

Minutes of a meeting of Mawgan Parish Council held in the Recreation Hall on Wednesday 17th November 2021 at 7.30 pm

Present

Councillor Colin Chapman (Chairman)
 “ Mike Laity (Vice-chairman)
 “ Miss Lindsay Hockley
 “ Shaun Lock
 “ Anthony Hoskin
 “ Kevin Roberts
 “ Alan Harris
 “ Tony Firth
 “ Guy Foreman (Cornwall Council)
 Paul Gendall (planning agent)
 Lisa & Mark Coupland
 David & Carole Harris

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Sue Slater.

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

Cllr Tony Firth – 6a) applicant Cllr K Roberts – 6a) tenant

3. Public questions **(15 minutes in total – 2 minutes each - to speak on agenda item or raise a new subject). This is your only chance to speak unless invited to do so elsewhere by the Chairman**

Paul Gendall spoke on item 6a), being the agent. It was noted.

Lisa & Mark Coupland spoke of item 6b) – 4 more houses proposed behind the existing 4 at Springfield Meadow. They had several objections and concerns, the main one being the amount of extra traffic that would be using the estate road privately adopted by the existing 4 properties. There would likely be 10 more cars, more delivery vehicles and parking would overflow into the access road, which would restrict access to emergency vehicles. There would also be more run-off, the land got wetter the further down the slope at the back it went and existing houses already had water seepage coming up through paving. The environmental report was carried out in 2015, not 2016 as reported and biodiversity had changed a lot in that time. There could be potential damage to already ‘protected’ tree roots around the boundary and they questioned the concept that it was ‘rounding off’ of the site. A retired builder living opposite stated he had never seen such a small site with so much development on it already, let alone the possibility of more. It would impact on the privacy of existing properties and the proposed site was very wet. Comments were noted and would be taken into consideration when the application was considered further down the agenda.

4. Minutes

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

5. To receive Cornwall Cllr Guy Foreman’s report

Following on from its purchase of porta cabins to provide emergency accommodation, Cornwall Council was now purchasing 130 yet to be built homes at Carglaze Village, St Austell, in order to provide affordable housing. There were currently 3 Cornwall Council consultations that could be participated in online; Cornwall transport Plan 2050, Have your

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Say on bringing back beavers, red squirrels and wild cats back to Cornwall, Cornwall Fire & Rescue 'help shape our focus and activities'. There was still COVID around with youngsters now being vaccinated and boosters being rolled out.

6. To consider planning applications received from Cornwall Council

- a) PA21/09680 Construction of a single storey, portal frame building for use as a Rural Workshop, Higher Bojorrow, Garras, Mrs Angela Firth

Cllrs Tony Firth and Kevin Roberts left the meeting during discussion of this item.

It was RESOLVED to support the application.

Cllrs Tony Firth and Kevin Roberts re-entered the meeting

- b) PA21/09976 Construction of 4 Dwelling Houses & Associated Works (Previously Approved Development Site PA17/04997), land south east of Springfield Meadow, Higher Lane, Mawgan, MJL Developments Ltd

The Chairman read out a statement he had prepared. It was RESOLVED to recommend refusal and the following points were made to planning:

In May 2016 PA16/03120 addressed the aspect of the suburban cul de sac design by creating a new access onto Higher Lane, Mawgan. This application now re-introduces the cul de sac concept, which is suburban and would harm the character and appearance of Mawgan, which by its very nature is a dispersed village, with the introduction of such a layout and more dense building plots. There are no other back to back properties in the village.

Existing owners were sold the houses on the understanding that there would no more development of the land behind them and local searches revealed nothing. There is concern at potential of a lot more traffic; 10 more cars, many more delivery vans and service vehicles all on an estate road that has been adopted by the residents themselves. Overflow parking will occur in the access road restricting that to a single carriageway.

The land behind is very wet and gets worse the further down the slope it goes. Existing property owners already suffer problems of water seeping up through their paving after a lot of rain. The site cannot be described as 'rounding off' or 'infill' as there are only properties on one side of it, not three.

There is the high possibility of damage to previously protected tree roots and loss of natural habitat over time.

None of this housing is likely to be affordable, the site is within the Cornwall AONB and the damage caused will far outweigh benefits any financial contribution to off-site affordable housing and/or economic activity could provide.

For all of these reasons Mawgan-in-Meneage Parish Council recommends refusal of the application.

- c) PA21/10529 Demolition of existing workshop and proposed replacement dwelling, redundant workshop, Trezemper Farm, Goonhilly Downs, Mrs D Worden

This was a brown field site with access already established. It was RESOLVED to support the application.

7. To receive planning decisions from Cornwall Council.

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There were no planning decisions from Cornwall Council.

8. To arrange repairs to Harold's seat in the Recreation Field – inspection report flagged it up

Council's groundsman would be asked to look into repairing the seat and also to trim the inside of the Recreation Field hedge, especially alongside the tarmac path.

9. To consider and resolve to adopt the Cornwall Local Council Code of Conduct 2021

This Code of Conduct was considered a bit simpler and more straight forward and Cornwall Council was keen that Council's adopt it to make it easier for its monitoring officer. It was RESOLVED to adopt the Cornwall Local Council Code of Conduct 2021.

10. Reminder: Feast/Platinum Jubilee meeting Wed 24th November, Recreation Hall, 7.30pm

It was noted.

11. To receive the financial statement

£60,384.47 was in the bank before the cheques below were taken into account.

12. RECEIPTS received into the bank

There were no new receipts into the bank during the past month.

13. Thanks from Mrs Pearl Merton for flowers received on her retirement from Council

It was noted.

14. To approve the following outstanding accounts

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| a) Clerk's pay Nov (net tax & pension) | £514.68 | g) Glebe playground inspection (Oct) | £30.00 |
| b) Clerk's expenses | £47.57 | h) Rec play inspection (Oct) | £30.00 |
| c) Cornwall Pension Fund (Nov) | £131.80 | i) 4 x 4 no's for yellow signs | £9.46 |
| d) Trim village verges x 1 (Oct) | £24.00 | j) Tsohost Website hosting 1 yr | £86.26 |
| e) Trim churchyards x 2 (Oct) | £516.00 | k) SSE bus shelter electricity (Sep) | £3.86 |
| f) Trim Recreation Ground x 1 (Oct) | £102.00 | l) 2 x RBL poppy wreaths | £37.00 |

15. Any Other Business – for information only

The Chairman thanked those who had attend the Remembrance Sunday service at the war memorial, especially the cornet player. It was noted that at least 110 people attended. Cllr Alan Harris was thanked for storing and erecting the tommy statue.

Uneven road surface opposite the Shop would be reported to Cormac.

Untrimmed hedges along Lower Lane would be reported to Cormac.

Gweek Drive drains and gullies needed clearing out. It would be reported to Cormac.

The Give Way sign at the bottom of Ponsantual Hill where it met Gweek Drive was missing. It would be reported to Cormac.

16. Date of next meeting – 15th December 2021