



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MAWNAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2005 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL**

**PRESENT : Cllr D Gartside (Chairman), Cllrs M Dearnley, N Gilmore, D O'Dell, R Sadler, R South**

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

- Tree at Grove Hill – following the site meeting with the County Forester, members of the public were concerned that the suggestion of making the stump into a tree was impractical. It was also suggested that other actions could be taken to make the tree safe such as the wiring of branches, rather than felling the tree. Other suggestions include using the opportunity to extend the pavement into an island for traffic calming.
- Mawnan Fun Run – the future of the run was queried and it was confirmed that the run was going ahead with profits being distributed to the Junior Playing Field Trust and other local charities. There was some concern over the charitable status of the event and it was confirmed that the run would be discussed at a future meeting of the Trustees which was open to the public.

**1/05 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mrs Briars and Hibbert. Apologies were also received from P C Whyte.

**2/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**a) In Items on the Agenda**

Item 8 b i & ii)                      N Gilmore                      Personal

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

There were no declarations of gifts of a value of more than £25, but the Clerk confirmed that she would be hosted by the Countryside Agency in London to a value of more than £25.

**3/05 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Item 125/04 – amend seconder of proposal to read Cllr Mrs Briars.

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

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Council meeting of March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005 be accepted as a true record and duly signed.

#### **4/05 TO REPORT MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA (for information only.)**

##### **a) Tree Planting at Nansidwell**

Cllr South reported that he had received a donation of £80 towards the trees, which would be planted by the County Council as soon as possible. The Council would then be invoiced for the planting.

##### **b) Visit by Inspector Bolt – May Annual Parish Meeting**

The Clerk confirmed that Inspector Bolt would be attending the meeting in May to address the council and members of the public at the Annual Parish Meeting.

##### **c) Retrospective Planning Application Fees**

The Clerk reported that she had received a response from the Minister responsible for Planning Fees, which did not accept the council's suggestion of increased fees for retrospective applications. The Council felt that the response did not recognise the reasons behind the request and it was proposed by Cllr Gilmore, seconded by the Chairman and

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman write back requesting that she reconsider her view, as the purpose of the proposal was to encourage applicants to take part in the proper, democratic planning process.

It was agreed that the clerk would draft a response and that the Chairman and Cllr Gilmore would have input.

#### **5/05 AGENDA ITEMS**

##### **a) Parish Council vacancy**

The Clerk reported that as no election had been called, the vacancy could be filled by co-option at the May meeting as agreed.

##### **b) Mawnan Parish Council Office – a status report by Cllr Dearnley**

Cllr Dearnley reported on the progress of establishing the office and was hopeful that it would be open to the public early in May. It had also been suggested that the Council could make this facility available to P C Whyte if required. Cllr Dearnley asked for delegated powers for the Office and Finance Committee to spend the budget allocated to the office appropriately. It was proposed by Cllr O'Dell, seconded Cllr South and

**RESOLVED** that the Office and Finance be delegated to spend up to the budget figure for the purchase of equipment to establish the parish council office.

##### **c) Macrocarpus Tree at Grove Hill – to report a meeting with the County Forester and consider any action to be taken**

The Clerk confirmed that following a meeting of members with Oliver Bennett, County Forester, she had now received his letter outlining the reasons for felling the tree and suggestions for replanting. He had also offered his apologies for not consulting with the council over the condition of the tree. It had been noted at the site meeting that birds were nesting in the tree, and as a result work would not commence on felling it until the autumn. It was likely that this could be as late as

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the end of October to reduce the impact of the work on the traffic at Grove Hill. The Council noted that the County Council tree surveys for the past two years had been provided but that as neither was carried out by independent experts, it was concerned whether the surveys were unbiased.

Members were disappointed at having been left out of consultation on this tree, particularly as the Council now held Quality Status. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Sadler, seconded by Cllr Dearnley and

**RESOLVED** that

1. the Council commission its own independent survey of the tree
2. That the Council write to the Chief Executive of Cornwall County Council, complaining about the lack of previous consultation, highlighting the Quality Status of the parish council.

**d) Traffic Calming at Grove Hill**

Cllr South reported that the survey was now complete and he was awaiting the analysis before reporting back to the council.

**e) Mawnan Parish Plan – to report on the status of the Quality Parish Grant and consider further funding options**

The Clerk reported that there was now new funding available from the Countryside Agency for parish plans and suggested that the council apply for a second tranche of funding to complete the consultation day and publication of the final report. It was proposed by Cllr South, seconded by Cllr Dearnley and

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk apply for a second grant to complete the parish plan using the quotation of the Cornwall Rural Community Council as approved costings.

The Clerk confirmed that after payment of the invoice for the analysis there remained approximately £400 from the Quality Parish Investment Grant. It was agreed that this money be put towards IT equipment as part of the bid referred to the purchase of a lap top.

**f) To appoint a representative to the West Cornwall Rural Transport Forum**

As it was unclear as to the work of the Forum, it was agreed that the Clerk would attend the next meeting and report back to the Council.

**g) To consider member of the Local Maintenance Project 2005/6**

The Clerk reported that Cllr Mrs Briars was attending a meeting that evening which included a presentation on the new Local Maintenance Project. It was therefore agreed to defer this item to the meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

**h) Training for Clerical Assistant – to consider applying for a training bursary to purchase ‘Working With Your Council’ for the Clerical Assistant**

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

**RESOLVED** that the Council apply for a training bursary on behalf of the Clerical Assistant and that the bursary be used towards the cost of the SLCC course "Working With Your Council".

**i) Cornwall Best Kept Village and Village of the Year Competitions – to consider applying for either competition**

With the Council's agreement, the Chairman suspended standing orders to take comments from the public to gauge village support for entering the competitions. It was felt that it would take a large commitment from all the village groups and members of the community and that it was too early to apply for the events in 2005. There was general support for applying for a future competition especially as the Council had already set aside funds towards planting in the village.

Standing orders were reinstated and it was proposed by Cllr Sadler, seconded by Cllr South and

**RESOLVED** that the Council should work with the community to enter the competitions in 2006.

**j) Mawnan Public Toilets – to report on further discussions with Kerrier D C**

Cllr Dearnley reported on a meeting held with Mr T Marks, Kerrier D C. During the meeting they had identified the work which needed to be carried out, but Cllr Dearnley was concerned that the district authority no longer seemed committed to fitting time locks. As a result he had obtained a quotation for approximately £600 for the parish council to fit the locks but that he would continue his negotiations with Kerrier D C through Mr P Walsh, Head of Service.

Cllr Dearnley also reported that the toilets were now being cleaned efficiently and the Council also thanked Miss Sylvia King for opening and closing the toilets until the time locks are fitted.

**k) Mawnan Parish Council Management Plan – Cllr South**

Cllr South introduced a draft management plan and explained that it would be used to track the Council's objectives and make sure that it delivered its services efficiently. The plan allocated various tasks to each member or committee and he stressed that the plan would only work if members were committed to sharing the workload and offering leadership on projects.

Cllr South advised that he would discuss the plan and responsibilities with each member after projects were formally allocated and the plan was formally adopted at the annual meeting of the council.

**l) Bridleway at Penwarne – to receive and consider further information from Budock P C**

It was proposed by Cllr Gartside, seconded by Cllr O'Dell and

**RESOLVED** that the council should invite the footpaths officer from Cornwall C C, to walk the proposed path together with the land owner and a representative of Budock PC in order to understand the issues involved.

**m) Sustainable communities – a report by Cllr Dearnley**

The Council agreed to take this item as an item not on the Agenda.

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

**RESOLVED** that the issue of a sustainable community and the retention of local facilities in the village be placed on the Agenda of a special meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at which time the council would also consider its response to the Kerrier D C Consultation on the Local Development Framework.

**6/05 CORRESPONDENCE**

A schedule of correspondence was circulated and is attached to these minutes as a record.

**7/05 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

**a) County Council**

Cllr Hatton had nothing to report from Cornwall County Council as the elections will take place on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

**b) District Council**

- o Tetra mast at Treworval -Cllr Hatton reported that Kerrier had served a temporary stop notice on the landowner at Treworval requiring them to remove the equipment and to stop all activity but there was time allowed for an appeal.
- o Rag and Bone Recycling – As a result of district council recycling success, Rag and Bone had ceased operating. As a result there had been many complaints as the blue box scheme does not operate in all rural areas. Constantine P C had raised this issue and he offered copies of the correspondence to the council for information.
- o Blue Box Scheme – Cllr Sadler asked that anyone requiring a blue box collection contact himself or the Clerk as it was possible to expand the scheme and make local collections. He suggested that this information be put in the next Council newsletter.

**8/05 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**a) To Approve Minutes of the Planning Committee for Site Meetings Carried Out Since The Last Council Meeting**

**i) March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

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

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Council meeting of March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005 be accepted as a true record and duly signed.

**b) To Consider Planning Applications Received From The District Authority**

- i) PA05/00303/F Rowe Holdings, West Bay Hotel, Maenporth – Demolition of former hotel and erection of nine holiday apartments (amended elevations)** The Council noted the revised plans but referred to its original comments about the provision of parking spaces.

- ii) **PA05/00395/F Mr D Grylls, Clare Cottage, Durgan – Reduction of levels and widening of pathways surrounding property and installation of a sewerage treatment plant** Whilst the Council had no objections to the ground works and sewerage treatment plant, it felt strongly that the window on the south elevation was extremely unneighbourly and intrusive on the adjoining property.
- iii) **PA05/00405/F Mr & Mrs M Ballard, Bow Green, Trelawney Close, Maenporth – Erection of a replacement dwelling** The Council asked for a site meeting to be held as it was a new dwelling and noted neighbours' concerns.
- iv) **PA05/00433/F Mr & Mrs Hawling, Elfordleigh, Penwarne Road, Mawnan Smith – Erection of an extension to dwelling** NO OBSERVATIONS

**c) To consider consultation by Kerrier D C Planning Service - Local Development Framework**

- i) **Statement of Community Involvement**
- ii) **Planning Issues**

As this consultation was detailed and needed further consideration it was agreed that members would each read one of the documents and that the item is discussed in full at the Planning Committee meeting to be held on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

**9/05 FINANCE AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

A schedule of invoices for payment was circulated. It was proposed by Cllr Sadler, seconded Cllr Dearnley and

**RESOLVED** that accounts for payment totalling £5036.77 be approved for payment

**10/05 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES**

**a) Footpaths**

It was confirmed that there were still approximately 1000 copies of the paths leaflet and therefore no further reprint was required.

**b) Police**

In the absence of P C Whyte, the Clerk reported that there had been three crimes in the parish during the past month resulting in 2 arrests. It was also noted that the donation boxes at the Old Church and Durgan Car Park had been vandalised and robbed.

P C Whyte was hopeful of attending the May meeting of the Council.

**c) First Responders**

It was agreed to ask for a report on the activities of the First Responders at the Annual Parish Meeting.

**11/05 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The annual meeting of the Council will be on May 19<sup>th</sup>; it will be preceded by the annual parish meeting.

## COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Village Notice board – it was noted that the board now needed re-varnishing and Cllr O'Dell confirmed that he was investigating the possibility of a village handyman who would be able to carry out such work.
- Bus Shelter – it was suggested that the bus shelter was also in a state of disrepair and that the Council should carry out work and repairs. The Clerk advised that the ownership of the shelter needed to be established before the council could act. The Clerk was asked to investigate further and put the subject on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Orange Bag Recycling – it was confirmed that Kerrier were struggling to meet its target of orange bag refuse going to recycling. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Walsh at Kerrier to find out what progress was being made.
- National Trust – the Trust is working to establish a new footpath from Bosveal Crossroads to Glen Durgan Cottages
- Traffic – there was concern that more people are walking around the village and that there are insufficient pavements particularly in some dangerous areas.

**Signed :** ..... **Date :** May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005

**Chairman**