

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of St Mewan Parish
Council held at Polgooth Village Hall on Wednesday 26th
October 2016 commencing at 7.00pm

Present

Councillors Mr J Kneller (Chairman), Mrs M Mitchell (Vice Chair) Mrs G Tarbox, Mrs M Mitchell, Mrs J Ringrose, Mrs Z Howard, A Wynn, C Passmore, R Wallis, D Stead

In Attendance

Wendy Yelland – Clerk

Public Attendance

Mr Tolliday, Mr Peathyjohns and Cornwall Cllr Malcolm Harris

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

FC88/16 Apologies

Cllr Mrs Padley, Cllr Spencer. Duly received and accepted. PCSO B Harris

FC89/16 Declarations of Interest

None

FC90/16 Public Participation

Mr Peathyjohns would like a replacement sign at Trelowth village. The builders have demolished it with the works they have been carrying out on a property nearby. Cllr Passmore will investigate and report at the next meeting. Mr Peathyjohns is pleased with the bus stop at Trelowth and is used regularly.

Mr Tolliday would like a map on the classification of footpaths in the parish. Cllr Wallis confirmed there is interactive mapping on the Cornwall Council website which is accessible to the public and St Mewan Parish Council will hopefully be able to put a link on their new website in the future. The clerk provided Mr Tolliday, as requested from the last meeting the cutting costs of approximately £540.00 per year for The Goffin in Polgooth. Mr Tolliday asked about the responsibility of the phone box in Sticker. Cllr Mrs Mitchell confirmed the Sticker Village Association are currently in the process of taking ownership. Mr Tolliday asked the clerk why she hadn't responded to previous emails sent and she confirmed all his emails are in the correspondence item on the agenda this evening. Cllr Mrs Howard suggested activating the auto-responder.

Mr Peathyjohns exited at 19.10pm.

Cornwall Cllr Mr Harris reported:

Over the summer, Strategic and Central planning meetings still took place and I attended both. At Strategic, we were considering an ill-placed housing development in Wadebridge and amongst many objections and concerns, it was made clear that the parish council had identified a number of preferred sites. We were not able to take this into consideration as the alternative sites have not yet been officially recognized due to the early stage of their local neighbourhood plan.

Although we did defer the decision for more access and traffic information, it is going to be very difficult for us to say no, even though there is huge local opposition.

This brings home the importance of pressing ahead with a neighbourhood plan, and it is very reassuring to know that the St Mewan plan is steaming ahead and is now quite advanced. This will assist in protecting my whole ward of St Mewan from unsuitable developments. So well done to all involved. The Cornwall Local Plan is also All-but-adopted, which is now hopefully giving us more power against unwanted, speculative developments.

My frustrations with the planning system continue.

We turned down a shocking Wain Homes application behind Manor View in Par. They went to appeal but also lodged an identical application - we again said no. One of the main reasons is the flooding over the years at Brooks' Corner is horrendous. Yet SWW, as usual, have 'no objection'.

Many times, at planning, when opposing local, professional evidence is overwhelming, SWW have no objection. But I became aware of a government document known as an Early Day Motion, lodged by our previous MP. I was told off for raising it at the planning meeting as inappropriate – but I was determined it had a public airing. I am making an official complaint and demanding an independent enquiry into their practices, as we have to rely on their comments as a consultee. It can influence the committee's decision.

I'll read you an excerpt:

At the last full council, there were a few points that you might find of interest.

The boundary commission wanted to race through immediate changes to our ward boundaries, the opposition to this was successful giving us more time to do things properly and keeping residents adequately informed, and any changes will now be implemented in 2021.

Consultation on numbers started this October.

The suggestion from the Council is a drop of 5 to 15 in total

The portfolio holder for highways, Cllr Bert Biscoe was challenged on the state of our roads, but he confirmed that highways Improvement Schemes will be prioritized by maintenance & safety considerations only due to the massive government cuts creating a case of hugely reduced availability of people and money.

Cllr Doug Scrafton of Par brought forward a motion which I supported to bring all parties together to find a way forward to address the serious problem of horrendous traffic problems around many schools and that it should be given consideration when planning departments and committees are considering housing developments near schools. I fully supported this proposal, St Mewan school where my son attends are a prime example of unacceptable traffic issues. I attended a strategic meeting at the school last week to develop our own plan of action.

There was also a motion to oppose the proposal by the home secretary to transfer control over our fire & rescue services 'from' local authorities to the Devon & Cornwall Police Commissioner, which would inevitably lead to a merger with other services moving centrally to Exeter.

Cornish services MUST remain under Cornish control. The proposal completely ignored the views of this Council previously, and again on this occasion. The motion to object was successfully supported, which included me.

I have been dealing with a number of local planning issues, some in St Ewe parish as well as here in St Mewan.

I spoke strongly against the development on St Mewan Lane, but from a policy point of view it was hard to object and unfortunately the committee saw fit to approve. My main concern was that it could set a precedent and open the flood gates for further proposals, but we are not allowed to take that into consideration.

The beer garden at the Hewas Inn was again refused, but may now be going to appeal. I spoke against the application only because I had considerable local representation to do so, and none for its approval. I will always support my community on these local issues.

Also, a couple of small issues have 'gone away' thanks to a concerted effort by a number of residents, proving that you can 'win' if you put the effort in, and are sure that there are legitimate planning reasons for your objections.

I was happy to help out at the St Ewe fair year, and attended the Sticker Rally, both very successful events again, although the weather wasn't quite so kind for St Ewe. The amount of effort, and the number of people involved in these events is impressive, and it's not always obvious what goes on behind the scenes until you become involved yourself, so well done to everyone who played a part.

As a result of helping out, I have assisted St Ewe in applying for a grant from my community chest scheme for improvements to equipment for next year, so I will take this opportunity to remind you that there are still funds available for worthwhile causes here in St Mewan. Please let me know if there's anything you know of that could use a little help.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Harris and closed the public participation.

The Chairman read PCSO Brian Harris police report for St Mewan Parish Council September 2016.

1 Theft by finding – Ladder stolen from rear garden

2 Common Assault – one domestic related both known offenders

1 Burglary – non - dwelling – freezer contents stolen from outhouse

1 Burglary – dwelling – entry via insecure back door. Handbag stolen. Items recovered

The theft and burglaries all took place in a 48-hour period in the same location, Trewoon and are therefore viewed as being linked. No suspects have been identified at this point.

A3058 Trewoon/Lanjeth:

Following a tasking by Inspector Gard at the request of MP Steve Double the following report was submitted:

Sir,

I am somewhat disappointed to report back in a negative fashion.

1. Stats and Performance at HQ have taken a month to tell me that due to computer/database issues they are unable to provide collision data at this time as requested.

2. Dave Trowt, Road Casualty Reduction Officer, advises that the latest SDR data for Trewoon came back with a mean speed of 30mph and as such they would not be looking at any additional enforcement and Cornwall Council are very unlikely to be persuaded to offer traffic calming measures.

3. My own recent covert survey in Lanjeth, a 40mph zone came back with a mean speed of 37 mph. This was for 271 vehicles at 1600-1700, the busy school/work time.

I accept residents have genuine issues with traffic on the A3058 through the village but Trewoon is better served than most villages with flashers at both ends, an ANPR camera between Trewoon and St Austell and regular visits by the mobile speed enforcement vehicle in the layby by the shop. St Stephen has the same issues with none of the above measures in place.

St Mewan Lane/School

We are all aware of the issues at this location. Very recently a local resident saw fit to block the road by a refusal to reverse. Police were called and the matter was dealt with. At the same location when the maize harvest was being brought in a tractor and trailer acted in the same manner much to the annoyance of all involved and acute embarrassment to the contractors going about their lawful business, who for no fault of their own were viewed as being implicated.

On a general issue at the school my colleague and I have patrolled on four occasions in the last two weeks. We played a passive role, not directing traffic but making observations. We stood at the T junction. Yes, the traffic was heavy and at points slow to move but with our presence we were very aware that drivers were courteous to one another, giving way and showing normal good manners on the road.

I may be vilified for this conclusion but to my mind and that of my colleague whilst the traffic may be heavy for half an hour at the start and end of school the problem is not so much the traffic density but more to do with the SELFISH ATTITUDE of a handful of drivers, both public and parents.

The school have done all within their power with extra parking and staggered pickup times and letters to parents. The school is in a rural location and as such most children arrive by car.

One suggestion to ease traffic flow is to have no parking in the road outside from the crossing point to the car park entrance and two passing bays between the T junction and the church. This would improve the flow and stop the grid lock situations we see

This conversation will rumble on I am sure. My kids were at the school thirty years ago, it was pretty much the same then.

FC91/16 Council Minutes

It was

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 7th September 16 as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Wallis, seconded Cllr Mrs Mitchell. All in favour.

FC92/16 Matters Arising (Information Only)

FC41/16 – Scouts Assoc Deed – signed by Mr P Williams. Chairman's signature required

FC42/16 – Mr Robinson Cube Garage cancelled meeting – Parish Council to arrange another date

FC50/16 – Trewoon Social Club – no correspondence received from solicitors, spoken to Mrs Gilbert who confirmed the secretary of the club needs to submit an annual return before the solicitors can complete.

FC51/16 n) - Grass cutting in old churchyard, meeting to be held with Mark Dalby. Date to be arranged.

FC64/16 – St Mewan School – Pending

FC74/16 – j) – Completed at Trewoon and Sticker Activity Park

FC77/16 – Training completed

FC78/16 – c) Cllr Spencer to action

FC78/16 – d) Further information presented at Playing Field Committee meeting 28/9/16

FC79/16 – a) Awaiting further quotes

FC79/16 – b) Actioned

FC80/16 – a) Not completed

FC80/16 - c) Clerk collected forms for additional bank signatory, not completed

FC80/16 – d) Completed

FC80/16 – e) and f) Awaiting forms

FC81/16 – Second notice board in Trewoon, not completed

FC83/16 – Chairman to report on meeting with Rachel Tatlow re – verges.

Meeting held on the 26th September 16 with the Chairman, Clerk and Rachel Tatlow from Highways. There is very little funding available from Cornwall Council to Parish and Town Councils for this service and whilst it still is the responsibility of Cornwall Council the cutting programme has been reduced. The Chairman has requested if Rachel could contact Cornwall Council and obtain a map of all verges in the parish and a cost per linear metre.

Cllr Kneller was given a draft agreement should the council decide this service is something they wish to take responsibility for. The clerk informed members no map has been received to date.

FC84/16 – Letter sent

FC85/16 - E mail – Overgrown footpath from Chapel Hill to Woodgrove Park. Small amount of garden waste and overgrowth is coming from an offending property's garden hedge through the fence. Footpath is clear. No further action.

Clerk spoke with the resident who accepted there was no further action to be taken.

E mail – Rear garden boundary slipping away into the park area. The bank doesn't appear to be slipping away and if so it would be within the parameter of the fence which the landowner would be responsible for. No further action. E mailed comments.

FC86/16 – Fence posts in Little Lane, Sticker, actioned under Clerk's delegated powers. New posts and fence re-erected over culvert.

FC86/16 – Mrs Bailey’s request to cut back brambles.

Clerk reported Mr A Toms has cleared where the notice board and post box is and the intention is to plant with spring bulbs. Mr Lobb is delighted with the clearance as it is a definite improvement.

Cllr Wynn wanted confirmation that road side hedges are the responsibility of the farmers

FC93/16 Committee Meeting Minutes

It was

RESOLVED to adopt the recommendations therein of the:

- a) Planning Meeting held on the 30th August 16 (previously circulated) and the 21st October 16.
- b) Playing Field Meeting held on the 28th September 16
- c) Finance, GP, Staffing and Audit Committee held on the 13th October 16

Proposed Cllr Mrs Mitchell, seconded Cllr Mrs Tarbox. All in favour.

FC94/16 Consultations

Polgooth Telephone Box – previously circulated 14th September 16.

Discussion took place and it was agreed that before St Mewan Parish Council consider responding, Cllr Mrs Howard and Cllr Passmore would make general enquires to some of the residents.

FC95/16 Polgooth Playing Fields (The Goffin)

It was

RESOLVED to approve the expenditure of approximately £400.00 required for additional cutting back. Cllr Spencer has met with contractor to confirm the areas requiring more attention. Proposed Cllr Mrs Howard, seconded Cllr Passmore. All in favour. **Action: Clerk to instruct contractor.**

FC96/16 Grants and Donations

Discussion took place on requests presented.

- a) Cruse Bereavement Care

It was

RESOLVED on this occasion the council are unable to donate. Proposed Cllr Wallis, seconded Cllr Stead. Cllr Mrs Howard abstained.

- b) Victim Support

It was

RESOLVED on this occasion the council are unable to donate. Proposed Cllr Kneller, seconded Cllr Wynn. Abstained Cllr Mrs Tarbox, Cllr Wallis and Cllr Mrs Howard.

- c) Merlin Centre

It was

RESOLVED to support the local charity and donate £250.00 under Section 137 payment. Proposed Cllr Kneller, seconded Cllr Wynn. Cllrs Mrs Mitchell abstained.

- d) Annual Poppy Day 13th November 16

It was

RESOLVED a wreath be laid at St Mewan Church. The clerk is instructed to purchase a wreath at the cost of £30.00 under Section 137 payment. Cllr Kneller and Cllr Mrs Mitchell will be attending. Proposed Cllr Kneller, seconded Cllr Mrs Tarbox. All in favour. **Action: Clerk**

FC97/16 St Mewan Lane – continuing traffic issues

Cllr Mrs Howard has drafted a letter and requesting permission for it be sent to the Highways Dept at Cornwall Council. The Chairman read the proposed draft letter with himself as the undersigned on behalf of the council.

It was

RESOLVED to send the letter with copies to Local MP Steve Double, Cornwall County Cllr Bert Bissoe and Cornwall Cllr Malcolm Harris. Proposed Cllr Mrs Howard, seconded Cllr Kneller. All in favour. Cllr Kneller informed members whilst at the meeting with Rachel Tatlow regarding verges, there was an opportunity to mention the parking issues at St Mewan School and enquired whether they can assist in this matter. Rachel Tatlow intimated there may be some funding available and she would investigate and inform the council. **Action: Clerk to type letter.**

FC98/16 New Parish Notice Boards

The clerk requested permission to accept two business who are kindly offering to sponsor a notice board each with a small logo displayed.

- a) Mrs Bourton to sponsor a new notice board in Sticker by the bus stop
- b) Mr A Toms to sponsor a new notice board in Hewaswater

The clerk was given permission to seek other sponsors.

It was

RESOLVED to accept the business sponsors.

Proposed Cllr Kneller, seconded Cllr Mrs Howard. All in favour.

As the council have eight notice boards Cllr Kneller is currently investigating the statutory requirement on the number required in the parish. Report at next meeting. **Action: Clerk to contact businesses.**

FC99/16 Standing Orders

Updated Standing Orders were previously circulated and

It was

RESOLVED to adopt the text only, to publish on the website until the next meeting where the document can be formally adopted. Proposed Cllr Mrs Mitchell, seconded Cllr Mrs Ringrose. All in favour. **Action: Clerk to publish on the website.**

FC100/16 Financial Risk and Management Assessment

Assessment was previously circulated and

It was

RESOLVED to adopt the Financial Risk and Management Assessment. Proposed Cllr Kneller Cllr Wallis. All in favour.

FC101/16 Financial Regulations

It was

RESOLVED to adopt the updated Financial Regulations. Proposed Cllr Kneller, seconded Cllr Mrs Mitchell. All in favour.

FC102/16 Change of 4th January 17 meeting date

It was

RESOLVED Full Council will meet on the 11th January 17. Proposed Cllr Kneller, seconded Cllr Mrs Howard.

Action: Clerk to confirm changes and availability with St Marks in Sticker at the November meeting.

FC103/16 Scouts Hall

It was

RESOLVED a meeting between Cllr Kneller, Cllr Passmore, Mr P Williams, Mr J Garland and the clerk before the approval of Wi-fi is installed by the Scouts Association. Proposed

Cllr Kneller, seconded Cllr Passmore. DOV presented. All in favour. **Action: Clerk to arrange meeting date.**

FC104/16 Financial

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the September Payment Schedule as presented to the Finance, Staffing, GP and Audit Committee and approved on the 13th October 16. Urgent payments required prior to the Full Council meeting date of the 26th October 16. Proposed Cllr Mrs Mitchell, seconded Cllr Mrs Tarbox. All in favour.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Notice of Conclusion Audit year ending March 2016. Proposed Cllr Kneller, seconded Cllrs Mrs Howard. All in favour. **Action: Clerk to publish**
- c) Cllr Mrs Ringrose reported the Internal Check was satisfactory and the first quarter was a little difficult with invoices still filtering through. She is pleased the council are updating their policies and procedures.
It was **RESOLVED** to accept the internal check. Proposed Cllr Kneller, seconded Cllr Mrs Mitchell. All in favour.

Income: 15730.25	Expenditure: 5846.34
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FC105/16 Neighbourhood Plan Update

At the last meeting held the final document was approved and the intention is to hold a meeting in the three village halls sometime in November 16 to confirm the changes. It will then be put forward to Cornwall Council and the list of approximately 80 consultees. There will then be a 6-week consultation period where comments will come back to be evaluated. The next stage will be submission for the inspection process and ensure the document complies with the Cornwall Local Plan.

FC106/16 Correspondence received up to eh date of meeting (Information Only)

1. E mail – CC Code of Conduct Training – circulated 9th Sept 16
2. E mail – CALC Round up 10 – circulated 9th Sept 16
3. E mail – CC Free Code of Conduct Training – circulated 9th Sept 16
4. E mail – Lisa Grigg St Austell & Mevagissey Community Network Meeting – circulated 14th Sept 16 and website
5. E mail - C4 Change GREG report circulated 19th Sept 16
6. E mail - CALC Open meeting review of boundary circulated 19th Sept 16
7. E mail - Cornwall Community Flood Forum Annual Conference circulated 20th Sept 16
8. E mail – Chairmanship Training – circulated 21st Sept 16
9. E mail – Neighbourhood Planning – circulated 26th Sept 16
10. E mail – Steve Double MP surgeries – circulated 26th Sept 16
11. E mail – Lisa Solley Situ8 Planning – Public Consultation invite - circulated 28th Sept
12. E mail – CALC Round up 13 - circulated 3rd Oct 16
13. E mail - CALC Round up 14 - circulated 17th Oct 16
14. E mail - CALC Round up 15 - circulated 17th Oct 16
15. E mail - Kernow Matter to You - circulated 25th Oct 16
16. E mail - CALC Round up 16 - circulated 25th Oct 16
17. E mail – NALC Referendum Principles Consultation -circulated 25th Oct 16
18. E mail – CC Street Trading Application - circulated 25th Oct 16
19. E mail – Lisa Grigg – A30 Link Rd briefing Nov 3 – circulated 25th Oct 16
20. E mail – CC Peter Cockell Localism and Budget priority invite 31st Oct - circulated 25th Oct 16

21. E mail – Cornwall Council Strategic Planning Leaflet - ‘Help us Plan St Austell’s Future ‘Clerk leaflet dropped in the village stores
22. E mail – Lisa Grigg – Additional Network Meeting 22nd Nov 16 – circulated 26th Oct 16
23. Telephone – Mrs Aberdeen (Sun) road kill of deer by Trewoon village sign. Clerk telephoned Nick Orton to collect and dispose.
24. Telephone - Seadog IT suggested Cllrs photographs on website, domain transfer successfully completed
25. Telephone - Mr Glanville from Trewoon - lorries carrying slurry to Trevanion Farm and are speeding, leaving and stone damage. Clerk identified the lorries in question.
26. Telephone - Mr Minear from Trewoon, he telephoned Cornwall Council.
27. E mail - Confirmation to co-opt second councillor vacancy by co-option, as provided for by Rule 8 of the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules 1986.
28. E mail - Mrs Aberdeen is pleased with the dog patrol in the Playing Fields.
29. E mail - Mrs Curnow regarding dog excrement outside her gate backing onto Little Lane. Councillors who walk the path on a regular basis have seen no evidence at the time of dog faeces in the place the lady is referring to. The clerk confirmed she has been down there on several occasions and has taken photographs. No further action.
30. E mail - Mr Tolliday, Cllr Kneller confirmed this would be brought to the Rights of Way Committee.
31. E mail - Mr Tolliday, Cllr Kneller confirmed he has contacted Cornwall Council regarding the bonfires and emission of black smoke. CC have confirmed they are preparing a legal case.
32. E mail - Mr Tolliday, Costs already provided for the cutting of The Goffin.
33. E mail - Clean Earth Energy confirming a payment will be paid in August 2017.
34. Letter – Cornwall Council A30 Link Road
35. Letter - Cornwall Council Bus Shelter maintenance responsibility audit. Clerk to query
36. Clerks magazine – two copies. Cllr Mrs Ringrose and Cllr Mrs Mitchell.
37. E mail –Cornwall Council Elections costs recommended to budget for the forthcoming year is £5000 - £6000.

FC107/16 Matters of Interest in the Parish (Information Only)

Cllr Stead – Requests parish council e mail, would like to see paperless meetings. Parking at Polgooth for meetings is always difficult.

Cllr Wynn – Received a letter from MP Steve Double. He informed members there has been dotted white lines down every side road in Trewoon.

Cllr Mrs Tarbox – At the Trewoon Village Hall meeting the committee were asking about the amount of electricity they are paying and Trewoon Playing Fields grant money.

Cllr Mrs Howard - Fly tipping at South Polgooth mine. Cllr Kneller and the clerk will investigate and report back.

Clean the Polgooth Bus Shelter. Clerk will instruct under delegated powers

The local children are upset the junior swings have been removed.

Cllr Wallis – Bus shelter opposite the Griggs turning needs the offensive graffiti removed and repair broken board. Thanks to the clerk for organising the repairs to the posts in Little Lane.

Clerk will instruct under delegated powers

Mr Tolliday exited.

In view of the confidential of the business about to be transacted we ask that the press and public be excluded and are instructed to withdraw during the discussion of the following item.

FC108/16 Confidential

- a) Clerk has received draft contract.
- b) An offer of a pension is a legal requirement and Cllr Kneller will circulate details.

- c) It was **RESOLVED** to approve two HMRC payments and the clerk's October salary. Proposed Cllr Kneller, seconded Cllr Mrs Mitchell. All in favour.
- d) Cllr Kneller informed members a draft budget and precept has been presented to the Finance Committee on last year's base rate. The clerk is awaiting the 17/18 base rate from Cornwall Council to finalise the budget and precept. Further information will be provided at the next meeting.

There being no other business to be transacted the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

Signed.....

Chairman of St Mewan Parish Council

Date.....