

Minutes of a meeting of Mawgan Parish Council held in the Recreation Hall on Wednesday 21st January 2015 at 7.30 pm

Present

Councillor Shaun Lock (Chairman)
 “ Mrs Pearl Merton
 “ Vivian Benney
 “ Miss Lindsay Hockley
 “ Kevin Roberts
 “ Colin Chapman
 “ Anthony Hoskin
 “ Walter Sanger (Cornwall Council)
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1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Dot Spragg, John Hatton, Chris Roberts and the Police.

2. 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.

3. To receive PCSO Julia Berry's monthly report

There were no reported crimes.

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

Two people spoke about their planning application, item 11a) stating that the building was mainly timber framed and rotting out. It was noted.

Another person talked about next year's Christmas lights and it was suggested that a separate Committee be set up – an advisory Committee of the Parish Council, then it would be covered by the Parish Council insurance. People were happy to sponsor a 'light' outside their property by providing the power. Someone had donated wood on which to attach the lights. Any money would have to go through the Parish Council and then VAT could be claimed back on purchases. A Full risk assessment would have to be carried out and supplied to the Clerk.

Another member of public asked Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger whether there had been any news on traffic calming measures for Rosevear, but there had not and there had been another accident down there in the past week. The Police speed report would be chased.

5. To resolve to adopt 'competent' Parish Council status

Due to the Clerk achieving the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA), including module 7 General Power of Competence (CiLCA 2012), Council now met the criteria to be a 'Competent Council'. The other criteria was that 2/3 of members must be elected, rather than co-opted. Basically, this far reaching power, gave Council powers to do anything that anyone else could do, provided it was legal e.g. set up community interest companies, acquire public works loans, etc. Once adopted, S137 for local grant giving could not be used. A resolution must be passed at a meeting that a council is eligible and a further resolution must be passed every 4 years at the AGM following an election to be able to continue to exercise the power. There was a down side; the public could have far greater expectations of Council. It was RESOLVED that Mawgan-in-Meneage Parish Council was eligible to use the General Power of Competence under The Localism Act 2011 S. 1-8 28th March 2012.

6. To discuss continued maintenance of cemetery by Parish Council

The treasurer of the PCC was present to speak on the funds of the church. He pointed out that the church was a grade 1 listed building with a membership of 20 people trying to maintain it. Mr Benney Snr voted through the cutting of the cemetery by the Parish Council. The congregation had to find £2.6k for insurance (more because the church was kept unlocked for the public to visit), £500 on oil per year, £300 electricity and £6,300 for the mission & ministry fund. In graveyard fees they received £258 per burial and £110 per headstone. The rest was donations and fund raising. He respectfully requested that the Parish Council continued to pay for the cemetery grass cutting. The Chairman felt that as all the bills went to the Parish Council it appeared as though the Parish Council had 'adopted' the cemetery already and felt it should be done more as a donation from the Parish Council as opposed to actually paying the bill. Another church member noted that in 1973 the Parish Council was already paying for the cemetery maintenance and that continued. It was suggested that the money for the burials should be kept specifically for the maintenance of the cemetery. The treasurer felt that any money received would get sent to the Truro diocese and not stay within Mawgan church plus they would get penalised for extra income and actually receive less from the diocese. Finally, it was RESOLVED that under the Power of Competence, the Parish Council continues with maintenance of the open churchyard as it had done for possibly 50 years.

7. To consider payment of £150 to Community Payback team for painting Vyvyan Coach House

As the Vyvyan Coach House was run by a separate trust and not owned by the church; it was RESOLVED under the Power of Competence to pay the trust £150.00, rather than pay the bill direct, as the Parish Council did not own the property.

8. 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.

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

With regard to the Toy fingerpost to be re-furbished on the A3083; it was suggested by the Milestones Society that the spare aluminium arm that had been in the Cormac depot in Helston be donated to Helston Museum once the pattern had been made from it for a new arm. It was agreed that this was a good idea.

10. To receive report on site meeting with First buses at Vyvyan bus stop (attended by Clerk)

The purpose of the meeting was to ascertain why First buses no longer stopped at the Vyvyan bus stop (the wooden shelter opposite the present bus shelter). It was mainly a safety issue as there was a hatched area on the road outside the Vyvyan shelter that traffic was not supposed to stop in and if buses did stop there they were overhanging the exit of Gweek Drive and causing a hazard. The First representative showed a Google map of where two bus stops were at that point of Mawgan. One was just along from the Vyvyan shelter on a now very muddy verge and the other was some distance from the current bus shelter. At the meeting it was suggested that possibly the Parish Council pays for a hard standing where the muddy verge was on that side, and that the current shelter be used for coming out of Mawgan, with 'Bus Stop' marked on the road and a sign. However, the next day the representative suggested that First were considering making the current bus shelter the stop for both sides and there would be no need for a hard standing on the other side of the road. It was noted that Cornwall Council was responsible for providing bus stops, signs, road markings, etc. The report was noted.

11. To consider planning applications received from Cornwall Council

PA14/11206 Outline planning permission with some matters reserved: Demolition of No 2, Boscawen Cottages and erection of a replacement dwelling, Boscawen Cottages, Gwealeath, Cury Cross, Ms S Reed

The existing building was sub-standard and there would be better access for some of the vehicles onto the A3083. It was RESOLVED to support the application.

12. To receive planning decisions from Cornwall Council

There were no planning decisions from Cornwall Council.

13. To receive Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger's report

Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger reported that the budget had been approved in November and it was only £4,000 out on what had been proposed. The Government was trying to keep council tax increases down to 1% and then it would give local councils a grant to make up the shortfall. There was a case being put forward for Cornwall devolution following the Scottish referendum when it was agreed that there should be more English devolution as well as Scotland getting more powers. Cornwall Council was hoping more decision making on matters such as planning could be devolved down to County level, e.g. better control of planning. The government had given £750k for a rural serviced delivery fund. Education services had been granted £4.25m to make up for the loss of assets to academies. Finally, Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger thought the Countybridge tool shed planning application might go to the planning committee meeting on 9th February. Members would be advised if it did so that someone could attend to speak on behalf of Council.

14. To consider producing a feasibility study into a possible community energy scheme

There was no interest in this as the school and hall already had solar panels, so there were no other community buildings on which to put them, plus no-one would want a wind turbine in their midst.

15. To consider prices for recycled plastic notice board for outside shop

Prices for this were as much, if not more than what had been paid for the two recent notice boards. It was agreed to leave the matter in abeyance until after the end of the financial year to see how balances were.

16. Clerk's & Council's Direct magazine

This was noted.

17. Peninsula Community Health – Peninsula News – winter edition

This was noted.

18. Items for inclusion on next month's agenda

Defibrillator and CPR training

19. To approve the following outstanding accounts:

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

a) Clerk's pay Jan (net)	£491.44	d) Verges trimming x 1	£15.00
b) Clerk's expenses Jan 15	£28.60	e) Memorial & shelter maintenance	£70.00 (paid)
c) Churchyards trimming x 1	£195.00		

20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – For information only

Following on from the pre-meeting where a presentation was given on the proposal for Garras School to form a federation with Sithney School, it was agreed that the school should be registered as a community asset.

21. Date of next meeting – 18th February

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

CHAIRMAN

Date