



MINUTES OF THE MAWNAN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21ST MARCH 2024 AT 7.30PM, IN THE MAWNAN BOWLING CLUB

Present: Cllrs Potter (chair), Moyle (L), Reid, Sadler, & Whibley

ALSO PRESENT: clerk + 4 members of the public

3957.24 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES** - Cllrs Bate & Morris

3958.24 **MEMBERS TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA OR REQUEST DISPENSATIONS OR DECLARE GIFTS OVER £50** - none noted

3959.24 **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA ONLY** - none noted

3960.24 **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 15TH FEBRUARY 2024 FULL COUNCIL MEETING AND THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF 11TH MARCH 2024**

It was proposed by Cllr Whibley seconded by Cllr Sadler and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 15th February and 11th March 2024 be approved and signed by the Chair.

on a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

3961.24 **ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM PAST MINUTES NOT ON THE CURRENT AGENDA (churchyard closure; speed sign offer)**

The clerk explained that she had received further information from the Church regarding their discussions with the MoJ on proceeding the closure order. They have been told that because the original forms were completed and stopped at such a point that the process could skip ahead to that point and not need further lengthy consultations to take place. They had asked that the PC once again accept the closure order going through to the MoJ.

It was proposed by Cllr Sadler seconded by Cllr Potter and

RESOLVED that Mawnan Parish Council accept the closure order to be placed and St Mawnan Church and accept the responsibilities for maintenance as previously agreed to

on a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

Speed Sign – the clerk had sent round an offer for speed signs, similar to those in uses locally. Issues with a resident worried about light coming into their home at night were addressed with Viv Bidgood (Cormac) who felt that this would be very minimal and sporadic with the sign facing the driver on the road and only activated when they passed – thus no more light that was already there.

Although the offer was for 2 cameras it was felt that we only needed one new one (although access to data from the other, paid for in part by the parish was to be requested on a seasonal basis).

It was proposed by Cllr Reid seconded by Cllr Sadler and

RESOLVED that the clerk proceed with an order for single camera, to be placed outside the Garage/ Lowenna Fields provided that it comes in within the Earmarked Reserve budget (£2400).

on a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

3962.24 TO NOTE THE RESIGNATION OF THE PARISH CLERK AND COMMENT ON ACTIONS TAKEN TO RECRUIT

It was formally noted that the clerk had tendered her resignation to the chair on 20th February and would be working her last day on 24th April. The Staffing Committee (all councillors at this point) had met and the advert for a new clerk has been posted locally and online.

It was proposed by Cllr Potter seconded by Cllr Reid and

RESOLVED that Mawnan Parish Council note the resignation of Lisa Clements, parish clerk effective as on 20th February 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr Whibley seconded by Cllr Reid and

RESOLVED that applications would be 'officially opened' by the clerk, chair & Cllr Whibley on 4th April before the scheduled trust meeting

on a vote being taken both matters were approved unanimously

This session would take place before the two scheduled meetings that evening and then copies containing all the applications forms would go to the 5 members of the Staffing Committee (Cllrs Potter, Sadler, Whibley, Moyle & Reid).

The clerk stated that all of the information necessary to recruit was in the SLCC/CALC manual that had been distributed and it would be useful if councillors took the time to read both it and the linked template documents. She also stated that there was a need for a Staffing Committee meeting to take place so the processes of deciding how to selection, shortlist & prepare for interview were discussed but this was considered unnecessary however an agreement to a meeting to discuss the specifics of the selection criteria and shortlisting process was agreed to be held just before the shortlisting meeting to take place on 8th April at 10.30 am (venue TBC). The intention being to hold interviews W/b 15th.

(Cllr Moyle arrived @ 8pm)

3963.24 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATE ON SAMPYS HILL PAVEMENT PLANS

Cllrs Potter & Sadler had had an online session with Adam O'Neill (CC Transport) following the last meeting and the community feeling that the current plans were not acceptable – summary notes of this attached as an appendix. The decision not to take the existing plans to a public consultation, where they were obviously going to be objected to were in part financially based – a public consultation costing upwards of £2000. It did not mean that all plans were now off the table, although funding for this particular allocation was now lost. A suggestion of moving the pavement to the opposite side of the road where an element of 'future-proofing' would have a better fit were received positively.

It was proposed that a small working group to brainstorm alternative ideas be created to see what new solution might come through, whilst advice from Esther Richmond (Localism Team) about submitting and EoI to the CAP Highways group for further works to the Grove Hill crossing needed to take place.

Adam did say that any future meeting(s) would have to online as the budget did not stretch to physical site meetings taking place. Cllr Reid strongly objected to this and requested that County Councillor Bastin be drafted to get a physical site meeting to take place or strong reasoning behind the requirement that there be no physical meetings found out. It was not suitable and undemocratic.

Cllr Reid also suggested that this item be held back until after the May meeting and the appointment of a new clerk as there was already a full table of works needing to be considered.

Cllr Sadler asked that any conversations with highways bring up, once again the subject of repainting the dragon's teeth at the far end of the village (near Trevornack) as he felt they had not been done for a long time, no matter how often requested. Reference to the Highway Manual made said every 5 years – this definitely had not happened as Cllr Lugg had pushed these and he'd been off council for at least 7 years.

3964.24 FOLLOWING ON FROM DISCUSSIONS AT THE RECENT PLAYING FIELD TRUST MEETING – TO DECIDE IF THE TRUST OR PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE SUBMITTING THE CCF GRANT APPLICATION ON BEHALF FOF THE JPF

The clerk explained that this request was materially different from any relating to the CPF discussions taking place (4th April meeting) as the CCF grant was not for any physical resources – rather it was specifically for consultations, feasibility studies and pre-design works - and therefore had no long term implications as to ownership, insurances & VAT for future upkeep.

She was clear that in making this submission on behalf of the Parish Council it would not tie us to being named applicant further down the line for any physical resources but would allow the all the grant funding to be used to assist the project planning/ creation.

It was proposed by Cllr Reid seconded by Cllr Whibley and
RESOLVED that Mawnan Parish Council agree to be named applicant for the CCF application on behalf of the JPF

on a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

3965.24 TO AGREED TO APPROVAL FOR FORTNIGHTLY PAYMENTS TO THE CONTRACTOR TO BE MADE (with approval from chair + one other councillor)

Cllr Reid explained that the contract with the builders for the new MMH Office had been negotiated to include regular, phased fortnightly payments. The level of works each phase would be signed off on by R Allday, acting as contract supervisor, and invoices passed onto the clerk for payment.

The request today was that the schedule of fortnightly payments be pre-approved by the council with authorisation only needed by the chair for payment (Cllrs Bate & Reid still needing to go online to actually make the bank payments). Payment would still be logged onto the finance system and presented at the monthly meetings – they would just have already been made.

The clerk explained that there were some issues around online banking that she would like to discuss in the part 2 session.

It was proposed by Cllr Moyle seconded by Cllr Sadler and
RESOLVED that Mawnan Parish Council agreed to make pre-approved fortnightly contract payments as per the schedule provided based on agreement by R Allday & full VAT invoices being issued. The Chair would need to agree on individual invoices.

on a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

3966.24 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL BY DATE OF THIS MEETING

Ref. No: PA24/01399 House In The Wood Budock Vean Lane Mawnan Smith TR11 5LQ

It was proposed by Cllr Sadler seconded by Cllr Potter and
RESOLVED that Mawnan Parish Council support this application

on a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

Ref. No: PA24/01392 Bosulla Budock Vean Lane Mawnan Smith TR11 5LH

It was proposed by Cllr Sadler seconded by Cllr Potter and

RESOLVED that Mawnan Parish Council support this application

on a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

Ref. No: PA24/00864 Seadrift West Bay Maenporth Road Maenporth TR11 5HP

It was proposed by Cllr Sadler seconded by Cllr Potter and

RESOLVED that Mawnan Parish Council

on a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

Ref. No: PA24/01772 Bodergy Budock Vean Lane Mawnan Smith

This application had been withdrawn so no decision was necessary.

3967.24 TO RECEIVE A LIST OF PLANNING DECISIONS MADE TO DATE BY CORNWALL COUNCIL– including any information in relation to outstanding Inspectorate Appeals or Committee submissions

As read out. No further information on the 2 ongoing enforcement complaints (Tanqueray & Lowenna Fields speed change) had been received.

3968.24 APPROVAL OF THE LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR MAR 2024 & TO RECEIVE FEB 2024 BANK STATEMENTS AND RECONCILIATIONS

Cllr Whibley had a question about the water bill – had the leak issues been fully addressed? The clerk said that the urinal leak had been sorted but the contractors had made 2 visits without successfully remedying the water fountain for more than a couple of uses and were now saying it was a product fault. The clerk was trying to get a 2nd opinion for a local plumber but it was difficult to get one to come out as they were all very busy.

It was proposed by Cllr Potter, seconded by Cllr Reid &

RESOLVED that accounts totalling £24,244.80 Inc. VAT be approved for payment in March 2024 & duly signed.

It was proposed by Cllr Potter, seconded by Cllr Reid &

RESOLVED that the bank reconciliation presented totalling £85,294.16(of which £38,500.26 is retained Solar Grant Fund) for February 2024 be received & approved as a true record.

on a vote being taken both the matters were approved unanimously

The clerk explained that she could not submit the VAT 126 claim (currently in the region of £5000) as the period of the claim had to finish at month end. She had this prepared for a 3rd April submission date.

3969.24 TO AGREED RESPONSES REQUIRED TO ANY CORRESPONDENCES not already made by clerk
Please be aware that items listed under 'Correspondences' could be addressed as part of the relevant Agenda item given in the Associated Papers during the full council meeting.

Item 1 & 9 – both these issues had been passed the Cllr Whibley and the Countryside Access Team for review.

Item 12 – a resident had requested that the PC become involved in changing the S106 agreement for her Lowenna Fields home on advice from her housing officer. The clerk had checked and this was not something we could – or would- be involved with as the S106 was between her/the developer/ county/ the housing association and modification of the local connection criteria to the extent she was looking for would open up housing allocation in the parish to unsustainable levels.

Item 14 - this would be the final payment from GreenNation as the investment group was taking site management in house. A payment of £8571 for this year was expected by the end of the month.

3970.24 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION AND MAKE DECISIONS ON ANY NOTED ENVIRONMENT ISSUES INCLUDING TRAFFIC, ROADS, FOOTPATHS & COUNTRYSIDE

- Cllr Whibley said she had been asked about the progress of the DMMO for the Tank Track, and had checked online where it gave a date of at least a year ago. The clerk explained that the original submission by a member of the Ramblers had taken so long that it breached the government guidelines and had the right to be called before the Environment Secretary for immediate review, which had been done and caused the notice a couple of months ago. She would sort out chasing this up the outcome of this with DMMO officer.
- Cllr Whibley also reported on several footpath issues - footpath 10 was in the hands of the Countryside Access team pending review and footpath 19 was just seasonally wet/muddy but was not in her view impassable. She had received complaints about issues navigating stiles along this path and a request to remove them – but there were 5 sets and on investigation removal of these would not be felt necessary as they show the historic backbone of the footpath network.
- Thanks to Charlie of the National Trust for dealing with the removal of a downed tree on the Porth Sawsen/ Carwinion Woods path, even though it was not actually on NT land.
- She also said that she had attended a very interesting HMCG AGM where there was a talk on seagrass beds at Calamansak.
- The recent beach clean had seen 14kg of litter picked up with the Big Plastic Count taking place at the same time to highlight just how much plastic waste is still ending up as beach litter.
- Cllr Potter reported that the household bins at Durgan had been removed from the store at the schoolhouse and replaced with unsuitable temporary plastic bins, which had rubbish (bagged) blowing round the beach & sea as the bins were tipped over in recent high winds. The NT Cottages & Estates team were to work with the users/ owners of the holiday lets here to try to address the rubbish issues.
He also still had in his possession a yellow oak tagged footpath post that had come loose from somewhere but was unsure what to do with it. Cllr Whibley would take it off his hands and contact P Hodgson (CC Area Ranger) to get back to her for reinstatement.
- The Landmark Tree sited at Bosloe crossroads still had no fanfare about its placement made. Cllr Potter was concerned that without at the very least a plaque it would easily be ignored and would have no care shown to it falling back into the hedgerow it we were lucky. It was agreed to see if the NT would be willing to at least trim round the tree in the summer whilst the PC looked into a commemorative plaque/ event.

3971.24 REPORTS FROM OTHER GROUPS / INDIVIDUALS

Cllr Whibley said she had been to the CAP Highways group meeting (which she was a member of) who would be reporting back at Tuesday's hybrid CAP meeting (she and Cllr Reid to attend physically).

She had also attended the training session on the new Cornwall Local Plan and would like everyone to remember that the 'call for land' for housing development was still underway.

3972.24 REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL WARD MEMBER

Cllr Bastin reported that the latest round of CIL applications had opened and Expressions of Interest for grant funding up to £100,000 needed to be in by 13th April.

Public health are pushing forward with a campaign about high blood pressure and free checks available from local pharmacies (warning that Penryn, Killigrew Street & Trescobeas are all reporting to be extremely busy). Cllr Moyle thought providing dentist would be a better use of money than this campaign.

As of July the home for the West Area Planning team moves to space within Kresen Kernow, the building at Dolcoath having been sold off.

The next CAP meeting (hybrid) was due on 26th with a physical venue in Falmouth Town Council offices.

Reminder of the CORMAC sessions on 26th April

CLlr Reid asked if was any further news on the Hotel Meudon planning application –had an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate been logged? CLlr Bastin was unaware of what might be going on but any Inspectorate Appeal would be notified to the clerk. It would be likely that this would be dealt with by online submission, rather than a physical and public meeting taking place,

CLlr Reid also mentioned the possible Judicial Review following the recent Planning inspectorate appeal being allowed in Budock. He felt that, since this went against both the Cornwall Local Plan and the Budock NDP something should be done to ensure that this decision is highlighted and the decision makers brought to account. His suggestion of parish council's banding together to put money towards a review, as was done before with Crantock, was thought to be presumptive and better left to Budock to consider, not Mawnan.

CLlr Whibley asked CLlr Bastin to intervene in getting a physical meeting with Adam O'Neill rather than something online. There should be a mechanism available to have actual site visits and meetings even when told there is no budget for them.

3973.24 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON CURRENT COUNCIL VACANCIES & POSITION OF ANY NOMINEES FOR CO-OPTION.

CLlr Slater has tendered his resignation due to the time commitment needed so a casual vacancy notice has gone up.

There were two parishioners who wished to stand for the current vacancies:

Shiona Biggin who has lived in the village for the last couple of years and has two young children, one attending each of the village schools. She works in online marketing for Falmouth University and is/has been the secretary of several steering groups. Currently she is working on the JPF improvement group and sees becoming a parish councillor as something that would work well with this.

It was proposed by CLlr Potter seconded by CLlr Moyle and

RESOLVED that Shiona Biggin is immediately elected to fill a co-option vacancy on Mawnan Parish Council

on a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

Manice Stabbins is a retired vet who has lived in the village for over 20 years, although she had spent time recently away sailing. During this time she felt that it was the communities and not the locations visited that had the most impact and on returning to the parish felt that she would like to contribute more and have greater involvement in the community. She feels that her background and professional skills and interest in the environment & rural agriculture would be a good fit with the parish council.

It was proposed by CLlr Moyle seconded by CLlr Reid and

RESOLVED that Manice Stubbins is immediately elected to fill a co-option vacancy on Mawnan Parish Council

on a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

3974.24 TO DISCUSS A VICE –CHAIR AND CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR A PROPER OFFICER DURING THE HANDOVER PERIOD

Cllr Potter explained that he was due to go in for surgery next week and that currently there is no vice-chair who could be delegated responsibilities in his absence. As such a proposal for the nomination of a vice chair to act until the May Annual meeting was tabled

It was proposed by Cllr Sadler seconded by Cllr Moyle and

RESOLVED that Mawnan parish Council elect Cllr Robert Reid to act as vice chair until the Annual parish Meeting in May, taking up named duties should the chair be unavailable in the interim period

on a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

There followed as discussion on the election of a proper officer for any period where the current clerk has left and a new clerk has not yet been appointed. The Clerk explained that it was essential to the functioning of the parish council that it have a proper officer in place; at the very least to be able to issue summons for meetings. Cllr Reid seems to be of the notion that this was not something essential, or that it would be done on an 'ad-hoc' basis by amendment to the Standing Orders.

3975.24 **ITEMS FOR INCLUSION AT THE NEXT MEETING** - Recruitment update;

3976.24 **MATTERS OF COMMUNITY CONCERN**
None noted

3977.24 **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: 18th APRIL 2024 AT 7.30PM**

3978.24 **THAT THE COUNCIL RESOLVES UNDER THE 1960 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED.**

Cllr Whibley left the meeting at 9.05pm

Associated papers:**Item 3968.24** payments for Mar 2024 & bank rec. for Feb 24

Item	Cost Centre	Name & Item Description	VAT	Amount
236	Toilets - Utility Charges	WaterPlus	£0.00	£0.00
237	Office Supplies	Argos- graveyard files - label printer	£0.00	£29.99
238	Grass Cutting (JPF/CPF/ OS & weeds)	R Sanders balancing invoice - contract end	£298.60	£1,791.60
239	Office Supplies	Viking - paper & stapler	£3.34	£20.01
240	S19 - Carwinion Playing Field	Simon Spear CAD - payment for CPF MUGA works - needed to be done online. Funds to come back in as cheques	£0.00	£309.00
241	S19 - Junior Playing Field	GR Furniture - bench for JPF - needed to be paid online. Cheque to come from Trust	£0.00	£237.00
242	Toilet - Cleaning & Materials	KC Payne	£0.00	£300.00
243	Clerks Salary (inc PAYE & NI)	clerk - wages + overtime + trusts subcontracted. Inc mileage for leaflet distribution & staffing cmtee	£0.63	£1,533.25
244	Postages	Royal Mail - 1 x invoice, 2x CPF invoices 8 x extraordinary agenda	£0.00	£12.25
245	Toilets - Utility Charges	EDF energy	£0.00	£11.00
246	Clerks Pension Contribution	Nest Pensions	£0.00	£71.85
247	Parish Pension Contribution	Nest Pensions	£0.00	£125.73
248	S19 - Junior Playing Field	Junior Playing Field Trust - annual grant part 2	£0.00	£2,578.22
249	Clerks Salary (inc PAYE & NI)	HMRC - Q4 Tax & NI	£0.00	£312.68
250	Parish NI contribution	HMRC - Q4 Tax & NI	£0.00	£292.93
251	Graveyard Maintenance/ Grounds	Robbie's Garden Services & Fencing	£0.00	£484.00
252	Toilets - Utility Charges	WaterPlus - jan/feb charges	£0.00	£71.98
253	Telephone & Internet	BT	£5.78	£34.66
254	S19 - Junior Playing Field	SWPSi - JPF operational check Feb 2024	£9.00	£54.00
255	Footpath Repairs	Steven Bryan - above promised amount - JW checking	£0.00	£35.00
256	Office Rent (+Rates & Storage)	We Store Cornwall- storage until Feb 2025	£39.60	£237.60
257	S19 - Carwinion Playing Field	CPFT - annual grant part 2	£0.00	£2,445.15
258	Postages	Royal Mail - 7 x council agendas	0.00	6.00
259	Toilets - Utility Charges	WaterPlus – feb/mar water	0.00	55.77
260	Postages	Viking – stamps for resignation period	0.00	18.40
260	Office Supplies	Viking – a4 paper	3.06	18.37
261	MMH New Offices	MC Plan & Site Services Ltd - building control - site inspection fees	73.00	438.00
262	MMH New Offices	Hormann Architects - tender drawings	120.06	720.36
263	MMH New Offices	Helford River Construction Ltd- interim payment certificate - initial MMH office works	2,000.00	12,000.00
		TOTAL	£2553.07	£24,244.80

Bank Reconciliation at 01/03/2024			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2023		100,611.93
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2023 - 01/03/2024		72,074.96
			172,686.89
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2023 - 01/03/2024		87,392.73
A	Cash in Hand 01/03/2024 (per Cash Book)		85,294.16
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 01/05/2021	0.00	
	Current Account - Lloyds 01/03/2024	1,469.05	
	Deposit Account - Lloyds 01/03/2024	45,324.85	
	95 Day Saver Account - Nationwide 01/08/2023	38,500.26	
			85,294.16
	Less unrepresented payments		
			85,294.16
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
B	Adjusted Bank Balance		85,294.16
	A = B Checks out OK		

Item 3969.24 - Correspondences.

	Rec'd	Description	From	Actions	Agenda
1	26.2.24	Complaint about footpath 19	resident	To cllr whibley	14
2	26.2.24	Arrangements for online meeting with A O'Neill (highways) re Sampy's Hill	INCOMING	To Cllrs Sadler/ Potter	7
3	28.2.24	Issues with footpath leaflet content	D Morgan/Anvil Trust	Clerk dealt	
4	29.2.24	Recruitment to CC Planning partnership	N Phillips – CC Planning	To cllrs	
5	29.2.24	Fal. Uni St Pirans Day celebration invite	R Caunter, U of E	To Cllrs	
6	29.2.24	Diocese registrar –closure question	J Lintern, VWV	Pending	5
7	4.3.24	Sorting of (trust) records sent to KK	Archivist Kresen kernow	Clerk dealt	
8	6.3.24	Request for Redruth Mayor to wear chains of office @ trebah event	Admin – RTC	Clerk dealt	
9	6.3.24	Complaint about footpath 10 (lowenna) & waterfall feature (carlidnack)	Residents	to Countryside Access team	14
10	6.3.24	Possible co-option interest	Resident	Clerk dealt	17
11	8.3.24	Councillor resignation and then request for casual vacancy notice	G Slater and S Richards, CC democratic services	Clerk dealt	17
12	11.3.24	Resident request for extension of S106 boundary for house swap	Resident	Clerk dealt	
13	13.3.24	Question about increase to precept	Resident	Clerk dealt	
14	13.3.24	Solar grant payment due	GreenNation	Clerk dealt	

Appendix item – as noted in 3693.24

Summary notes from the online TEAMS follow up meeting about a Sampys Hill pavement held on 27th February 2024

Present: Cllr G Potter (chair + note taker); Cllr R Sadler - Mawnan PC & Adam O'Neill (CC Connectivity & Transport Programme Development)

1. Adam O hasn't dropped it entirely, only notified Cormac that it's not 'immediate'. Whatever is agreed, the work will only happen/get actioned as a 2025 project anyway, regardless of what is agreed and he's going to keep it on the back-burner so that it doesn't disappear... which gives us plenty of time to sort it out.
2. He's quite happy for us to go away and discuss as a community and come up with another set of plans and compare/bring to him, and he seemed quite flexible.
3. His main concerns, or the angle he took after advice, was that we were going to lose parking on the road and believed people didn't want that, weren't going to agree to compromise and were therefore 'stuck'. He said it was going to cost them several thousands of pounds to go to a public consultation to present a plan he knew would fail - hence not going through with that. He said the pavement width was below the 2.1(!) they originally planned for, and was a compromise, but he didn't close the door on 1.5m just advised that width would still mean we couldn't park a car on the left and right side of the road and still fit a car driving down the middle... so either way the yellow lines are to prevent road parking on dual sides so passing cars can fit...no solution allows for parking on dual sides it seems.
4. Rex emphasised the aspect of future proofing the village and quite rightly spending more on better longer-term investment (as we nearly went down a road of pausing until we knew what we going on with more housing developments and relying on contractors to do this work instead). As a result Adam then understood that moving the pavement to the other side (MMH side) was indeed a good option, as it would be of benefit to hall, potential car park, potential future housing expansion in the village and putting a zebra crossing or some such at Lowenna to compensate for crossing the road safely wouldn't be impossible.
5. I pressed on the speed signal sign situation and he said Viv's choice of place was a good one (@Lowenna) and as it would be facing away from Lowenna Fields, wouldn't cause light pollution to houses and it would only flash up at night if a car with headlights was coming anyway - he said it was Highways land so it was up to Viv's discretion and for any homeowner to take it up with him instead of us...
6. He agreed re issues of visibility with the school crossing, and suggested that we apply to the Community Network Panel fund(?) and talk to Esther Richmond and Viv Bidgood about it as his plans didn't cater for it and it was a different issue, but he supported the overall desire to make it more visible and safer and he is actually part of the decision making on that too... but it has to be done separately.

In conclusion, he was quite flexible and I think had misunderstood the situation re parking reduction assuming we were willing to die on our sword about it, so with that clarified and now more understood he's quite open to alternatives and happy for us to discuss and come back to him. He did say that when we had options it would have to be a Teams meeting, as that was all about budget etc - and to be fair we did have a productive experience all round I think.