



DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MAWNAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 21st MAY 2009 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

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

535/05 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2009/10

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

RESOLVED that Cllr Gartside be elected as Chairman of Mawnan Parish Council for the year 2009/10.

Cllr Gartside thanked everyone for their support, and duly signed his Acceptance of Office.

536/05 PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments on items on the agenda.

537/05 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Gilmore & Mrs Lawry, and also PC Cooke & PCSO Huddleston.

538/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) In Items on the Agenda

Cllr Barlow declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 544/05 (c) (i), Planning Application PA09/00636/F (An Gwel, Budock Vean Lane).

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

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

539/05 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) Meeting of Parish Council, 16th April 2009

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th April 2009 be approved as a true record and be duly signed.

b) Meeting of Planning Committee, 7th May 2009

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 7th May 2009 be approved as a true record and be duly signed.

540/05 TO REPORT MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

a) Graveyard CPO

No news on this had been received for many weeks from either Cornwall Council or the NT, so the Clerk was asked to obtain a status report for the next meeting.

b) Speed Visor

This had still not been erected. The Chairman had been informed by County Highways that this was due to a manufacturing fault in the equipment, and had been assured that this was now a priority matter.

c) Buzzing sound heard intermittently by some people

The Clerk stated that he had been contacted by only a small number of people, and suggested that this should perhaps be an agenda item for the June meeting.

d) Ownership of land adjacent to Anna Maria Creek

Cllr Barlow stated that he would check if the land might belong to the Budock Vean Estate.

e) NT at Durgan

The Chairman stated that Mr Tony Lugg had retired, and thanked him for assistance given to the council over the years. His replacement, Mr Nigel Stephenson was at the meeting, and introduced himself. He was based at Trelissick, and Mr Lugg would continue to live at Bosloe.

541/05 AGENDA ITEMS

a) Election of Vice Chairman for the year 2009/10

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

RESOLVED that Cllr Gibbons be elected to serve as Vice Chairman for the year 2009/10.

b) Appointment of Portfolio Holders for the year 2009/10

The Council nominated portfolio holders for the year 2009/10, a full schedule of which is attached to the Minutes.

c) Appointment of Committees & Representatives for the year 2009/10

The Chairman ran through the 2008/09 list of Committees & Representatives, and the various roles. It was noted that the membership of the Office & Finance Group should be rotated, with one member standing down each year. As Cllr Gibbons had succeeded Cllr Dearnley as Vice-Chairman, he would in future chair this working group. It was agreed that Cllr Dearnley would step down, and be replaced by Cllr Sadler, with Cllr Odell continuing as a member.

Changes to the council's nominated representatives to other Committees and Outside Bodies for the year 2009/10 were agreed, a full schedule of which is attached to the Minutes.

d) Update on Anti-Social behaviour problems in the parish

The Clerk stated that the Police and Coastline Housing would be setting up a meeting with the embryonic local residents' association, with a view to addressing these problems. The council would be invited to send attendees to the meeting, when a date had been agreed.

e) To consider an offer of Public Seats, similar to “Uncle Joe’s Seat” outside Mawnan Surgery

Cllr Dearnley stated that an offer had been received to repair/replace the seat outside the surgery and also to construct two further seats for elsewhere in the village, or possibly in the new graveyard, if the council paid for materials, of which the cost was estimated at £160 per seat.

There followed a lengthy discussion concerning the estimated cost of the Graveyard CPO, and the fact that the council should be cautious this year in embarking upon unbudgeted projects, however small. It was suggested that sponsorship could perhaps be sought for one of the proposed new seats.

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

RESOLVED that the council would agree to pay for the materials for the seat repairs and also for the construction of one further seat, but that a decision over the second be deferred until later in the year. In the meantime, sponsorship would be sought, via the parish notice board and website.

f) Democracy & Citizenship - Report back on Mawnan School “Mock Elections”

The Chairman stated that the Mock European Elections which it had been agreed that the council would assist with, were taking place that week. Three “candidates” from the council had presented their manifestos earlier that day, with the ballot taking place the following day.

g) Report from Cornwall Council Planning Steering Group Meeting, 20th May 2009

Cllr Gibbons had attended the meeting, as Cllr Gilmore had other commitments that day. The Steering Group had the backing of the Chief Executive of Cornwall Council, and was making recommendations which should improve the decision-making processes of officers under delegated powers.

There had also been some discussion regarding Local Design Statements, for which Cornwall Council was bidding to participate in a national pilot.

h) Report from the Clerk on a discussion on The Power of Wellbeing at the SLCC Meeting, 30th April 2009

The Clerk summarised the Power of Wellbeing, which it was possible for councils to formally adopt, and use as an alternative to S137, when providing grants for the benefit of the local community. As Mawnan Parish Council was operating well within its S137 per elector “cap”, and had experienced no issues with S137, it had no requirement to adopt the Power of Wellbeing.

i) To consider a request for S137 Grant Assistance from Home-Start Kernow

The Clerk stated that a request had been received by the council.

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

RESOLVED that, as Home-Start Kernow's operation would not necessarily be to the benefit of residents of the parish, the Clerk should contact them and inform them that it would not be possible to offer grant assistance.

542/05 CORRESPONDENCE

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

543/05 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCIL WARD MEMBER

C Cllr Hatton reported on the following matters :-

- Neighbouring parish councils had contacted him regarding the need for more timely maintenance of the local roads. He was pursuing the matter with officers of County Highways.
- Constantine Parish Council had invited Mary Cooper, Head of Localism for Cornwall Council, to its May meeting. She had given a presentation, which there might merit in repeating at Mawnan. It was agreed that the Clerk should invite her to attend either the June or July council meeting.

544/05 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

i) PA09/00636/F – Mr M Hooper, An Gwel, Budock Veau Lane, Mawnan Smith – Erection of a replacement domestic double garage with attached artist workshop

Having declared a prejudicial interest in this matter, Cllr Barlow left the room for the duration of its discussion.

OBSERVATION : No objections.

Cllr Barlow returned to the room.

ii) PA09/00645/F – Mr J Mount, Robins Wood, Maenporth Road, Falmouth – Reinstatement of dwelling from two apartments into a single dwelling with loft conversion, and erection of a double domestic garage (*amended scheme*)

OBSERVATION : No objections.

545/05 FINANCE AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

a) Payment of Accounts

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

RESOLVED that accounts totalling **£3,314.95** be approved for payment and duly signed. A schedule of these is attached to the minutes as a record.

546/05 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

a) Tree Warden

Cllr Mrs Loomes reported on the following matters :-

- She had received an updated leaflet on the operation of Tree Preservation Orders.
- There appeared to be a need to raise the crown on the Horse Chestnut tree on the green opposite the Post Office. Standing Orders were suspended to allow Nigel Stephenson of the National Trust to make an offer of assistance with this. Standing Orders were reinstated.

b) Anvil Trust

Cllr Sadler thanked the council for its S137 Grant, to assist with Health and Safety matters.

c) Police Report

The Clerk stated that this had been received by Email. There had been 4 crimes reported in the past month, compared with 3 in the same period in 2008. On a more positive note, a boat and trailer stolen in Falmouth had been recovered at Port Navas. In addition, action was underway to try to modify the anti-social behaviour of certain young people.

547/05 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Mawnan Parish Council would be held on Thursday, 18th June 2009, commencing at 7.30pm, in the Memorial Hall.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from members of the public.

Signed : 18th June 2009
Chairman