



DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MAWNAN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER 2006 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

PRESENT : Cllr D Gartside (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs M Briars, M Dearnley, N Gilmore, C Hibbert, R Sadler, R South, C Stimson

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

a) Planning application for Penwarne Barton

A neighbour of Penwarne Barton farm addressed the meeting, stating that he had sent a letter of objection to Planning Application PA03/01494/F to the Planning Authority, which had been copied to the Parish Council. It was confirmed that the letter had been received, and that councillors were aware of its contents, which would be taken into consideration when the matter was discussed, later in the meeting.

177/05 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Odell, from Mr Paul Wilkinson of County Highways, who would be attending the October meeting, and from PC Jordan, who submitted his report in writing.

178/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) In Items on the Agenda

Cllr Dearnley declared a personal interest in Planning Applications PA03/01494/F and PA06/01547/F.

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

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

179/05 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) Meeting of Parish Council, 20th July 2006

It was proposed by Cllr Dearnley, Seconded by Cllr South and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20th July 2006 be approved as a true record and duly signed.

b) Meeting of Planning Committee, 17th August 2006

It was proposed by Cllr Gilmore, Seconded by Cllr Stimson and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 17th August 2006 be approved as a true record and duly signed.

c) Meeting of Planning Committee, 14th September 2006

It was proposed by Cllr Dearnley, Seconded by Cllr Stimson and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 14th September 2006 be approved as a true record and duly signed.

180/05 TO REPORT MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

a) Public Toilets & Bus Shelter – Transfer of ownership to Parish Council

The Clerk reported that there appeared to have been little progress recently, and he had asked the Parish Council's solicitor to chase up Kerrier DC's Legal Department.

b) Maenporth Beach Access

The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Falmouth Town Council, who had no objections to the access being re-opened. Cllr Sadler suggested the Clerk speak to Carrick District Cllr Varney, and Mr Glyn Hughes at Carrick, who he understood had agreed to fund this re-opening.

c) Mobile Skateboard Park from Kerrier DC

The Clerk reported that he had spoken to the District Council at the end of July, to try to book the facility for some time over the summer holiday period. He had been told that this facility was no longer available, although he had since received a mailer, indicating it was available, but on a chargeable basis.

d) Dropping of Recycled Waste by Kerrier DC's contractor

The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Kerrier DC about this matter.

181/05 AGENDA ITEMS

a) Discussion with Mr Paul Wilkinson, Area Surveyor, County Highways

The Clerk explained that Mr Wilkinson had visited Mawnan the previous week, and that he had asked to postpone his attendance at the council meeting until October, for which he would prepare a report on all the items brought to his attention. The Chairman added that he felt that this was a very positive response from County Highways.

b) Best Kept Village Report from Cllr Stimson

Cllr Stimson announced that Mawnan had not been successful in the competition. The Cornwall winners were Constantine. He had received a very positive feedback report from the judges, which he read to the meeting.

Cllr Stimson expressed his personal thanks to all who had contributed to the Mawnan entry, with particular thanks to the 19 organisations who submitted reports to the judges, at the Memorial Hall. Entering the competition had really brought the village together.

Cllr Stimson stated that he had recently seen the new welcome signs in Mabe Parish, and that, with permission of the council, he would like to further investigate the possibility of welcome signs for Mawnan Smith. In addition, he enquired how councillors felt about a possible tourist display board, detailing local attractions, separate from the Parish notice board, and possibly located near the telephone box.

Councillors were supportive, and Cllr Stimson agreed to bring possible designs and options to the October meeting.

The Mothers' Union had offered to continue to maintain the floral displays, which would need attention during the remainder of the year. There were still funds remaining in the Best Kept Village budget, some of which could be allocated to such displays.

It was proposed by Cllr Stimson, Seconded by Cllr Hibbert and

RESOLVED that up to £200 from the Best Kept Village budget be allocated for the purchase of bulbs and plants for the remainder of 2006/07, and that budget consideration be given from 2007/08 onwards.

The Council thanked Cllr Stimson for his sterling effort in organising the Mawnan Smith entry to the competition.

c) Mawnan Parish Plan – Production of Executive Summary

On behalf of the Parish Plan Committee, the Chairman stated that the final version of the plan was now available on the website, and that he had seen a draft of the Executive Summary, a copy of which would be available by mid-October for every household, in the Parish Council Office.

d) Alignment of Councillors’ Portfolios with Key Issues identified in Parish Plan

Following completion of the Parish Plan, the Chairman recommended alignment of councillors’ portfolios with its key issues. After discussion, the following portfolios and holders were put forward :-

Cllr Mrs Briars	Footpaths & Related Projects
Cllr Dearnley	Sport & Community Activities (including Carwinion Trust)
Cllr Gartside	Junior Playing Field Trust
Cllr Gilmore	Planning & Affordable Housing
Cllr Hibbert	Enhancing the Environment / Shops & Amenities
Cllr Moyle	Energy & Waste
Cllr Odell	Engaging Residents
Cllr Sadler	District Council Issues
Cllr South	Traffic, Safety & Accessibility
Cllr Stimson	Youth Liaison

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

RESOLVED that this portfolio structure should be adopted for the foreseeable future.

It was recognised that Youth Activities would be best progressed if a Youth Panel be set up. The Clerk was asked to contact John Houldsworth, the organiser of the existing Youth Club, and also all identifiable youth groups in the area, and ask them to nominate some youngsters aged 12 to 16, with a view to establishing this.

e) Report from the Clerk on future Local Maintenance Partnership (funding of Footpaths Maintenance) arrangements

The Clerk reported that he had recently attended a meeting with Cornwall County Council. A scheme whereby all Gold Paths were being upgraded and re-signed was being rolled out throughout the county, with Mawnan’s scheduled for March 2007. Following this, consideration was being given to a review of the Local Maintenance Partnership arrangements. A further update session from Cornwall CC was scheduled for Monday, 25th September 2006.

f) Report from the Clerk on use of the Macrocarpus wood

Some of the wood had been allocated to a sculptor, for use at the school, with the remainder of the trunk and major branches still being stored at Cllr Sadler's farm. Councillors felt that, if planked, this could be used to repair benches at Carwinion Playing Field, and around the village. The Clerk was asked to enquire if Cllr Moyle would be able to organise getting it cut into planks.

g) To consider a possible offer of assistance from the Prince's Trust with maintenance work at the Junior Playing Field

The Clerk explained that there was a possibility of assistance within the parish, from Prince's Trust volunteers, in January 2007. An ideal project would be one that would be suitable for 10 to 20 youngsters, and of one or two weeks' duration. While there were possibilities at the Junior Playing Field, councillors were asked to consider other activities that might be appropriate, items to be brought to the October council meeting.

h) To consider the possibility of a project at Meudon Woods

The Chairman explained that there was the possibility of County Farms making the land at Meudon Woods available to the Parish Council on a 30-year "peppercorn rental", which might be long enough to attract grant funding for a development project.

After discussion about the possibilities, councillors felt that the potential liabilities of such a large area would be too great for the Parish Council to consider.

i) To consider the possibility of raising grant funding for the resurfacing of the car park at Carwinion Playing Fields

This item was referred to the Carwinion Trust for consideration, as it was outside the jurisdiction of the Parish Council.

j) To consider the possibility of holding a Christmas Market at Carwinion Playing Fields

The Chairman stated that, following the success of the Local Produce Market in the Memorial Hall on the morning of the Parish Plan Prioritisation Event, it had been suggested that another be held prior to Christmas. However, the hall committee has expressed concerns about this being in direct competition with local shops. An alternative venue of Carwinion Playing Fields, outside the village, was a possibility.

Councillors believed that the previous event was excellent, but local shops must be protected from additional competition. However, they felt that a Christmas Market, if held within the village, might actually bring additional trade in. In principle, it was agreed that the council would welcome a further local produce market, but that it should be held in the Memorial Hall.

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

RESOLVED that the Clerk should contact local shopkeepers, to seek their opinions, and that, if in favour, should arrange a meeting between members of the Parish Council and the Memorial Hall Committee, to make the necessary arrangements.

k) To consider the possibility of Twinning Mawnan Smith with a similar village elsewhere

The Chairman explained that many neighbouring villages had twinning arrangements in place, and asked if the council would like to consider a similar arrangement. Following discussion, it was felt that this was a matter for the village, rather than the Parish Council, and it was suggested that the possibility be published on the Website, to seek local opinion.

l) To consider setting up a joint committee consisting of 2 representatives each from the Parish Council and Parochial Council of St Michael's Church

It was proposed by Cllr South, Seconded by Cllr Stimson and

RESOLVED with one abstention that, under the 1960 Public Admissions to Meetings Act, this item be left to the end of the meeting, and that the public and press be excluded as parts of the discussion were likely to be of a confidential nature.

182/05 CORRESPONDENCE

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

183/05 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

a) County Council

C Cllr Hatton reported that the Lyons review on the funding and structure of Local Government was likely to be published in October. At County level, it was likely that this would result in a rationalisation of services between districts, which should generate savings. Also, savings of over £3m on Adult Social Services had been made in the County, without affecting front line services.

He reported that he had attended a Special Area Conservation (SAC) study day. The Fal and Helford River areas are SAC sites, and it had been proposed that the "Park and Float" scheme operating in Falmouth be extended to Trebah and beyond, on the Helford.

He also commented on the proliferation of private signs at the Argal road junction, and the fact that these had recently been removed by County Highways. On this occasion, there had been 20 separate signs erected on land that belonged to Cornwall CC, and it was felt that they created a road safety hazard. It had been agreed that should this situation re-occur, then C Cllr Hatton would receive 24 hours' notice, to alert local "sponsors".

b) District Council

Cllr Sadler stated that some restructuring is underway within Kerrier DC, the detail of which has not yet been published. He had recently attended a presentation at Treリス Hospital, following the protests over the proposed closure of Hayle Hospital. A further meeting was to take place within Kerrier the following week.

He stated that the recent planning application for Homefield, on Budock Vean Lane, had allowed the issue of potential overdevelopment in the AONB to be discussed by Kerrier DC's Planning Committee.

184/05 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) To consider Planning Applications received from the District Authority

- i) **PA03/01494/F – Mr & Mrs P Mann, Penwarne Barton Farm, Mawnan Smith – Extension to existing agricultural building to provide fodder store, and use of part of existing building for sales of horses, ponies and ancillary equipment and as an indoor exercise area, erection of eighteen loose boxes, erection of a club house and installation of a septic tank**

Cllr Dearnley left the meeting during all discussion of this item. The applicant, Mr Mann, was present at the meeting. Standing Orders were suspended, to allow Mr Mann to explain the application, which was an amended version of one originally made in 2003, after which they were reinstated.

The Clerk stated that 2 letters of objection to the application had been received, and a site visit had taken place the previous week. There followed a lengthy discussion, during which councillors were sympathetic with the need for farms to remain viable, they had concerns about the scale of the proposal, and its impact on other residents.

OBSERVATIONS : The application could not be supported for the following reasons :-

- The scale of the application would be over-development, with a detrimental impact on neighbouring properties (some of which were not detailed in the plans supporting the application), and also the “affordable housing” dwellings currently under construction.
- Previous planning applications at Penwarne Barton were as yet incomplete, so the impact upon these of this application could not be totally assessed as yet.
- Given the degree of “diversification” in this application, great concerns were expressed about potential problems of traffic & access, and noise & light pollution, in what is an AONB. Furthermore, there were also concerns as to whether the different components of this application and existing developments were complementary to each other, and could work alongside each other.
- The Parish Council was particularly concerned about the impact of the clubhouse on neighbouring properties, and the whole valley from Penwarne Barton through to Maenporth.
- Councillors felt that this application was somewhat open-ended, in that some of its wording was vague and non-specific. For instance, there was no hard and fast definition of how often sales would be held, and what it was proposed would be sold.

- ii) **PA06/01354/F – Mr & Mrs T Pliatsikas, Croft Wilkie, Penwarne Road, Mawnan Smith – Conversion of redundant building to holiday let**

Cllr Gartside left the meeting during discussion of this item, the chair being taken by the Vice-Chairman. Cllr Dearnley explained that a previous application, to convert the redundant garage to a dwelling for a dependent relative, had been refused by the planning authority. Councillors felt that a site visit was required before passing any observations, and the Clerk was asked to arrange this.

- iii) **PA06/01526/F – Mr Davis, The Anchorage, West Bay, Maenporth – Erection of conservatory extension to dwelling**

OBSERVATION : No objections.

- iv) **PA06/01547/F – Mrs PG Paget, 2 North View, Carwinion Road, Mawnan Smith – Erection of conservatory extension to dwelling**

OBSERVATION : No objections.

b) To Note Planning Decisions of the Planning Authority

The Clerk reported on decisions received, and a schedule is attached to the minutes as a record.

c) To Note Planning Enforcement Complaints received by the Planning Authority

The Clerk reported on complaints received, and a schedule is attached to the minutes as a record.

185/05 FINANCE AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

a) Payment of Accounts

August 2006 payments - It was proposed by Cllr Dearnley, seconded by Cllr South and

RESOLVED that payment of accounts totalling **£1,565.10** be ratified.
(A schedule is attached to the minutes as a record).

September 2006 payments - It was proposed by Cllr Dearnley, seconded by Cllr South and

RESOLVED that accounts totalling **£4,797.58** be approved for payment and duly signed. (A schedule is attached to the minutes as a record).

186/05 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

a) Police Report

PC Jordan's report was read out by the Clerk. In July/August/September, 26 calls had been received (16 miscellaneous, 3 traffic, 2 crime, 1 community and 4 nuisance) with 6 crimes reported (1 of assault, 3 theft, 2 burglary). The speed camera had not been used.

PC Jordan had been unable to attend the meeting, as he was training the first 2 Community Support Officers for the Helston area. There should be 9 of these by 2008.

b) Footpaths – Report by Cllr Mrs Briars

Cllr Mrs Briars reported that work on Footpaths 16 (Junior Playing Field) and 11 (Maenporth) had still not commenced, despite letters sent by both the Chairman and the Clerk, who added that he had again telephoned Cornwall CC, and been told that commencement of the work was imminent.

A letter had been received by the Ramblers Association, which included a number of maintenance and signage issues, which had been taken up with the landowners and Cornwall CC respectively.

c) Trees – Report by Mrs Loomes

Mrs Loomes would be attending the South West Regional Tree Warden Conference, after which she would report back.

d) Carwinion Trust – Report by Cllr Dearnley

Cllr Dearnley reported work on the walls of the Playing Field, and that timber from the Macrocarpus would be most welcome to repair benches. The AGM of the Trust would be held at 7-00pm, prior to the Parish Council Meeting of 19th October 2006.

e) Junior Playing Field Trust – Report by Cllr Gartside

It was reported that there had been a problem with the new Zip Wire at the start of the summer holidays, but that this had been repaired under warranty by the supplier. Councillor Moyle was thanked for his assistance with landscaping, and thanks were also expressed to the organisers of the Durgan Regatta. The AGM of the Trust would also be held prior to the Parish Council Meeting of 19th October 2006, after the Carwinion Trust AGM, at around 7-15pm.

f) Mawnan Anvil Trust – Report by Cllr Sadler

Contracts were about to be exchanged, with building work likely to commence within weeks.

g) Mawnan Autumn Fayre and Fun Run

The Council thanked the organisers of both for very successful events.

187/05 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 19th October 2006, at 7.30pm, following the AGM's of the Carwinion Playing Field and Junior Playing Field Trusts (7-00pm).

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- a) There had been a further illegal “rave” at Durgan. The police had been notified in the early hours of the morning, but had taken hours to respond.
- b) Comment was also passed on the fact that the Community Police Officer had once again sent in a written report in his absence.

The Clerk was asked to write to the police about both of these issues.

The Council agreed that under the 1960 Public Admissions to Meetings Act, this item be left to the end of the meeting and that the public and press be excluded as the discussion involved was of a confidential nature.

188/05 To consider setting up a joint committee consisting of 2 representatives each from the Parish Council and Parochial Council of St Michael’s Church.

It was proposed by Cllr Stimson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Briars and

RESOLVED that the Chairman and the Clerk should represent the Parish Council on the joint committee.

Signed : 19th October 2006

Chairman