



A QUALITY COUNCIL

QUARTERLY WEB NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2009

CPO

The graveyard compulsory purchase order is now going ahead at full steam and I am hoping that we will gain possession in early January. It has been a long, complex and tedious process but clearly something that the Council had to tackle and bring to successful completion. I can't thank Liz Dunstan enough at Cornwall Council for all her legal advice and expertise.

SPEED VISOR

The speed visor is now working. The "warning school sign" is timed to illuminate during school hours, but the actual speed indicator did not appear to respond. County have now repaired the sign which is set to flash at speeds in excess of 33 miles per hour.

CLERK

John Harrop, our Clerk for the last four years resigned in September. John and Julie are moving back up country to be nearer ageing parents and their family – we wish them every happiness. On behalf of the Council and the village, I would like to thank John for the tremendous support, loyalty and hard work he has given the community.

As you may or may know, John was also Clerk to Budock and it seemed to both Councils that there was an ideal opportunity of formalising arrangements and engaging with localism. It was agreed that we would seek a joint appointment of the new Clerk and that Budock would share our existing Parish Council office. In this way, both Councils have achieved a saving of some £600 a year.

I am delighted to report that after a joint panel interviewed five excellent candidates, Sarah Moore has been appointed as Clerk to Mawnan and Budock Councils.

The joint Parish Council office is open to the public from 09.30am – 12.30am every Thursday and Friday.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

November 11th saw the now annual memorial service at the Millennium Cross. The number of people attending increases each year and the presence of the children from Mawnan School helps to bridge the generational gap. This year Gweek Silver Band provided a bugler who played the "Last Post", it was a very moving occasion. This simple service gives members of the community, who perhaps do not wish to attend a formal church service, the opportunity of remembering their loved ones who died in the service of this country.

The Council understands that some people feel that it is inappropriate to hold the service at the Millennium Cross, suggesting that the Memorial Hall is a more fitting location. Whilst the Council would never ever wish to turn the Millennium Cross into a war memorial, context does change. If the village wishes to use the cross to honour and show respect to the sons of Mawnan who died in the two World Wars, then it is a right and proper context.

POLICE

From October 1st. Mawnan came under the policing of Falmouth. Our community police support officer Andy Huddleston and P.C. Dave Cook now work out of Falmouth and continue to show their presence in the village. I am delighted that both officers attend most council meetings to give their report and answer any questions.

If you see anything suspicious or are subjected to antisocial behaviour please ring the police immediately on **08452 777444**. Only ring **999** if you feel threatened, people are injured, if the offenders are nearby or if immediate action is necessary.

PLAYING FIELDS TRUSTS

The two playing field trusts continue to provide excellent facilities for the village. The Junior Playing Field received a grant of £2000 from Cornwall County Playing Fields Association. The Trustees have decided to use this money to repair the existing children's climbing castle whilst still seeking extra funding to purchase a new one as soon as funds become available.

Mawnan pre-school group have now submitted planning application for their new building on the Carwinion Playing Field. Both the cricket and football cubs have worked in conjunction with the Trustees to ensure that all parties continue to enjoy the current level of facilities if the new building becomes a reality. There are some quite stringent conditions imposed by the Trustees on the new build and these will be rigorously enforced.

At the AGM, David Gibbons was elected Treasurer of Carwinion and Denis Gartside Treasurer of the JPFT.

CHRISTMAS

On behalf of Mawnan Parish Council, may I take this opportunity of wishing you a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Cllr Dr Denis Gartside
Chairman – Mawnan Parish Council