

Minutes of a meeting of Mawgan Parish Council held in the Recreation Hall on Wednesday 20th May 2015 at 7.30 pm

Present

Councillor Shaun Lock (Chairman)

“ John Hatton (Vice-chairman)

“ Mrs Pearl Merton

“ Vivian Benney

“ Chris Roberts

“ Kevin Roberts

“ Colin Chapman

“ Mrs Dot Spragg

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Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Lindsay Hockley, Anthony Hoskin, Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger and the Police.

Election of officers

Chairman

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Shaun Lock continues as Chairman. Cllr Shaun Lock accepted.

Vice-chairman

Cllr Kevin Roberts was proposed and seconded for Vice-chairman. Cllr Kevin Roberts accepted.

Footpaths Officer

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Vivian Benney continues as Footpaths Officer. Cllr Vivian Benney accepted.

Press Officer

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Lindsay Hockley continues as Press Officer.

Recreation Hall Committee representative

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Mrs Pearl Merton continues as Recreation Hall Committee representative

Emergency Committee

It was RESOLVED that this be the Chairman, Vice-chairman and Clerk.

Tree Warden

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Anthony Hoskin be Tree Warden in place of Cllr Kevin Roberts who wished to stand down.

Internal audit

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Colin Chapman internally audits the accounts quarterly.

The Chairman now left the meeting and Vice-chairman Cllr Kevin Roberts took the Chair.

To confirm adoption of model standing orders (emailed & not changed since last year)

It was RESOLVED to confirm adoption of model standing orders but to review them during the coming year.

To confirm that the clerk be the responsible financial officer (RFO)

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To confirm adoption of financial regulations (emailed & not changed since last year)

It was RESOLVED to confirm the adoption of financial regulations but to review them during the coming year.

To confirm adoption of risk assessment (emailed & not changed since last year)

It was RESOLVED to confirm the adoption of the risk assessment but to review it during the coming year.

To approve the annual return for year ending 31st March 2015

It was RESOLVED that the Annual Return be approved.

To receive the statement of accounts (enclosed)

It was RESOLVED that the statement of accounts be adopted.

To receive the record of attendance (enclosed)

It was RESOLVED that the record of attendance be accepted with the correction that Cllr Mrs Dot Spragg had attended 8 times.

To receive the assets register (enclosed)

It was RESOLVED that the assets register be accepted but to remove the 3-bay swing at Glebe play area because it had been taken away, to self-insure the seats and to review what was being insured.

To consider the dates for the council meetings (enclosed)

It was RESOLVED to accept the dates for the council meetings. These would be forwarded to the Hall bookings secretary.

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.

To receive PCSO Julia Berry's monthly report

During April there were two crimes reported to the police, this is consistent with the number of crimes reported to the police during April last year.

On 13 May the Force is taking part in the multi-agency road safety campaign. “My Red Thumb Day” designed to raise awareness of the risks to distraction associated with using a mobile phone while driving. My “Red Thumb Day” encourages drivers to paint their thumbnail red so every time the driver reaches for their phone while driving, they are reminded of the message.

In previous years, car crime has increased locally at the start of the summer months. Members of public are asked to lock their vehicles at all time, close windows and doors, park in reputable car parks, removed all property or store them out of sight. It only takes seconds for a thief to take valuables from your car. Please help the police to keep crime low in this area by acting responsibly. Neighbourhood watch members will be working locally in order to highlight vehicle crime.

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 10326 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

To discuss speed limit and safety issues regarding Rosevear Hill – response from Cornwall Council

The reply to Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger stated that as far as the existing signing for the speed limits at Rosevear and Garras are concerned, Cormac has looked at these in detail and there are a handful of issues that need to be resolved. These are all in the Garras area. It will be making a case for using some of the signing budget to correct these errors so hopefully it will be able to confirm to the police in due course that the limits are fully enforceable. Sadly, it would seem that for the present time, this will be the limit of what it is able to do on this stretch of road.

This did not mention any need for upgrading signage at Rosevear but Cllr John Hatton felt that if the problem related to speeding then yes, it would be good to update the signage so that the existing 40mph is enforceable.

Public questions

A member of the public from Rosevear was disappointed at the above response and the fact that Cormac did not have the courtesy to reply to his personal letter. It was noted.

To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting

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

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

There were no matters arising from the minutes – not covered elsewhere in this agenda.

To consider planning applications received from Cornwall Council

PA15/02329 Amendment to extant consent for use of land for the siting of ten eco-lodges to include for the use of the water for recreation use by dinghy and kayaks and storage of dinghies and kayaks on site, Trevassack Quarry, Goonhilly Downs, Helford River Children's Sailing Trust

It was RESOLVED to support the application.

To receive planning decisions from Cornwall Council

9.04.2015 PA14/11206 APPROVED

Applicant: Ms S Reed

Location: Boscawen Cottages Gwealeath Cury Cross Lanes Cornwall TR12 7QU

Proposal: Outline planning permission with some matters reserved: Demolition of No 2, Boscawen Cottages and erection of a replacement dwelling

To receive Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger's report

There was no Cornwall Council report.

To consider Cornwall Council 'lengthsman' suggestion together with approach from Grade Ruan Parish Council to join its group of parishes negotiating their own verge trimming

Members were a bit sceptical about this. The Clerk was likely to meet with a Grade Ruan Cllr to get more details in the coming weeks. It was suggested they be asked how much per metre they expected to get from Cormac and what powers they would receive. It was noted.

Public consultation on future of libraries and One Stop Shops – ends 10th June

It was noted.

To receive update on Milestones and Toy finger post in parish and consider a donation to Milestone Society for all work done in getting new Toy finger post arms collected and erected

The person doing all this voluntary work lives in Newquay. He collected the redundant alloy fingerpost from Helston Highways Depot and took it to Irons Brothers of Wadebridge to use to make patterns for casting two new arms commissioned by the Parish Council. When made, he collected the two new arms from Wadebridge and took them to Cormac in Helston to be fitted to the fingerpost. Following a phone call from a Cormac employee, he returned to Helston to make a site visit with him, because Cormac was unable to fit the arms. The bolts needed grinding to a different shape, the holes in the arms did not line up accurately and the flange on one arm fouled the disc on the column. Cormac explained that it had no ability to fettle the arms to make them fit. He took the two new arms and the bolts back to Newquay where he spent some time in his garage correcting the problems Cormac had shown him. He returned to the fingerpost site where he met a colleague from the Milestone Society. They found they needed to make some fine adjustments to one of the fixing holes on the disc of the fingerpost. Finally, they were able to bolt the two new arms in place. He suggested a contribution of £50 to the Milestone Society, in recognition of the effort and travelling expenses involved. It was RESOLVED that a donation of £50 be given in recognition of all the work put into this worthwhile project. The Clerk advised that Cormac had suggested the possibility of entering into a maintenance agreement so that some money might be forthcoming for looking after the milestones. It was agreed to explore this avenue.

To consider playground inspection report

Glebe play area was virtually written off in the report, with most of the items except the roundabout and the spring animals in the toddler area requiring high repair costs or complete removal. The Recreation Field got an 'excellent' report. Cllr Mrs Dot Spragg reported that the Glebe play area was not used very much now as the little ones went to the Recreation Field with their older siblings. She proposed that Council should seriously look at closing down Glebe area and moving anything suitable such as the roundabout and toddler spring animals to the Recreation Field. A notice could be put up stating that it was proposed to close it and move the roundabout to the Recreation Field.

To make arrangements for serving of teas after Feast Sunday Service and any other Feast business

Arrangements were put in hand. It was requested that the Clerk ask Council's insurance company whether the volunteers would be covered for Feast Saturday if the Hall insurance did not cover it. The Hall insurance would also be checked.

To consider grant of £120.00 for Feast Tea

It was RESOLVED that £120.00 be paid to the Recreation Hall Committee to pay for Feast Sunday refreshments, the children's tea on Tuesday, etc.

To consider where in parish to plant tree saplings that were to go in Recreation Field

It was thought the top hedge of the most recently built footpath might be an idea. The Clerk pointed out that there could be housing developed in this field in the future and a new entrance created, so some of the hedge might get demolished. The landowner would be asked whether the trees could go there.

To consider membership of Cornwall Association of Local Councils £259.10

It was RESOLVED not to re-join CALC.

Clerk's & Councils Direct magazine

This was noted.

Peninsula Community Health News

This was noted.

Information on Southerly Point Co-operative Educational Trust

This was noted.

Items for inclusion on next month's agenda

One of the Council 'documents' to be reviewed and the shop notice board.

To approve the following outstanding accounts:

It was RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved and cheques prepared. The Clerk was asked whether her expenses were enough – did it cover telephone calls? She replied that she did not include anything for telephone calls because they had a broadband 'anytime' account where calls were included in the plan. It was felt that there was an amount for having the plan each month, plus a portion of the line rental and mobile calls were not included in the plan. She stated that on behalf of St Keverne she had asked another clerk whether she received telephone expenses and she stated she was getting £10/month. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk receives £10/month telephone expenses with immediate effect. The Clerk thanked Council.

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| a) Clerk's pay (net) | £491.84 | f) Playground inspections | £166.80 |
| b) Clerk's expenses | £29.01 | g) War memorial maintenance , | £70.00 |
| c) Account verges trim x 1 | £15.00 | h) Zurich insurance renewal | £536.40 |
| d) Footpath trimming | £459.08 | i) Recreation Hall Feast Tea | £120.00 |
| e) Churchyard trimming x 2 | £390.00 | j) Irons Brothers (finger posts) | £1278.00 (paid) |

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – For information only

Members were asked to give thought to what might be done with any surplus Feast Week money.

Cllr Mrs Dot Spragg had cleaned the glass of the shop notice board inside and out. Members noted the state of it and it would be put on the next agenda for discussion.

The Council website address would be put on the agendas and any other letters sent out.

Date of next meeting – 17th June 2015

There being no further business, the Vice-chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

CHAIRMAN

Date