



**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MAWNAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, 2006 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL**

**PRESENT :** Cllr D Gartside (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs M Briars, M Dearnley, N Gilmore, C Hibbert, R Sadler, R South, C Stimson

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA (this item will not exceed 10 minutes)**

**a) Planning Appeal concerning the Tetra Mast at Treworval Farm**

Members of the public expressed their concerns about the way in which Kerrier DC officers had conducted its case. It was suggested that they felt that the appeal discussions had been imbalanced, and that Kerrier DC's legal team had put up a poor performance, and had not represented the feelings of the local community.

It was requested that the Parish Council register, in writing, the parish's disappointment and frustration that Kerrier DC's elected members had not received adequate backing from officers.

**116/05 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr P Moyle.

**117/05 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.

**118/05 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**a) Council Meeting January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

It was proposed by Cllr South, Seconded by Cllr Stimson and

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006 be approved as a true record and duly signed.

**119/05 TO REPORT MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA (for information only.)**

**a) Home Front Recall – An Update**

A "rough cut" edited version of the CD has been produced. The final step is to edit this down to an acceptable length.

**b) Mawnan Citizen Project**

This was deferred for the foreseeable future, as nothing further had been heard from the school.

**c) Kerrier DC Workshop on Waste Management**

The new Clerk will attend the workshop on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2006, to be held at Helston Methodist Church, at 5pm. A further place has been reserved for a councillor, and a copy of the invitation has been sent to Cllr Moyle.

**120/05 AGENDA ITEMS**

**a) Update on the proposed replacement of the Macrocarpus tree on Grove Hill**

The new Clerk reported that a copy of a letter, sent by a local resident to the County Forrester, had been received. They were concerned at the potential height of the proposed Dawn Redwood, and the possible blocking of light from their garden. Mr Bennett had replied that this tree was unlikely to ever attain a height greater than 70' in the Cornish climate, and that only after many years. He also explained that the new tree was a lightly branched one that would be managed so as not to block light from the garden.

Mr Bennett stated that although his preferred tree would be a Dawn Redwood, he would be prepared to plant either a Swamp Cypress or Maidenhair as an alternative. He is happy to be guided by the Parish Council, which represents the local community. He is not yet able to confirm a date for the removal of the existing tree, due to heavy workloads at the contractor.

The Council was still concerned that another deciduous tree would drop leaves onto the pavement, which might cause a hazard during the autumn. The Clerk was asked to write and confirm the Council's preference for an evergreen tree.

**b) Mawnan Skip update from Cllr Sadler**

Cllr Sadler reported that Kerrier DC have concerns about placing a skip in Mawnan Smith, because of the potential danger of fly tipping at times when the skip was not there, and also because it might encourage people not to recycle via the existing "blue boxes".

The Council thanked Cllr Sadler for the update. After discussion, it was agreed that the clerk should write to Kerrier DC, to request a "trial run", to see if these concerns were reasonable ones.

**c) Mawnan Parish Plan**

**i) Prioritisation Event**

This will be held in the Memorial Hall, on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2006, from 10am to 4pm. There will also be a Cornish Food & Wine Fair held in the Memorial Hall at the same time, which should ensure a good attendance from the local community.

At the event, members of the community will be able to give their views on the priorities of different themes from the responses to the questionnaire, to assist with the publication of the final plan later in the year.

The Chairman asked that Parish Councillors attend the event, and suggested a rota of 2 hour slots. He will be there from 8am to 11am, to ensure things are set up properly, and suggested the rota ran from 11am to 5pm. He understood that Bryony Nicholls, from Kerrier Regeneration, would assist at the event.

**ii) To allocate an expenditure budget from the Parish Council to the Prioritisation Event**

The Chairman outlined expenditure outside of the CRCC formal costings, amounting to £198. A formal budget statement will be prepared by the Clerk.

**d) Traffic and Highways - Report on Working Party meeting from Cllr South**

The Working Party meeting had resulted in lots of ideas, and had been attended by P C Alan Jordan and a representative of County Highways. The local Road Safety Officer and C.Cllr Hatton will be involved in a future meeting.

The next step is to identify the best solutions for the village, and produce a written, costed report.

**e) Ownership of Bus Shelter and Public Toilets**

**i) Existing ownership of Bus Shelter & Public Toilets**

The new Clerk explained that he had established that both the Bus Shelter and Public Toilets were currently owned by Kerrier DC, and were on the same plot of land. Kerrier DC are willing to transfer ownership of the entire “property” to the Parish Council, and would prefer to do this in a single transaction, as it would be difficult to split the toilets from the bus shelter, which sets on the same plot of land.

The Council considered the current condition of the Public Toilets was acceptable, although work on the non-slip floors had not been carried out.

The Bus Shelter requires some work on the guttering, but appears otherwise to be in a reasonable state of repair. However, concerns were expressed that there might still be a costly maintenance workload for the Bus Shelter.

**ii) To approve the transfer of the Bus Shelter & Public Toilets without completion of the work on the floor by Kerrier DC**

Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Kerrier DC and ask them to give the toilet floors a further coat of paint, and also that the local handyman should inspect the Bus Shelter.

It was proposed by Cllr Gartside, Seconded by Cllr Stimson and

**RESOLVED** that Mawnan Parish Council agrees to proceed with the transfer of ownership of the entire property, subject to the following conditions :-

- i) That Kerrier DC paints the floors of the Toilets.
- ii) That the handyman inspects the Bus Shelter, and reports back on its condition and any work required.

**f) Kerrier DC Consultation on Street Naming & Numbering**

The new Clerk reported that the consultation letter concerned the renaming and renumbering, as the District Council already has street naming powers. The reason for the consultation is that it might currently be possible for street names to be duplicated, within an area, by accident, which would cause confusion, and might delay both postal and emergency services.

Kerrier DC sought views from parish councils on a proposed statutory power to allow them to make such changes, which would only be required to be made in exceptional circumstances, and then only with the consent of two thirds of ratepayers within the street affected.

It was agreed that the Clerk should inform Kerrier DC that the parish council had no objection to the adoption of this statutory power to rename streets.

**g) Meudon Woodland & Footpaths – Report on Site Visit**

Cllr Mrs Briars reported that she and Cllr Sadler had attended a site visit on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2006. It was confirmed that the lower, definitive, path, on its original route in the sunken lane, was the only one that could be maintained, without a modification order to reroute it, which would take a considerable amount of time, and might anyway be unsuccessful.

The County Council Farms Service had since offered £1,800 towards the cost of restoration of the original path. Dan Thomas has agreed to obtain a quotation for this work from the County Council's contractor, and the Parish Council has been asked to obtain a quote from its own contractor.

**h) Tetra Mast Enquiry – Report by C. Cllr Hatton & the Chairman**

*Cllr Sadler did not take part in this report, discussion or vote.*

C.Cllr Hatton advised that, as the public enquiry had not yet ended, it would be wrong to say anything that might affect its outcome. He reported that he was very grateful for the moral backing that had been received from members of the public. The proceedings had been long and drawn out, with a further two days reserved for 15-16<sup>th</sup> March 2006, plus a full day for visiting the other, alternative sites.

The Chairman added that the council needed to ensure that any discussion of this issue did not prejudice the enquiry, which was a Planning Appeal, and not an enquiry into local democracy.

After a lengthy discussion, it was proposed by Cllr South, seconded by Cllr Dearnley and

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman write to Kerrier D C on behalf of the Council to express the Council's disappointment and

frustration at the way in which Kerrier D C had conducted the appeal.

#### **121/05 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

#### **122/05 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

##### **a) County Council**

- C.Cllr Hatton reported that he had taken Mr Paul Wilkinson, the new Divisional Surveyor, on a tour of his ward, and that he was hopeful of seeing some action on roads in the near future.

##### **b) District Council**

- Cllr Hatton reported that he had asked the Planning Department to progress the Castle View affordable housing application as soon as possible.
- Cllr Sadler reported that he had recently been to a very well attended meeting at the South West Regional Assembly. He stressed the importance of the Parish Plan as vital grass-roots input to Kerrier DC's Local Plan. He also reported that the SWRA had a target of building 22,000 new dwellings per year in the South West, and that affordable rural housing was an important constituent of this.

#### **123/05 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

##### **a) To consider Planning Applications received from the District Authority**

- i) PA05/00185/F Mr & Mrs G Rose, Treworgan, Maenporth Road, Maenporth, Falmouth – Erection of a porch extension to a dwelling (amended design) NO OBJECTIONS**

##### **b) To Note Planning Decisions of the Planning Authority**

A schedule is attached to the minutes as a record.

#### **124/05 FINANCE AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

##### **a) Payment of Accounts**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Briars, seconded by Cllr Dearnley and

**RESOLVED** that accounts totalling £1,005.91 be approved for payment and duly signed. (A schedule is attached to the minutes as a record)

##### **b) Consideration of changing the Council's banking arrangements to the Cooperative Bank**

The new Clerk reported that he had investigated the possible costs and benefits of transferring from Lloyds TSB to the Cooperative Bank's Community Direct Plus Account.

Although the latter was an account with no charges whatsoever, and initially appeared to be the better option, the fact that Lloyds TSB made transaction charges was more than offset by the better rate of interest paid on balances. Given

this, it was financially prudent for the Council's banking arrangements to remain unchanged.

## **125/05 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES**

### **a) Best Kept Village Competition – Progress Report by Cllr Stimson**

It was reported that the first Co-ordinating Committee meeting had been held, a very enthusiastic group. Progress was being made on many fronts :-

- **Planters** – The committee are seeking sponsors for materials to buy planters (£20 each). The Bowls Club have agreed to construct them, with the Playgroup planting and maintaining them.
- **Roads & Pavements** – Work identified as being required will be requested of Cornwall County Council.
- **Village Signs** – A potential manufacturer is resident in the village, and has agreed to have a design (Mawnan Smith – Village of Gardens ?) ready for the next meeting.
- **National Trust** – A good response from them.
- **“Community Profile”** – This written submission is required as part of the entry in the Best Kept Village competition (the Chairman agreed to give some journalistic input).

As last month, the Chairman congratulated Cllr Stimson, on behalf of the Council for making so much progress so quickly.

### **b) Junior Playing Field – Report by Cllr Gartside**

A roundabout would be installed during the next week. Thanks were expressed for contributions from the Mawnan Fun Run and Kerrier DC's Liveability Grant.

### **c) Carwinion Trust – Report by Cllr Dearnley**

Cllr Dearnley reported that, via a grant and sponsorship from local businesses, the Trust would be able to produce 10,000 copies of an updated and reissued Footpaths Brochure in the near future.

## **126/05 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 7.30pm

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- a) Congratulations were expressed to the Mawnan Panto Group, for their excellent production.
- b) The Parish Council was asked whether “Blue Boxes” were available in the Durgan area. The Clerk will check with Kerrier DC.
- c) The Road appears to be subsiding outside Cliff Cottage in Durgan. The Clerk will contact County Highways.

- d) Concern was expressed at the time it has taken to get any progress on Local Needs Housing, and in particular the Planning Application for Castle View. The Clerk will contact the Planning Department at Kerrier DC..
- e) The Dog Litter Bins at the top of Carwinion Lane are in a poor state of repair. The Clerk will investigate the availability and price of replacement bins.
- f) The wooden table in the Junior Playing Field is too close to one of the pieces of equipment. The Clerk will speak to members of the Playing Field Trust

Signed : ..... March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
Chairman

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