

Minutes of a meeting of Mawgan Parish Council held in the Recreation Hall on Wednesday 19th April 2023 at 7.30 pm

Present

Councillor Anthony Hoskin (Chairman)
 “ Mike Laity (Vice-chairman)
 “ Vivian Benney
 “ Miss Lindsay Hockley
 “ Kevin Roberts
 “ Alan Harris
 “ Tony Firth
 “ Catriona Pennell
 “ Guy Foreman (Cornwall Council)

7 members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from the Clerk, Mrs Grace Hatton. The Chairman advised the meeting that Cllr Lindsay Hockley was merely note taker, not clerk, so would be voting as normal.

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

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**

(i) Springfield

Paul Bateman (PB) spoke about item 7(c) – 2 dwellings at Springfield. Said why he disagreed with the reasons for the Inspectors dismissal of previous application for 4 houses. Mawgan is recognised as a settlement which can take extra houses and he disagrees that it is a linear development. Present application is significantly reduced, i.e. only 2 houses and height is reduced.

Mark Coupland, neighbour, rehearsed grounds of previous dismissal, which are still relevant. The new proposal would encroach into the open area and would be harmful to the AONB and would only provide limited benefits to the village. Proposal would conflict with the development plan.

Lisa Coupland, neighbour – Cited several inaccuracies in the new application. There is a spring on the site within 20 metres of the development and there is no mains sewage, only a treatment plant and there are trees and hedges.

PB answered – single spring is not a water course for the purpose of the development. Sewage treatment plant is within the site. PB happy to accept a landscaping condition.

Cllr Hoskin asked how the reduction in height is to be achieved. PB replied by cut and fill. Cllr Hoskin knows the site is wet.

Cllr Pennell asked how this development helps with the housing crisis in Cornwall which is about affordability as much as number of dwellings. PB – Cornwall is not building enough houses, e.g. Langarth Park in Truro had approval for 4k houses five years ago but still not started. The private sewage plant on site is capable of serving 12 dwellings. Lisa recently had her house, no. 4, valued at £470k.

(ii) Mazey Cottage

Peter Stanley, owner (Tangies) explained the history and why a Certificate of Lawfulness is now required. It is a self-contained unit on land they have owned since 2008, started taking in guests in 2014. There is also a potential boundary query with a neighbour but Paul Bateman said that was irrelevant to this request for a Certificate of Lawfulness. Cllr Firth expressed concern that it could be sold as a separate dwelling in the future.

4. Minutes

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting be signed as a true and correct record.

5. To receive Cornwall Cllr Guy Foreman's report

After listening to the response through its consultation process the devolution deal involving a Mayor for Cornwall has been dropped and Cornwall Council will proceed with a strong level 2 deal that requires no change in governance but only £20m. However, this does mean Cornwall will no longer receive the £360m funding that came with the Level 3 Mayor deal.

Leader of Mebyon Kernow still wants some form of devolution for Cornwall, e.g. parliament or assembly but it was voted against.

Full Council sat 18th April, where it was agreed no further secret votes in the interests of transparency. Countdown to National Armed Forces event being held in Falmouth 24th/25th June has begun; there will be an Armed Forces Day flag presentation in Helston on 10th May at 11am. This flag will then be flown in Helston from 19th June to mark Armed Forces Week.

Bus pass validity will not change with them still useable 24/7. Car park charges – there will be some modifications to the structure of the pricing but it is a major source of income for Cornwall Council.

Support for Climate & Ecology private members bill to be re-presented to Parliament on 10th May.

Continued reminder to look at the shared prosperity funding as new funding community and business projects are changing on a regular basis. The third CIL fund round opened on Monday 13th April 2023. This allows constituted community groups, including local councils and not for profit organisations to bid for £20-£100k. The fund is available to support local infrastructure projects with help to either alleviate the impact of development on an area, help development come forward (including local housing) or focus on supporting children and young people.

For information, Culdrose will be cutting down more Monterey Pines around the perimeter fence to facilitate replacement of the fence. The trees are at the end of their life expectancy but more indigenous trees will be planted elsewhere within the site. Cllr Pennell noted that roadside trees help with air pollution. Culdrose now has smaller fire engines.

Solar powered speed warning signs are available for £2.5k each and will collect data but not vehicle registrations. Contact Cuy Foreman if Council is interested.

The Chairman asked about pot holes – CC has been given a grant of £5m to deal with the issue.

6. Matters Arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on this agenda

a) Any response from SWW

A response had now been received from SWW as well as the EA but Cllr Pennell reported she is not happy with either as it is not just a regulation issue but she is also concerned

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about the cost to householders of sewage removal which has increased by 50% in the last five years and is likely to further increase. MP Derek Thomas has not replied. Clerk to send copies of letters to Cornwall Cllr Guy Foreman who will speak to CC and Derek Thomas.

- b) Follow up with Police on trailer and boat on Lower Lane

No response had been received – to be added to next agenda.

7. To consider planning applications received from Cornwall Council

- a) PA23/02053 Side extension to create new workshop. Extend office to create a new office and toilet, Ivans Garage, Unit 3A Gilly Gabben Industrial Estate, Mawgan, Mr Darren Brogden

It was unanimously RESOLVED to support the application.

- b) PA23/02151 Certificate of Lawfulness for use of building as dwelling, barn adj To Mazey Cottage, Tangies, Gunwalloe, Mr & Mrs P Stanley

It was RESOLVED to support the application 4-3, with 1 abstention.

- c) PA23/01940 The construction of two dwellings, land south east of Springfield Meadow, Higher Lane, Mawgan, Mr L Lugg

It was unanimously RESOLVED to recommend refusal of the application.

- d) PA23/01605 Application for change of use from school house to annexe for friends and family use, Chapel House, Garras, Mr David Hogg & Ambia Bariek

It was unanimously RESOLVED to support the application

- e) PA23/02705 application for permission in principle for construction of a single dwelling, land at Gilly Gabben, Gilly Gabben, Mawgan, Mr & Mrs King

It was RESOLVED 7-2 to support the application.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ALL LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

8. To receive planning decisions from Cornwall Council

There were no planning decisions received from Cornwall Council.

9. To receive address from applicant for vacancy on Mawgan Parish Council

An application letter received from Richard Williams was read out in his absence. As there were no public present anyway item 17 was dealt with and it was RESOLVED to co-opt Richard Williams onto the Parish Council. The Clerk would invite him to join Council.

10. To receive copy of Police speed check report for Garras

The report showed only 14% of vehicles go through Garras over 30mph in a 24 hour period. Cllr Roberts asked if HGVs were recorded. Cornwall Cllr Guy Foreman would ask Highways for comparable data.

11. To receive follow up on Feast and Coronation events

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Cllr Roberts reported. To celebrate the coronation there will be a community picnic and games afternoon accompanied by Gweek Band on Monday, 8th May.

150 Coronation Medals have been received for distribution to Garras School children and for sale to members of the public. KR has them in safe keeping.

Feast Week events are largely in place and Feast Saturday will include a car boot sale and a fun dog show.

12. To receive the financial statement - £76,885,153 including Precept £13,000 & VAT refund of £2555.62.

13. To approve the following outstanding accounts

It was RESOLVED to pay the outstanding accounts listed below:

a) Clerk's pay Apr (net tax & pension)	£445.08	b) Clerk's expenses (Mar)	£11.68
c) Cornwall Pension Fund (Apr)	£131.80	d) Trim churchyards x 1 (Mar)	£300.00
e) Trim Recreation Ground x 1 (Mar)	£108.00	f) Trim verges x 1 (Mar)	£30.00
g) Glebe playground inspection (Mar)	£36.00	h) Rec play inspection (Mar)	£36.00
i) SSE bus shelter x 1	£3.86	j) Pothole repairs Rec	£450.00
k) 150 Coronation coins	£438.00	l) 2 x oak trees for Rec @ £12.33 ea	£24.66
m) Expert Trees-work cemetery	£1386.00(paid)		

14. Any Other Business – for information only

Cllr Benney – Council had received notification that a former councillor, Chris Knuckey, has had a stroke and is now blind. It was agreed that the Clerk should acknowledge this in some form.

Cllr Harris - stormwater run-off from agricultural land continues to be very bad down Gweek Drive in particular and he is concerned about the possibility of chemicals getting into the river. Cornwall Cllr Foreman had spoken to Rupert Spencer about ploughing back but nothing had been done.

Cllrs Pennell and Firth had attended a recent Helston and South Kerrier Community Network Panel meeting. They had not realised they would be expected to vote on issues discussed and realise that Council cannot be dismissive of these meetings and therefore a Councillor(s) should always attend. The next meeting is on 7th June. To be an Agenda item.

15. Date of next meeting – 17th May 2023 – AGM's – 7pm

The next meeting, being the annual meeting, would be on 17th May at **7pm**.

16. In view of the nature of the following items, it is proposed to resolve to exclude members of the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 (Standing Order 1c)

17. To consider applicants for vacancy on Council

This had been dealt with under item 9.

9pm was the close of the formal meeting but members then met with Paul Gendall to discuss designs for the hall improvement plans. Additional toilets, including one that is accessible from the playing field, will be provided at the front of the building, the kitchen will be shifted, additional storage space will be provided, showers removed. Two alternatives were tabled and further discussion ensued until at least 9.45pm