

Minutes of the annual meeting of Mawgan Parish Council held in the Recreation Hall on Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 7.30 pm

Present

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

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Richard Williams.

2. Chairman's address

This had already been covered in the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm.

3. Election of officers – En-bloc if no changes

a) Chairman

It was RESOLVED that Cllr A Hoskin continues as Chairman.

b) Vice-chairman

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Mike Laity continues as Vice-chairman.

It was RESOLVED that items c)-h) be re-elected en-bloc.

- c) Bank signatories (Tony Firth, Kevin Roberts and Clerk)
- d) Footpaths Officer (Vivian Benney)
- e) Press Officer (Lindsay Hockley)
- f) Recreation Hall Committee representative (Kevin Roberts)
- g) Emergency Committee (Usually Chair, Vice-chair & Clerk)
- h) Tree Warden (Anthony Hoskin)

4. To confirm adoption of standing orders (as emailed)

It was RESOLVED to re-adopt standing orders.

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

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6. To confirm adoption of financial regulations (as emailed)

It was RESOLVED to re-adopt the financial regulations.

7. To confirm adoption of risk assessment (as emailed)

It was RESOLVED to re-adopt the risk assessment.

8. To consider the dates for the council meetings

It was RESOLVED to accept the dates for the council meetings.

9. 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.

10. 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

There were no public questions.

11. Minutes

Apart from the misspelling of Cllr Pennell's name, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting be signed as a true and correct record.

12. To receive Cornwall Cllr Guy Foreman's report

It had been very quiet at County Hall. The cabinet had met a few weeks earlier. They had saved £300k over the previous year, which would now be used up by the decision to keep and upgrade the fire control centre at Tolvaddon. The Cornwall Council AGM would be held the following Tuesday. A motion was due to be discussed to encourage local businesses to support Cornish farmers by buying local (and, hopefully, seasonal) food. However, it was recognised that this would be expensive for families. RNAS Culdrose would be removing Douglas Fir trees around the perimeter in June to make way for installation of a new fence. Cllr Foreman passed on Cllr Fennell's note that trees around the perimeter helped reduce air pollution. A call to make the road around the base safer was given the response that it's the best road in Cornwall – it's the drivers. Armed Forces Day was now only 4 weeks away with Cornwall hosting it this year at Falmouth. Many events were planned. The first CAP meeting would be held on 7th June face to face. A hybrid system of combined online and in the room was being brought out but not fully up and running yet. He had mentioned SWW to the MP, who stated he had not replied because the Clerk only 'copied' him in on the letter. The Clerk would send it again directly to him.

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

a) Any response from MP re SWW?

This had just been covered above.

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

A resident had visited Falmouth Police Station who said it is Cornwall Council, who passed it onto Biffa – it's waste contractor but Biffa does not know whose it is. It was pointed out the trailer has a number plate. The Chairman would visit Helston Police Station.

c) Follow up on oak trees for Rec

It was felt they could be planted at the far side where the fir tree stumps were but the stumps needed removing. The chairman of the Recreation Hall would clear them. It was agreed that 2 x watering kits to be planted with the trees be purchased, together with one galvanised tree guard. These would be delivered to the Chairman who would then plant the oak trees.

14. To consider planning applications received from Cornwall Council

There were no planning applications received from Cornwall Council. A five-day protocol had been issued to Council during since the last meeting, requiring a decision within 5 days about a planning application, for which the officer disagreed with Council's opinion. Members were concerned at this requirement to do things between meetings, especially as in the standing orders resolutions cannot be overturned for six months. The Clerk stated St Keverne were wrestling with the same issue and created their own additional standing order to cover the situation. She would email members a copy.

15. To receive planning decisions from Cornwall Council

03/05/2023 PA23/01605 APPROVED

Applicant:- Mr David Hogg & Ambia Bariek

Location:- Chapel House Garras Helston Cornwall TR12 6LN

Proposal Application for change of use from school house to annexe for friends and family use.

10/05/2023 PA23/02151 Granted (CAADs, PIPs and LUs only)

Applicant:- Mr & Mrs Peter & Marion Stanley

Location:- Barn Adj To Mazey Cottage Gunwalloe Helston Cornwall TR12 7PU

Proposal Use of building as dwelling

16. To discuss next CAP meeting (formerly CNP) and voting requirements (minutes attached)

Members needed to attend these meetings where important decisions were being taken that affect each parish. However, Council's two nominated representatives did not receive emails about the meeting. A request would be made that the next meeting is a hybrid meeting so that members have a choice as to whether to attend in person or remotely. They also requested agendas to be emailed out.

17. To discuss water flooding down track to Lower Lane from Higher Lane near Church

This track belonged to Trelowarren. The estate would be asked if it would be prepared to improve it as it was in a dangerous state. The Clerk referred to this issue arising a few years ago when it was deemed necessary to install

larger drains on the top side of Higher Lane to take away all the water and prevent it running down the track in the first place. The Cormac officer involved at the time was now the head of the Western division, so the Clerk would contact him about it.

18. To receive follow up on Feast and Coronation events

The Coronation picnic was held in the Recreation Hall as the weather was wet. It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council pays for the Gweek Band concert put on the same day.

19. To receive report on Recreation Hall Committee AGM

A request was made to remove the entrance gate as it was never closed and for a set of noticeboard keys, which the Clerk was addressing. Cllr Roberts would remove the gate. This would provide a bit more parking as well. The Committee wanted a new heating system now as there would be another winter to go through before any works were completed. However, it seemed a bit premature when work was being planned for major refurbishment. Smart meters were also required by the power supplier.

20. To receive the financial statement

£75,328.01, including £13,000 1st 50% precept paid in.

21. To approve the following outstanding accounts

It was RESOLVED that the following outstanding accounts are paid:

a) Clerk's pay May (net tax & pension)	£444.88	b) Clerk's expenses (Mar)	£12.99
c) Cornwall Pension Fund (May)*	£141.60	d) Trim churchyards x 2 (Apr)	£636.00
e) Trim Recreation Ground x 2 (Apr)	£228.00	f) Trim verges x 2 (Apr)	£72.00
g) Glebe playground inspection (Apr)	£36.00	h) Rec play inspection (Apr)	£36.00
i) SSE bus shelter x 1	£3.92	j) Pothole repairs Rec	£450.00
k) Gold paths 2 x cuts 1 st cut	£470.90	l) RoSPA annual playground inspections	£180.00
m) Annual support 2 x defibrillators	£360.00	n) Zurich insurance renewal	£666.20

*Pension contributions increased by £4.90 from April, May now includes increase for both months.

22. Any Other Business – for information only

The grass at Mawgan Cross had not been cut by whoever used to cut it. The Chairman would do it. The barrier in the hall car park still needed repairing – the Clerk would report it again. There were now several potholes in Skyburriowe Lane – Cormac would be advised. A major water leak in daffodil field opposite the Rec Hall, which was running out across the road, had now been fixed.

23. Date of next meeting – 21st June 2023 at 7.30pm