

Minutes of a meeting of Mawgan Parish Council held in the Recreation Hall on Wednesday 16th November 2016 at 7.30pm

Present

Councillor Kevin Roberts (Chairman)
 “ Michael Laity (Vice-chairman)
 “ Mrs Pearl Merton
 “ Miss Lindsay Hockley
 “ Colin Chapman
 “ Anthony Hoskin
 “ Shane Bennett
 “ Alan Harris

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1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs V Benney and Cwll Cllr W Sanger.

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.

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.

Members of the public present were concerned about noise from traffic at the war memorial during the service on Remembrance Sunday and asked whether traffic could be stopped for the whole of the time. Also the Police were being noisy shouting instructions to each other and during the service there was noise from engines of stationary vehicles running. The Police did not ask drivers to turn off their engines as they had in previous years but there were 2 new police officers who maybe did not know procedures. It was also felt the names of the fallen should be read out, as in Royal British Legion services. It was suggested a time for stopping the traffic could be 5 minutes to 11 until 5 minutes past 11. Engines should be turned off and then the traffic pull away slowly.

4. To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting

It was noted that in item 17 AOB, the mention of a stile broken on the path from B3293 Garras to Tregadjack was not recorded. Apart from that it was RESOLVED that the Chairman sign the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and correct record.

5. 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.

6. To consider planning applications received from Cornwall Council

a) PA16/09944 Variation of conditions 2 and removal of condition 4 in relation to decision notice PA15/01015 dated 27/04/2015 to alter the sizes of the antennas and achieve a greater degree of flexibility for the siting of the antennas to meet operational requirements, Goonhilly Earth Station, Piran Trezize

Members present raised no objection to the application.

7. To receive planning decisions from Cornwall Council

There were no planning decisions received from Cornwall Council

8. To receive Cornwall Cllr Walter Sanger's report

Good evening my apologies for not being able to attend this evening.

Devonwall is the name given to the proposal to have a cross border Parliamentary Constituency which has caused some considerable concern in Cornwall and Devon. Parliament decided to reduce the number of MP's from 650 to 600, the reduction in the South west region numbers is two. The constituencies affected are Bristol and North Cornwall and the adjacent Devon Region. The new constituencies, to ensure fairness in parliamentary representation have to be between 71000 and 78000 by 2022. Cornwall electors will have enough for 5.27 MP's. There are only four areas where an exception is allowed by Parliament; Isle of Wight, Shetland & Orkney and the Western Isles of Scotland. The Boundary Commission for England will settle the ultimate boundaries but they do not have the power to make areas with more or less than the prescribed numbers laid down by parliament.

Representations can be made but it is most unlikely that a cross border constituency can be avoided. Cornwall Council will be making representations to try and change this. The Framework for national minorities is not part of British Law and cannot be used as an argument.

At the next full Council Cornwall Council will be debating the next budget where there is a requirement to make savings of £31m. as part of Government Policy to reduce the Government subsidies and ultimately finance councils by funds from each council area. These will affect services and jobs; these are very difficult to vote and agree on as a council and members must make a budget within their available income.

All the Council Leisure Centres will run by a Not FOR PROFIT COMPANY called GLL, which currently operates over 200 leisure centres across the country. There will be no subsidy from Cornwall Council - this will be a saving of £3.5m per year to the public purse but there will be a capital loan of £23m repayable by GLL and the revenue cost of the loan will also be borne by GLL.

Finally there is no movement on a 30MPH speed limit on Rosvear but a blanket 40 MPH limit similar to the one on the North Bank of the Helford is being investigated as there are issues and concerns generally on road traffic speeds on the peninsula. Walter Sanger Cornwall Council.

9. To receive Cornwall Council's calculated election costs for May 2107

The worst case scenario would be £2436.96 for a contested election and the best case scenario £358.49 for an uncontested election. It was noted and the contested election figure would have to be put in the budget for the precept.

10. To consider supporting The Tour of Britain cycle race in Cornwall and going through Helston

This was welcomed as it would bring in a lot of money both to the County and the parish if it went through Mawgan.

11. To discuss Christmas tree/ lights arrangements

CONFIRMED AS CORRECT 21ST DECEMBER 2016

There was a possibility of a tree from someone's garden again this year. A couple of members would have a look at it. Also, the photo of the previous year's tree would be presented to its donor on the tree switch on night.

12. To receive feedback on Remembrance Sunday – 13th November

Members noted what had been said in Public Questions above. £210.42 collection was taken on the morning, which went to the Royal British Legion. A member felt more gravel was required at the memorial as it was getting a bit thin in places. It was noted for next year.

13. Items for inclusion on next month's agenda

Budget for setting precept.

14. Clerk's & Council's Direct magazine

This was noted.

15. To receive financial scrutiniser's report for 1st and 2nd quarter accounts

The 1st and 2nd quarter accounts had been examined and no cause for concern found. It was noted.

16. To adopt 1st and 2nd quarter accounts (enclosed)

It was RESOLVED that the 1st and 2nd quarter accounts be adopted.

17. To receive the financial statement

There was £32,902.69 in the bank before the cheques below were taken into account. It was noted.

18. To approve the following outstanding accounts:

It was resolved that the following accounts be approved and cheques prepared:

a) Clerk's pay Nov (net)	£485.84	f) SSE bus shelter electricity	£5.88
b) Clerk's expenses (Nov)	£45.11	g) Trimming hedges around Rec Hall	£172.80
c) Cutting churchyards x1	£234.00	h) RBL 2 x poppy wreaths	£37.00
d) Cutting Recreation Ground x 2	£192.00	i) SSE (bus shelter back bills 3 yrs)	£143.25 (paid)
e) Cutting verge x 2	£36.00	j) HMRC TAX/NI due	£176.80 (paid)

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – For information only

There was an oak tree branch rubbing on the bus shelter roof outside the Recreation Hall. This was being monitored. There were also trees growing out over the ditch adjacent to the Hall. The Chairman would contact the landowner to get them trimmed back.

The spring causing running water on Rosevear Hill would be reported to Cormac again.

Manhole covers either side of County Cottage were sinking and causing bumps to traffic. Cormac would be advised.

20. Date of next meeting – 21st December

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

CHAIRMAN

Date