

Minutes of a meeting of Mawgan Parish Council held in the Recreation Hall on Wednesday 18th November 2015 at 7.30 pm

Present

Councillor Shaun Lock (Chairman)

“ Kevin Roberts (Vice-chairman)

“ Mrs Pearl Merton

“ Vivian Benney

“ Colin Chapman

“ Mrs Dot Spragg

“ Anthony Hoskin

“ Walter Sanger (Cornwall Council)

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1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs John Hatton, Lindsay Hockley 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

Cllr C Chapman – item 17 – Hall treasurer. Cllr Dot Spragg would remain in the meeting as she was nothing to do with obtaining the fencing but would not vote.

3. To receive PCSO Julia Berry’s monthly report

During October there was one crime, a theft of mobile phone reported to the police. This crime has been filed pending further information coming forward.

I am pleased to advise you that Halloween passed without any reports of antisocial behaviour across the whole of the Helston Sector. We would like to thank everyone for their consideration for other people.

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

4. Public questions

A Rosevear resident asked Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger whether there was any news of a traffic calming measure for Rosevear. Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger referred to a response he had received from Cornwall Council. It included a link to the report that listed possible traffic improvements of which there were 219, but Rosevear was not among them. Very few of members’ ideas had

found their way into the implementation plan. There was little chance unless it was in an accident remedial programme. The resident stated there had been 4 major accidents there in 2 years and that Cornwall Council was not taking it seriously. Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger advised that was the situation at present. As for the proposed 20mph outside all schools, Garras was over 120 on the list and only 3 were carried out per year, which meant it would take 40 years to get done. The resident also noted he had telephoned Highways recently about a damaged drain cover outside his house but had received no response. Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger took the call log number and would look into it.

Jeb Preston, Chairman of Grade Ruan Parish Council, updated the meeting on where they were at with regard to the proposed AONB signs for entry to the area on the Lizard peninsula. Grade Ruan Parish Council had been tasked with taking the lead on the scheme and bank rolling any money. They were pretty much there; with 2 signs being in Mawgan parish – 1 on the Lizard road just past Culdrose roundabout and 1 at Rosevear lay-by near the bridge. They would consist of a local stone from Porthoustock quarry with a white on black sign attached. The stones would be 3-4 tonnes each. They hoped to start work at the end of February with a local stonemason setting the sign into the stone. They did ask Cormac to cut back the bushes near the bridge, which they had done and to clean up the bridge, which they had not done because would cost £3-4k for traffic lights to be able to do that work. It was felt the sign might help reduce speeds. A member suggested that parking in the lay-by would obstruct the sign and suggested the other side of the road on the maintained grass verge. This suggestion would be taken back to the AONB group. On the question of who would maintain the stone/sign, Cormac and the AONB unit would maintain them. It was noted.

5. To receive written plan & consider request for donation of £150 towards Christmas lights in village
10 boards had been painted and weatherproofed and 10 sets of solar lights, each costing £29.99, would be fitted to the patterns on the board. They would be ready very shortly. It was agreed that the switch on would be Sat 5th Dec at 6.30pm. Mrs Jean Cooke had donated the tree from her garden and a star to go on the top of it in memory of her late husband Terry Cooke. It was noted

that there were 2 groups at work – the Parish Council arranging the tree and its decorations and the separate group organising the village lights. It was RESOLVED that £150 be donated towards the costs of the village lights – they had raised several hundred pounds themselves.

6. To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting
It was noted that the planning item 7a) mentioned the fact that the Parish Council might not be happy about the size of the extension whereas at the meeting however, due to a misunderstanding, this was not intended to be minuted or submitted to planning. The Clerk had since gone onto the online planning portal and emphasised the fact that Council did support the application and did not have an issue with the size of the extension. Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger also noted that Cornwall Council had applied to get its standing orders changed, but had not yet got them changed. Both items were noted for change following which the minutes were approved.
7. Matters arising from the minutes – not covered elsewhere in this agenda
There were no matters arising.
8. To consider planning applications received from Cornwall Council
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10. To receive Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger's report
Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger started by advising of changes at Newquay airport. Ryanair would be commencing routes to Alicante and Frankfurt next spring, following the proposed cessation of the £5 development tax at the end of March due to significantly greater numbers going through the airport. Flybe would be using bigger 737 jets instead of the existing prop planes because they could not cope with demand for the present landing slots at Gatwick. The subsidy for the airport was decreasing but it did bring in far more in business value to the County than that and was a good investment. A member asked how much the re-branding of Newquay airport to Newquay Cornwall had cost. He would find out. £82m of business rates would now be retained in County together with a £20m transition grant. Later there would be more business rates and less transition grant so the County would be no better off but at least the status quo should remain. Cornwall Cllr Sanger then gave

out planning descriptions of what a caravan was, following recent events regarding a chalet at Caervallack and advised members to keep an eye out for caravans appearing in corners of fields.

11. To approve £400 deposit for new shop notice board

It was RESOLVED that the £400 deposit be paid.

12. To discuss paperless planning – Clerk has found a compact A1 printer and asked other councils

This was noted and was generally felt the best way to go, at least for the time being. The Clerk would look into available printers in greater depth.

13. To receive quotes for reinstatement of wooden bridge on path 7 & trimming Glebe play area

The quote for cutting Glebe Close play area was £20 per cut and it was RESOLVED to go ahead with the contractor on that basis.

The quote for repairing the existing wooden bridge, extending it to lengthen the span, building 2 new footings for it away from the edge of the river to add height to it and take it away from the river, replace and install was £1150 + VAT. This was felt to be a lot of money for an already 10 year old wooden bridge, which would not last that much longer. Alternatively, the landowner was prepared to install a granite bridge but members felt it would require a handrail for the safety of the public. It was suggested if he made it lower like a clapper bridge or stepping stones (such as Tarr Steps on Exmoor) then a handrail would not be needed. It was agreed the Chairman could go and visit the landowner and ask him if he, as landowner wished to go ahead, then it was up to him and Council would not be involved.

14. Casual vacancy on Council – end of notice period is 23rd November

In order to be democratic, a poster advertising the vacancy following the end of the notice period would be put up on notice boards, with a closing date of the next meeting. Then Council could co-opt at the December meeting.

15. To receive update from Cllr Hoskin on proposed CPR training and discuss First Aid course

Cllr Hoskin advised that a list was supposed to be put up in the shop to ascertain how many would be interested in receiving CPR training. A notice would go up in the shop.

16. To consider request from Cllr Lindsay Hockley in accordance with Standing Order 13 Out of Pocket Expenses; for travel re-imburement of £18.33 for attending Localism summit in Truro

It was RESOLVED that the out of pocket expenses £18.33 for travel to the Local Council Summit on Localism be paid.

17. To consider a grant of £1535.00 to Recreation Hall for fencing for footpath in Recreation Field

Cllr C Chapman left the room for this discussion. A member suggested galvanised steel posts as they would last longer than wood and would have to dig up concrete to replace wooden ones when they rotted in a few years time. Cllr Chapman was brought back into the meeting to answer members' questions on the suitability of the proposed wood fencing. He advised that he thought they would fit in with the AONB better but Cllr Hoskin felt they would rot off in 10 years. It was noted that the quote included repair of the kissing gate on the main road side of the Recreation Field. What was proposed was similar to that in Meneage Road and Trengrouse Way, Helston. Finally, it was RESOLVED to give a grant of £1535.00 for wooden fencing. Cllr Chapman did not vote thereon.

18. Members to sign agreement to receive minutes & agenda by email, paper copies will still be posted 2nd class to those who have email, and to resolve to update standing orders accordingly

Those members wishing to sign up to this duly completed the forms and it was RESOLVED to change standing orders accordingly.

19. To receive request from Andrew George (now Director Cornwall Community Land Trust) to attend meeting and discuss further prospects for a housing site in Mawgan

Members did not want any more local needs housing nor thought any landowner was interested in selling at £6k per plot. There were no known locals in housing need. They did not consider it appropriate in the present circumstances. It was noted.

20. To agree the transferring of website hosting and domain name account to Parish Council

It was RESOLVED that the website hosting and domain name account be transferred the Parish Council.

21. Clerk's & Council's Direct magazine

This was noted.

22. Items for inclusion on next month's agenda

There were no new items to add to the next agenda.

23. To receive the financial statement

Current account £25,295.54

24. To receive scrutineer's report on and resolve to adopt 2nd quarter accounts

Cllr C Chapman reported that there was no cause for alarm and that all was satisfactory. It was RESOLVED that the 2nd quarter accounts be adopted.

25. To approve the following outstanding accounts:

It was RESOLVED that the following outstanding accounts be approved and cheques prepared. It was further RESOLVED to donate £100 to Mawgan Lunch Club towards the senior citizens' free Christmas lunch in December.

a) Clerk's pay Nov (net)	£491.84	f) Churchyards trimming, once	£234.00
b) Clerk's expenses (Nov)	£41.15	g) Recreation field trim x 2 + hedges	£307.20
c) R Winfrey (deposit notice board)	£400.00	h) L Hockley (travelling xps)	£18.33
d) Clerk's telephone	£10.00	i) RBL 2 x poppy wreaths	£37.00
e) Internal audit 2014/15	£120.00	j) Verges trimming, twice	£36.00
e) Trimming Glebe play area	£24.00	k) Website Domain Name renewal 3 yrs	£31.71

26. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – For information only

Following on from Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger's mention of caravans in fields; 2 were highlighted in the parish that warranted investigation. It was noted.

27. Date of next meeting – 16th December 2015

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm.

CHAIRMAN

Date