



DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MAWNAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 21st FEBRUARY 2008 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

PRESENT : Cllr Gartside (Chairman), Cllrs Barlow, Dearnley, Gilmore, Mrs Loomes, Moyle and Sadler.

364/05 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mrs Lawry and Odell, and also from PC Cormack and PCSO Huddleston.

365/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) In Items on the Agenda

Cllr Sadler declared a personal, but not prejudicial, interest in item 368/05 (j).

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

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

366/05 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) Meeting of Parish Council, 17th January 2008

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th January 2008 be approved as a true record and be duly signed.

b) Meeting of Planning Committee, 1st February 2008

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 1st February 2008 be approved as a true record and be duly signed.

367/05 TO REPORT MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

a) Kerrier DC's Mobile Skate Park

The Clerk stated that this had been provisionally booked for Carwinion Playing Field car park for a day during the Easter holidays, and that, subject to confirmation, the date would be displayed on the notice board and the website.

b) Proposal to name a small Close off Nomansland Road as Penwarne Close

The Clerk reported that he had requested that the District Council exercise its street naming powers, which it was happy to do, subject to a change in post code, which had been requested by Royal Mail. Kerrier DC would progress the matter directly with residents.

c) Heating Oil Consortium

The organiser had requested that no more residents ask to join the consortium, as he had as many names as he could handle.

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d) No Ball Games sign for the side of the Public Conveniences

This had been ordered, and should be in place by the next Council Meeting.

e) Dog Bins

The Clerk stated that he had still not received a response from Kerrier DC, after many months, and that he intended ordering replacements himself, subject to Kerrier DC agreeing to continue to empty them.

368/05 AGENDA ITEMS

a) To consider co-opting a new member of the Parish Council, to replace Mrs Anne Harris

Mr David Gibbons had expressed an interest in becoming a member of the Parish Council. He was present at the meeting, introduced himself, and gave a summary of his background.

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

RESOLVED that Mr Gibbons be co-opted to the Parish Council.

Following this, the necessary forms were signed and witnessed.

b) To agree a replacement for Mrs Harris on the council's Office & Finance Group

Given his 10 years' previous experience as a member of a Parish Council, Cllr Gibbons stated that he was willing to replace Mrs Harris.

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

RESOLVED that Cllr Gibbons replace Mrs Harris as a member of the Office & Finance Group.

c) Report back from Kerrier DC Parish & Town Council Meetings

i) "One Cornwall" day, 4th February 2008

The Clerk had circulated a summary of the day, prior to the meeting. He briefly ran through the observations of Cllr Odell, who had also attended the meeting. The Clerk also stated that there were further meetings for Parish & Town Councils in March.

It was considered that Mawnan Parish Council should consider what it wanted out of the transition to Unitary, and that there was a need for continuity in attendance of future meetings. It was suggested that a Unitary Working Group be set up.

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

RESOLVED that Cllrs Gartside, Odell, Gilmore and Gibbons make up the group, with the assistance of the Clerk.

ii) Planning Department training sessions, 6th & 19th February 2008

Cllr Gilmore had attended the first session, and Cllr Dearnley the second, and both summarised the proceedings of the meetings. A further session was scheduled for 3rd March 2008.

d) To agree attendance at further Parish & Town Council Meetings

i) Kerrier DC – Code of Conduct training session, 25th March 2008

The Clerk reminded members that this was to be held jointly with Constantine & Stithians Parish Councils, at 6.30pm at Mabe Parish Vestry. All members agreed to attend, if at all possible.

ii) Kerrier DC – Planning training session, 3rd March 2008

The Clerk stated that this would cover Planning Policy Statements and Planning Policy Guidelines (PPS's and PPG's), and would be quite a detailed session. It was agreed that it would be appropriate for the Clerk to attend, and report back to the March Council Meeting.

iii) “One Cornwall” – Parish & Town Council Engagement Events, March 2008

The Clerk stated that a further event was to be held during March, at various locations throughout the county. He suggested to council that it might be appropriate to attend the Truro event, rather than the one in Redruth, as other member councils of the Falmouth Community Network Area would be present.

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

RESOLVED that Cllr Gibbons and the Clerk attend the Truro session, on 11th March 2008, and report back at the March Council Meeting.

e) To complete Cornwall CC Surveys

i) Environment & Heritage Questionnaire

This was discussed by council, and responses formulated. The Clerk was asked to return the document to the County Council.

ii) “One Cornwall” – Property Register for Mawnan Parish

This was discussed by council, and responses formulated. The Clerk was asked to return the document to the County Council.

f) To consider and agree the Cornish Wording for the replacement street nameplate for Bar Road, Helford Passage

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

RESOLVED that the Clerk respond to Kerrier DC, stating that the council would prefer that the sign use the Unified Version of Cornish wording, and that the spelling be checked carefully.

g) To consider a petition received in response to the recent traffic accident on Grove Hill

Standing Orders were suspended to allow several members of the public to address the council on this matter. A pedestrian had been seriously injured, and 160 signatures had been collected within 2 weeks, asking for either a pavement or that the public right of way behind the houses be improved to allow anyone to use it.

Standing Orders were reinstated, and it was proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Mrs Loomes and

RESOLVED that the Council fully supported the petition, and that the Clerk should contact the County Council about the matter.

h) Status Report on Graveyard CPO

The Clerk reported that the matter was now being handled by Kerrier DC's Chief Solicitor, who should have made some positive progress before the March Council Meeting.

i) To consider responses to the council's Tender for Footpaths Maintenance, 2008 to 2010

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 Dearnley, seconded by Cllr Gartside 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.

j) To consider an informal approach from the Mawnan Anvil Trust

The Chairman suggested, as it had been requested that initial discussion of this item be in confidence, that this item should be discussed at the end of the meeting, with public and press excluded.

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

k) To consider the council's position with respect to the verge adjacent to the BT Telephone Exchange

The Chairman stated that the verge had been planted by a local resident, even though it was on BT property. BT had asked that all the planting be removed.

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

RESOLVED that the Clerk be asked to try to resolve this dispute without the planting being removed.

369/05 CORRESPONDENCE

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

370/05 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

a) County Council

C Cllr Hatton reported that :-

- He had attended the Electoral review session in Pool, and that it was likely that any boundary changes would be in multi-member wards within towns, and not in rural areas.
- Cornwall CC's Council Tax requirement would increase by 4.94% for 2008/09.
- The secondment of key officers from the Districts to the County had now commenced, to help "One Cornwall" develop their strategy in areas which had previously not been the County Council's responsibility.
- With regard to the accident on Grove Hill, he was planning to meet with the Area Surveyor from County Highways, and would report back at the next meeting.
- Funding had been allocated to the Mawnan speed visor project, as a Local Member Scheme, and that these would need to be completed by March 2009.
- County Highways were continuing to monitor the traffic problems on Carlidnack Road.

b) District Council

Cllr Sadler reported that :-

- Kerrier DC's Council Tax for 2008/09 would increase by only 1.5%, which was the lowest of all the districts in Cornwall.
- The Planning Application in respect of Sunrise, Trelawney Close, Maenporth had been referred to the Planning Committee.

C Cllr Hatton added that :-

- Yellow lines were now in place in Mabe, under a temporary (18 month) order, to try to alleviate parking problems. However, the university had plans for further expansion, which might result in even more parking problems.

371/05 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 on enforcement complaints in Mawnan, a schedule of which is attached to the minutes as a record.

c) To Consider Planning Applications Received From the District Authority

- i) PA08/00107/F –Mrs S Weatherhead, Tresu, Maenporth Road, Falmouth –
Erection of a replacement extension
OBSERVATION : No objections.
- ii) PA08/00164/F – The National Trust, Jasmin Cottage, Durgan – Internal alterations to dwelling and formation of a new window to rear elevation
OBSERVATION : No objections.
- iii) PA08/00165/LBC – The National Trust, Jasmin Cottage, Durgan – Internal alterations to dwelling and formation of a new window to rear elevation
OBSERVATION : No objections.

iv) **PA08/00182/F – Mr & Mrs Long, Plas Maen, West Bay, Maenporth Road, Maenporth – Erection of extension to dwelling**

This was a single storey extension, at the house next to the old West Bay Hotel.

OBSERVATION : No objections.

372/05 FINANCE AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

a) Payment of Accounts

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

RESOLVED that accounts totalling **£2,506.09** be approved for payment and duly signed. A schedule of these is attached to the minutes as a record.

373/05 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

a) Police Report

The Clerk stated that, in the absence of PC Cormack and PCSO Huddleston, the Police Report had been received by Email. It included the following :-

- 2 crimes had been reported during the past month, both of which were burglaries.
- 2 “surgeries” had been held in Mawnan Smith on 18th February, the first attended by one person, the second by 6 persons, to discuss the Road Traffic Accident on Grove Hill.

Members of the public asked if they could speak at this point, so Standing Orders were suspended, to allow them to do so. It was stated that other issues had been raised at the Police “surgeries”, including :-

- The fact that there now appeared to be only a single speed gun available, which it was believed was the one that had been funded by local Parish Councils.
- Raves at Durgan.
- Other issues.

Concern was expressed that the Police Report was inaccurate. Standing Orders were reinstated, and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Devon & Cornwall Constabulary concerning the level of policing.

b) Footpaths

Cllr Mrs Loomes reported that the fence alongside Footpath #17 had now been repaired by the owner of the adjacent property.

374/05 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Mawnan Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 20th March 2008, commencing at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

a) Recent resurfacing of Penwarne Road

It was stated that more resurfacing might be taking place in May. The Clerk agreed to investigate.

b) Speeding at Penwarne

A car was reported to have spun around and damaged a hedge. The Clerk was asked to enquire when the existing white lines would be extended in front of all the houses.

c) Flower pickers

Complaints were made about the verge being used as a toilet, even though a portaloos had been provided in the field. The Clerk was asked to contact local landowners about this problem.

d) Planning Enforcement at Anna Maria Creek

It was stated that the advice that had been given on Travellers & Gypsies, at the Kerrier DC Planning training session, was incorrect, and that the District Council was still not taking the action that they were able to.

e) Signs for Junior Playing Field

A request was made for signs to be placed at both Grove Hill and Carwinion Road ends of Footpath #16. It was agreed that possible grant funding would be investigated.

375/05 TO CONSIDER RESPONSES TO THE COUNCIL'S TENDER FOR FOOTPATHS MAINTENANCE, 2008 TO 2010

The contract was awarded to Mr M Rashleigh, who tendered for maintenance of both the Inland Paths and the South West Coastal Path, at a cost of £1,385 plus VAT per annum. The Clerk was instructed to prepare a contract, and also to write to all unsuccessful tenderers.

376/05 TO CONSIDER AN INFORMAL APPROACH FROM THE MAWNAN ANVIL TRUST

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

RESOLVED that a Working Group, consisting of Cllrs Gartside, Gilmore and Barlow be set up, to explore the matter further. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Anvil Trust to this effect.

Signed : 20th March 2008
Chairman