Mabe Parish Council

Minutes - 11 May 2023

Minutes of the annual meeting of Mabe Parish Council held on Thursday 11 May 2023 at the Mabe Parish and WI Hall, Antron Hill, Mabe, commencing at 7.00pm

Councillors present: Councillors: P Tisdale (Chair), K West (Vice-Chair), B Galke, R Phillips, P Simmons (until 9.17pm), A Thomas (until 9.17pm), T Tindle, A Wills (until 9.47pm)

Cornwall Councillor attending: Cllr Bastin had sent his apologies.

Officer support: Clerk/RFO

Minute no:	Agenda Items		
MPC23.24.1	Election of Chair for this meeting		
	Resolved – that Cllr Tisdale will chair this meeting.		
MPC23.24.2	Apologies for absence – were received from Cllrs Wilkinson, Cole.		
MPC23.24.3	Election of Chair of the Council for council year 2023/24		
	Resolved – that Cllr Tisdale is elected as Chair of the Council for the council year 2023/2024		
MPC23.24.4	Election of Vice-Chair of the Council for council year 2023/24		
	Resolved – that Cllr West is elected as Vice-Chair of the Council for the council year 2023/2024		
MPC23.24.5	Members' Declarations of Interests		
	Cllr Tindle declared an interest in Minute 12 b) (planning application, Chynoweth) as a neighbour of the application site, and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.		
MPC23.24.6	To approve written requests for dispensation - None		
MPC23.24.7	Cornwall Councillor report		
	Members noted the report from C.Cllr Bastin which had been circulated prior to the meeting.		
MPC23.24.8	Public Speaking		
	Two residents from Halvasso requested the support of the parish council in lobbying for improvements in the Halvasso area. They made reference to the number of buildings and businesses in Halvasso, and this results in traffic concerns. They also have a flooding issue in the area, Cormac has been contacted over previous years, no action has yet been possible, however the Cornish Hedge is now being affected. Where the road floods it is approx. 20 metres long. Cornwall Council had built a soakaway, this is no longer fit for purpose and the drain is full.		
	A site meeting has been requested, but Highways have not yet agreed to a site meeting.		

Littering in Halvasso is also a problem, and enforcement concerns with a proliferation of caravans.

Cllr Tisdale offered to take up the issue about the speeding traffic issues and flooded road, as he would be meeting with the local highways officer soon.

Another speaker flagged up the grant application for the Mabe Christmas Lights, and concern at the removal of the trees behind the bus shelter, following an intruder entering the garden recently, asking what the parish council is going to do to sort it out. Members noted that the matter of the fence behind the bus shelter is on the agenda for this item, to be considered later in the meeting.

MPC23.24.9

Minutes of meeting of the council held on 13 April 2023

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting of the council, as above, having been circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

MPC23.24.10

Halvasso

Cllr Galke reported on changes in Halvasso. Family farms have been divided up into multiple dwellings, there has been an increase in people, businesses, and the narrow road still has a 60mph speed limit, and so is a route featured on sat navs.

Potholes in the area are often reported and filled in, but not to a good standard, and so an ongoing issue.

House prices devalued, insurance increasing, council tax increasing, but service is decreasing. Business properties are using the domestic rubbish service.

Fewer children are allowed to walk to the bus stop for school, and this is a growing concern with more and more electric vehicles.

From the parish council point of view, it is felt that Halvasso is often forgotten, and so there is a need for a greater number of Halvasso issues to be considered by the parish council.

There has been good service from the Cornwall Council fly-tipping clearance team.

Recent reports of at least one overturned car, demonstrates that speed is an issue in the area.

Concerns at the removal of a significant section of Cornish Hedge, presumed to have been removed by the owners of the privately owned field on the corner to the old entrance to BF Adventure.

Members considered the issues raised:

- Speedwatch cannot be carried out in Halvasso
- Consider seeking Highways funding for highways improvements in Halvasso
- Potential to explore other funding sources for Halvasso improvements

Agreed:

Cllr Tisdale offered to follow up on some of the issues raised. It was agreed that potential funding will be explored via the Community Area Partnership, to be raised by the council's appointed representative on the CAP.

MPC23.24.11	Clerk's update report			
	The Clerk reported that further to the agreement at the last meeting, the cle arranged for the purchase of the games which were purchased for the Coro party and now stored at the MYCP for future use.			
	Regarding the bus shelter seat and noticeboard, a revised quote had been received from the appointed contractor, necessitating a review against other quotes received. This to be considered later in the meeting as a confidential item, so that quotes could be reported and discussed.			
	Noted.			
MPC23.24.12	Pla	Planning Applications		
	a)	PA23/02362 – Gatehouse Lodge Entrance, Penryn Campus, Penryn, Treliever Road – Listed Building consent for re-alignment and repair of dwarf granite walls caused by vehicle impact damage. Replacement of rotten sections of wooden railings. Repair, redecoration and re-fitting of cast-iron panels.		
		Resolved – that the application is supported, provided that it supported by the Historic Environment Officer.		
	b)	PA23/02341 – Stable Barn, Trenoweth, Mabe Burnthouse – Demolition of existing 'Field Barn' and proposed new dwelling		
		Resolved – that the parish council objects to the proposed development as it is considered to be development in the countryside, outside the settlement boundary set out in the (post examination, pre referendum) Mabe Development Plan. The proposal is considered contrary to Policy 3 of the Cornwall Local Plan, and contrary to Policy 7.3 of the Cornwall Local Plan.		
		The proposal is considered contrary to policies 1, 14.2, 15.1, 15.2 of the Mabe Neighbourhood Plan.		
	c)	PA23/02927 – 15 Gweal Darras, Mabe Burnthouse – Proposed extension and enlargement of parking area		
		Resolved – that the parish council supports the application, provided that the materials and finish match the existing property.		
	d)	PA23/02519 – Chynoweth Farm, The Old Great Barn, Rose Valley, Mabe Burnthouse – Twenty-two ground mounted solar panel on two frames of eight panels and a frame of six panels.		
		Councillor Tindle declared an interest in this item, as neighbour of the application site, and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.		
		Resolved – that the application is supported, provided that there is landscaping screening to ensure that the development cannot be viewed from the road, or from the reservoir.		
	e)	PA23/02718 – Bridge Cottage, Eathorne, Constantine, Falmouth – Removal of existing free standing single garage and ancillary outbuildings and sheds. Erection of double garage with integrated workshop space with pitched roof.		

		Installation of timber exterior staircase to first floor studio storage space above garage. Soft landscaping to driveway area around new garage and cottage. Erection of two entrance porches to the east side and west sides of the cottage respectively.			
		Resolved – that the parish council supports the application, provided that the first floor is used for storage or home office only, and not used for overnight accommodation.			
	f)	PA23/03106 – Tremough House, Penryn Campus, Penryn – Listed Building Consent for the essential maintenance to retain integrity to the link bridge			
		Resolved – that the application is supported. Some concern that grey aluminium is not in keeping with the existing and so the recommendation of the Listed Building / Historic Environment Officer should be sought.			
	g)	Appeal Notification – PA	A22/05361 – Potters Farm, Halvasso		
		Resolved – that Cllrs Tir the Planning Inspectora	Resolved – that Cllrs Tindle, Tisdale and West will draft a response to be sent to the Planning Inspectorate, and will circulate to Councillors before sending it. The council agreed to delegate this action to Cllrs Tindle, Tisdale and West.		
	h)	Appeal Notification – PA22/09983 – Land North of Bramble Cottage, Trevone, Mabe Burnthouse, Penryn – Application for Permission in Principle for construction of up to one dwelling			
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MPC23.24.13	Sch	eme of Delegation – To approve and adopt a Scheme of Delegation			
	De	Ferred to next meeting			
MPC23.24.14		rms of Reference for committees — To approve and adopt the Terms of Reference the council's committees/working groups			
	De	ferred to next meeting			
MPC23.24.15	An	pointment of Members t	o Committees and Working Groups		
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	-		ments be made, as set out below:	٦ .	
	I -	Committees	2023/24]	
		Planning sites	P Tisdale, K West, T Tindle, M Wilkinson	4	
	I -	Staffing	Ch, V-Ch, T Tindle, B Galke	4	
	<u> </u>	Finance	Ch, V-Ch, R Philips	-	
		Working Groups	C Colo A Millo D Tindala A Thamas A A Millia	-	
		Footpaths	C Cole, A Wills, P Tisdale, A Thomas, M Wilkinson [and R George]		
		Health & Safety	T Tindle, A Thomas, K West	1 .	
		Outside reps		1	
	 	Community Area	K West (voting), B Galke (substitute) Simmons	1	
		Partnerships			
		University link	A Wills, P Simmons		
		Climate Change Group	P Simmons		

	MYCP reps	C Cole, K West, A Thomas		
	Defibrillator checkers	C Cole, K West, Tindle,		
	Internal audit checks	R Philips, P Tisdale		
	Councillor surgeries	All councillors on a rota basis		
MPC23.24.16	Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations It was noted that Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were up to date and no amendments needed at this time. They will be kept under rolling review throughout the year.			
MPC23.24.17	Review of complaints prod	cedure - no change needed at this time.		
MPC23.24.18	Review of the Council's policies, procedures and practices in respect of its obligations under freedom of information and data protection legislation			
	Cllr Galke offered to review these policies, procedures and practices, for report to council at a later date.			
MPC23.24.19	Review of any other Council policies – policies to be under rolling review throughout the year.			
MPC23.24.20	Review of the Council's expenditure incurred under s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 Noted that s.137 expenditure was reported in the year end budget monitoring report.			
MPC23.24.21	To agree the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council Resolved – that meetings will continue to be held on the second Thursday of the month, at 7.00pm in the WI Hall, Mabe.			
MPC23.24.22	Review of arrangements with other local authorities, not-for-profit bodies and businesses None.			
MPC23.24.23	Review of Asset Register			
	Defer to the next meeting.			
MPC23.24.24	Review of the Council's Financial Risk Assessment			
	Defer to next meeting.			
MPC23.24.25	Confirmation of arrangements for insurance cover, including renewal of consurance policy		urrent	
Members considered the quote received and				
	Resolved – that the council will enter into a three year agreement with Zurich, as per the quote received.			
MPC23.24.26	6 Review of subscriptions to other bodies - CALC, Cornwall Association of Local Councils - SLCC, Society of Local Council Clerks			
	Agreed			

Mabe Neighbourhood Plan Clr West reported that the draft NDP has passed inspection. It is expected that the NDP will go to referendum in August. Thanks were given to Cllrs Galke and West for the tremendous amount of work in re-writing various sections of the document following the Inspectors comments. The final policies do not carry the force originally intended for some of the policies, due to changes in response to the Inspector's comments, however it remains a strong planning document to help shape future development in the parish in accordance with the wishes of the local community. Noted. MPC23.24.29 Public Rights of Way - To confirm the maintenance arrangements for the 2023 season Resolved - that Greens will be asked to carry out the LMP rights of way maintenance work for the 2023 season, based on two cuts (to be reviewed if needed and if budget permits), MPC23.24.30 Approval for the Chair to sign a joint open letter to the press, regarding the proposed development at Penvose [Cllr Wilkinson] It was noted that a letter has been drafted and previously circulated. It was noted that the planning application for the Penvose development is due to be considered by Cornwall Council's planning committee in June, and so parish concerns at the planning committee meeting. Following discussion, it was Agreed that the Chair may co-sign the open letter to the press, to be sent from Ponsanooth and Mabe Parish Councils. The Bier – to consider where the funeral bier should be stored and to what use it may be put Before the bier can be fixed, the items stored need to be removed. Cllrs Simmons and Thomas left the meeting at this point. MPC23.24.33 The Bier – to approve the authorised bank signatories and any changes to be made to the bank mandate Resolved – that the existing signatures to continue (Chair, Vice-Chair, and Cllrs Cole, Thomas and Wilkinson) MPC23.24.33 To receive the Internal Audit Report for the year ended 31 March 2023 – to note, and to agree any resulting actions Deferred to next meeting.	MPC23.24.27	Review of Direct Debits – Noted.		
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MPC23.24.36	.36 To approve the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2023 - to agree the to submit the Annual Governance and Accountability Return form to auditors BL Deferred to next meeting.		
MPC23.24.37	To approve other year end audit documents: Conflict of Interest Form (BDO Auditors)		
	Deferred to next meeting.		
MPC23.24.38	Increase in prices – Microsof	t – Noted.	
MPC23.24.39	Schedule of payments		
	Resolved - to approve payme	nts as set out in the payments schedule	
	Payee	Purpose	Amount (inc VAT)
	Retrospective approval		
	House of Jaques	Outdoor games for Coronation tea party	£265.81
	To be paid by online banki	ng	<u>I</u>
	Printerworld	Replenish printer ink – NDP printing	£450.14
	Mabe WI	Hall Hier (Dec 22 – Apr23 inc)	£120.00
	Purple Cloud	Email support and Microsoft business licences – May – Inv 3952	£150.00
	L Dowe	Clerk's salary (April)	£501.60
	L Dowe	Clerk's expenses (April)	£54.32
	HMRC	PAYE tax and NI (Month 2)	£125.20
	Direct Debit payments		
	Vodafone	April – wifi hub (DD on 16 May)	£12.85
	ICO	Information Commissioners Office – annual fee	£35.00
MPC23.24.40	Finance report and bank reco	onciliation To follow	
MPC23.24.41	Migrating to new parish cour	ncil email addresses – ongoing.	
MPC23.24.42	Climate Group – regular update		
Cllr Simmons reported that in addition to the local climate grounow also a Cornwall Climate Group, and local reps will also atten			•
MPC23.24.43	University Update No update		
MPC23.24.44	Correspondence		
	 Email received – concerns at parking for residents of Antron Hill and Gwe Darrass Noted. 		n Hill and Gweal

MPC23.24.45	Agenda items for a future meeting		
	Any matters deferred from, or raised at this meeting		
	- Grant applications (June meeting)		
	- AGAR / audit (June meeting)		
	Matters for decision, information excluded from the press and public		
MPC23.24.46	Resolved that in accordance with s.1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following business owing to the confidential nature of that business		
MPC23.24.47	Fencing behind the bush shelter on Treliever Road To consider options and to agree the way forward		
	Following discussion and consideration of a range of potential options which had to allow for difficulties in fixing new fencing posts or mature planting due to the Leylandii stumps remaining on site, it was		
	Resolved – to get 6 ft fencing panels and fix these to the existing fence. Cllr West offered to source the wood and carry out the fixing of the panels on site.		
	Cllr Wills left the meeting at this point.		
MPC23.24.48	Clerk's update item – Bench and Noticeboard for the bus shelter at Treliever Road		
	The Clerk reported that the contractor appointed to carry out the work had increased their quote for the works, and so this quote was considered alongside the other quotes received.		
	Resolved – to ask Corey Massey to carry out the work (construct and install bench and noticeboard at the bus shelter, Treliever Road) for the amount originally quoted.		
	Meeting closed: 9.50pm	Signed by Chair:	