

Minutes of a meeting of Mawgan Parish Council held remotely via Zoom on Wednesday 21st April 2021 at 7.30 pm

Present

Councillor Colin Chapman (Chairman)
 “ Michael Laity (Vice-chairman)
 “ Mrs Pearl Merton
 “ Vivian Benney
 “ Miss Lindsay Hockley
 “ Shaun Lock
 “ Kevin Roberts
 “ Julian Rand (Cornwall Council)
 1 member of the public

1. Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

The Chairman welcomed people to the last meeting of this current Council before Parish Council elections on 6th May 2021.

2. Members to declare an interest on any item on this agenda

Cllr K Roberts – 4b) non-disclosable interest as neighbour but permitted to stay.

3. Minutes – to confirm the minutes of the 17th February 2021 meeting held via Zoom

It was RESOLVED that the Chairman sign the minutes as a true and correct record of the previous meeting.

4. To consider planning applications received from Cornwall Council

- a) PA21/01657 Erection of bungalow and domestic garage without compliance with Condition 4 in respect of decision W2/79/00748/F dated 09.10.79, Tregear Vean, Garras, Mrs Hebbard

When this property was built occupation was restricted to the applicant, which was totally unworkable now when the next generation wished to take it on. It was RESOLVED to support the request for the removal of the occupation restriction.

- b) PA21/02255 Construction of replacement dwelling & associated works in relation to (PA17/08877) barns at County Bridge, Goonhilly Downs, Mr Les Lugg

Cllr Roberts withdrew from the meeting and took no part in discussion nor voted thereon. Members tended to agree with the AONB comments feeling this application was totally different to what had previously been approved and if it had been put forward originally it would not have got permission. There was quite a bit of the barns left and the previous design was a really good way of putting old buildings back into use. It was RESOLVED to recommend refusal as follows:

The original permission was granted for the conversion of the existing buildings and not their replacement. It is highly likely that even a modest, single-storey new build on that particular site would have been refused as being contrary to a number of policies contained in the Cornwall Local Plan. These include Policy 7 (because the site is located in the open countryside outside of any nearby settlement) Policy 21 (because the site's rural location is not sustainably located) and Policy 23 (because proposals for development are required to sustain local distinctiveness and character and protect and, where possible, enhance Cornwall's natural environment and assets).

The Certificate of Lawful for commencement of Works for New Dwelling (on which the applicant appears to be relying for this new dwelling) was linked to the permission given for the conversion of the two barns and not to a new-build.

The current application seeks permission for a new contemporary dwelling on a substantially larger footprint than that of the barns as they existed when permission was first sought. Furthermore, it seeks to extend the footprint of the buildings substantially. The result will be a large, modern, inappropriate dwelling and workshop: the two buildings bear no resemblance to the existing ruined barns and the development as a whole will have an unwelcome visual impact on this highly sensitive rural area.

Mawgan-in-Meneage Parish Council recommends refusal of this application.

- c) PA21/00529 Revision to the design of three out of eight approved holiday lodges to a simplified and smaller design, Trevassack Lake, Goonhilly Downs, Children's Sailing Trust

Cllr Roberts re-entered the meeting. It was RESOLVED to support the application.

- d) PA21/02509 Reserved matters for decision PA18/00213 (Outline application for provision of a detached two storey dwelling with associated works) Chy An Withan, Ponstantual Hill, Mawgan, Mr & Mrs Loxton

It was RESOLVED to support the application.

- e) PA21/02801 Non-material amendment with respect to decision notice PA20/09420 (Construction of dwelling with variation of condition 2 in respect of decision PA19/10935), land rear of Trelow Cottage, Mawgan, J and D Daniels and James

It was RESOLVED to support the application.

5. To receive planning decisions from Cornwall Council

3.03.2021 PA20/11306 WITHDRAWN

Applicant: Mrs D. Worden

Location: Trezemper Farm Goonhilly Downs Helston TR12 6LQ

Proposal: Demolition of existing workshop and proposed replacement dwelling

08.03.2021 PA21/01058 APPROVED

Applicant: Dr Catriona Pennell

Location: Chy An Lowarth Higher Lane Mawgan TR12 6AX

Proposal: Proposed enlargement of existing rear dormer. Proposed ground floor rear extension. change of material to external cladding and internal alterations

12.03.2021 PA20/11400 APPROVED

Applicant: Goonhilly Earth Station

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

Proposal: Construction of 3 no additional antennas and a mast with variation of condition 2 of decision notice PA17/02471 dated 14/06/2017

6. To receive Cornwall Cllr Julian Rand's report

Cornwall Cllr Julian Rand had attended a lot of virtual briefing meetings for what would happen if he did get re-elected. The Together for Families group had received a good OFSTED report. He was still trying to get 16+ education at Mullion and/or improved list of subjects in Helston because it involved them having to travel long distances to Camborne or Truro in order to access further education.

Cornwall Cllr Julian Rand and his family and friends had been very busy leaflet dropping. He hoped everything would go well and that he would see Council at the next meeting. The Chairman asked whether the CNP Highways Schemes approved at the end of September had made any progress at all. It was in the planned list of schemes but other areas were being done first and there was no start date yet. He hoped that it would still continue beyond the election, which would see a new Cornwall Council. Cornwall Cllr Julian Rand was wished good luck for the forthcoming election and thanked very much for all he had done for the parish.

8.03pm

Cornwall Cllr Julian Rand and the member of public left the Zoom meeting.

7. To approve the following outstanding accounts:

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

a) Clerk's Pay (net) Apr	£514.68	k) MH Groundworks new tank Hall	£15,918.22 (paid)
b) Clerk's xps Apr	£4.32	l) SSE bus shelter electricity (Mar)	£3.86 (paid)
c) Cornwall Pension Fund (Apr)	£131.80	m) Monthly inspection Rec play area	£30.00 (paid)
d) Trim churchyards x 1 (Mar)	£258.00	n) Clerk's expenses (Mar)	17.90 (paid)
e) Monthly inspection Rec play area	£30.00	o) Trim rec ground+ verge x1 (Feb)	£126.00 (paid)
f) Cut hedge trees on left of Rec	£333.00	p) Trim churchyards x 1 (Feb)	£258.00 (paid)
g) Cut trees behind hall	£333.00	q) Cornwall Pension Fund (Mar)	£131.80 (paid)
h) Trim rec ground+ verge x1	£96.00	r) Clerk's pay (Mar)	514.68 (paid)
i) Refurbish R-i-B noticeboard	£90.00	s) W Bourne (wm & shelters)	£70.00 (paid)
j) SSE bus shelter electricity	£3.86		

8. Any Other Business

A member raised the matter of concern over rotting tree stumps on the bend on Rosevear Hill, which, having been originally cut down at the request of Cornwall Council, were now rotting and threatening to come out taking the bank down into the road with them. The Clerk had already flagged it up with Cormac, including the fact that the owner was asked to cut down the trees by them originally, but Cormac refuses to get involved stating it is the landowner's responsibility. Cormac would only move in and stabilise it if there were a collapse. It was agreed to contact the new Cornwall Cllr as soon as possible after election and to contact the MP as well.

Clay pigeon shooting was starting again the following weekend, with not so many attending. The amount of disturbance caused depended on the direction of the wind but some placing of bales, etc could mitigate it to a certain extent.

Cllr Mrs Pearl Merton announced that she had decided not to stand for re-election. She had been a member for 34 years but would be 80 the following year and with not being on the internet found it difficult to keep up with Council business, especially during the current pandemic when everything was done remotely. She might attend meetings from time to time as a member of the public. The Chair and members were sorry to see Pearl go and thanked her for her hard work and interest over the years.

9. Date of next meeting

19th May was tentatively agreed, with Council legally having to meet face to face from 7th May forward but national social distancing restrictions not due to lift enough until 17th May. The final date would be dependant on whether the planned roadmap out of lockdown continued unhindered and Government announcements would be monitored.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.