. A public notice will be produced and displayed with access information.

Cornwall Council stated that the condition of the Red Lion was not an enforcement issues. They had written to the Brewery. The Brewery were due to commence renovations in two weeks time.

The CPO for the graveyard had been completed.

823/05 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE FOOTPATH FROM CARLIDNACK TO MAENPORTH AND AGREE FUTURE ACTIONS

There was no report.

824/05 TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE LOCAL COUNCIL PLANNING FORUM ON MONDAY 3RD OCTOBER COMMENCING AT 5.30PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ST AUSTELL ONE STOP SHOP

It was agreed that Cllr Gartside attended the Local Council Planning Forum.

825/05 CORRESPONDENCE

A list of correspondence was circulated to members.

826/05 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) To Note Planning Decisions received from the Planning Authority

The Clerk said that the following planning decisions had been received:

- PA11/05323 – Mr & Mrs Hession, Prisk Cottage, Trehunsey Close, Old Church Road, Mawnan – Erection of extension and alterations to dwelling – APPROVED
- PA11/06018 – Mr A Sangster, The Pines, Bar Road, Mawnan Smith – Various tree works – APPROVED
- PA11/04864 – Mr C Richardson, Durgan Rose Cottages, Mawnan Smith – Demolition of boatshed and construction of replacement – APPROVED
- PA11/04710 – Mrs C Berriman, Goryon Kerth, Little In Sight, Mawnan Smith – Reduce crown of 1 oak – APPROVED

b) To Note Planning Enforcement Complaints received by the Planning Authority

The Clerk said that the following planning enforcement complaints had been received:

- Heyle, Helford Passage, Falmouth – Alleged unauthorised works to TPO trees

c) To note any pre-application meetings held since the last meeting of this Council

There had no been any pre-application meetings.

d) To Consider Planning Applications Received From Cornwall Council

i) PA11/06911 – Mr m Barlow, Budock Vean Hotel, Budock Vean Lane, Budock Vean, Mawnan Smith – Installation of 50 photo voltaic panels on flat roof

Councillor Barlow left the room.

It was proposed by Cllr Gartside seconded by Cllr Sadler and

826/05.2 RESOLVED that there are no objections

On a vote being taken the matter was approve unanimously.

ii) PA11/06615 – Mr C Richardson, Helford Point, Trehunsey Close, Old Church Road, Mawnan – Dormer extension to dwelling

It was proposed by Cllr Gibbons seconded by Cllr Gartside and

826/05.3 RESOLVED that there are no objections.

On a vote being taken the matter was approve unanimously.

827/05 FINANCE AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

a) Approval and Payment of Accounts

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

827/05.2 **RESOLVED** that accounts for August totalling **£1,032.36** be ratified.

On a vote being taken the matter was approve unanimously.

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

827/05.3 **RESOLVED** that accounts totalling **£4,362.76** be approved for payment in June 2011 and duly signed

On a vote being taken the matter was approve unanimously.

828/05 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Mrs Lawry said that the Christmas Lights would be switched on on the 2nd December 2011.

Cllr Gibbons left the meeting at this point at 9.34pm.

Cllr Gartside said that the CPO had been sent in July. Provisionally there were no problems.

829/05 TO CO-OPT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO FILL THE CASUAL VACANCY OF THE COUNCIL

There had been no applications for co-option. It was agreed to re-advertise and defer this item until the October meeting.

830/05 REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL WARD MEMBER

Cllr Hatton reported that:

- Highways – he wanted to use his budget to improve existing facilities rather than introduce new projects. He would speak to highways about moving the speed visor and improve the visual impact of the path at Durgan. Cllr Gartside invited Neil to walk with village with the highways officers and himself to discuss highways issues.
- Charlotte Chadwick was the new Community Network manager for Falmouth and Penryn. She would be attending the December meeting of the Council. She could assist with applications for grants.

831/05 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Mawnan Parish Council will be held on Thursday 20th October 2011, commencing at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

Cllr Gartside reminded members that the AGM for the Carwinion Playing Field Trust and the Junior Playing Field Trust would be held on Thursday 20th October, commencing at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

832/05 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The public thanked the Council for allowing them the chance to express their concerns with highways issued in the village. Cllr Gartside thanked them for attending the meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.46pm.

Signed: 20th October 2011
Chairman