

**Minutes of a meeting of Mawgan Parish Council held in the Recreation Hall on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7.30 pm**

**Present**

Councillor Kevin Roberts (Chairman)

“ Shaun Lock (Vice-chairman)

“ Mrs Pearl Merton

“ John Hatton

“ Colin Chapman

“ Mrs Dot Spragg

“ Anthony Hoskin

“ Walter Sanger (Cornwall Council)

**1. To accept apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Vivian Benney, Lindsay Hockley and Chris Roberts.

**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**

Item 11) – Trimming inside Recreation Hall hedge - it was noted that Cllrs Colin Chapman, Mrs Pearl Merton and Mrs Dot Spragg held permanent dispensations regarding the Recreation Hall.

To receive PCSO Julia Berry's monthly report

During January there was an arson reported to the police, this crime has been investigated, however, due to insufficient evidence this crime has been filed pending further information coming forward.

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.

**3. Public questions**

There were no public questions.

**4. 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.

Matters arising from the minutes – not covered elsewhere in this agenda

An item from a few meetings earlier; concerns were expressed over the damaged clapper bridge in Treverry woods as there had been no further news.

**5. To consider planning applications received from Cornwall Council**

There were no planning applications received from Cornwall Council.

**6. To receive planning decisions from Cornwall Council**

**28.01.2014 PA12/10492 REFUSED**

**Applicant:** Mr John Bolitho

**Location:** Nanceloan Stables Nanceloan Farm Mawgan Cross Mawgan Helston

**Proposal:** Construction of a four bedroom split level dwelling house

**7. To discuss parish plan public consultation event and how to collate feedback**

Feedback on the event was that it was quite well received with approximately 50 public attending the various open days. As a starter; the Clerk would write up all the notes received under each subject heading and then see how to compile a report out of that. One thing that came up was how to see minutes online now as the Parish Council website was no longer in existence. A few people had given email addresses for the Clerk to send them minutes and agendas each month. It was felt someone could be asked to build an easy to maintain website for the Parish Council, possibly with a grant. There was the possibility of Goonhilly Windpower funding but Parish Councils could not apply for that.

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

Cllr Walter Sanger started by stating that not a lot was going on at present. There was a consultation out on the future provision of the mobile library service and also a consultation on provision of free school transport. There could be a change in the offering on VAT for Parish Councils. The full Cornwall Council meeting had been deferred to 25<sup>th</sup> February in case the capping level on council tax increases changed, but it did not change. Cllr Walter Sanger then explained the portfolio system; they held a private meeting and then a public one. Proposals were sent to the Portfolio Holder and if they did not agree with the proposal they had to explain why. Three votes could call in his/her decision. On the subject of the recent storms; there were no real problems in this area from them but there was some relief available to those who needed it. Cllr Walter Sanger's report was noted.

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

The Community Payback team had now finished their work and an excellent job had been done. A letter of thanks would be sent to them.

**10. To receive update on situation with Lunch Club**

Cllr Mrs Dot Spragg had found someone who had recently moved into the village and wished to take on a role in the community. The lady would do it voluntarily and needed to take the Food Hygiene Certificate before she could start. Cllr Mrs Dot Spragg already had it, so they could do it together until the lady had obtained hers. They planned to recommence the lunch club in May, as the lady concerned had commitments until then. This was regarded as excellent news for the older members of the village.

**11. To discuss trimming of inside of Recreation Field hedge**

The Community Payback team were going to look at it with a view to doing the work. They had done it some years earlier.

**12. To discuss maintenance of footpath around St Keverne road**

The meeting was informed that the first part of the unused land next to the Old Hall belonged to Whitegates and they had cleared the part where the old pump used to be. A neighbour the other side had offered to look after the rest. A drain was also needed for the water running across the pavement. Highways would be informed of that. There was concern that the neighbour could end up claiming the land if he maintained it for a long time. It was agreed that a letter be sent thanking him very much for his kind offer but pointing out that he could never claim the land and asking him to undertake in writing never to do so. A member asked that when the weather was dry, could Council engage a contractor to clear the path below the school. This was noted.

**13. To consider support from Town & Parish Councils for Sustainable Communities Act - Andrew George**

It was agreed to note the three items.

**14. To arrange a date for a Feast Week meeting**

Dates that the Recreation Hall was available would be sent to the Clerk the following day. A date before the next Council would be preferred.

**15. To consider any arrangements for commemoration of centenary of WW1 (4<sup>th</sup> August 2014)**

As there was now only St Keverne British Legion branch still running and one person at St Martin still a member amongst the Meneage parishes, some suggestions had been made as to things that could be done in East Lizard to commemorate the start of World War One, there being the same Clerk and Cornwall Cllr for all five parishes. They included holding three exhibitions; one each at St Keverne, St Martin and Mawgan – mainly because there was parking available at each of these venues. The Clerk was asked to liaise between various councils and advised that St Keverne History Society, which always held an exhibition for St Keverne Ox Roast in August, might be having WW1 as its theme for this year's event, which was near 4<sup>th</sup> August. Mawgan church was planning a special service and a WW1 themed fete in the summer. It was felt it was best to keep each parish's events separate. Former Cllr Chris Knuckey had produced a booklet on Mawgan War Memorial and the people whose names were recorded on it. This could possibly be used in any event Mawgan might hold. It was agreed to ask him whether Council could have an electronic version of it.

**16. Cornwall AONB Annual Forum, Delivery Plan and free calendar**

This was noted.

**17. To adopt 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter accounts (enclosed)**

## SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

It was RESOLVED to adopt the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter accounts. It was further RESOLVED to close the Bank of Ireland bank account and transfer the balance to the Parish Council Barclays account.

**18. Clerk's & Councils Direct magazine**

This was noted.

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

World War 1 activities.

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

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

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| a) Clerk's pay + expenses | £512.05 | b) Cormac cutting Rec Field Jan-March | £305.29 |
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**21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – For information only**

The Goonhilly Windpower Fund was holding an open afternoon on Tue 11<sup>th</sup> March for any interested groups to find out more about applying for funding. It was noted.

The trailer at Langweath Estate was back and blocking people's gateways. Neighbours were not happy because a business was being run by three people in the estate and it made the area look like a scrap yard. Another resident was selling his house because he had had enough but the state of the area was even affecting the sale. People found it intimidating and needed to do a 5-point turn to get out.

With regard to the recent storms and damage done to the South-West transport infrastructure; it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Minister for Transport, with a copy to Andrew George MP, supporting the need to get the railway line at Dawlish repaired as soon as possible and for there to be a long-term solution to the railway link into Cornwall. Cornwall needed a decent arterial road, airport, Penzance air link to the Scillies and railway line. Some considerable investment was needed, rather than spending it all on Cross-rail, HS2 and a fourth platform at Manchester Airport.

**22. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014, in the Mawgan Recreation Hall, at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.23pm.

CHAIRMAN

Date