

**Minutes of a meeting of Mawgan Parish Council held in the Recreation Hall on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7.30 pm**

**Present**

Councillor Kevin Roberts (Chairman)

- “ Mrs Pearl Merton
- “ Vivian Benney
- “ Miss Lindsay Hockley
- “ Colin Chapman
- “ Mrs Dot Spragg
- “ Anthony Hoskin
- “ Walter Sanger (Cornwall Council)

**1. To accept apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Chris Roberts, John Hatton and the Police.

**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 or dispensations.

**3. To receive PCSO Julia Berry's monthly report**

In her absence, the Clerk read PCSO Julia Berry's report:

Please accept my apologies for not attending the meeting this evening. I am currently on annual leave.

During July and August there were 5 crimes dealt with by the Police:

A person was issued with a fixed penalty notice for the possession of a class b drug.

Cause intentional harassment alarm and distress, this crime has been filed as the victim does not want any action taken toward the suspect as she believes that this may cause further problems in the long run.

Common assault and battery: this crime was dealt with by way of adult restorative disposal and an apology was made to the victim.

Wasting Police time: this crime is currently being investigated and evidence collated.

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.

**4. Public questions**

There were no public questions.

**5. To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting and planning meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> July**

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

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

Clapper Bridge in Trevery Woods – one of the three granite stones that made up the bridge had been stolen. It had been reported to Cornwall Council, who in turn had reported it to the Police. They were looking for funding to repair the bridge, during which time the path was closed to the public. It was noted.

#### **7. To consider planning applications received from Cornwall Council**

- a) PA13/07426 Retention of use of a bedroom, formerly a domestic store room, Trelowarren Mill Studio, Trelowarren Mill, Mawgan, Lady Jonet Vyvyan  
Members Resolved to support the application.
- b) PA13/07472 Change of use of existing ancillary accommodation (Music Room) to become both ancillary accommodation and a one bedroomed holiday letting unit, Higher Bojorow, Mr & Mrs A Firth  
Members Resolved to support the application, provided that the room remained ancillary to the main house.

#### **8. To receive planning decisions from Cornwall Council**

##### **PA13/04606**

**Received:** 23 May 2013  
**Address:** Goonhilly Earth Station Goonhilly Downs Helston Cornwall TR12 6LQ  
**Proposal:** Erection of 2 storey office accommodation and associated works.  
**Status:** Approved with conditions

##### **PA13/06059**

**Received:** 04 Jul 2013  
**Address:** Trevassack Quarry Goonhilly Downs Helston Cornwall TR12 6LH  
**Proposal:** Submission of details to discharge conditions 9 in respect of decision notice PA11/08035  
**Status:** Discharged

##### **PA13/04519**

**Received:** 21 May 2013  
**Address:** Rosevear Forge Rosevear Hill Mawgan Helston TR12 6AZ  
**Proposal:** Change of use of part of the house to a permanent let  
**Status:** Approved with conditions

##### **PA13/02212/PREAP**

**Received:** 25 Jul 2013  
**Address:** Land Adj To 13 Langweath Estate Langweath Estate Mawgan Cornwall TR12 6AU  
**Proposal:** Amendments/alterations to application PA10/03007 Erection of a dwelling and formation of an access  
**Status:** Planning application required

##### **PA13/02472/PREAP**

**Received:** 22 Aug 2013  
**Address:** Carminowe Farm Gunwalloe Road Gunwalloe Helston Cornwall TR12 7QJ  
**Proposal:** Erection of agricultural building to provide outside covered yard, building to

have open sides, roof and supporting structures.  
**Status:** Closed - advice given

**PA13/02295/PREAPP**

**Received:** 06 Aug 2013  
**Address:** RNAS Culdrose HMS Seahawk Culdrose Road Helston Cornwall TR12 7RH  
**Proposal:** Do I Need permission for demolition of office building, storage shed and associated plantrooms and boilerhouses.  
**Status:** Closed - advice given

**9. To discuss updating parish plan – to receive changes noted since last plan**

New members asked what the purpose of the Parish Plan was. They were advised that it was a type of wish-list – it helped towards applications for funding if items were already asked for in the Plan. Cllr Mrs Dot Spragg had submitted updates to the Clerk on what had happened since the Plan was created. The Clerk would now incorporate them into the existing sections of the plan and a display would be produced of the differences between then and now.

**10. To consider applying for a modification order to put Langweath Lane on the Definitive Map**

No public were present to object to this proposal, so it was agreed to include it in the parish plan consultation in order to bring it to the attention of the public. It was Resolved that the path status be a bridleway, if it were to be put on the Definitive Map.

**11. To discuss Glebe Close play equipment and receive quote for re-furbishment**

A quote had been received for £300 materials and £400 labour – total £700 altogether. It was felt that the Parish Council budget was very tight and the repairs could not be afforded. Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger stated that he would give £500 out of his Community Chest fund, if council could make a suitable application. The Clerk would get the forms from the One Stop Shop and Cllr Mrs Dot Spragg would get another play equipment quote to see what could be done for £500.

**12. To receive Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger's report**

Cornwall Council was discussing next year's council tax rate and how to save money. It was to have been £19m to be saved but since the latest round of government cuts it was now £43m. There was a slight under spend on last year's budget but there would almost certainly be an increase. The figure being talked about was 1.97% - just below the referendum threshold. Meetings were being held locally to see what ideas people had for saving money. There would be some reduction in services and staff – they could not keep doing efficiency exercises, they had been doing that for 4.5 years already. Although it appeared that Cornwall Council had vast reserves a lot of that was earmarked for schools, hospitals, etc and it included property value so

it was not all actual cash. The real reserve was £58m'ish – which was not a lot for an authority with such a large annual turnover. On another note, just to dispel fears in the local press – there would be NO fracking in Cornwall. With regard to Countybridge quarry; Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger would raise it again with planning enforcement because drivers of high vehicles were saying that people were living there permanently. It was noted.

**13. To discuss state of Skyburriowe Lane road surface**

Cllr Colin Chapman reported that Mike Peters from Cormac stated it was on the list to be done. It was noted.

**14. To discuss the provision of a village Christmas tree and where to site it**

It was agreed that the only possible site in Mawgan was the old Cross, near to the standing stone. The Recreation Hall was willing to provide it but then the Clerk suggested asking Trelowarren, as Lanarth Estate gave a large one to St Keverne each year. Cllr Mrs Dot Spragg would see if she could arrange it.

**15. To discuss trimming of churchyard hedges**

It was many years since the hedges at the back of the closed churchyard had been trimmed and trees, brambles, etc were now growing out over graves, some were totally hidden. A local contractor had estimated the work to cost £5k. As the Parish Council had assumed responsibility for the trimming of the churchyard, it was agreed that the Clerk contact the probation service and see if they could do a scheme using offenders who have to do community service as part of their punishment.

**16. To discuss the possibility of donating old Feast Week trophies to Helston Museum**

A suggestion was made as to whether the trophies could be 'leant' rather than 'donated'. It was agreed that the Clerk ask Helston Museum if they would want them.

**17. To consider quotes for renewal of website hosting**

The situation with the website had changed and there might now only be a domain name renewal fee of £10. It was noted and suggested that Cllr J Hatton tries 123reg – they did a good deal for a 3-4 year agreement.

**18. Items for inclusion on next month's agenda**

There were no new items for next month's agenda.

**19. To adopt 1<sup>st</sup> quarter accounts (enclosed)**

It was Resolved that the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter accounts be adopted. However, Cllr Colin Chapman asked whether the Clerk could take her salary out of the admin column as it made admin look very expensive. It was also agreed that the Clerk list her salary and expenses separately.

**20. To consider external auditor's report**

The external auditor had commented that Council's balance was far too low as had a new Council member. Council knew this had been a problem for a long time and was very gradually beginning to build reserves up again. It was noted and it was Resolved to adopt the auditor's report.

**21. To consider donation to Gweek Band**

It was Resolved to send £100 as a donation to Gweek Band, under S137, for their attendance at the Feast Sunday service.

**22. To consider letter from Cornwall Land Community Trust ref site 4 and lack of progress**

This stated that they were not getting very much response from the land owner and that if they did not get anything soon they would be considering site 6 instead. However, the land owner had responded by telephone rather than by letter and had held a meeting with one of their officers. It was felt that the Land Trust required a response in writing to confirm what had been agreed. It was noted as it was a matter for the Land Trust and the land owner.

**23. Thanks from East Lizard Helpline for recent donation**

This was noted. Cllr Colin Chapman felt that the drivers should always accept clients' money offered for petrol and if they did not wish to keep it; then give it to East Lizard Helpline.

**24. To approve the following outstanding accounts:**

a) Clerk's pay	£588.95	f) East Kent Estates 3 <sup>rd</sup> cut paths	£459.08
b) Donation to Gweek band	£100.00	g) EDF bus shelter electricity	£24.86
c) Churchyard trimming	£240.00	h) Election costs	£149.19
e) Remove bees from bus shelter roof	£78.00	d) ¼lyWar memorial maintenance	£70.00

**25. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – For information only**

The bus shelter roof needed repairing following removal of the bees. The Chairman had asked someone for a quote, but it had not been forthcoming so far. The Clerk would remind them.

A trailer was permanently parked outside Langweath Estate full of washing machines and other household items for scrap metal. It was considered an eyesore and it was agreed that a letter be sent from the Parish Council to the owner asking them to remove it because it was a hazard. However, it was not definite who the owner was.

Apologies for the next meeting were received from Cllrs Mrs Pearl Merton, Vivian Benney and Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger. They were noted and accepted.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

CHAIRMAN

Date