



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MAWNAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL**

**PRESENT :** Cllr Gartside (Chairman), Barlow, Dearnley, Gibbons, Gilmore, Mrs Lawry, Mrs Loomes, Odell and Sadler.

**438/05 PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no comments from members of the public, on items on the agenda.

**439/05 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**440/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**a) In Items on the Agenda**

Cllr Sadler declared a personal, but not prejudicial, interest in agenda items 446/05 (c) (ii), the planning applications in respect of Bosvethan, Carlidnack Lane.

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

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

**441/05 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**a) Meeting of Parish Council, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

Minute 430/05 (a) should have read “..... *Grove Hill*”, rather than “..... *Sampys Hill*”.

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

**RESOLVED** that, subject to the above amendment, the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2008 be approved as a true record and be duly signed.

**b) Meeting of Planning Committee, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2008**

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

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2008 be approved as a true record and be duly signed.

**442/05 TO REPORT MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**a) Children’s Fun Day at Carwinion Playing Field**

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the WI concerning the low attendance, to which he would reply on behalf of the council.

**b) Proposed Waste Incinerator for St Dennis**

The Clerk stated that he had received an acknowledgement of the council’s written comments, and support for a Public Enquiry, from Mathew Taylor MP.

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**c) Maenporth Beach – Mawnan entrance**

A local resident had offered to keep the entrance clear of weeds and other undergrowth, on a regular basis. The chain and lock had been replaced by the council's maintenance man.

**d) Footpath #12 – Problems with brambles**

The Clerk reported that all Rights of Way had received their final cut during the past month.

**e) Slurry on Footpaths #12 and #17 (Meudon Farm)**

This situation had not been resolved, and would be further discussed under Reports from Committees & Representatives (item 448/05)

**443/05 AGENDA ITEMS**

**a) To consider the council's view on Cornwall County Council's Landscape Character Study (deferred at July meeting)**

There were no comments from members, who were asked to pass any views they might have to the Clerk, before the end of September.

**b) To consider the council's response to a proposal from County Highways to create marked No Stopping Except Buses road marking on routes 2 & T4 in Mawnan Smith**

Members had had an opportunity to examine the proposals before the start of the meeting. There followed a lengthy debate, in which the following observations were made :-

- There had been no known public requests for the proposed changes, which were likely to increase congestion, rather than decrease it. Indeed, there appeared to be no evidence as to why any such "enhancements" were required, and there had been no problems caused by the fact that there were currently no markings on the roadways.
- In rural villages, there was no need for the increased formality and urbanisation of roadways, especially in an AONB.
- Where there were no marked bus stops (i.e. at present), passengers could be dropped off at any point they requested along the route, which was much more convenient, especially for elderly and infirm passengers.
- Bus timetables in both directions were displayed at the existing bus stops, and there had been no demonstrated need for these on both sides of the road.
- Buses travelling in both directions did not cross, as the same vehicle that travelled in one direction turned around to become the bus in the opposite direction.
- The proposals would reduce the available on-street parking in Mawnan Smith, where there was no car park as an alternative.
- In particular, the proposal to prevent parking near to the Village Post Office and Store could compromise its viability.
- The proposed markings on Grove Hill, near the end of Parc An Manns were not adjacent to the existing Bus Shelter, which was constructed of dressed granite, and owned and maintained by the Parish Council at council tax payers' expense.
- The proposed changes near to the junction of Grove Hill and Shute Hill would reduce the amount of parking available for parents picking up children from the primary school on Shute Hill, and could have an adverse impact on visibility for cars emerging from Shute Hill.
- There was no pavement on the side of the majority of the roads in the area, so the "Buses Only" areas would have the effect of narrowing the roads even further. This particularly applied to the proposed changes at Carlidnack.
- Overall, these proposals appeared to be a waste of taxpayers' money, money that could be spent elsewhere to much greater effect.

- Finally, members of the public had reported that preparatory work for the proposed changes had already commenced, even though the final date for public responses was 24<sup>th</sup> September 2008.
- Given the above level of real concern, the council requested that County Highways reconsidered the justification for these proposals.

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

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk write a letter of objection to the proposals, on behalf of the council.

**c) To consider applying to renew the council's Quality Council accreditation**

The Chairman summarised the justification behind Mawnan Parish Council's original application to become a Quality Council, in November 2004. Members expressed concerns about whether there had actually been any functions which had been delegated by the principal authorities to Quality Councils within Cornwall / Kerrier. However, with the move to a single unitary authority, it was hoped that some delegation might occur.

The Clerk stated that, rather than just looking upward to the principal authorities, the council should also consider the merits of its increased professionalism in dealing with its electors, as a result of improved processes mandated for Quality Councils.

There had been some changes in the accreditation requirements, and the Clerk ran through a document covering these. In terms of the cost of re-accreditation, there was a direct cost (application fee) of £58.75, plus the cost of preparing a portfolio of evidence, which he estimated could take up to 30 hours in total. Therefore the total cost to the council was likely to be around £400. If the council's application for re-accreditation was successful, it would last a further four years, until November 2012.

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

**RESOLVED** that the council should apply for Quality Council re-accreditation, but that the Clerk should seek some justification, via CALC, on the potential future benefits to Mawnan Parish Council.

**d) To consider the schedule of training courses offered by Cornwall County Training Partnership**

The Clerk summarised the courses available, and members agreed, by the end of September, to consider which they felt appropriate for themselves, and make bookings through the Clerk.

**e) Status Report on prospective CPO for extension to graveyard at Mawnan Church**

The Chairman stated that the council's planning application had been successful, and that, in part thanks to the efforts of Mr Tony Lugg, the National Trust (NT) were progressing the matter. The Clerk distributed a letter received that morning from the NT, and stated that a meeting was being organised with the NT in early October.

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

**RESOLVED** that the council should formally offer its thanks to Mr Lugg for helping to progress the matter.

It was further proposed by Cllr Odell, seconded by Cllr Gilmore and

**RESOLVED** that, following the meeting with the NT, the council should seek its own independent valuation of the land, rather than relying upon the NT's valuation.

**f) To consider siting a battery recycling facility in Mawnan Smith**

Cllr Dearnley stated that recycling tubes were available from Cornwall CC, at an initial cost of £36, and that the owners of the Hammer'n'Hoe had agreed that it could be sited inside their premises. The contents would need to be taken to either Helston or United Downs, for recycling.

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

**RESOLVED** that the council purchase a recycling tube from Cornwall CC, and that notices about it be posted on the Website and notice board.

**g) To consider reported problems on Mawnan Footpaths #16 & #19**

Cllr Mrs Looms covered the two different issues :-

- i) **Footpath #16** – Problems with trees growing at the side of the footpath, which needed cutting back.

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

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk ask Cornwall CC to carry out the necessary work on the trees.

- ii) **Footpath #19** – This issue related to a footpath spur across a strip of land between Footpath #19, near Carwinion Woods, and Shute Hill, which is not on the definitive Rights of Way map. The ownership of the piece of land was unknown.

There had been two offset wooden barriers which had been in such a bad state that they had needed to be removed. However, cycles and motor cycles could now get through, and were a danger to pedestrians, especially children.

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

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk should contact Cornwall CC about this issue, as a matter of urgency, and request a site meeting.

**h) To consider a S137 application by Victim Support Cornwall**

As this organisation was not directly benefiting residents of the parish, it was not considered that a donation should be made.

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

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk should write and explain the council's position.

**444/05 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

#### 445/05 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

##### a) County Council

C Cllr Hatton reported that :-

- Cornwall CC was considering requesting that the first unitary elections be postponed until October 2009, which would mean just 82 members until then. The European elections would still be held in June 2009.
- 20 Community Network Areas had been identified, but these were unlikely to be operational by April 2009.
- The top level structure of the new unitary authority had just been announced, and the existing Chief Executive had not applied for the position in the new authority.
- Community Grants – There was approximately £500 per parish available to local organisations, from the existing Cornwall CC. It was suggested that the Youth Club and the Memorial Hall might be worthy recipients.

##### b) District Council

Cllr Sadler reported on the following matters :-

- The West Cornwall Together organisation was being disbanded, but it was hoped that their good practices in Penwith and Kerrier would be adopted throughout the new unitary authority.
- Planning – An appeal on behalf of Bosulla (Budock Vean) had been dismissed, even though the refusal had been against officer recommendation. The inspector had considered that insufficient weight had been given to the fact that the property was in the AONB. As a result of this, and other recent appeal failures, he and C Cllr Hatton were seeking guidance from the Planning Authority, and would report back to a future meeting.

#### 446/05 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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

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

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

##### c) To Consider Planning Applications Received From the District Authority

###### i) PA08/01503/F – Mr & Mrs Murphy, Primrose Cottage, West Close, Carlidnack Road, Mawnan Smith – Alterations to dormer roof of dwelling

OBSERVATIONS : No objections.

###### ii) PA08/01513/F – Mr & Mrs M Pascoe, Bosvethan, Carlidnack Lane, Mawnan Smith – Erections of a conservatory extension and second entrance to dwelling

OBSERVATIONS : No objections.

###### iii) PA08/01528/F – Mr J Hucker, The Watch House, 3 Trelawney Close, Maenporth – Erection of a detached domestic garage

OBSERVATIONS : No objections.

#### 447/05 FINANCE AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

##### a) Payment of Accounts

It was proposed by Cllr Gibbons seconded by Cllr Barlow and

**RESOLVED** that the payment of an account for **£1,413.37**, representing cheques already raised and signed in August, be ratified.

It was proposed by Cllr Dearnley seconded by Cllr Gibbons and

**RESOLVED** that accounts totalling **£2,222.81** be approved for payment and duly signed. A schedule of these is attached to the minutes as a record.

#### **448/05 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES**

##### **a) Footpaths**

Cllr Mrs Loomes reported that the problems of slurry on Footpaths 12 and 17 (Meudon Farm) were still ongoing, and that they were now virtually impassable. The Clerk was seeking a meeting with County Farms.

##### **b) Trees**

Cllr Mrs Loomes also stated that she was chasing the County Forrester, to try to arrange the replacement trees for Shute Hill, which had originally been promised for 2007.

##### **c) Allotments**

Cllr Mrs Lawry reported that it was now highly unlikely that any land would be made available by County Farms, and that she was now looking for other alternatives.

##### **d) Carwinion Playing Field**

Fly tipping had taken place in the car park, and its removal was in hand. In addition, the Country Fayre Committee had asked for permission to remove a small tree at the rear of the playing field to allow the gateway to be widened.

##### **e) Mawnan Heritage Trust (Chy-An-Scol)**

The Chairman reported that a meeting of trustees had occurred, following which he and the Clerk had met with Kerrier DC's Regeneration department. A provisional application for grant assistance had been submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

##### **f) Police Report**

The Clerk summarised the July and September police reports.

#### **449/05 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Mawnan Parish Council would be held on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008, commencing at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

##### **a) Anna Maria Creek**

It was reported that the persons who had been living in the converted bus had now moved into a boat, and that a further Enforcement Complaint had been submitted. There had been no progress with respect to the official complaint concerning the handling of the original enforcement action.

##### **b) Dog Bins**

Some of these had still not been attended to, and one at Bosloe, which had been purchased by local people, had been replaced by a general purpose bin. The Clerk was asked to chase Kerrier DC, for the promised visit to discuss these situations.

Signed : ..... 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Chairman