



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MAWNAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2011 IN MAWNAN MEMORIAL HALL**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Gartside (Chairman), Gibbons, Miss King, Mrs Loomes, Mrs Lawry, Gilmore, Sadler (from point mentioned) and Barlow (from point mentioned)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr Hatton (from point mentioned) and twelve members of the public

**686/05 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. O'Dell and Dearnley

**687/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**a) In Items on the Agenda**

Cllr Gilmore declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application PA11/01419 – Mr R Taylor, Heyle, Helford Passage – Felling of one Monterey Cyprus tree.

Cllr Mrs Lawry declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the planning application PA11/00674 – Mr T Sygler-Jones AEE Renewables Ltd, Higher Tregarne, Mawnan Smith – Ground mounted solar (photovoltaic) array with agriculture. She also declared a personal interest in the planning application PA11/01419 – Mr R Taylor, Heyle, Helford Passage – Felling of one Monterey Cyprus tree.

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

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

**688/05 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE POLICE**

The Clerk spoke to the report received from PC Cook. Since the last meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> February there had been one crime reported in the parish. This was a possession of cannabis which was detected during a routine vehicle stop which occurred on the parish boundary. There were no reports of antisocial behaviour. Metal thefts in rural area was still a concern due to high scrap metal prices, members of the public were urged to secure metal items to prevent theft occurring.

Cllr Sadler entered the meeting during this item at 7.32pm.

**689/05 PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no such comments.

**690/05 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

It was proposed by Cllr Gibbons seconded by Cllr Miss King and

**690/05.2**                    **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2011 be approved as a true record and be duly signed.

On a vote being taken the matter was approve unanimously.

**691/05 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2011**

It was proposed by Cllr Gilmore seconded by Cllr Gibbons and

**691/05.2**                    **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011 be approved as a true record and be duly signed.

On a vote being taken the matter was approve unanimously.

**692/05 TO REPORT MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA**

There were no such matters.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**693/05 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE ALLOTMENTS AND DECIDE ON ANY FURTHER ACTION**

Mr O'Donogue from the National Trust said that there was twenty six people interested in the allotments, this figure included ten people from outside of the parish boundary and there were five people willing to help with the administration.

Cllr Barlow entered the meeting at this point at 7.35pm.

It was proposed by Cllr Gartside seconded by Cllr Gibbons and

**691/05.2**                    **RESOLVED** that this Council supports the future of the allotments.

Members of the public expressed their concern with the possible visual impact of the allotments. People living in the area were unhappy with the choice of site as it was on a gateway site into the village and Helford River. Mr O'Donogue said that the National Trust as the land owners would set rules on the layout of the site and the use of sheds and other permanent fixtures. It was mentioned that communal sheds, greenhouses and tools should be considered.

On a vote being taken the matter was approve unanimously.

**694/05 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE PLANS FOR THE WEDDING CELEBRATIONS**

Cllr Mrs Lawry reported that preparations were proceeding well. There were a lot of village groups making bunting. The whole event would be free of charge except for drinks. There had been various stalls booked for the event. The pantomime group would be holding a potted panto display. There had been good offers of sponsorship received for the event. The group were still looking into parking arrangements. It was thought that disabled parking could be next to the pavilion. It was hoped that most people from the village would walk to the event. There would be publicity including a programme circulated imminently.

**695/05 TO NOTE THE CONTACT DETAILS OF THE NEW AUDITOR**

The Clerk reported that the external auditor would be Mrs Jackie Bellard at the Audit Commission.

**696/05 TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF UNDERTAKING A HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY**

Cllr Gartside spoke to the report circulated to members. The report included a sample postal survey. He said that the need for a more up to date housing survey arose from the planning application previously received for Castle View Park. It was agreed that this item be deferred until the next meeting.

**697/05 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON CORNWALL COUNCIL CORE STRATEGY OPTIONS CONSULTATION PAPER**

Cllr Gilmore spoke to the report circulated to members. He said that this was a first stage consultation on development needs in the whole of Cornwall for the next twenty years. There were various options for the dispersal of housing that would be required in the future. He said that the Falmouth and Penryn area featured prominently within the proposals. There was no intention at this time of locating specific sites for development. It was noted that the Regional Spatial Strategy had no status since the Unitary Authority came into being as it was never formally adopted. It was agreed that this item be deferred until the next meeting.

**698/05 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE CONSULTATION MEETING ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH ON THE FUTURE OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AND TO DECIDE WHETHER THIS COUNCIL WOULD WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONSULTATION**

Mrs Elizabeth West had agreed to attend the consultation meeting and report back to the Council. She said that the agency wanted to close ten out of eighteen coastguard bases currently operating and reduce Falmouth to daylight hours only. There was a large attendance at the meeting. The minutes of the meeting would be available online shortly. It was noted that the removal of the tugs from Falmouth was not part of this consultation. Items discussed included loss and relearning of local knowledge on weather, coastal and local issues, expertise and equipment located at Falmouth, response co-ordination, table top theory compared to practicality on the ground, need to upgrade the service, staffing and training issues and the lack of trials completed. It

was noted that the officials that had visited the site at Falmouth had changed their opinion on the proposed changes.

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

- 698/05.2**                      **RESOLVED** that a letter be sent expressing this Council's concern with the proposed speed of the introducing of change without thoroughly thinking ahead.

On a vote being taken the matter was approve unanimously.

#### **699/05 CORRESPONDENCE**

A list of correspondence was circulated to members.

#### **700/05 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**a) To Note Planning Decisions received from the Planning Authority**

Cllr Gartside spoke to the list circulated to members.

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

Cllr Gartside said that there had been a new breach of planning conditions at Penwarne Barton. The enforcement team at Cornwall Council were aware of this and should be dealing with it. A meeting between Cllr Gartside, the Talking2Minds charity local representative and Nicola Stinson from Cornwall Council had been organised to discuss future locations for the charity to operate from.

It was proposed by Cllr Gartside seconded by Cllr Gibbons and

- 700/05.2**                      **RESOLVED** that a strongly worded letter be sent to Cornwall Council regarding this breach of planning conditions and stating that this Council expect expedient enforcement action to be taken by Cornwall Council.

On a vote being taken the matter was approve unanimously.

Cllr Hatton said that the case had been passed onto the legal department of Cornwall Council for prosecution enforcement to proceed.

**c) To Consider Planning Applications Received From Cornwall Council**

**i) PA11/01419 – Mr R Taylor, Heyle, Helford Passage – Felling on one monterey cyprus tree**

Cllr Gilmore left the room having declared a prejudicial code of conduct interest.

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

700/05.3

**RESOLVED:** that Mawnan Parish Council actively promotes the blanket TPO on the Helford River. The Council would only agree to any removal of trees if they are dangerous, dying or dead. In order for a decision to be made the Council would request a copy of a tree surgeons report on the condition of the tree.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

ii) **PA11/00674 – Mr T Sygler-Jones AEE Renewables Ltd, Higher Tregarne, Mawnan Smith – Ground mounted solar (photovoltaic) array with agriculture**

Cllr Barlow declared a personal interest in this application.

Cllr Mrs Lawry left the room having declared a personal and prejudicial code of conduct interest.

Cllr Gartside said that all the information requested at the planning meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011 had been supplied. Cllr Gartside and Gilmore spoke to the reports received some of which was confidential.

Cllr Gartside invited members of the public to express their views on the application. Members of the public were concerned with the visual impact on the natural landscape view, visibility from the village and surrounding footpaths, possible loss of amenity and the danger of setting a precedent.

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

700/05.4

**RESOLVED:** that there are objections to the above mentioned planning application.

On a vote being taken there were 2 votes FOR and 5 votes AGAINST. The motion was defeated.

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

700/05.5

**RESOLVED:** that Mawnan Parish Council has held a public meeting to discuss the siting of the PV array. The general feeling of the public was that it would be in an inappropriate position. Questions were raised on the hydrology report, the reflection survey analysis and the legal status of the bond to ensure decommissioning. AEE regularly complied with our request to provide clarification on these issues. The Council voted against the application on the grounds of visual impact, the proximity to the AONB and being situated in the AGLV. Mawnan Parish Council would urge Cornwall Council strategic planning to consider the accumulative effects of PV arrays across the County.

On a vote being taken there were 6 votes FOR and 0 votes AGAINST.

## **701/05 FINANCE AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

### **a) Approval and Payment of Accounts**

It was proposed by Cllr Gibbons, seconded by Cllr Mrs Loomes and

**701/05.2**                    **RESOLVED** that accounts totalling **£2343.19** be approved for payment in March 2011, and duly signed.

## **702/05 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES**

Cllr Barlow said that he had attended a meeting with Cllr Sadler and representatives from the Mawnan Community Association (MCA) and Mawnan Football Club where the appropriate health and safety and risk assessment documentation and requirements were discussed. The Cricket Club had been liaised with after the meeting as a representative was not able to be present at the meeting. Cllr Barlow circulated the documents for Councillors to review as trustees to the Carwinion Playing Field for acceptance at the next meeting.

Cllr Gartside said that he had produced a risk assessment weekly checklist for the Junior Playing Field. He circulated the document for Councillors to review as trustees to the Junior Playing Field for acceptance at the next meeting. He had received complaints that bags of dog waste were being thrown in hedges. He urged members of the public to dispose of their dog waste in an appropriate manner.

The Compulsory Purchase Order for the graveyard would be advertised on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 for twenty one days.

## **703/05 REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL WARD MEMBER**

Cllr Hatton reported that:

- The planning applications for solar arrays would be heard at the strategic planning meeting to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2011. The overall impact of the solar panels for Cornwall as a whole would be considered. He said that he would raise the accumulative impact on the solar panels especially on designated landscape sites. A representative from Mawnan Parish Council should attend the meeting to express the Council's views on the application for Higher Tregarne.
- The planning application for the retention of two caravans at Penwarne Barton had been refused by Cornwall Council under officer's delegated powers. It was felt that due to the history of the site there was no need for the application to be debated at a planning committee meeting.
- The footpath at Durgan crossroads was due to be completed by early April 2011 including the finger post signs.
- The salt bins located in the parish would become the responsibility of Mawnan Parish Council from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011.
- Cllr Sadler said that this Council had written to Cornwall Council asking that they clean the ditches along Carlidnack Road. Cornwall Council had failed to

respond to this letter. It was agreed that this Council would send another letter to Cornwall Council and that Cllr Hatton would speak to the Highways department on behalf of this Council.

- Cllr Gilmore said that Cornwall Council had completed patching work on Old Church Road. He felt that in the current economic climate there were higher roads which had higher traffic levels and should have been a higher priority.
- Cllr Barlow asked the criteria with which Cornwall Council were deciding the planning applications for solar panels and ensuring that they are erected in the most appropriate locations.
- Members of the Council asked to receive details of any further possible planning applications for solar arrays within the parish to be forwarded.

#### **704/05 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Mawnan Parish Council will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2011, commencing at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

#### **705/05 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Members of the public asked that details on how to respond to the Coastguard Consultation be displayed on the Council website and notice board.

A member of the public said that the street sign opposite the post office for Carlidnack Road was in need of replacement. The sign opposite Chapel Town Close was missing some letters. The Old Church Road sign was also damaged and in need of repair. It was noted that the finial on top of the sign for Durgan cross roads would be replaced shortly.

Members of the press and public left the meeting at 9.30pm.

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

**705/05.2**                    **RESOLVED:** that due to exempt information contained in Schedule 12 A of the Local Government Act 1972 that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

#### **706/05 TO CONSIDER THE TENDER DOCUMENTS FOR AWARDING THE THREE PARISH MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS, AND TO AWARD THE CONTRACTS**

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

**706/05.2**                    **RESOLVED:** that Mr Payne be awarded the contract for cleaning and maintaining the public toilets.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

