



Minutes of a meeting of Mawnan Parish Council Office and Finance Committee on Tuesday 24th February 2026 at 7.00pm in The Mawnan Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllrs Potter, Stabbins, Biggin, Whibley, Morris, Mason, Moyle, Head, Holloway, Shepherd and Clerk.

Minutes

2526.31F	TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE- None
2526.32F	MEMBERS TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS IN THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA (OVER £50) OR REQUEST DISPENSATIONS
2526.33F	PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
2526.34F	<p>CIL APPLICATION</p> <p>To consider levels of financial support available in support of a grant application for CIL funding for improvements at the Junior Playing Field (Mawnan Park) and make recommendations to full council.</p> <p>There was a discussion about how the vote on item 2526.219 regarding the CIL EOI was conducted at the previous parish council meeting. The dispensation to enable Cllr Biggin to vote was not voted on and therefore the vote is seen as 2-2 with one abstention by some Cllrs vs 2-3 (in favour of underwriting the funding gap of £60k) with one abstention by other Cllrs.</p> <p>Cllrs then looked at the project costs to see if there was scope for reduction. There could be a big reduction in the project costs by choosing a different surface for pathways other than the one proposed. The Conipave pathway is one of the recommended surfaces by the playground consultants the parish council are using. Playground pathways are generally recommended to be resin bound pathways. Glendurgan and Carwinion House use other methods and materials for pathways which may be an option worth looking at and be much less expensive. The current park plan includes a thinner cycle track around a mound with humps in so whatever surface chosen needs to be able to deal with children's bicycles.</p> <p>Cllrs then discussed the financial position of the council looking at the 26-27 budget. There is a clear funding gap of £75k if the project costs remain at £225k. This has been brought down by £20,500 (by monies from the Junior Playing Field Trust and the Parish Council committing their CIL reserves) to £54,500 and could potentially be reduced further to £34,500 if Cllr Biggin can apply successfully to the National Lottery fund. So worse case scenario is the parish council needs to fund an additional £55k. The best case is £34,500.</p> <p>Cllrs all agree the CIL application should be for the maximum amount of</p>

	<p>£100k. There were suggestions about reducing the council's match funding along with the overall project costs. Research shows that the parish should commit £100k or more match funding to get the strongest application chance to be successful.</p> <p>There was concern that without borrowing or raising the precept the match funding required currently is not affordable when looking at the reserves. Cllrs discuss that there are options as to how the shortfall can be met and at this point there only needs to be agreement that they support the EOI and are we prepared to work out a way to fund the shortfall if successful- not <u>how</u> the shortfall would be met.</p> <p>There was a question mark around whether it provides value for money for the parish. Do we know how many people use it? One Cllr pointed out that if the parish were successful they get a £225k play park for only £125k so it provided value for money for the parish. Cllrs pressed the amount of consultation that had taken place over the last 18 months.</p> <p>There was a lengthy discussion around how to move to a vote. Considering the worse case scenario shortfall is £55k and the amount voted on in the meeting of 17th of February is £60k it makes sense to support the original vote in the full parish council meeting. It is noted that Cllr Potter and Shepherd disagree with the way the vote has been recorded from the previous meeting as they believe it was 2-2.</p> <p>Cllr Moyle Proposed, Seconded Cllr Potter, Resolved that the office and finance committee have had a useful meeting and the figures voted on at the previous full council meeting on 17th February 2026 are achievable and recommend to the full council meeting the original vote stands. All in favour.</p>
2526.36F	DATE OF NEXT MEETING- MARCH 2026- to be postponed