

MINUTES OF THE MAWNAN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON TUESDAY 22nd APRIL 2025 AT 19.00 IN THE
MAWNAN MEMORIAL HALL.



PRESENT Cllrs Biggin, Bate, Stabbins, Potter, Sadler, Whibley
and Clerk.

Minutes

2526.01 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Cllr Moyle, Cllr Morris

2526.02 MEMBERS TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA OR REQUEST DISPENSATIONS

None

2526.03 PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA ONLY

1. Blue bins outside Abbeyfield were discussed as a potential nuisance

ACTION: clerk to find out why there and when will be removed.

2. **CEO Trebah Garden Trust- comments on 2526.17.** They support the application to have a footpath officially recognised as a right of way (WCA 774). The parish council agreed this will be a great asset it will be for the community. Another suggestion would be to declare it a permissive path and then it can be closed for one day a year- which retains a level of control over it for Trebah.

ACTION: Cllr Whibley to send evidence to Clerk in response to consultation to support application.

3. Cornwall Councillor Independent Candidate Keith West gave a short presentation on himself, his career to date and why he is standing to be the Mabe, Mawnan and Constantine Cornwall Councillor.

2526.04 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 25th MARCH 2025 FULL COUNCIL MEETING

There were a couple of tiny amendments made by hand.

Cllr Potter proposed, Cllr Whibley seconded, RESOLVED to accept minutes of meeting. All in favour.

2526.05 CLERK'S UPDATE AND ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM PAST MINUTES NOT ON THE CURRENT AGENDA

- a. JPF and Burial Field work
All field work has been done aside from the fencing. The hedge will be done in September post nesting season.
JPF work still hasn't been done due to illness but being done asap.
- b. St Micheals Court- reply received, they are looking into their responsibilities and will get back to me.

2526.06 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL BY DATE OF THIS MEETING

1. PA25/02185 Carrick Trelawney Close Maenporth TR11 5HS
Erection of a first-floor extension over the existing bungalow. Small ground-floor extension and a new porch to rationalise the internal layout and improve access. N.B this expired on 14th April

The PC have already commented and recommended support of this before the expiration date. It is a sensible design to a bungalow that it is need of modernising with good materials used. The PC would recommend that the glass used be non-reflective. The PC would also question the need for roof lights when we are a dark skies village. Applicant replied there will be an automatic screen that comes over at dusk to stop the light leakage. There was a brief discussion about objections on the planning portal which were focused around bats and the height of the new design.

2. PA25/02346 Honeysuckle Cottage The Square Mawnan Smith TR11 5EP
New garage and office

The PC would recommend to support an improvement and makes entire property more useful. A good modernisation and bringing everything up to date with good materials used.

Cllr Whibley proposed, Cllr Stabbins seconded, RESOLVED to support application. All in favour.

3. PA25/02658 The Old Rectory Old Church Road Mawnan TR11 5HY
Non material amendment in relation to Decision Notice PA24/08518 dated 27/12/24 - Omission of stone cladding with walls to be smooth rendered (off white colour) instead

Cllr Whibley proposed, Cllr Bates seconded, RESOLVED to support application. All in favour.

4. PA25/02751 The Beach House Maenporth Road Maenporth TR11 5HN
Works to a tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order for Sycamore (T1) - fell by sectional dismantling. Tree has poor physiological condition and numerous significant structural defects (please see accompanying Tree Report). Replace with 1 x light standard Beech.

Cllr Stabbins questioned the need for a replacement beech tree as there are no others in the near vicinity. She questioned the suitability of the species for that area. Cllr Sadler

stated, in his opinion a beech wouldn't grow well there. After a brief discussion Cllrs resolved it didn't need replacing.

Cllr Sadler proposed, Cllr Whibley seconded, RESOLVED to support application for the tree to be completely felled but with no replacement needed. All in favour.

5. PA25/02800 Trewenack Budock Vean Lane Mawnan Smith Falmouth
Works to Tree(s) subject to a preservation order (TPO) removal of lateral oak limbs to mature Oak tree to provide more light to planted garden area.

The council feel this application does not provide enough detail to support or object to it. There is just a sketch provided and no photographic evidence. The tree is not diseased, not falling down, not dangerous so essentially has nothing wrong with it. So we question the need to fell it.

Cllr Potter proposed, Cllr Whibley seconded, RESOLVED to recommend the tree officer get involved and come and have a look at the tree. It's a cause for concern there is not enough information provided. All in favour.

2526.07 TO RECEIVE A LIST OF PLANNING DECISIONS MADE TO DATE BY CORNWALL COUNCIL

- a) **S52/S106 & discharge of condition apps**
PA25/00448 Methodist Church Carwinion Road Mawnan TR11 5JF

There was a brief discussion about how the panels will be used and whether there is anyone keeping a check on things i.e heritage officer. Concerns raised about why conditions exist in the first place when they can be so easily discharged.

- b) **ADVICE GIVEN PA25/00061/PRE** Helford House Budock Vean Lane TR11 5LH
c) **REFUSED PA25/01173** Saffrons Budock Vean Lane TR11 5LH

2526.08 UPDATE ON THE FINANCIAL POSITION AND APPROVAL OF THE LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR MARCH

1. Review monthly figures and bank reconciliation
 - a) Clerk read out tables of figures, reconciliation matches (EOY).
 - b) Clerk informed that due to PayPal not processing the purchase of the litter pickers within 24 hrs the Beach Clean grant will now be in next years accounts. The amount is also slightly less than agreed as another donation came in which she decided to use for buckets and asked PC for more litter pickers.
 - c) There was a brief discussion about the zipwire matting and clerk wants permission to pay the £2400 invoice once the matting has been inspected and it is okay.
2. Inform Cllrs on bank situation
 - a. Nationwide- in the process of chasing Cllr Moyle to re-sign forms.
 - b. Lloyds- we now have access to both CPFT and JPFT accounts.

3. **Cllr Potter proposed, Cllr Whibley seconded, RESOLVED to approve extra £50 agreed in previous meeting for Paul Glover to remove elm tree in little Wembley.**

2526.09 ANY OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There are many- please drop into the office to see Clerk's board to find out more about outstanding items.

Cllr Sadler stated that John Wright was going to drop in the paperwork for the strip of land gifted to the PC for the footpath into the JPF from Shute Hill.

2526.10 JUNIOR PLAYING FIELD UPDATE

- a) Update from Cllr Biggin
 - a. CLUP funding app- unfortunately due to be graded as 'low priority' we were not successful in getting our funding but are on the reserve list. Cllr Biggin stated the need for further investigations to get some feedback and find out more. If we did get called up from the reserve list it will be a tight window to tender and get the works done which is why we have proceeded with Sports Play Consulting (see item c below)
 - b. The topo survey has been done and there is a site survey on the 23rd April to give highlight any problem areas/ risks.
 - c. Sports Play Consulting are now engaged and 50% of invoice paid. Clerk had the first site visit with Liz (landscape architect) who has sent us her first draft of the masterplan which the clerk will forward to everyone to look at. Feedback is needed. This is the document that would be used if we went to tender.
 - d. Route forward financially
 - i. Member of public mentioned Lucy Nottingham is part of the Tanner Trust which is her family trust. She has donated to other local charities and institutions so she would be worth contacting. MoP also mentioned Yorkshire Building Society makes donations to trusts.
 - ii. Brief discussion around the various routes for funding- there are various funds, crowdfunders etc. Cllr Potter states the need for a JPF meeting. Cllr Biggin noted the need to make progress despite the CLUP application. There is no holy grail funding we need to keep moving with smaller pots. There is a need to ringfence match funding for a potential CIL application at the end of the year.
 - iii. The St Micheal Church and community garden group are hosting a coffee morning on the 10th May in support of the JPF.

ACTION- clerk to speak to Lucy Nottingham

ACTION- clerk to arrange JPF committee meeting

- b) Matting under Zipwire

Cllr Biggin proposed, Cllr Potter seconded, RESOLVED to pay the matting invoice subject to the work done being to spec on inspection on the 23rd April @ 11am.

- c) Quotes for Zipwire repairs- decide on course of action- is it economically viable to keep repairing it? Cllrs decided to postpone this to discuss in detail at the JPF meeting.

ACTION- add new zipwire quote to JPF agenda

2526.11 CARWINION PLAYING FIELD UPDATE

- a) Met with Exeter University re the community survey. The quote for designing the survey and interpreting results is about £6000 which they are putting in writing.
- b) CCF application has been started and Clerk aims to finish it by end of May.
- c) Cllr Potter intends to get the EOI to Cornwall farms in for the field within the next week.

2526.12 BURIALS

- a) A parishioner would like to move his mother's ashes from where they are currently buried in the burial field. He is concerned the headstone that has been placed in front of his mother's is too large and too close. Clerk has confirmed the headstone is too big and has emailed and phoned the suppliers to find out when it was placed and approved.
- b) Cllrs decide to clerk to investigate the headstone in the wrong place before giving permission to move ashes.

ACTION: Clerk to look at distances between headstones.

ACTION: Clerk to investigate the headstone in the wrong place before giving permission to move ashes.

2526.13 SECOND HOME COUNCIL TAX- Sent on behalf of Redruth Town Council for consideration by all Town and Parish Councils in Cornwall

Clerk declared this motion has been put forward by her sister, who is a town councillor for Redruth.

Cllrs had a discussion about how the second home tax is proportioned amongst different areas and how Cornwall Council are ringfencing it currently. All are unaware of how funds are allocated and don't understand it so need to look into it more.

Clerk stated that as far she knows Cornwall Council are planning on putting a lot of the proceeds of the second home tax into carbon capture. If individual areas are benefitting more because

Cllrs decided they need more information before deciding whether or not to support.

ACTION: Clerk to get more information for Cllrs on second home council tax

Cllr Potter proposed, Cllr Whibley seconded, RESOLVED to not reject/ not support and get more information before being able to make a decision. Cllr Sadler abstained, all others in favour.

2526.14 GRANT APPLICATIONS

- a) Snooker Club have said thank you for their grant.

- b) Carol Hurst has written to say thank you very much for the litter pickers.
- c) Decide on grant application opening and closing dates plus min and max amount and the evidence requested.
 - a. In the past the total amount has ranged from £4-5k per year with no maximum amount per application. Cllrs agreed to look at amount in budget, split it equally into two windows per year.
 - b. Applications will come in from now (April) and be open throughout May and the decision will be made at the June meeting with the closing date being a few days before the meeting. The second window will be from Oct, Nov and decision to be made at the December meeting (closing date a few days before the December meeting).

Cllr Potter proposed, Cllr Sadler seconded, RESOLVED to run the grants twice a year, splitting the budgeted amount equally between the two windows and allow two months for applications twice a year- April and October. All in favour.

2526.15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT HAS COME IN SINCE AGENDA WENT OUT
None

ELECTION RESULTS- THE NEW PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors into the new electoral year are Cllrs Stabbins, Biggin, Whibley, Potter and *Cllr Morris* Moyle. Six out of ten seats have been filled in an uncontested election.

2526.16 TO AGREE RESPONSES REQUIRED TO ANY CORRESPONDANCE

- a) Memorial Bench at Carwinion Playing Field- Cllrs agree in principle but want to do a site visit to agree a location as the part specified in the map is very large. It is a narrow path and bench should be placed slightly back from path.

Cllr Sadler proposed, Cllr Potter Seconded RESOLVED to do a site visit to confirm location. All in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange site visit.

- b) The sale of Meudon Farmhouse- Cornwall Council are going to re-let the farm accept for the farmhouse and garden which they would like to put on the open market unless someone has an interest. So they are asking the PC if we have an interest in the farmhouse property. Cllrs have no claim to make to the farmhouse but this notice shows the urgency to get the EOI in for the field that was attached to the farmhouse as the rest of the farm will be re-let.

Cllr Whibley proposed, Cllr Stabbins Seconded, RESOLVED the parish council do not have an interest or wish to buy Meudon Farmhouse and garden. All in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to reply to CC

- c) Memorial bench on Maenporth Beach. Cllrs confirm the PC do not own the part of the beach the Maenporth Estate is claiming we do. The PC own up to the end of the slipway access on the south side of the beach. Cllr Bastin said Cornwall Council own it but lease it to ME. Cllr Sadler stated that ME gave the middle section of the beach (which belonged to the Craggs hotel prior to ME) to CC for £1 and leased it back for 99 years of which we are 32ish years in. Clerk is to go back to enquirer and point them back to ME and Falmouth Town Council.
 - a. Cllr Sadler made the clerk aware of checking on the chain and padlock on the slipway. *No padlock, rusty chain.*

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2526.17 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION AND MAKE DECISIONS ON ANY NOTED ENVIRONMENT ISSUES INCLUDING TRAFFIC, ROADS, FOOTPATHS & COUNTRYSIDE

- a. There is no news on the DMMO application for the Intended Footpath from Helford Passage to the SWCP. The owner has locked the gate and apparently damaged it. Waiting on CC.
- b. Footpath 35- the stump is still in place, the Countryside Access Team, via Cormac, are assessing how to get stump out. They have opened up the path and will be planting hedging plants for the house to close up the gap left in his boundary by the fallen tree.
- c. Cllr Bate offered to continue the Speedwatch work she does despite not being a councillor after tonight's meeting. The council accepted and thanked her for this.
- d. A MoP asked about the speed sign. The clerk responded she is waiting on the pole specs from the manufacturer to order the pole from Cormac.

2526.18 MATTERS OF COMMUNITY CONCERN

1. Trebah has a Military Day on the 31st May.

2526.19 REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL WARD MEMBER

1. Cornwall Wildlife Trust have called him to complain about chainsaw activity within the Meudon Valley. It's coming from Treworgan and they wanted to know who was doing it and why. It's something to be aware of as we are in nesting season.
2. Historic info- Meudon farmhouse was a prison in the Napoleon war.
3. Cllr Bastin thanked everyone for 12 years of support as this is his last meeting as a Cornwall Councillor. The PC thanked him in turn.

2526.20 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION AT THE NEXT MEETING

1. Second homes council tax- motion from Redruth Town Council

2526.20/A COUNCILLORS LEAVING

1. At this point in the meeting the chair said a huge thank you Rex and Maureen for their service to the council. Rex in particular who has been on the PC for 54 years.
2. Cllr Sadler then spoke for 15 minutes about his time on the council. He had recently visited the records office to find the minutes where he had joined in 1971. He had brought a copy of the minutes to the meeting. 15th April Mr Chinn and John Wright voted him in. 20th May 1971 was his first meeting when he signed the acceptance of office.
 - a. He read out some minutes:
 - i. "the footpath number 10 has been reported that this path is extremely muddy".
 - ii. Trusteeship for the Junior Playing Field was transferred to the Parish Council. Swings were erected out of telegraph poles for £12.
 - iii. The precept for 1971 was £350. The precept for 1976 was £1600.

- b. He then gave a book of the Mawnan Playing Field minutes 1940-1968 to the Parish Council that Sylvia King had given him. Admiral Rodgers bought the field for the Parish and he was paid back over time. In 1948 Mr Hitches gave Admiral Rodgers £200 to finish paying the debt. The playing field committee then started to pass the running of the field onto the PC.
 - c. He gave a brief account of his time on the parish council and his time at Kerrier District Council of which he went on to become leader.
 - d. He presented a 1998 survey on the Maenporth Lagoon along with some historic maps of the parish.
 - e. He wished the Parish Council well into the future.
3. The chair noted what a shame it is to lose the knowledge Cllrs Sadler and Bate brought to the council and they will be greatly missed.

2526.21 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

20th May 2025 at 7pm.



GUY POTTER 20.5.25

