



DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MAWNAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 19th MARCH 2009 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

PRESENT : Cllrs Gartside (Chairman), Gibbons, Gilmore, Miss King, Mrs Loomes, Odell and Sadler.

510/05 PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Some members of the public wished to pass comment on agenda item 515/05(a), the possible establishment of Neighbourhood Watch schemes. It was agreed that Standing Orders would be suspended when this item was reached, to allow them to speak during the discussion.

511/05 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Barlow & Dearnley, and PC Cormack & PCSO Huddleston.

512/05 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.

513/05 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) Meeting of Parish Council, 19th February 2009

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th February 2009 be approved as a true record and be duly signed.

b) Meeting of Planning Committee, 5th March 2009

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 5th March 2009 be approved as a true record and be duly signed.

514/05 TO REPORT MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

a) Graveyard extension

The Chairman stated that he had attended a training course given by the Institute of Cemetery & Crematorium Management (ICCM) at Kerrier DC's offices, and that this had been of excellent quality.

b) Variable Message Sign (Speed Visor) still not operational

Despite reports to the contrary, the installation was still incomplete. The Clerk was asked to chase up County Highways again.

c) Cornwall Council Planning Forum

Cllr Gilmore stated that he had heard nothing further about this since the February meeting. The Clerk was asked to try to obtain a date for this..

d) Further vandalism at the Public Toilets

The Clerk stated that further vandalism had occurred during the past month.

515/05 AGENDA ITEMS

a) To consider the establishment of one or more Neighbourhood Watch schemes in Mawnan Smith, following recent complaints of vandalism and anti-social behaviour

The Clerk had spoken with PC Cormack, who had apologised for not being able to attend the meeting, and had advised that there already were a number of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) coordinators in Mawnan Smith, but he was not aware if any of the historic NHW schemes were still active. He had agreed to pass the coordinator names to the Clerk.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to address the council on this item. Problems had escalated from damage to the public toilets to the throwing of objects at passing cars. These incidents, which had in the main occurred just as it was going dark, had been reported to the police, who had taken action, and suggested that NHW schemes were probably not the right solution to the current problems, nor were they likely to be a deterrent to petty vandalism. Standing orders were reinstated.

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

RESOLVED that the Clerk should request that the police have a presence at nightfall for several evenings in the coming weeks and that, in the meantime, mobile CCTV and audio deterrent devices should be investigated.

b) To consider a request, from Mawnan PCC, to assist with the creation of a Welcome Pack for newcomers to the Parish

The Clerk summarised a letter received from the PCC.

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

RESOLVED that the council should offer its wholehearted support to this initiative, and that the Clerk should write to the PCC, stating that it might consider offering some financial support, should this be necessary.

c) To consider a suggestion from Mawnan Self-Build Group that its Affordable Housing Scheme may be abandoned

The Chairman stated that he had been informed by the Self-Build Group that the problem with the access road gradient might never be able to be resolved.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Gartside, seconded by Cllr Gilmore and

RESOLVED that the Clerk should write back to the Self-Build Group, expressing the council's continuing support and regret at the possible abandonment of the scheme.

It was further **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should contact the new Cornwall Council, and request a serious discussion concerning affordable housing and possible exception sites in Mawnan Parish.

d) Report from the Clerk on a Parishes Liaison Meeting in respect of the Falmouth & Penryn Community Plan

The Clerk reported that he had attended a meeting on behalf of Mawnan Parish Council, at which it had been stated that a summary of the Parish Plans of surrounding parishes would be appended to the Falmouth & Penryn Community Plan. A request to be able to submit a short article in each Parish's Annual Report had been made, to solicit public input into the Falmouth & Penryn Plan from the surrounding parishes.

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

RESOLVED that the article should be included in the Annual Report.

e) To consider the council's response to the gradual enlargement of Maenporth Beach car park

At the previous council meeting, the apparent expansion of the car park had been questioned. Cllr Sadler stated that the beach had been part-owned by The Crag (later Pilkingtons, now the Maenporth Estate), and part-owned by Carrick DC. In return for transferring the ownership of its part of the beach to Carrick DC, Pilkingtons had received a 99-year lease on the beach. It was believed that they, in turn, had an agreement with the owner of the beach café, who kept the beach clean in return for car parking fees.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Gartside, seconded by Cllr Sadler and

RESOLVED that the Clerk should contact the Maenporth Estate about this matter, and ask to meet with them.

f) To consider and approve the content of the Council's Annual Report, 2008/09

A draft version had been distributed by the Clerk prior to the meeting. It was proposed that this would be produced in time for the Annual Parish Meeting, after which it would be distributed to all households.

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

RESOLVED that the content of the 2008/09 Annual Report be approved and accepted by the council.

g) To consider the following requests for 2009/10 S137 Grant assistance

i) First Mawnan Guides & Brownies

S137 requests for £120 for each organisation had been received. The Budget had been based upon possible grants of £100 each, with some contingency allowed for.

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

RESOLVED that S137 grants of £120 each be approved.

ii) Helford River Childrens' Sailing Trust

A S137 request for up to £250 had been received. The Budget had been based upon a possible grant of £120, with some contingency allowed for.

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

RESOLVED that a S137 grant of £250 be approved.

iii) Truro Hospital Radio

A S137 request had been received. It was agreed that, as the council's grant policy was not to make S137 grants to organisations outside the parish, the Clerk should respond to state that, regrettably, no assistance could be offered.

h) To consider recommendations from the Office & Finance Group meeting, 27th February 2009

i) Year-End & Audit arrangements

The Clerk stated that the Internal Audit was scheduled for Thursday 9th April 2009, and that a reconciliation of the Accounts for the 11 months to the end of February had suggested that the year would finish in line with the latest financial forecast made at Budget time, in December 2008.

ii) Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting, 2008/09

The Annual Parish Meeting would be scheduled for 7.00pm on Thursday 16th April 2009, immediately prior to the April council meeting. The Clerk planned to write to local organisations at the start of April, inviting them to attend, and to submit reports if they wished to.

iii) Insurance Cover, 2009/10

The Office & Finance Group had examined the council's insurance and a report circulated covering recommendations for changes in items covered.

iv) Rotation of membership of Office & Finance Group

Membership normally rotated, with one member standing down each year. It was recommended that membership be considered at the council's Annual Meeting, in May

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

RESOLVED that the above recommendations of the Office & Finance Group be accepted en bloc.

i) To consider extension of the maintenance contracts for Playing Fields & Open Spaces, and Public Toilets and other Public Areas, for a further two years

The Chairman stated that, under the Council's Standing Orders in respect of contracts and tenders, this item should be discussed at the end of the meeting, with public and press excluded.

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

RESOLVED that, in line with Standing Orders, and under the 1960 Public Admission to Meetings Act, this item be left to the end of the meeting, and that the public and press be excluded during its discussion.

516/05 CORRESPONDENCE

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

517/05 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

a) County Council

C Cllr Hatton reported on the following matters :-

- A guide to Cornwall Council services had been issued with the Council Tax demands.
- The scheme to place bus markings on Grove Hill, near the Red Lion, had been abandoned, following a public meeting with County Highways.

b) District Council

Cllr Sadler reported on the following matters :-

- He had recently attended the final Kerrier DC annual dinner, 35 years after the first one in 1974.
- He was awaiting the decision in respect of the planning application for the residential caravans at Penwarne Barton Farm.

518/05 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

None had been notified to the council since its previous meeting.

c) To Consider Planning Applications Received From the District Authority

None had been notified to the council since the Planning Committee Meeting of 5th March 2009.

519/05 FINANCE AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

a) Payment of Accounts

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

RESOLVED that accounts totalling **£2,135.65** be approved for payment and duly signed. A schedule of these is attached to the minutes as a record.

520/05 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

a) Tree Warden

Cllr Mrs Loomes stated that the trees on Shute Hill had still not been replaced, and it was now tree years since this had been promised. The Clerk was asked to contact the County Council, expressing the council's extreme disappointment.

b) Police Report

A report had been submitted by PC Cormack, who reported that :-

- Two crimes had been reported during the past month, with a number of other incidents reported, concerning anti-social behaviour.
- There was to be a reorganisation at Helston Police Station from 6th April 2009, and as a result he would be moving area to cover the Lizard Peninsula. He was being replaced in this area by PC Cook, who would be in touch shortly. PCSO Huddleston would not be moving.

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

RESOLVED that the council wished to thank PC Cormack for his assistance, and looked forward to a close working relationship with PC Cook.

521/05 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Mawnan Parish Council would be held on Thursday, 16th April 2009, commencing at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

a) Signs at Argal Crossroads

There appeared to be around 20 signs displayed. It was appreciated that this was outside Mawnan Parish. C Cllr Hatton agreed to investigate.

b) Stile for footpath from Shute Hill

An estimate of £300 had been obtained, and a S137 request was to be submitted for 50% of this cost, the balance of which would be paid by the residents of Shute Hill. The Clerk was asked to table this as an agenda item for the April meeting

522/05 TO CONSIDER EXTENSION OF THE MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS FOR PLAYING FIELDS & OPEN SPACES , AND PUBLIC TOILETS AND OTHER PUBLIC AREAS, FOR A FURTHER TWO YEARS

The original contracts had been for two years, with an optional extension for a further two years, should both the council and the contractors be happy to continue. There was an opportunity to review the fixed price contract payments for the two year extension. Proposals had been received from the respective contractors.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Gartside, seconded by Cllr Odell and

RESOLVED that, in the current economic climate, and with no increase in the Precept for 2009/10, the council could only accept a 2½% increase in contract prices.

Signed : 16th April 2009

Chairman