

Minutes of a meeting of Mawgan Parish Council held in the Recreation Hall on Wednesday 18th March 2015 at 7.30 pm

Present

Councillor Shaun Lock (Chairman)

“ Mrs Pearl Merton

“ Vivian Benney

“ Miss Lindsay Hockley

“ Chris Roberts

“ Kevin Roberts

“ Colin Chapman

“ Mrs Dot Spragg

“ Anthony Hoskin

Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger

4 members of the public

Apologies

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

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.

To hear Head teacher Mrs Susan Evans report on the school federation process

Mrs Evans started out by saying that what the two schools involved in the process were looking for was a ‘hard’ federation. They were already working together as a ‘soft’ federation and this would add formality to it. Teachers from both schools shared and met regularly. Parents were wholly accepting of each other and it felt natural to pull this co-operation together formally. As head teacher to both the schools involved she felt it ‘just worked’. When asked what was wrong with Garras School as it was, she stated nothing, it did not need fixing, just enhancing and the school would not go downhill if they did not federate.

To receive a report from Cornwall Council Education officer (if available to attend)

The Chairman asked him to give Cornwall Council’s view of what was about to happen. Tim Osborne, Head of County Schools Improvement, started out by saying that in 2008 members took a decision to keep active education in small communities. However, that became untenable for very small schools and in Cornwall there were found to be hotspots of small schools. The solution they came up with was not one model. Devon had experienced ‘burn out’ of head teachers working multiple committees and governing bodies, so ‘hard’ federation was evolved. It involved making better use of existing resources and was not money making. It was growing good leaders for the future. Advantages of doing it formally were that next time the staff were employed they would be employed by the federation and work at both/all schools and not for an

individual school within the federation. Would it be a takeover? Governors needed to be really clear why they were going into it. When asked if one school's numbers went really low would the school be under pressure to close and children go to the other school in the federation the reply was that the federation would be managed by a trust, it would take 18 months for consultation and they had no desire to close small schools in Cornwall. They would have to look at capacity in other schools, plus parental choice came strongly into play. There would be no difference whether in a federation or an individual school. The Chair of the Governors stated that it put them in the strongest position possible. Sometimes the decision was taken out of the hands of governors by government if schools were weak.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Evans and Mr Osborne for their attendance and they left the meeting.

It was then agreed to bring item 13 up the agenda to discuss straight away and was RESOLVED to support the proposal that Garras and Sithney schools form a federation.

To receive PCSO Julia Berry's monthly report

During February 2015 there were two crimes reported to the police. These crimes were:

Burglary from non dwelling (shed). This has been investigated as far as possible but no suspects identified.

Common Assault. This has been dealt with by way of restorative justice.

There has been a restructuring of the neighbourhood team at Helston; the key change is a move from three neighbourhoods to two, WPC 14940 Butcher will be working alongside PCSO 30053 Berry and PCSO 30295 Whitford to cover Helston and the Lizard. PCSO numbers have now increased with the internal transfer of two PCSO's to fill the existing vacancies in Helston North, raising the numbers at Helston from two to four.

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. Alternatively email helston@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

To receive Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger's report

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) had expanded its remit to include all health aspects including GP surgeries and small care homes. 60 empty homes had been brought back into use for rent. Cornwall Council lent money or put a charge on the property, and then Cornwall Council had nomination rights. 16th April was the deadline for the next Windmill Fund grant applications. Permission to use EU funding directly in Cornwall had been refused by the Government, only London would get it direct. The flashing 30mph sign at Garras was reported to be intermittent. Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger would report it to highways. It was noted that average speed cameras had been installed at Trewennack.

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

There were no public questions.

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.

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

Vyvyan Coach House Trust – the paperwork had been given to Mrs Burford as a trustee but she did not know how to run it and only did it because no-one else would. The Chairman suggesting getting the paperwork from her and forming a new trust. It was recommended that the Parish Council be made managing trustee, then it could claim back VAT. The Chairman would get someone along to the meeting to discuss the matter.

To consider planning applications received from Cornwall Council

- a) 2 Boscawen Cottages – application going to April Committee meeting – someone needs to support

Planning officers had recommended refusal of this application but Cllr Walter Sanger had requested that it go to the full planning committee. Cllr Colin Chapman would write up a statement and Cllr Mrs Dot Spragg would attend the meeting, after visiting the site in question.

- b) PA15/02077 Application for removal or variation of condition 12 of PA08/01090/F, to allow the property to be used for residential letting purposes, The Barn, Rose-in-the-Bush, Mawgan

It was RESOLVED to support the application.

To receive planning decisions from Cornwall Council**27.02.2015 PA14/11606 Granted (CAADs and LUs only)**

Applicant: Mr Piran Trezize

Location: Goonhilly Earth Station Goonhilly Downs Helston Cornwall TR12 6LQ

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for proposed installation of solar panels on roof

26.02.2015 PA15/01087 Prior approval not req'd (AF/TEL/DEM)

Applicant: Vodafone Ltd

Location: RNAS Culdrose Sports Ground Gunwalloe Road Gunwalloe Cornwall

Proposal: Application for determination of prior approval under Part 24 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 for proposed replacement of existing equipment with new (1 no. mast, 3 no. antennas, 3 no. cabinets)

To receive info from Cornwall Cllr Walter about registering School as a community asset

Some schools had been allowed to be registered as community assets in Bedfordshire but in Cornwall they were not within the criteria. A good reason was needed as to why Council

actually wanted THAT building for community use, whereas a school could be set up anywhere. It was noted.

To re-consider Garras & Sithney schools becoming a federation

This had already been dealt with.

To receive information from Chairman and Cllr A Hoskin re prices for CPR training sessions

The Chairman tried St John's Ambulance but drew a blank. Cllr Anthony Hoskin had spoken to someone who could do 1 days training for £200 i.e. two sessions of 12 people each. It was agreed that some dates be sought.

Closed churchyard grass cutting – funding from Cormac?

This only applied to closed churchyards that had been handed over to Kerrier to maintain, so did not apply to Mawgan.

Feast Week

A date was arranged for 30th March to hold a Feast Week meeting.

Clerks & Councils Direct magazine

This was noted.

Items for inclusion on next month's agenda

£200 for CPR, Feast Week.

To approve the following outstanding accounts:

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

a) Clerk's pay Mar (net)	£491.44	d) 1/4ly war memorial maintenance	£30.00
b) Clerk's expenses Mar 15	£42.97	e) 1/4ly bus shelters cleaning	£40.00
c) Internal audit fee 2013/14	£120.00		

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – For information only

There was a sewage smell near the pub, outside Glebe Hall. Environmental health would be contacted.

The re-instatement of the footbridge on path 7 would be chased now that the weather was improving.

A contractor would be reminded of the request for a quote to refurbish the parish milestones.

Date of next meeting – 15th April

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm.

CHAIRMAN

Date