



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

PRESENT : Cllr D Gartside (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs M Briars, M Dearnley, N Gilmore, P Moyle, C Stimson

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no public comments on items on the agenda.

211/05 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Hibbert, Sadler and South, C Cllr Hatton and Mrs Loomes (Tree Warden).

212/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) In Items on the Agenda

Adoption of Budget and Precept 2007/8 – see Minute 215/05 - All members present declared a personal interest in the item in their role as Trustees of the Junior Playing Field Trust and the Carwinion Playing Field Trust. The Clerk confirmed that all members held dispensations for this item.

Cllr Gilmore declared a prejudicial interest in Planning Application PA06/02075/F (Helford River Holidays) – see Minute 218/05 (c) (i), and a personal interest in Planning Application PA06/01950/F (1 Rose Cottages, Durgan) – see Minute 218/05 (c) (v). Cllr Stimson declared a personal, but not prejudicial, interest in Planning Application PA06/02036/F (The Anchorage), as owner of land adjacent to the property – see Minute 218/05 (d) (iv).

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

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

213/05 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) Meeting of Parish Council, 16th November 2006

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Briars, Seconded by Cllr Dearnley and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16th November 2006 be approved as a true record and duly signed.

b) Meeting of Planning Committee, 30th November 2006

It was proposed by Cllr Gilmore, Seconded by Cllr Mrs Briars and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of 30th November 2006 be approved as a true record and duly signed

c) Meeting of Finance Committee, 7th December 2006

It was proposed by Cllr Dearnley, Seconded by Cllr Mrs Briars and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of 30th November 2006 be approved as a true record and duly signed.

d) Meeting of Planning Committee, 7th December 2006

It was proposed by Cllr Gilmore, Seconded by Cllr Mrs Briars and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of 30th November 2006 be approved as a true record and duly signed.

214/05 TO REPORT MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

a) Planting of Daffodil Bulbs

The Clerk reported that, if it had not already been done, the remaining bulbs would be planted before Christmas.

b) South Kerrier Alliance

The Clerk reported that he had been in touch, and was waiting for confirmation of future meeting dates.

c) Planning Application – Mawnan Self-Build Group

The Clerk reported that he had written to the County Surveyor, copied to the District Council, stressing the need for them to meet, and bring the matter to a conclusion.

d) Possible assistance from the Prince's Trust

The Clerk reported that he had received another letter stating that help might be available with the development of a garden (at either the Junior Playing Field or Carwinion Playing Field), that he had replied, and awaited a further response.

e) Subsidence in Carwinion Road

The Clerk reported that this had been reported to County Highways.

215/05 AGENDA ITEMS

a) To accept Budget & Precept proposals for 2007/08 from the Finance Committee

Cllr Dearnley, as Chairman of the Office & Finance Group, outlined the proposals put to the Finance Committee, including, as agreed at previous council meetings, the provision of £5,000 towards the CPO of the churchyard extension, and £4,000 for a first Variable Message Sign (Speed Visor), with a second suggested for 2008/09. With inflationary increases in other budget headings, the conclusion was that a Budget and Precept of £41,500 would be required, representing an increase of 34.0% in Precept over 2006/07.

The Finance Committee had examined these proposals, and had recommended a number of reductions in other budget headings, resulting in a Budget and Precept requirement of £38,000. Although this still represented an increase of 22.5%, without the provisions for the graveyard extension CPO and the Speed Visor, this would have represented a reduction in the precept of 6.4%.

Following further discussion, the following proposals were made :-

i) Adoption of Budget for 2007/08

It was proposed by Cllr Moyle, seconded by Cllr Stinson and

RESOLVED that the Council receive the recommendation of the Finance Committee and adopt a Budget of £38,000 for the financial year 2007/08.

ii) Adoption of Precept for 2007/08

It was proposed by Cllr Moyle, seconded by Cllr Stinson and

RESOLVED that the Council receive the recommendation of the Finance Committee and adopt a Precept of £31,000 for the financial year 2007/08.

b) To consider offer of financial assistance from Kerrier DC towards the cost of Broadband Internet Access for the Parish Council office

The Clerk explained that the District Council were keen to send the majority of written correspondence to Parish Councils by Email from 2007/08, which would save them stationery and postage expense. This would only be practical if Parish Councils were connected to the Internet by Broadband, as Dialup would not be a fast enough connection. Kerrier DC had offered to underwrite Parish Councils' Broadband fees by £150 per annum for 2 years, to assist with this.

The Clerk had researched the likely costs to the Parish Council, and reported that these were likely to be about £300 per annum, for a Business Broadband subscription. Because the Parish Council office was only occupied for two mornings per week, there were unlikely to be many telephone call charge savings to offset against this cost. Nevertheless, the Clerk recommended that the council migrate to Broadband, as the present slow dialup connection meant that internet use had to be minimised.

At this point a member of the public asked if he could contribute to the debate. The Chairman suspended Standing Orders, to allow him to speak. He explained that it could be arranged for the council office, within Berry & Co, to have broadband access to the internet via the Berry & Co wireless network, without taking out an additional broadband subscription. He suggested, however, that the Clerk investigate the security aspects of using Berry & Co's wireless network, before pursuing this matter further.

Standing Orders were reinstated. Councillors agreed that this seemed to represent a good solution. It was proposed by Cllr Dearnley, seconded by Cllr Stimson and

RESOLVED that the Clerk should satisfy himself that there was no security problem to either the Parish Council or Berry & Co, and if so, confirm to Kerrier DC that the council would be accepting their offer of financial assistance in moving to broadband.

c) Report back from the District Councils' "White Paper Event", Tremough, 13th December 2006

A copy of the presentations was distributed to all councillors. The Chairman reported that Cornwall CC would be submitting a bid to move to unitary status, but that there were still some aspects of the bid which the District Councils were unhappy with. While it would be preferable for all parties to agree on a single submission, the districts also had an opportunity to submit a "pathfinder bid", if they were not in total agreement.

Parish Councils had been asked for their views at the "White Paper Event", which had been attended by the Chairman and the Clerk. Councillors discussed the proposed options. Their biggest concern was of the potential for additional responsibilities being placed upon parish councillors, who were unpaid volunteers, with other commitments apart from the Parish Council.

The Chairman and Clerk agreed to keep all councillors abreast of developments.

d) Report on preview of “Mawnan at War” DVD, Trebah, 20th December 2006

This had been attended by most councillors, on the previous evening. It had also been well attended by members of the public. Copies of the DVD were to be made available, at the Parish Council office, and copies sent to Mawnan School.

The Chairman, Cllr Hibbert, and the producers of the DVD were thanked for their efforts in creating the DVD. It was proposed by Cllr Dearnley, Seconded by Cllr Mrs Briars and

RESOLVED that a formal letter of thanks be sent to Trebah Gardens for their help in hosting the preview.

e) Proposal to convene a joint meeting between representatives of the Parish Council and the Memorial Hall Committee

Cllr Dearnley stated that this had been suggested following discussion of S137 Grants, at the recent Finance Committee Meeting. There appeared to be a difference of opinion between the Parish Council and the Memorial Hall Committee, regarding the use of S137 funding, with a number of letters having been recently received.

It was proposed by Cllr Gilmore, Seconded by Cllr Mrs Briars and

RESOLVED that the Memorial Hall Committee be contacted, with a request for a meeting with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council.

f) Discussion of reports of speeding at Penwarne

The Clerk reported that he had received a telephone call from a member of the public, who had also written to C Cllr Hatton. C Cllr Hatton and the Area Surveyor had looked at the road at Penwarne, which was already scheduled to be resurfaced in 2007.

It had already been agreed that the existing white line be extended in front of all houses. County Highways had now agreed to place a further white line on the opposite side of the road, but had not agreed to a reduction in the speed limit.

g) Welcome & Information Signs – Update from Cllr Stimson

Cllr Stimson reported that, even though the final date for submission for requests for 2006/07 AONB grants had officially passed, Mawnan’s bid would still be accepted. If approved, 75% of the costs of the signs would be funded. The total cost was unlikely to exceed £6,500. and he was confident that the remaining 25% could be raised from local businesses.

The proposals were as follows :-

Information Sign – This would be made by local craftsmen, using the existing footpaths map as the basis, and would be located near the telephone box / bus shelter.

Welcome Signs – These would be erected on the various entrance roads to Mawnan Smith. There were various options, on which he proposed asking for input from the public.

Cllr Stimson was thanked for his work, and the Clerk was asked to write to Clare Lake, thanking her for helping produce the initial designs.

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

RESOLVED that the AONB funding bid be submitted, and a community feedback session arranged for a Saturday morning, in the Memorial Hall.

h) Progress Report – Maenporth Beach Access

The Clerk reported that, disappointingly, no progress appeared to have been made by Carrick DC, despite support from Carrick D Cllr Varney. He was asked to formally write to the officer, Mr Glyn Hughes.

216/05 CORRESPONDENCE

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

217/05 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

a) County Council

C Cllr Hatton had apologised for his absence, so there was no County Council report..

b) District Council

Cllr Sadler had apologised for his absence, so there was no District Council report..

218/05 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

No enforcement complaints have been received in Mawnan, since the last meeting.

c) To Consider Planning Applications Received From the District Authority

i) PA06/02075/F – Helford River Holidays, Ferryboat Inn Complex, Helford Passage Hill, Mawnan Smith – Change of use and alteration to laundry room to form holiday accommodation

Having declared a prejudicial interest, Cllr Gilmore left the room for discussion of this application.

The applicant was present, and Standing Orders were suspended to allow him to address the meeting. He explained that this application differed from his previous one, in that he had removed the proposed balcony. The Parish Council had submitted observations of “No Objections” to that previous application, which was considered by the Planning Authority under delegated powers to a Planning officer, and refused. Given that the Parish Council had not objected to the previous application, the applicant asked for a more positive response to his revised application

Standing Orders were reinstated. Councillors considered that the proposed alterations would improve the overall look of that part of the building.

OBSERVATION : Fully supported – The council believed that the proposed alterations would considerably improve the look of the existing building.

ii) PA06/02074/F – Mr & Mrs I Wells, Maricel, West Bay, Maenporth – Erection of conservatory extension to front of dwelling

OBSERVATION : No objections.

iii) **PA06/02007/TPO – I Knibb & Son, Penpol Mill, Bosaneth Valley, Mawnan Smith – Lopping of two sycamore, two ash and four oak trees, felling of two sycamore trees and crown raising on one sycamore tree**
As a TPO was involved, it was agreed that a site visit was required. The Clerk agreed to organise this as early as possible in January.

iv) **PA06/02036/F –Mrs L Keen, The Anchorage, Budock Vean, Mawnan Smith – Erection of an extension and alterations to dwelling to form rooms in roof**
Given the degree of alteration proposed, and the fact that two letters of objection had been received, it was agreed that a site visit was required. The Clerk agreed to organise this as early as possible in January.

v) **PA06/01950/LBC – Mr J Longdon, 1 Rose Cottages, Durgan, Mawnan Smith – Listed building consent for the re-roofing of dwelling, reconstruction of two chimney stacks and alterations to windows**
OBSERVATION : No objections.

219/05 FINANCE AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

a) Payment of Accounts

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

RESOLVED that accounts totalling **£3,112.35** be approved for payment and duly signed. A schedule of these is attached to the minutes as a record.

220/05 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

a) Footpaths

Cllr Mrs Briars reported that the work on Footpath 16 had still not been done, despite the continuing reassurances from Cornwall CC. The Clerk was asked to write, expressing the Parish Council's extreme disappointment and dissatisfaction with the situation.

The footpath to Maenporth had, however, been completed.

b) Junior Playing Fields

Cllr Gartside reported that a number of broken signs had been replaced, using "unbreakable material", and that a safety inspection was scheduled for January 2007.

221/05 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 18th January 2007, at 7.30pm.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

a) A member of the public, who had recently had visitors, stated that the public toilets were in excellent condition. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the cleaning contractor, thanking him for his efforts.

b) Members of the public thanked the Parish Council for the excellent DVD Preview session.

Signed : 18th January 2007

Chairman