

St Mawgan-in-Pydar Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Assembly of St Mawgan-in-Pydar Parish

held at

St Mawgan Community Hall on Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 6.00 pm

Present: Dr E McKenzie, Chair of the Parish Council, Mrs D Carter, Mr G Williams, Mrs S Karkeek, and Mrs K Mullard.

In attendance: Parish Clerk, Angela Hayne.

(01/24) Apologies: Received from Mrs C Tyson and Cornwall Cllr Paul Wills.

(02/24) Minutes of meeting held 12th April 2023 were approved.

(03/24) Address by Cornwall Councillor Paul Wills – none.

(04/24) Chairman's Report - 2023-24:

Another busy year – when is it not!

Last year I reported on the PC 's traffic calming measures at Trevarrian and the purchase of speed monitors. These have been in position and moved about during the past year. Nick Shield is managing the monitor data for us and reporting on a three-monthly basis. We are grateful to George Williams and Nick for relocating the monitors.

Sadly, repairs costing over £300 have been necessary to the one near the Arla site due to suspected vandalism. The good news is that from December 2023 to March 2024 at most locations motorists are keeping to the speed limit, indeed many are well below 30mph.

The Neighbourhood Plan group obtained funding to cover costs of employing a consultant to help with developing the Neighbourhood plan. We increased the frequency of meetings during November through to March to prepare the information for the evidence base which will form the basis for the plan. Our consultant has drafted out a detailed evidence document and will be moving on to draft out the plan itself. We will apply for more funding to enable us to complete the plan.

This time last year the PC had just taken over as Sole Trustee for the Community Hall in St Mawgan. The newly formed Community Hall Management Committee have been working on an extensive programme of work to update and improve the hall facilities. The priority was to make the building weatherproof, now moving on to internal works. We are grateful to the Denzell Downs fund for funding to help with this – and to the PC – we continue to apply for funding towards costs.

Planning applications continue to comprise a major component of PC business, both at meetings and in between. Being a parish councillor is a big commitment for people who are volunteers, so thanks to my Vice Chair and to everyone for the time they give to all their PC duties, but particularly the planning applications – and especially thanks to William Corbett who leads the planning working group, liaises with planning officers, prepares PC responses to the applications after the meeting and represents the PC at the Area Planning Committee when we request applications be decided by the

Committee. It can be frustrating when we have devoted time and effort to deciding on and justifying our position and this is then disregarded.

Looking back at last year's report, I commented then on the proposed development at Cornish Fresh, which had an original determination deadline of July 2021, but incredibly it was then, and it still remains, undetermined.

Footpaths have again raised concerns at a number of locations during the year. We are currently working on improving the beach access. The old dune path has been cut out and the Clerk is liaising with CC to reinstate a pedestrian path alongside the road.

We remain very grateful for the tireless efforts of Mike Farmer and his family, who remove and sort the rubbish from the beach. They really do go above and beyond to ensure that the beach is kept clean. We hope that the businesses around the bay will continue to contribute to the costs of rubbish removal, so that the beach cleaning can continue as the PC couldn't meet the full costs.

The PC has been working with Cathy Craddock and her team at Outdoor Play People to undertake a review and revamp of the children's play area at St Mawgan. This has also been facilitated by the Odd Job Team who have cleaned all the play equipment, as well as doing all sorts of other odd jobs around the parish. Our thanks to them for all their hard work, which we all appreciate, but particularly Angela the parish clerk!

We've just had one change to the parish council line up this year, when Luke Mosley left for pastures new. Thanks to Luke for all his work on behalf of the council, with the Beach working group, the Neighbourhood Plan group and the Community Hall. We had two people who put themselves forward for the vacancy and after a vote at the December 2023 meeting we welcomed Kim Vose to the PC.

People will be familiar with the Parish Council and Cornwall Council, but there is another layer between those two. St Mawgan was part of the Newquay and St Columb Major Community Network Panel (CNP), but last year these were reorganised to form 12 Community Area Partnerships (CAP). We are now part of part of the Saints' Coast CAP, still with Newquay and St Columb, but now also with Perranporth and St Agnes. The CAP Chair is Ken Yeo from the Perranporth (CNP) and I am currently Vice Chair. Meetings are held every three months and public are welcome to attend. Chairs/Vice Chairs also meet together.

Tony Roberts continues to keep the toilets sparkling clean and reports any issues to the Clerk. So we thank him for his hard work and dedication.

Tom Preddy is the contractor for the maintenance of the playing field and cemetery, along with cutting the footpaths. Thanks to Tom for all he does.

So, here we are, around to April again and on behalf of the Parish Council I would also like to thank all of the contractors I have mentioned for their hard work for the Parish. I'm sure we all appreciate everything they do to maintain the Parish for the benefit of all of us.

I also need to give our wholehearted thanks to our Parish Clerk, Angela Hayne, who manages to keep all the Parish Council processes going. She makes sure that our meetings take place in accordance with the regulations, keeps all the records and as the Responsible Officer she over sees all the financial matters. The role of Parish Clerk is complex and ever expanding, but Angela manages everything skilfully and keeps everything running smoothly – and still keeps smiling! Thank you, Angela!

Dr E McKenzie, Chairman of the Parish Council

Thanks were extended to the Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk for all they do by Mrs Sarah Karkeek, on behalf of all present.

(05/24) Parish Affairs in general:

Remark was made of the state of the highways particularly following successive storm events this year.

Meeting closed 18:18pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting:April 2025