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**Minutes of a meeting of Mawgan Parish Council held in the Recreation Hall on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at 7.30 pm****Present**

Councillor Kevin Roberts (Chairman)

“ Shaun Lock (Vice-chairman)

“ Mrs Pearl Merton

“ Vivian Benney

“ Miss Lindsay Hockley

“ Chris Roberts

“ Colin Chapman

“ Mrs Dot Spragg

“ Anthony Hoskin

“ Walter Sanger (Cornwall Council)

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**1. To accept apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr John Hatton and the Police.

**2. Members to declare personal & prejudicial interests (incl details thereon) re any items on this agenda and any dispensations thereon previously granted or requested now**

Cllrs Mrs Dot Spragg, Anthony Hoskin and Shaun Lock – Planning item 7b) – near neighbours

**3. To receive PCSO Julia Berry's monthly report**

In her absence, the Clerk read PCSO Julia Berry's report:

During November there were five crimes reported to the Police:

A person was arrested and charged with causing criminal damage to a dwelling.

A person was charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

A person was arrested following threats to kill; however, this has been filed with no further action.

There was also a report of criminal damage to motor vehicle and one of criminal damage to dwelling; both these crimes have been filed pending further information coming forward.

With the Christmas period fast approaching I would ask members of the community to consider their own home security and that of the security of their vehicles when shopping and leaving valuables and Christmas present on view to others.

The national Christmas drink/drug driving campaign started on Sunday 1 December and will run until Midnight Wednesday 1 January 2014.

Every rider/driver involved in any collision will be breathalysed on every occasion, whether alcohol is suspected or not.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a crime free and prosperous new year.

If you have any crimes you would like to report please telephone 101, or should you have any concerns which you would like to discuss please call me on 01326 555158, this is an answer machine service, please leave a message and I will get back to you.

#### **4. Public questions**

The owner of Tara, Langweath Lane, brought forward a pre-planning application for the erection of a dwelling to the rear of his property to cater for his father who was becoming disabled. He had consulted with 3 neighbours; 2 were ok about it but 1 was apprehensive as he might be selling in 2015 and would not want building work going on as it would deter buyers. It was hoped that the work would be done before that and that they would be in by Christmas 2014. As far as Council was concerned, this was for information only as it could not vote on or make any recommendations about the proposal. It was noted.

#### **5. To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting**

It was RESOLVED that the Chairman sign the minutes of the last meeting as a true and correct record.

#### **6. Matters arising from the minutes – not covered elsewhere in this agenda**

It was noted that the parish boundary was the red line on a map not the stream, which may have deviated since the original red line was established. This was information received from Cornwall Council legal department.

#### **7. To consider planning applications received from Cornwall Council**

- a) PA13/10763 Conversion of store, workshop and office to dwelling and workshop, Trelowarren Mill

It was agreed to support the application but noting that there was no parking available at high tide.

- b) PA12/10492 Construction of a four bedroom split level dwelling house, Nanceloan Stables, John Bolitho

Cllrs Dot Spragg, Anthony Hoskin and Shaun Lock left the meeting. 1 member had concerns that the access was badly sited and that the balcony overlooked neighbours. It was proposed to be built on the existing plot but extending into an agricultural field. There was room in the existing plot for a less bulky dwelling. He suggested asking for refusal. Some others felt that it was in the heart of the village and off the road. It was agreed to state that Council was concerned about the fact that the dwelling proposed would be extending onto agricultural ground but that there was room in the existing stables field for a less bulky building, which was ideally located in the heart of the village and set back from the road.

#### **8. To receive planning decisions from Cornwall Council**

There were no planning decisions received from Cornwall Council.

#### **9. To discuss parish plan public consultation event – update on days open**

Following the decision the previous month to cut down the number of days the exhibition would be open to the public; the Clerk suggested that it would be pertinent to make Monday one of the days it was not open, then it would not involve the Friendship Club having to leave the hall early. All were in favour and it would go ahead on that basis. There was still another meeting 3 days before the event was due to be launched, for any last minute arrangements.

#### **10. To consider additional quote for bus shelter repair, etc**

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A second quote in the sum of £487.00 was received, which was half the cost of the first quote. It was RESOLVED to accept the second quote in the sum of £48700. (amended after Jan 14 meeting)

**11. To receive Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger's report**

Cllr Walter Sanger started by wishing everyone a Happy Christmas. Owing to budget restraints at Cornwall Council, elderly and social care free transport services would be charged for on a means tested basis. There was a small emergency contingency fund for those in real hardship. The elderly might need some extra help from the community. Charges for road closures would be from £30 for small events, up to £7k for large events. The question of whether there was a fee for a diversion was raised. Cllr Walter Sanger would find out. The Government settlement had come in and there could be a change to the referendum trigger point for Council Tax increases – it might be lower than the 1.97% that Cornwall Council had opted for in the coming year. The Local Government Minister had recognised the problem of the shortfall for rural areas but £473m was still not enough. He wondered where he was getting his figures from. On the subject of planning enforcement when nothing appeared to be happening following an enforcement being registered; if when the officers investigated and found the offender would have probably got permission, then they let it drop. On the matter of the proposed 3 month closure of the road to St Martin; Cormac would consider how to manage it when they got round to the job.

**12. To discuss possible closure of St Martin road for 3 months**

This had been dealt with above.

**13. To discuss progress on the provision of a village Christmas tree**

The tree purchased for Mawgan was not big enough and another larger one could not be sourced in time. The shop had sold the first one. It was therefore agreed to leave this in abeyance for this year as there was not now enough time to get another one, but to be prepared to order one early in September for the following year. It was suggested a collection box be placed in the shop.

**14. To discuss progress on trimming of churchyard hedges**

The majority of the work had been done. There were still some saplings to come down. They used hand tools when the service was on and worked at the far end, so as not to interrupt it. A really good job was being done.

**15. To discuss situation with Lunch Club losing cook in New Year – may need money to pay someone else**

Suggestions were that Parc Vro might be able to do it as sometimes they had spare capacity. Someone else in the village was suggested to try and maybe a notice should be put in the shop asking for volunteers. It was agreed that the Lunch Club secretary be asked to the next meeting.

**16. To consider quotes for next year's bus shelter electricity contract**

A quote had been received via Utilitywise (the business equivalent of a price comparison site) for SSE in the sum of £68.09 per year for a 3 year fixed contract, whereas the current supplier was £211.00 for 1

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year. The SSE 3 year cost would be less than 1 year with the current supplier. It was RESOLVED to go with SSE in the sum of £68.09 per year for 3 years fixed.

**17. To discuss the budget and set precept for 2014/15 (enclosed)**

Members went through the budget presented to them by the Clerk. For the purpose of grants to organisations under S137; it was RESOLVED to ring fence a fund of £1000 for S137 in general and to discuss individual grants as and when requests arose. The Clerk's recommendation was for £22,000. This included a provision for working balance of £8000, in order to get balances back up to an acceptable level to the auditor. In previous years the working balance had been cut in order to keep the council tax rate down for parishioners. This recommended £22k would create a D band charge of £82.36, an increase of £26.38 per year, or 50p per week. Some members suggested cutting the working balance to £4k or £6k in order to reduce the charge. However, it was finally RESOLVED to accept the Clerk's recommendation of £22,000.

**18. To receive update on Goonhilly Wind Farm extension proposal – pre-application submitted**

This was advising of the public consultation that had taken place at Cury recently, which some members had attended. As Mawgan Parish Council had already considered the pre-application, it was noted.

**19. To receive update on progress on Local Needs housing site 6**

This was now site 6, rather than site 4, which meant it was the site next to the Recreation Hall. Cornwall Community Land Trust had now made contact with the owners of site 6 who had agreed that they could explore the feasibility of constructing affordable homes on the site and they had started to carry out preliminary searches to establish the proximity of utilities, etc. The Community Land Trust hoped to be in a position to present preliminary drawings to Council for comment by March 2014. It was noted.

**20. To receive letter of thanks from lunch club for recent donation**

This was read out and noted.

**21. Items for inclusion on next month's agenda**

Trimming tenders (for February), Lunch Club. It was agreed to ask the footpath trimmer to re-tender in February.

**22. To approve the following outstanding accounts:**

It was resolved that the following accounts be approved and cheques prepared:

a) Clerk's pay	£497.59	c) Churchyard trimming	£190.00
b) Refreshments Remembrance Sunday	£6.17	d) war memorial, shelters	£70.00

**23. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – For information only**

There was no other business.

**24. Date of next meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

There being no further business, the Chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas and closed the meeting at 8.57pm.

CHAIRMAN

Date