

Minutes of a meeting of Mawgan Parish Council held in the Recreation Hall on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.30 pm

Present

Councillor Shaun Lock (Chairman)  
 “ Kevin Roberts (Vice-chairman)  
 “ Mrs Pearl Merton  
 “ Miss Lindsay Hockley  
 “ Colin Chapman  
 “ Mrs Dot Spragg  
 “ Anthony Hoskin  
 “ Michael Laity  
 “ Walter Sanger (Cornwall Council)

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1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Vivian Benney, John Hatton and the Police. The Chairman extended a welcome to new member Mike Laity who duly signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

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

There were no declarations.

3. To receive PCSO Julia Berry's monthly report

Firstly, I would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful New Year.

Please accept my apologies for not attending the meeting this evening.

During December a theft was reported the police; this has been filed pending further information coming forward.

During December there were 12 logs; of these logs 10 related to motoring or highway issues.

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](mailto:helston@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk).

4. Public questions

A member of the public thanked members for the Christmas tree and lights – especially those tussling with putting the tree up in the wind. Another member of the public asked Cwll Cllr Walter Sanger how they could get Cornwall Council to realise that the B3293 was dangerous at Rosevear and how to get the school 20mph limit further up the list for installation – should he write to his MP? Cwll Cllr Walter Sanger stated that would be a good idea because he had done all he could but would still help where possible. The member of the public also reported

on a site meeting that had been held with Cormac and Grade Ruan Parish Council Chairman with regard to the location for an AONB stone somewhere on Rosevear Hill, which he and the Clerk had attended. It was agreed to site it between the Gweek junction and the mileage sign just down the hill, on the wide verge available there. It was not the exact boundary of the AONB but Cormac stated that sometimes there had to be compromise with boundary stones and this location would be safe for the installation team to work without having to employ traffic lights and for ongoing trimming and maintenance of the sign. The A3083 sign might be moved closer to Culdrose roundabout and the Clerk questioned whether that too was in Mawgan parish. It was noted.

5. To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting

Item 17i) would be removed as the Recreation Hall Committee paid the Gweek Band donation, not the Parish Council. Apart from that It was RESOLVED that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true and correct record of the previous meeting.

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

There were no other matters arising.

7. To consider proposed upgrade of mobile phone base station (tall mast) at Goonhilly

This proposal was to swap out 3 existing antennae at the top of the mast with 6 new antennae. It would not involve any change to the tower. Cwll Cllr Walter Sanger advised that the intention was to add Vodafone and O<sub>2</sub> to the networks available on the tower. It was agreed to support the proposal.

8. To consider planning applications received from Cornwall Council

- a) PA15/11982 New single storey, ground floor extension to the rear of the property with accessible roof terrace above, Skyburriowe Mill Cottage, Skyburriowe Mill, Garras, Mr David Taylor

Members voted unanimously in favour of recommending approval of this application.

- b) PA15/12031 Demolition of No 2, Boscawen Cottages and Erection of a Replacement Dwelling, Boscawen Cottages, Gwealeath, Cury Cross Lanes, (reserved matters) Ms Sam Reed

Members voted unanimously in favour of recommending approval of this application, as they had already supported the outline application at the Cornwall Council Planning Committee meeting.

- c) PA16/00054 Conversion and extension of agricultural buildings to form 5 dwellings including installation of sewage treatment plant and alterations to access, Roskymer Barton, Rosevear Hill, Mawgan, Mr Barry Williams

Concern was expressed that there could be water run-off down the road to Rosevear and it was questioned whether the entrance could be moved 20m uphill away from the bend, to give better visibility. However, this site already had planning permission for 3 units in 2009 and the necessary highways work required for that had already been carried out. Highways had no problem with the entrance and as for the water running down the main road; that came through the field hedge further up, not off the farm lane. On a vote 7 were in favour with 1 abstention. The application was therefore recommended for approval.

9. To receive planning decisions from Cornwall Council

**18.12.2015 PA15/08115 REFUSED**

**Applicant:** Mr D Taylor & K Boyle

**Location:** Skyburriowe Mill Cottage Garras Garras Helston Cornwall

**Proposal:** Conversion, Extension and Change of Use of Former Water Mill to Form Single Dwelling

**17.12.2015 PA15/10813 APPROVED**

**Applicant:** Mr S Wilson

**Location:** Little Nanspean Gunwalloe Cornwall TR12 7PU

**Proposal:** Dining room, porch and link extensions, internal alterations.

10. To consider adopting 'procedure' for co-option to fill future casual vacancies on Council

Following the co-option the previous month, the Chairman had come up with a suggested procedure to go through in future when there was a casual vacancy. After some discussion and advice from Cwll Cllr Walter Sanger it was agreed that it be drafted thus:

- a) Member gives name & address of interested applicant to Clerk or they write direct to Clerk
- b) Clerk to send a form/application letter setting out details (when meet, etc)
- c) Include that will be given opportunity for 2 minute presentation & questions at co-option meeting
- d) Invite to meeting and ask questions in public
- e) Make decision at end in Committee
- f) Send formal letter of acceptance/non acceptance

11. To discuss forming a 'loose' cluster of parishes to lobby Cornwall Council for a 'transitional option' to go paperless. In meantime local planning agent offered Clerk use of printer

Cllr Colin Chapman advised that paperless planning had been hidden in the Cornwall Council budget and went through unopposed. However, it had caused much hurt and really inflamed rural parishes, which had been given a one-off £700 grant by Cornwall Council in order to pay for equipment, training, etc to cope with the change to paperless. None of these rural parishes had its own office, full time employee, computer, printer, software, etc relying totally on the

part-time clerks and their own personal equipment and if such items were purchased they would all become redundant every 3-4 years. He, as Clerk to 3 other parish councils had received no reply from the Planning Portfolio Holder to any of his correspondence. Voting on the next Cornwall Council budget was due in February and he felt it might be an opportunity to reverse the paperless planning decision. If the North Cornwall Cluster Group could get 10% extra on the LMP grant (footpaths) perhaps a very loose cluster group of small rural parish councils might be able to swing things against paperless planning. This cluster would consist of his three parish councils and the five St Keverne & Meneage parishes and he would be willing to be the spokesperson on behalf of all eight parishes. It was unanimously agreed to form a 'loose' cluster with seven other parishes in order to try and reverse the paperless planning issue. The Clerk had been offered the use of a local planning agent's A1 printer, which could help in the interim until a final decision had been made. This was agreeable to Council.

12. To arrange to seek quotes for footpath trimming 2016

Adverts would be put on notice boards and sent to known interested grounds contractors.

13. To receive Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger's report

Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger reported that a new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for Cornwall Council had been appointed – Kate Kenally, former deputy CEO Barnet Council, London. She intended moving her family down and was here for the long term. The contract with BT for IT, payroll and some NHS work was terminated in court on 21st December with immediate effect as the IT system was not up to scratch and there had not been the jobs created that BT had said there would be. Cornwall Council members would like to see the services taken back in house. The Boundary Commission demanded a review of Cornwall Cllr ward boundaries in time for the May 2017 elections. However, Cornwall Council had successfully requested that this be suspended until 2022 due to lack of time. There had been an under spend in Cornwall Council on devolution of £608k. This would be distributed to Community Networks by so much per Cornwall Cllr in the Community Network, for assisting devolution projects – i.e. taking on assets from Cornwall Council. Helston Community Network would get £34,610.00. Finally, Cllr Walter Sanger asked how good the high speed internet was in Mawgan, as Cornwall Council was conducting a survey. Members advised that Garras was good but Mawgan village was poor.

14. To consider including celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday during Feast Week

Cllr Lindsay Hockley suggested holding a big 'bring & share' birthday party on Feast Sunday before the start of the war memorial service, with a large birthday cake made and provided by RNAS Culdrose and its representative for the service cutting the cake with a silver sword.

Everyone thought this a good idea and the suggestion about the cake would be put to RNAS Culdrose.

15. Clerks & Councils Direct magazine

This was noted.

16. To receive letter of thanks for donation of coffee money to RBL on Remembrance Sunday

This was noted.

17. Items for inclusion on next month's agenda

Footpath trimming quotes, to receive details from RNAS Culdrose re birthday cake, Christmas lights committee, first aid training and Feast activities that required early booking.

18. To receive the financial statement

£20,926.51 excluding the payments detailed below.

19. To approve the following outstanding accounts:

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

a) Clerk's pay Dec (net)	£492.04	e) Cutting verges x 1	£18.00
b) Clerk's expenses (Dec)	£69.42	f) Cutting Glebe play area x1	£24.00
c) HMRC tax	£158.40	g) Cutting churchyards x 1	£234.00
d) Cutting Rec Field x 1	£96.00		

20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – For information only

It was noted that the diary of the sound system operator who provided the public address for Feast Saturday was filling up and he required confirmation that he was needed for Sat 18<sup>th</sup> June. It was agreed to book him and to put the matter of Feast activities requiring early booking onto the next agenda.

Lower Lane was only being swept one side, so the other remained full of mud and slippery leaves. The Clerk would ask Cornwall Council to do another sweep.

21. Date of next meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.47pm.

CHAIRMAN

Date