

Minutes of a meeting of Mawgan Parish Council held in the Recreation Hall on Wednesday 17th December 2014 at 7.30 pm

Present

Councillor Shaun Lock (Chairman)

“ John Hatton (Vice-chairman)

“ Mrs Pearl Merton

“ Vivian Benney

“ Miss Lindsay Hockley

“ Chris Roberts

“ Kevin Roberts

“ Colin Chapman

“ Anthony Hoskin

1 member of public

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Dot Spragg, Cornwall Councillor Walter Sanger and the Police.

2. Presentation on community energy schemes by Ben Eardley (Rural Community Energy Fund)

Deferred until later in the meeting when arrived and set up.

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

There were no declarations.

4. To receive PCSO Julia Berry's monthly report

During November there were two crimes reported to the police, these crimes were both thefts and are both currently under investigation.

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

I would also like to remind you that as of the 1 December Devon and Cornwall Police will be increasing their patrol as part of the drink driving campaign.

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. Or alternatively email Helston@devonandcornwall.police.pnn.uk

Lastly, I would like to thank you all for your assistance and support throughout the past year and take this opportunity of wishing you a merry Christmas and a Happy, prosperous and crime free New Year.

5. Public questions (2 minutes each, 15 minutes total). This is your only chance to speak

A Rosevear resident was hoping to ask Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger whether there was any progress on traffic calming for the hill. He hoped it was ongoing. The Police report into

speeding would again be requested. The resident noted that a good wall had been built by Cormac at Gear Bridge and felt a letter of thanks would be in order. However, Council did not consider this necessary.

6. To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting

It was RESOLVED that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true and correct record of the previous meeting. Cllr C Chapman abstained as he was not present at the previous meeting.

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

8. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

9. To consider planning applications received from Cornwall Council

- a) PA14/10601 retention of replacement shed for storage of tools and animal feed, Countybridge Quarry, Goonhilly Downs, Mr J Owen

Despite 3 requests for a site meeting, the agent had stalled on each occasion. It was RESOLVED to seek refusal of planning permission adding that had it been presented to Council in the proper manner it would have been refused so Council could not change its stance. It was further agreed that it be requested the application went to the full planning committee, rather than being dealt with under delegated powers, provided the local member (Walter Sanger) agreed.

10. To receive planning decisions from Cornwall Council

09.12.2014 PA14/09827 APPROVED

Applicant: Mr Alan Harris

Location: Nanceverne Bungalow Mawgan Helston TR12 6BQ

Proposal: Erection of new field access with gate

27.11.2014 PA14/09317 APPROVED

Applicant: Mrs N Ray

Location: Landare Lower Lane Mawgan Helston Cornwall

Proposal: Proposed extension to existing stables and new tractor store

11. To receive Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger's report

There was no Cornwall Council report.

12. To consider setting up a Christmas tree committee

This would be arranged within the village when necessary.

13. To receive update from Cormac on possible repair of bridge on footpath 7

The problem here is that the river banks are suffering erosion and there are a number of steps that need to be taken before the bridge can be re-built.

Whoever undertakes this project will need to gain Water Course consent through CC and the EA for the works. Due to the erosion, it will also be necessary to gain an engineer's report as it will be highly likely that abutments are constructed to give the bridge a firm footing and to negate future erosion around the structure.

As the bridge will be therefore placed onto abutments, there will be further engineering works to secure the structure in place and as it is an unknown as to exactly where the best place is to position the bridge, it may be that a longer structure is required which will require re-design and construction on site.

Unfortunately is not a case of simply taking what has been washed out and placing it back over the river. As CC would remain the Principal Contractor, there would also be some fairly strict H&S guidelines and risk assessments with regards to anyone working in or near to a watercourse.

This issue is sitting with CC and I am hoping that at some point we will receive the necessary Capital funding to do all the above works.

This all seemed rather negative and it was agreed to let the matter rest until the spring.

14. To consider updating position with regard to Toy cast iron finger post and recasting second arm

As the forecast balances for the end of the financial year were good; it was suggested that the re-casting of the second arm on the Toy cast iron finger post be considered again. Some funding would come from Cwll Cllr Walter Sanger's community chest fund for the first arm. One member questioned how often Council was going to keep repairing the arms, just for vandals to break them off again. Another member felt it should be considered unfortunate but to repair the arms. He took the first member's point and it could be born in mind if there was a next time. It was RESOLVED that both arms be repaired.

Return to item 2 – presentation on community energy schemes

Ben Eardsley, (Rural Community Energy Fund), gave a short presentation on how community energy schemes might work. A feasibility study could be paid for with funding available. The idea was for renewables to be installed either on community buildings or land, with the community investing in the installation costs and then receiving the FIT (Feed in Tariff) payments in return for their investment. A community share issue would fund it. There was no commitment up to stage 1 – the feasibility study. It was agreed that Council could look into it and it would be added to the next agenda.

15. To resolve to include for Clerk's retirement gratuity in annual budgets

There was a requirement to pay a gratuity to the Clerk on retirement/death but this had not been allowed for in the past due the low balances that Council always carried. There was a formula for working it out and it was agreed that an amount be ring-fenced in the budget.

16. To consider obtaining a defibrillator for the village

This could cost approx £1000 and then there would only be one defibrillator in the parish, whereas at least two were required – one each for Garras and Mawgan. Some members felt that it would be better just to hold a CPR training evening open to all villagers. Prices for

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that would be sought from St John's Ambulance and also for a defibrillator, replacement pads, training, maintenance, etc. It would be put on the February agenda.

17. To consider setting aside sum in budget towards extending parking at Recreation Hall

It was felt this was not necessary as the windmill fund might pay for it and the Recreation Hall could ask the Parish Council at the time of need if required.

18. To consider setting aside sum in budget for replacement of other two noticeboards

It was felt £2k was rather a lot for two notice boards and that the Rose-in-the-Bush one was probably satisfactory for a while. The one at the shop could do with being replaced and some prices for recycled plastic ones would be sought online.

19. To consider setting aside sum in budget for weed spraying around village

It was agreed that a sum of £400 be included for weed spraying.

20. To approve 2015/16 budget, taking into account the above and set precept figure

For the S137 grants it was agreed to ring fence £750 for any requests that may be considered. A member questioned why the Parish Council paid for the cutting of the open cemetery. It was not known as it had always happened since before the present Clerk took over. An explanation was required and it needed regularising now. In an effort to keep up balances it was RESOLVED to precept for £22,500.00 for 2015/16 financial year.

21. Items for inclusion on next month's agenda

Community energy, notice board, Power of Competence, cemetery maintenance.

22. To attend site meeting with First buses at Vyvyan bus stop tomorrow (Thu 18th afternoon)

A resident had managed to get a site meeting with First buses, to discuss why they no longer used the Vyvyan bus stop. She requested representation from the Parish Council. However, no-one could attend because they had not known about the situation for long enough and there was no given time.

23. To approve the following outstanding accounts:

a) Clerk's pay Dec (net)	£491.44	d) Verges trimming x 1	£15.00
b) Clerk's expenses Dec 14	£58.73	e) Weed spraying around Garras	£40.00
c) Churchyards trimming x 1	£195.00	f) British Legion 2 x wreaths	£37.00 (paid)

24. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – For information only

Date of next meeting – 21st January

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

CHAIRMAN

Date