



DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MAWNAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 15th NOVEMBER 2007 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

PRESENT : Cllr Gartside (Chairman), Cllrs Barlow, Mrs Harris, Mrs Lawry, Mrs Loomes, Moyle and Odell.

There were no comments from the public.

331/05 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Dearnley and Gilmore.

332/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) In Items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

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

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

333/05 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) Meeting of Parish Council, 18th October 2007

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Lawry, seconded by Cllr Barlow and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th October 2007 be approved as a true record and duly signed.

334/05 TO REPORT MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

a) Speed Visor

The Clerk stated that the test visor had now been removed, and that he was awaiting the results in respect of final siting, from County Highways.

b) Resurfacing of Penwarne Road

The Clerk reported that he had been informed by County Highways that this was still in the 2007/08 program, and that work should be completed before the worst of the winter weather.

335/05 AGENDA ITEMS

a) Unitary Government – Response to Cornwall CC Survey sent to Parish & Town Councils

The Clerk distributed an extract from the survey, including all questions. Responses to some sections were required in advance of the December council meeting. Councillors were asked to feed comments back to the Parish Council office by Friday, 23rd November, so the Clerk could consolidate these into the council's response.

It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman would proof-read the document, after which it would be sent to the County Council.

b) Community Land Trusts – Report back from Meeting of 2nd November 2007

The Chairman summarised the potential role and benefits of such trusts, following the meeting with Cornwall Community Land Trust. A trust could act as a figurehead for a group of self-builders of affordable homes, and also assist with management of their construction in a way and timescale that would be acceptable to other local residents.

Both St Minver and St Just in Roseland Parish Councils had already taken the Community Land Trust route to the development of affordable housing, and had been financially assisted by the respective district councils.

A follow-up meeting had been held with the Mawnan Self-Build Group, but it appeared that their plans might already be too far advanced for a land trust to be of use.

c) Report back on meeting with Parochial Church Council re Graveyard CPO / Parking at St Michael's

The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk had met with the PCC, but that discussions had been limited to the CPO. Kerrier DC were already progressing the CPO itself, the land valuation and a possible planning application. The PCC had also stated that, in addition to the costs of the CPO, there would be design and setup costs for the new graveyard to consider.

It had not offered any financial assistance with the CPO, and had stated that its schedule of fees for burials was determined by the Diocese. Such burial fees would not cover the future maintenance of the graveyard. The Parish Council had already precepted £5,000 towards the CPO for 2007/08.

The Chairman had since researched another option of the council owning and operating the new graveyard. Burial fees would not be constrained by ecclesiastical law, even if the new graveyard was consecrated, so these could be set to cover the future maintenance of the new graveyard. Administration was minimal.

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

RESOLVED that Mawnan Parish Council should increase the amount precepted for 2008/09 from £5,000 to £8,000, to include design and setup costs.

It was further proposed by Cllr Gartside, seconded by Cllr Moyle, and

RESOLVED that Mawnan Parish Council should own and operate the new graveyard, but that it would be willing to transfer ownership to the PCC, in return for a fee equal to the council's CPO costs.

The Clerk was asked to write to the PCC to confirm the above

d) To consider repairs necessary to Bus Shelter in Mawnan Smith

The Chairman stated that youngsters had been playing football at the end of Parc An Manns, near to the bus shelter. He considered that, as this was close to the main road, a "No ball games" sign might be appropriate. He had also noted a need for repairs to the seating and roof tiles, which were not related to footballing activities.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Harris, seconded by Cllr Mrs Lawry, and

RESOLVED that the Clerk should obtain quotations for the necessary repairs, and also for a vandal-proof sign.

e) To consider changes to the council's Standing Orders, following adoption of the new Code of Conduct

The Clerk stated that he had drafted the necessary changes, which he commended to the council for approval and adoption.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Harris, seconded by Cllr Mrs Lawry, and

RESOLVED that the revised Standing Orders be adopted.

f) To consider whether members of Mawnan Parish Council should be able to claim a Home Telephone allowance

The Chairman stated that it was possible for the council to pay Members' Allowances, but that Mawnan Parish Council had resolved, in September 2004, for this not to occur, with the exception of a Chairman's Allowance, which was currently £25 per annum. Councillors were asked to consider whether members' allowances might now be appropriate, as telephone costs had increased.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Harris, seconded by Cllr Mrs Lawry, and

RESOLVED that Mawnan Parish Council

1. Continue not to pay members' allowances.
2. Continue to pay travel and subsistence allowances to members, for activities involving travel outside of the parish.
3. Increase the Chairman's Allowance to £50.

g) Update report from Office & Finance Committee on draft Budget & Precept considerations, 2008/09

In the absence of Cllr Dearnley, the Clerk reported that the preparation of the budget and precept were progressing well, and that proposals would be ready for the Finance Committee Meeting of 6th December 2007.

h) To approve proposed council meeting dates for 2008

The Clerk had circulated a list of proposed meeting dates for 2008. He stated that these followed the normal pattern, and that bank holidays had no impact this year.

It was proposed by Cllr Gartside, seconded by Cllr Mrs Harris, and

RESOLVED that the list of meetings be approved.

336/05 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on correspondence received, a schedule of which is attached to the minutes as a record.

337/05 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

a) County Council

C Cllr Hatton reported the following :-

- i) The transition to unitary government was progressing, with a decision whether elections would be in 2008 or 2009 due to be made by the end of November. A joint implementation team of councillors for the county and the districts had been set up, along with a specialist officers group. County-wide strategies were due to commence in the near future.
- ii) The Mawnan speed visor had been approved, its total cost being borne from his budget for “local member schemes”.

b) District Council

C Cllr Hatton also reported on two planning issues :-

- i) Enforcement issues at Penwarne Barton Farm – Kerrier DC planning officers were due to visit in the near future.
- ii) Planning application at Bosulla, Budock Vean Lane – This had been refused by the Planning Authority, overturning officer recommendation.

338/05 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) To Note Planning Decisions received from the Planning Authority

The Clerk reported on decisions received, a schedule of which is attached to the minutes as a record.

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

The Clerk reported that no enforcement complaints had been received by the council since its previous meeting.

c) To Consider Planning Applications Received From the District Authority

i) PA07/01533/F – Mr & Mrs Rose, Treworgan, Maenporth Road, Maenporth, Falmouth – Proposed refurbishment and extension of existing Coach House for use as ancillary accommodation

The Clerk stated that this application had been withdrawn, and that a revised one would be submitted in the near future.

**ii) PA07/01698/F – Mr & Mrs J Gibbons, 6 Trevena Gardens, Mawnan Smith – Extension and alterations to garage
*OBSERVATION : No objections.***

339/05 FINANCE AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

a) Payment of Accounts

It was proposed by Cllr Odell, seconded by Cllr Mrs Lawry and

RESOLVED that accounts totalling **£10,514.29** be approved for payment and duly signed. A schedule of these is attached to the minutes as a record.

340/05 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

a) Police Report

The Clerk stated that no police report had been received.

b) Junior Playing Field Trust

Cllr Gartside reported that the replacement swings were now in place, and that a post had once again been replaced on the zip wire.

c) Carwinion Trust

Cllr Barlow was thanked for his report on the MCA, and also for organising the MCA Meeting, which was scheduled for 6.30pm on 11th December 2007, at the MCA Hall.

d) Footpaths / Trees

Cllr Mrs Loomes reported that :-

- i) There had been problems with the barrier in front of the stile (crush gate) on Footpath #19 (Bosveal to Carwinion Woods), which made it difficult for walkers to pass.
- ii) She would consult with the County Tree Officer about possible trees for the new graveyard.

341/05 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Mawnan Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 20th December 2007, commencing at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall. Mince pies will be available after the meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

a) Remembrance Day

Thanks were expressed to all who attended the ceremony at the Millennium Cross.

b) Police Report

Members of the public expressed concern that none had been received, particularly in the light of recent thefts from local churches.

Signed : 20th December 2007
Chairman