

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Mawgan Parish Council held in the Recreation Hall on Wednesday 21st May 2014 at 7.47pm

Present

Councillor Kevin Roberts (Chairman)

“ Shaun Lock (Vice-chairman)

“ Mrs Pearl Merton

“ Vivian Benney

“ Miss Lindsay Hockley

“ Chris Roberts

“ John Hatton

“ Mrs Dot Spragg

“ Anthony Hoskin

“ Walter Sanger (Cornwall Council)

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Colin Chapman and the Police.

2. Election of officers

a) Chairman

Cllr Kevin Roberts was proposed and seconded to continue, however he did not wish to stand for Chairman again. Vice-chairman Cllr Shaun Lock was proposed and seconded and agreed to stand. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Shaun Lock be Chairman for the coming year. Cllr Shaun Lock took the Chair.

b) Vice-chairman

Cllr Colin Chapman had made it be known that he was willing to do it if no-one else wanted to. However, he was not present and could not be voted on in his absence. It was proposed and seconded that Cllr John Hatton be Vice-chairman, who stated that he would consider it if Cllr Colin Chapman did not want to do it. It was agreed to defer the election of Vice-chair until the next meeting when other members were present.

c) Footpaths Officer

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Vivian Benney continues.

d) Press Officer

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Lindsay Hockley be press officer.

e) Recreation Hall Committee representative

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Mrs Pearl Merton continues.

f) Emergency Committee

It was RESOLVED that this be the Chairman, Vice-chairman and Clerk.

g) Tree Warden

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Kevin Roberts be Tree Warden in place of Cllr Chris Roberts who wished to stand down.

3. To confirm adoption of model standing orders (enclosed)

It was RESOLVED to confirm adoption of model standing orders.

4. To confirm that the clerk be the responsible financial officer (rfo)

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5. To confirm adoption of financial regulations (enclosed)

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6. To confirm adoption of risk assessment (enclosed)

It was RESOLVED to confirm the adoption of financial regulations.

7. To approve the annual return for year ending 31st march 2014

It was RESOLVED that the Annual Return be approved.

8. To receive the statement of accounts (enclosed)

It was RESOLVED that the statement of accounts be adopted.

9. To receive the record of attendance (enclosed)

It was RESOLVED that the record of attendance be accepted.

10. To receive the assets register (enclosed)

It was RESOLVED that the assets register be accepted.

11. To consider the dates for the council meetings (enclosed)

It was RESOLVED to accept the dates for the council meetings.

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

Cllr Vivian Benney – item 18c) - applicant

13. To receive PCSO Julia Berry's monthly report & response about granite bridge at Treverry

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

During April there were two crimes reported to the police:

Criminal damage to property; this crime was dealt with by way of restorative disposal by way of an apology by the offender to the victim.

A theft; this crime is currently under investigation.

Recently in other areas there has been a significant increase in the theft of granite, particularly granite mushrooms. If you have any granite items in your garden it may well be worth marking them, using paint, with your post code on the underside. This may well deter someone from stealing them.

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.

Cllr Vivian Benney stated that a second arm had been broken off the Toy fingerpost at the Lizard end of Skyburriowe Lane and had disappeared. He thought it had been deliberately broken off and stolen as the break was so clean. The Police and Highways would be asked if they had seen it.

It was RESOLVED to swap items 14 and 15 around, due to the number of public present to discuss Rosevear Hill.

14. Public questions

8 members of the public were all present from Rosevear to discuss the speed limit down there – the site of a fatal accident on Good Friday. One stated that there were at least 11 entrances onto the B3293 at that point and he himself had been refused planning permission for another dwelling down there due to access problems. Everyone there had rung/written to the Police and Highways and had been sent back to the Parish Council. They felt they might get a flashing speed warning sign and had to stick their car bonnet out into the road to see to get out. Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger stated that 4 members of the public had written to him. He was waiting on a written report by P C Mark Leath (road casualty reduction officer) who had given a verbal assessment of the situation. Cllr Walter Sanger had spoken to Highways. There had been a survey done on A & B roads that resulted in the speed limits being lowered to 30mph in Meneage Road Helston, at Longdowns on the A394, between Breage & Ashton also on the A394. However, it did not make any recommendations for the B3293. There used to be a traffic fund for Cornwall Cllrs but now a smaller fund was available to them for traffic schemes. With this fund Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger was applying for the 40mph limit through Rosevear to the other side of Garras to be lowered to 30mph all the way. He added that supporting letters would be welcome. Cornwall Council Officer Peter Tatlow was looking for supporting evidence. It was pointed out however that there needed to be enforcement otherwise it would make no difference. Residents stated that 2 traffic police from Exeter were appalled at the speed on the road and had said that it should be

30mph. Cllr Walter Sanger said he needed that in writing to support his case. The Royal Mail agreed, stating that it was the worst place for delivering on the Lizard Peninsula.

There were no other public questions.

15. To discuss speed limit and safety issues regarding Rosevear Hill

This had already been dealt with above.

16. 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.

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

A member raised the matter of Oak Tree Cottage, for which the owner had been given another 2 months to comply with the enforcement notice, over 2 months ago. The Clerk advised that she had chased the officer concerned who was visiting soon. He should have done it by now. She would chase him again.

18. To consider planning applications received from Cornwall Council

- a) PA14/03130 Erection of two dwellings, Land Adjacent To 13 Langweath Estate, Mawgan, Mr Trezize

A site meeting had been held for this because the planning officer could not wait for tonight's meeting for a decision. However, when the Chairman, Cllrs Lindsay Hockley, Mrs Pearl Merton, Mrs Dot Spragg, Colin Chapman and the Clerk got there they found that the site notice had not even been put up and it would be another 3 weeks after that before a decision could be made. The Clerk therefore kept the plans for tonight's meeting. At the site meeting it was felt that in principle the two semi-detached houses fitted in better than one large 4-bed house. They were more affordable than the 1 big house and much more practical. It was RESOLVED to support the application.

- b) PA14/03376 The erection of a 4.0m diameter satellite antenna with an optional 7.7m raydome, British Telecom, Goonhilly Earth Station Goonhilly Downs

It was RESOLVED to support the application.

- c) PA14/04050 Demolition of single storey stone, livestock building. Erection of multipurpose covered feed yard for cattle, Skyburriowe Farm, Skyburriowe, Mawgan, Mr E V Benney

Cllr Vivian Benney declared an interest and left the meeting. It was RESOLVED to support the application.

Cllr Vivian Benney re-entered the meeting.

- d) PA14/04312 Erection of conservatory, Tregarth, Lower Lane, Mawgan, Mr & Mrs Cocks

It was felt that this was rather cramped, being on a plot that was already in the garden of another house, however It was RESOLVED to support the application, with 1 against.

19. To receive planning decisions from Cornwall Council

There were no planning applications received from Cornwall Council.

20. To receive Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger's report

Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger reported that on 14th May a grant scheme had been launched whereby private property owners could get a grant to tackle surface run-off from other private land onto their private land. At present it was a civil job and could be quite costly, this grant could make life easier. Free WW1 trees were available and the item was further down this agenda. His new Community Chest grant fund was up and running for groups to apply to. Cury Parish Council wished to produce a neighbourhood plan but felt that doing it as a cluster might be better than on doing it on their own, so a joint Peninsula-wide might be called. Mawgan stated that it was interested and would attend any such meeting. At present there was a consultation in progress on the housing allocation scheme. The new county-wide public transport timetable was due out at the beginning of June. The Chairman questioned the quality of the First bus service because on one of the days when it broke down a Helston College student missed a vital exam and has had to arrange to re-sit it later in the year. Cllr Walter Sanger noted this and went on to say that following recent cuts all departments were coming in well under budget with the exception of the early intervention service, which was for the care of the elderly when they came out of hospital – there was a £11m overspend. It had been very badly run with some people not getting any help, others receiving it for too long. Cllr Lindsay Hockley returned to the matter about the bus service stating that it was sold in local plans as being available to save on using cars but it was having a serious effect on key members of the community. It was agreed that a letter be sent to First Bus Company, copied to D Edwards (Cornwall Council Public Transport Officer) and Cornwall Cllr Bert Biscoe (Portfolio Holder for Transport & Waste). Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger concluded by stating that Cornwall Council was offering a free weight management course over the summer.

21. Maintenance of footpath around St Keverne road – any luck on contacting land owner

Cllr Lindsay Hockley had got copies of her deeds from the solicitor and none of the plans showed that the land belonging to No 4 Tregarth Close did not go down to the main road. The latest plan was 2005. It was noted that neighbour M Rainbow had trimmed quite a bit

this week. Cllr Lindsay Hockley was thanked for taking the trouble to get her deeds from the solicitor and the matter was closed.

22. To consider any arrangements for commemoration of centenary of WW1 (4th August 2014)
Cllr John Hatton had placed an article in the Messenger calling for people who knew any of the names listed to contact him. He had received one call and that was about WW2. Cllr Lindsay Hockley had got some information from Trelowarren and there would probably be a small display on 'aspects of war'.
23. To consider playground inspection report
This was given to Cllr Mrs Dot Spragg to look at and report on at the next meeting.
24. To consider setting up a new Parish Council website and how to go about it – see enclosed
Cllr Colin Chapman had sent a quote received by another Parish Council. It was £75/year for the hosting but to build a complete site would be £500. Cllr John Hatton stated there was no way the old one could be resurrected as it was dead and gone. He was willing to sketch out what Council might want. This was agreed.
25. To consider insurance quotes for coming year

Cover Levels	Zurich	Aon
Public Liability	£12 Million	£10 Million
Officials Indemnity	£12 Million	£250,000
Employers Liability	£10 Million	£10 Million
Fidelity Guarantee	£250,000	£250,000
Personal Accident	£100,000 + £100 pw	£25,000 + £100 pw
Libel and Slander	£250,000	£250,000
Legal Expenses	£100,000	£100,000
Money	£250,000	£250,000
All Risk's Excess	£100	£125
1 year	580.69	682.70
3 year	527.90	

It was RESOLVED to go with Zurich on a 3-year agreement at £527.90/yr.

26. To receive update on scrap metal business being run in Langweath Estate
Following the registration with planning enforcement the situation seemed to have quietened down. After members had held the site meeting at 13 Langweath Estate they went round to look for trailers, etc but could not see anything. It was noted.
27. To make arrangements for serving of teas after Feast Sunday Service
Cllr Mrs Dot Spragg would organise it and get some other help.
28. To consider Feast Service sheet adapted for WW1 by Vicar (enclosed)
It was felt that this was agreeable.
29. To consider membership of Cornwall Association of Local Councils £242.15
It was RESOLVED not to re-join CALC.

30. To consider grant to Helford River Children's Sailing Trust (£1000 ring-fenced for grants)
As £70 had been given in the past, under S137, it was RESOLVED to give £70 again this year. Garras school children were participating in the sail training provided.

31. Free remembrance trees for schools and community groups

Cllr Mrs Dot Spragg had investigate this a year before – the trees came from the Woodland Trust. They were very small and would require a lot of work to plant and keep clear of weeds and she felt it was not appropriate. Cllr Anthony Hoskin offered to plant and weed them. It was felt that some trees/shrubs could be placed at the entrance of the village between the bus shelter and the Recreation Hall. Cllr Anthony Hoskin felt that when they got big they would overhang the footway. It was felt something smaller such as Hydrangeas might be suitable. This was noted.

32. Clerk's & Councils Direct magazine

This was noted.

33. Items for inclusion on next month's agenda

Superfast broadband availability in Mawgan and parish plan.

34. To approve the following outstanding accounts:

a) Clerk's pay (net), expenses	£591.11	b) for churchyard trimming x2	£390.00
c) Account verges trim x 2	£30.00	c) Playground inspection x 2	£163.20
d) Footpath trimming	£459.00	f) Award in Food Safety course	£75.00

35. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – For information only

Graveyard trimming – grass was going onto flowers and graves. The trimmer would be asked to take a little more care.

The Goonhilly Segway team wished to practice outside the Recreation Hall but got sent away. Cllr Mrs Dot Spragg stated that they had parked right across the door when a meeting was about to start. She had asked them not to use the field while the hall was in use. They were playing football, not riding segways and she did not swear at them, as alleged. It was noted.

36. Date of next meeting – 18th June 2014

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.43pm.

CHAIRMAN

Date