

Mawnan Junior Playing Field Trust

Behind St Michael's Court, Carwinion Lane,
Mawnan Smith, TR11 5JD
Registered Charity 1173926

Public meeting of the Mawnan Junior Playing Field Trust held on Monday 9th February 2026 at 8.00pm at Mawnan Memorial hall- Rendlesham Room.

Present: Cllrs Stabbins, Whibley, Biggin, Mason and Clerk

Minutes

1. To receive apologies for absence- Cllrs Morris and Potter
2. Approve minutes from previous meeting

Proposed Cllr Biggin, Seconded Cllr Stabbins, agreed to accept the minutes with a few minor corrections. Cllrs Mason and Whibley were not present so couldn't vote.

3. Review outstanding actions from previous meeting
 - a. Clerk to look at minutes of meeting to find out what dictated amount of S19 grant
 - b. Check with Sarah Mason what S19 grants are

There was a brief discussion regarding the S19 grant and that it should be budget related (point a). Clerk had already spoken to Sarah Mason about the S19 grants before the meeting (point b).

4. Name change- decide whether to keep Trust name or amend to Mawnan Park.

Proposed Cllr Whibley, Seconded Cllr Biggin, Resolved to continue to call the Trust Mawnan Junior Playing Field Trust and the land we manage is referred to as Mawnan Park. All in favour.

5. Update on Mawnan Park Redevelopment Project
 - a. Delivering Phase 1
 - i. **Agree** wording to devolve purchase of items up to a value of certain amount relating to grant expenditure to Cllr Biggin, Stabbins and Clerk so it doesn't have to be voted on by the Parish Council or Trust each time.

Proposed Cllr Mason, Seconded Cllr Whibley, Resolved that the Trust delegate to the clerk, in consultation with two Cllrs, the authority to spend up to £300 on a single item or order out of funds raised by Cllr Biggin (total fund approx. £2500) without the need for further Trust authorisation. All in favour.

- b. Fundraising and planning for Phase 2- Cornwall Council CIL application and National Lottery Awards for All.

Cllr Biggin presented a very detailed and thorough presentation talking the Trust through the CIL application to complete the re development of Mawnan Park along with the finances for the project. It is an opportunity for Mawnan Parish Council to unlock £100k in grant funding via the Cornwall Council CIL grant fund and £20k from the National Lottery.

See presentation included in minutes below.

The CIL fund goals of what it is looking to fund are a perfect fit for the park re-development but looking at historical data the projects that get the maximum funding of £100k are providing a minimum of 50% match funding. It is only by providing match funding in such a significant amount that chances of being successful increase.

The cost for Mawnan Park is £225k exc VAT. Taking into account current earmarked reserves for Mawnan Park aka the Junior Playing Field there is a shortfall of £80k in the £125k match funding required. This can be reduced by getting a grant of £20k from National Lottery, voting to allocate the parish council's CIL fund of £10.5k and the trust could also vote to contribute to the parish council's match funding arsenal.

The timeline is to submit the EOI by end of February. Those that are invited to go to the next round will know mid March and then go to tender over the next few months with final confirmation of grant funding in December 2026. Cllr Biggin is asking that the parish council vote in the next meeting that the parish council, by whatever means they decide to be the most appropriate (details below), need to commit to the £80k potential match funding gap.

This could be done by either raising the precept in December for the following year to cover the costs or by taking out a works board loan. The loan could be paid back by committing the 'baked in' £20k parish grant budget line for the Mawnan Park redevelopment to covering the loan repayments. This way, within a very small number of years (5-10) it could be repaid and also be done without raising the precept.

It is important to note that regardless of match funding the CIL is retrospective so the monies need to be spent before the grant will be paid. So the parish council will need to get itself into a cashflow position to be able to complete the project via a works board loan. The works board loan should be applied for throughout the tendering months so, if needed, it is ready to be actioned as soon as the CIL is granted.

Proposed Cllr Mason, Seconded Cllr Stabbins, Resolved to thank Cllr Biggin and that the Trust support the bid to the CIL fund and for the purposes of the EOI hope and recommend that the Parish Council will agree in principle to provide the current match funding need of £80k in February's parish council meeting. It's an amazing opportunity and it should go ahead. All in favour.

Proposed Cllr Mason, Seconded Cllr Stabbins, Resolved to contribute £ 6k of current Trust funds to the CIL funding bid as part of the parish council's match funding, either as a third party organisation or behind the parish council. The trust would also ask the parish council to commit the £4k of S19 grant funding allocated to the trust in parish council's 26-27 budget to the bid. This brings the donation from the trust to £10k in match funding for the CIL bid. All in favour.

- i. **Vote** on favoured route for match funding.
- c. **Approve** any works or permissions needed for Parish Council to proceed with phase 1 and 2.

6. Review Accounts

Proposed Cllr Stabbins, Seconded Cllr Biggin, Resolved to accept the completed accounts for 24-25 but going forward with an offsetting worksheet and the associated report. All in favour.

7. Items for next meeting

CIL funding bid update

8. Date and time of next meeting

Monday 11th May, 7pm, Rendlesham room

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Manice Stabbins
Vice Chair

Date