

Minutes of the Meeting of St Mawgan-in-Pydar Parish Council held in Mawgan Porth Village Hall on Wednesday 08 December 2010 commencing at 7.55pm

Present: Cllrs W H J Corbett (Chairman), K Atkinson (Vice Chairman), I Barry, M E Errington, C R Mitchell, W K Old, M Raby & E A Thompson

In Attendance: 5 members of the public, & Mr. L Lee (Parish Clerk.)

256/2010 Apologies were received from Cllrs. S P Harding, L McKenzie, P McLuskie, Cllr. J Fitter (CC) & Sgt E Fox

257/2010 Police Report
A written report was received from the police recording a theft of garden gates & a theft at Tredragon Hotel (sic), during the previous month. A reminder was included to keep Christmas gifts out of sight particularly if kept in motor vehicles.

258/2010 Declarations of Interest
Cllr. Atkinson – Personal Interest in Item 10a)iii, planning application PA10/07058
Cllr. Corbett –Personal Interest in item 10a)ii, planning application PA10/07391
Cllr. Errington – Personal Interest in Items 10a)i & 10b)ii planning applications PA10/07054 & PA10/04912. Personal & Prejudicial Interest in item 20 Grant to Mawgan Porth Village Hall (Treasurer)
Cllr. Mitchell – Personal Interest in Item 10a)i & 10b)ii Planning applications PA10/07054 & PA10/04912
Cllr Raby – Personal & Prejudicial interest in Item 10a)iii planning application - PA10/07058

259/2010 Public Speaking
Mr Gardner requested an update on his interest in acting as Tree Warden for the PC. He was advised that the Clerk had received information from CC which had been passed to Cllr. Old. The PC was happy in principle to proceed with the appointment. Item to be placed on January agenda.

260/2010 Minutes of Meeting 10 November 2010
Resolved to accept the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2010 at 7.00pm as a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the Chairman.

261/2010 Matters Arising
The Clerk will arrange for Cllr Old to have a copy of the report on Newquay airport.
Cllr. Errington reported that £3132 had been spent on the refurbishment of Mawgan Porth Village hall.
The Clerk will arrange for all Councillors to have footpath maps.
It was agreed that, until further notice 'Matters Arising' would no longer appear on the agenda. Councillors to advise Clerk at least 1 week prior to the meeting if they wish to have items to be added to the agenda.

262/2010 Precept
a. The Chairman had reported on his meeting with David Chadwick (CC) at the Public Meeting held before the PC meeting – notes annexed to minutes.
b. To discuss and decide on precept level for 2011-2012 '
The clerk had successfully requested an extension of time to submit a precept requirement until mid-January 2011 from Cornwall Council.
Following extensive discussion, it was resolved that CC be informed that the PC was minded to return responsibility for the footpaths, churchyard and beach to CC next year. The reason for this decision was that the PC, following the abolition of the former Double Charge Grant, would now be shouldering some 75% of the costs of these activities although they were all, properly speaking, the responsibility of Cornwall Council. It was felt that this constituted an unfair

burden on parishioners albeit that the level of service provided by CC might well be less than that currently provided by the PC.

The position in relation to the responsibility for churchyard maintenance is not clear-cut - hence no definitive decision could be made - and this needs to be resolved as soon as possible.

The Chairman will produce a short statement for parishioners explaining the rationale for the above decision.

263/2010 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report had been circulated prior to the meeting and there were no questions.

264/2010 Vacancies in Council

- a. The 14 days notice period has expired and Cornwall Council has advised that no election has been requested so the PC can now co-opt 2 new members.
- b. **Resolved** to co-opt Michael Raby to fill one of the vacancies. He duly signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took his place as Councillor.

265/2010 Planning

(a) New Applications

- i) PA10/07054 Mr & Mrs T & E Uff, Greenacres Trenance
Proposed conversion of garage to granny flat, bathroom & motor garage (amended resubmission)
No plan for the garage had been included in the pack so the PC was unable to comment. Clerk to request further information from CC & request an extension to the time allowed for comments.

ii) PA10/07391 Mr & Mrs W Finnemore, Church Close, Trevarrian

Proposed to build a Rosewood external- white internal PVCu Porch at the side of the house connected to the existing conservatory.

Resolved – **No objections**

Cllr Raby left the meeting

- iii) PA10/07058 Mr & Mrs B Louveaux, The Old Rectory Lodge, St Mawgan
Proposed Slate roof repairs/renewal of fixings/replacement
Resolved – **No objections.**

Cllr. Raby returned

b) Advices and decisions from Cornwall Council

- i) Notice of Appeal C2/09/01423 Mr P Latowsky, Moorlands, Mawgan Porth TR8 4DL Erection of 2 residential dwellings **Resolved** – Chairman to submit written submission to PINS in support of LPA's decision to refuse planning permission
- ii) Application Withdrawn - PA10/04912 Greenacres, Trenance, Mawgan Porth
- iii) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission –PA10/06024 Merlin Farm - Proposed demolition of workshop & construction of 7 holiday units
- iv) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission –PA10/06563 Woodland View, Higher Tolcarne – Change of use from 2 units to single dwelling & including removal of external staircase, new porch & enlargement of existing dormer windows

c) To discuss enforcement issues

- i) Trevarrian Holiday Park- Caravans are being stored on the main part of the site in contravention of the conditions attached to the relevant planning

permission. Furthermore, no planning application has ever been submitted for caravan storage in the summertime overflow field. Clerk to refer to CC.

- ii) Cllr Thompson advised that Cllr Fitter had let her know that CC had written to the landowner regarding the horsebox/ caravan in the field in the valley. Clerk to request update from CC. Item on January agenda.

- 266/2010 The Newquay & St Columb Community Network Forum
Monthly report circulated prior to meeting. Cllr Errington reported that he was having difficulty attending these meetings due to timing. It was agreed to discuss this, along with membership of working groups & outside bodies at the January meeting.
- 267/2010 Mawgan Porth Beach
a. Dog bin at North Steps – A decision whether to replace this bin was deferred until January pending further dialogue with CC
b. Disabled Access – Cllr. Old confirmed he would attend to the remaining repairs when the cold weather ended. The chairman will investigate placement of large stones to prevent vehicles parking on the access.
- 268/2010 Playing Field
The Chairman advised that ridge tiles were missing from the bier house & the door needs repairing or replacing. Councillors asked if this was a listed building & whether permission to repair would be needed from Mrs Young- Jamieson. The Chairman will make enquiries.
- 269/2010 Burial Ground/Closed Cemetery
a) The door for the sextons hut has been forced at some stage & needs replacing. The Chairman will instruct Kevin Snell to effect the necessary repairs.
b) The Burial of the late Mary Audrey Chadwick took place on 07 December 2010
- 270/2010 Footpaths
The Clerk will contact Hamish Gordon (CC) for a progress report.
- 271/2010 Standing Order Review
Clerk & Cllr Mitchell to progress update of existing standing orders.
- 272/2010 Council Website Project
The parish council website has now been brought up to date. Resolved that the website www.stmawganparishcouncil.org.uk be launched & feedback be requested from parishioners
- 273/2010 Other reports
(1) The Chairman advised that planning permission had been refused by the Planning Committee for the additional hole at Merlin Golf Club
(2) Cllr Thompson reported that she had attended the Newquay Airport Consultation meeting, but Al Titterington had already provided us with all the information.
- 274/2010 Accounts

(1) **Resolved** to pay the following accounts:

T Michell	Maintenance – November 2010	£ 669.00
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L Lee	Clerks November Salary & expenses	£ 466.54
Parish News	Clerk's Parish Magazine 2010 part	£ 5.24
D Vickery	Re-imbusement paint for telephone box	£ 74.97
Parish News	Clerk's Parish Magazine 2011	£ 17.00
Total		£ 1232.75

275/2010 Mawgan Porth Village Hall – Cllr Errington left the meeting. It was **Resolved** to grant £100 towards the cost of the refurbishment
Cllr Errington returned to the meeting

276/2010 Outstanding Highways Issues

- a. St Eval Junction – **Resolved** to request CC to carry out the 'lining only' scheme suggested by Adrian Roberts in his report dated 03 November 2010
- b. Gritting of roads – Cllrs felt that a good job had been done in St Mawgan during the recent cold spell. In Mawgan Porth, Tredragon Road was gritted after a request to CC. CC has now removed the non-essential grit bins & these are currently in the car park behind The Merrymoor Inn pending relocation as the PC sees fit.

277/10 Correspondence from Cornwall Council

- a. The Future of Recycling & Waste Collections in Cornwall - to respond to consultation - Online survey response by 31 December 2010. It was noted that this survey was aimed at the public rather than the PC. Notices have been put up in St Mawgan & Mawgan Porth

Correspondence for Information - circulated

- b. Flooding & Historic Buildings – English Heritage guidance
- c. Local Council Protocol with Planning and Regeneration Service - Clerk & Cllr Mitchell to raise concern with CC re. imposing a veto over a decision by a local council to request a hearing at the planning committee when the view of the local council cannot be reconciled to the officers' opinion after discussion – CC seem to be removing the PC's ability to represent it's views.
- d. Building Control Newsletter - November 2010
- e. Connecting Cornwall: 2030, publication of draft strategy and implementation plan.

278/10 Any Other Business – None

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Date of next meeting – 12 January 2011 at St Mawgan Porth Community Hall at 7.30pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman.....

12 January 2011

Public Meeting regarding possible budget cuts
St Mawgan-in-Pydar Parish Council
MAWGAN PORTH VILLAGE HALL
on **Wednesday the 08th day of December 2010 at 7.00pm**

The Parish Council is currently considering the level of precept for 2011/12. Your views on possible cuts in beach cleaning, grass cutting and churchyard maintenance in the parish are needed to help the parish council make this decision. Four members of the public attended the meeting.

The Chairman opened the meeting advising that the PC had obtained an extension from CC until 14 January 2011 for setting the Precept for the year 2011/2012. The Chairman explained that the Council had four main contracts (clerk, beach cleaning, bus shelters and general maintenance) which cost the PC £21,500 per year. Added to this were fixed costs of £4750 (insurance, hall hire, audit fees etc), and then a further sum for repairs and renewals. The average total spend of the PC over the last 3 years had been approximately £31,000.

From 2011/12 the double charge grant (a rebate from Cornwall Council to compensate for works that were the responsibility of the Local Authority but performed by the PC) was being abolished. Thus, apart from burial ground income of some £600 pa, and payments of £818 and £1210 from Cornwall Council as a contribution to our spend on footpaths and the beach (cost to PC - £2100 and £3500 respectively) all of the PC's spending had to be funded by the precept which would need to rise from the present £23,000 pa to some £28,000 if the same level of service was to be provided next year.

The chairman explained that the PC spend £8000 pa maintaining the closed churchyard, the beach and the footpaths, all of which would have to be maintained by the Cornwall Council if not by the PC. In return the Council receives £2028 back from Cornwall Council in respect of these items. The PC currently contributes 77% towards the beach costs, 45% towards the footpath costs & 100% towards the Churchyard costs. The Chairman met with CC recently to discuss their level of contribution & was advised there were no more funds available.

In the absence of an enhanced contribution from Cornwall Council for the work the PC does on its behalf, the PC appeared to have three options. First, to raise the precept by some £5,000, as detailed above. Alternatively the PC could hand back responsibility to Cornwall Council for those works which were properly speaking its responsibility. Finally, the PC could use its reserves, which it has set aside for match-funding in respect of Capital Projects.

Mr Gardner (member of public) expressed concern that a lower standard of service would be provided by CC than the PC. He felt that increasing the Precept would set a precedent & the PC would not have the same opportunity to return the contracts to CC. He noted that the PC carrying out these duties meant jobs for local people that would be lost if the contracts were handed back. Cllr. Thompson, pointed out the lots of local traders rely on the tourism which a clean beach attracts.

The Chairman thanked the public for their attendance & advised the matter would be discussed in the Parish Council meeting that was to follow immediately.

Laurie Lee (clerk)