

Minutes of a meeting of Mawgan Parish Council held in the Recreation Hall on Wednesday 16th April 2014 at 7.30pm

Present

Councillor Kevin Roberts (Chairman)

“ Shaun Lock (Vice-chairman)

“ Mrs Pearl Merton

“ Vivian Benney

“ Chris Roberts

“ John Hatton

“ Colin Chapman

“ Mrs Dot Spragg

“ Anthony Hoskin

“ Walter Sanger (Cornwall Council)

1. To accept apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Lindsay Hockley 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

To note permanent dispensation granted to Cllrs Mrs Pearl Merton, Mrs Dot Spragg and Colin Chapman in respect of item 14.

3. To receive PCSO Julia Berry's monthly report

Please accept my apologies for not attending the meeting this evening; I am currently on annual leave.

During March there was one offence reported to the police:

Criminal damage was investigated, however, with 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.

4. Public questions

There were no public questions.

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

SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

It was agreed to ask the Police about the missing granite from the bridge in Treverry Woods.

7. To consider planning applications received from Cornwall Council

There were no planning applications received from Cornwall Council.

8. To receive planning decisions from Cornwall Council

10.04.2014 PA13/11789 APPROVED

Applicant: Mrs S Smith

Location: Rose Cottage Garras Helston Cornwall TR12 6LN

Proposal: Erection of new conservatory extension to include rooflights

25.03.2014 PA14/00871 APPROVED

Applicant: Mr Simon Jewell

Location: Tara Mawgan Helston TR12 6AX

Proposal: Erection of a dwelling

9. To receive Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger's report

Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger reported that savings were beginning to work through – 6 directors were being reduced to 3 with £140k savings/yr. The masked ball licence held at Traboe had been surrendered. Under welfare reform - the 25% mandatory council tax payment for everyone on benefits – hardship relief that could be claimed was now up to 100%. The bedroom tax was not a Cornwall Council decision but a Government one, so there could be no local relief on that. Cornwall Council was improving transparency; fewer meetings were being held in private. Cllr Sanger's report was noted.

10. To discuss maintenance of footpath around St Keverne road – any luck on contacting land owner

It was felt that, as owner of a property on the same land, Cllr Lindsay Hockley should be able to find out in her deeds who it was purchased from originally. There was a developer but he went broke. It was noted.

11. To consider any arrangements for commemoration of centenary of WW1 (4th August 2014)

Cllr John Hatton was putting an article in the Messenger asking if anyone recognised any of the 140 males names who were eligible, to come forward. It was noted.

12. To consider Recreation Hall Committee request for a grant of £1750 towards exercise equipment

The support for the project was questioned. There had been a public morning display, which generated quite a bit of interest. Then the school mothers took an interest as they would like to use exercise equipment whilst their children were on the play equipment. Some members felt it was a lot to spend if it did not get used. The Hall treasurer stated that if the project was over estimated then it would pay back the difference. 60 signatures had been obtained on the survey. Council was reminded that it had received a Council Tax Support grant of £2100, which was a bonus income to the parish and not part of the precept that Council had applied for. Cllrs Mrs Pearl Merton, Mrs Dot Spragg and Colin Chapman left the meeting during the voting. It was RESOLVED to grant the £1750 if the support and other funding was there.

13. To consider setting up a new Parish Council website and how to go about it

Cllr Colin Chapman suggested a look at Constantine website, which had a page per group, with the groups taking charge and ownership of their own pages by updating them themselves. It had cost £600 plus a maintenance fee. Cllr Chapman would find out more and let the Clerk know. It was noted.

14. To receive letter of thanks from PCC re churchyard clearance

This was noted and thanks were re-iterated to Chairman Kevin Roberts for all his hard work in clearing away the trimmings – very many trailer loads.

15. To consider request from Garras School to have dog bin moved from outside the school

The school had requested that the litter/dog bin be relocated from its present position on the outside of the school wall, to possibly on a sign post next to the Recreation Field entrance just up the road. This was due to them having an OFSTED inspection in the near future. Members did not think this was necessary. Cornwall Council would need to be asked to move it otherwise their lorry driver would not know where it was and it would not get emptied. If the bin were moved it would probably just get taken away, not re-sited. It was felt to be far better to have a bin outside the school than having rubbish and dog faeces on the pavement outside. It was highly visible where it was and got used and emptied as a result.

16. Clerk's & Councils Direct magazine

This was noted.

SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

17. Items for inclusion on next month's agenda

New Council website

18. To approve the following outstanding accounts:

It was RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid and cheques prepared:

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| a) Clerk's pay | £544.64 (gross) | b) Account for churchyard trimming | £195.00 |
| c) Chrchyard hedge trim | £648.00 (paid) | c) EDF final bill bus shelter | £20.95 |

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – For information only

The Chairman produced a letter he had been sent from the local Multiple Sclerosis society, asking for a donation. This could not be considered on 2 points; 1) it was not on the agenda and 2) the society was not in Mawgan Parish and would not necessarily benefit any residents of Mawgan, so it could not be approved under LGA 1972s137 – the only act that Council could possibly give under.

20. Date of next meeting – 21st May 2014

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.48pm.

CHAIRMAN

Date