

Mabe Parish Council

Minutes – 14 March 2024

Minutes of Mabe Parish Council held on Thursday 8 February at 7.00pm, Mabe Parish and WI Hall, Antron Hill, Mabe.

Councillors present: Councillors: P Tisdale (Chair), C Cole, B Galke, P Simmons, K West, R Philips, A Wills.

Cornwall Councillor: C.Cllr John Bastin sent his apologies.

Officer support: Clerk/RFO

Minute no:	Agenda Items
MPC23.24.297	Apologies for absence – Cllr A Thomas, Cllr T Tindle, Cllr M Wilkinson
MPC23.24.298	Members' Declarations of Interests – None.
MPC23.24.299	To approve written requests for dispensation – None
MPC23.24.300	<p>Cornwall Councillor Report – C.Cllr Bastin addressed the meeting on the following:</p> <p>Cornwall Council are looking for locations to install EV charging points.</p> <p>Cornwall Council are looking for potential development sites across Cornwall post 2030 and are asking for Parish Council Involvement.</p> <p>Cormac are holding at Meet & Greet the parishes at County Hall on 26 Apr 24 between 1000 hrs and 1300 hrs</p>
MPC23.24.301	<p>Public Speaking – Mr John Tozer a farmer at Treliever addressed the meeting regarding the proposed development of university accommodation near his farm. Mr Tozer requested the Parish Councils support regarding his perceived failure of planners to take into account cycle and pedestrian safety should the development go ahead as there are no pavements and street lighting is poor. The alternative route to the site having already been turned down by Devon & Cornwall Police over safety concerns.</p> <p>Action – Cllr West to write a letter to Cornwall Council outlining these concerns and asking that these concerns be addressed before any planning application is approved.</p> <p>Mr Tozer left the meeting at 1925hrs.</p> <p>Mrs C Trickey addressed the meeting regarding flooding at Halvasso (MPC.23.24.307 dealt with at this time). Mrs Trickey highlighted a flooding issue at Halvasso, where during periods of rain there is insufficient or poorly maintained drainage for the roadway resulting in the roadway being flooded for a considerable length at a depth of 1 to 2 feet. The only way residents can leave their properties is by wearing wellington boots. The only action Highways have taken is to place flood warning signs at either end of the flooded area. This has also resulted in Royal Mail refusing to deliver mail and the refuse collectors refusing to collect rubbish from the affected properties. Mrs Trickey said that she had offered that Cormac could use some of her land as a soakaway for the flood water. Cormac in response offered to supply 100 meters of pipe, the</p>

	<p>installation of which would be at her expense. The quote received for the work was £4000. The Chairman stated the Parish Council had already written to Cormac over the issue. Mrs Trickey went to say that Cormac after much badgering had agreed to a site visit the date of which was yet to be confirmed. The Chairman asked that he be kept informed of when the meeting was to take place so that he could attend.</p> <p>Mr Jackson addressed the Council regarding Chyan Farm. He stated that the property housed an EV charging point. He continued that on 16 May 24 Cornwall Council were holding an eco-communities conference at Chyan Farm, and that Chyan Farm appeared on Cornwall Council's website as an eco-community.</p> <p>Mr Green addressed the meeting on behalf of Chyan Farm, he stated that he had sent an email to the Parish Council regarding Chyan Farm earlier that day, the Council was unable to comment as the email had been sent too late for anyone to see it. He stated that the Parish Council comments regarding their current planning application (PA22/10208 refers), were not relevant to the planning application. Cllr West explained to Mr Green that the Parish Council can only comment on what plans are placed before them by Cornwall Council Planning Department and cannot comment outside of this.</p> <p>Mr Jackson went to say that in his opinion Cornwall Council would like to see Chyan Farm continue in its current format. He asked that the Parish Council defer any further comment until all the information is in front of them. The Chairman explained that no further action could be taken by the Council until any further plans are referred to them by Cornwall Council.</p> <p>Mr Jackson, Mr Green, Mr Trickey, and Mrs Trickey left the meeting at 1955 hrs.</p>
MPC23.24.302	<p>Minutes of the council meeting held on 8 February 24</p> <p>Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting of the Council, having been circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p>
MPC23.24.303	<p>Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting 22 February 24</p> <p>Resolved – That the minutes of the planning committee, having been circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p>
MPC23.24.304	Clerk's Update Report – Circulated prior to the meeting.
MPC23.24.305	Planning Applications
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MPC23.24.306	Nominations to Cornwall Planning Partnership – The Chairman explained that he was already a permanent member of the body and that only one Councillor per Parish was allowed. The matter was passed over.
Parish Issues	
MPC.23.24.307	Flooding at Halvasso – See minute MPC.23.24.301
MPC23.24.308	Appeal for Trevone – Cllr Simmons reported that Cornwall Council had changed its position and granted planning permission for the site subject to certain conditions.

MPC23.24.309	Public Rights of Way – Cllr Simmons reported that each year it was possible to change the classification of footpaths (gold/silver/bronze) to enable footpaths that require more maintenance to be given a higher classification. He also reported that signage and posts were available free of charge from Cornwall Council.			
Accounts & Governance				
MPC23.24.310	Training – Clerk training ILCA. Resolved – That £144 be allocated for initial clerk training, ILCA through the SLCC.			
MPC23.24.311	Cornwall Council Training Portal – Noted, no further action required.			
MPC23.24.312	IT & Information Security – Following a lively discussion. Resolved – That the Clerk gets a further two quotes for a comparable service as to the quote received, preference being given to getting quotes from Cornish companies. To report back at the next full council meeting.			
MPC23.24.313	Flag of Peace – Following a brief discussion. Resolved – That two wreaths be purchased by the Chairman at £30 each from the Royal British Legion for upcoming events.			
MPC23.24.314	Schedule of payments: To approve payments set out in the payments schedule			
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	<i>Payments to be agreed, for online payment</i>			
	Viking	Stationary	21.31	£127.87
	Cornwall Council	Advert for new Clerk	16.00	£96.00
	Purple Cloud (formerly Cornwall IT Ltd)	Email support and Microsoft business – Feb. (BACS 072)	£25.00	£150.00
	Other			£726.05
	<i>Direct Debit payments:</i>			
	Vodafone	February use – wifi hub (DD on) Inv XXXX4648 (DD16)	£2.10	£12.58
	HugoFox	Monthly subscription – website provider (DD15)	£2.00	£11.99
	Having looked at the schedule of payments. Resolved – That the Clerks salary and tax details not appear on the agenda or minutes of the Parish Council. Resolved – That the schedule of payments as presented be approved for payment. After a short discussion regarding the notice board locks being damaged beyond repair by vandals. Resolved – That Cllr West purchase 2 new locks @ £5.75 each plus VAT plus £5.75 postage and packing.			
MPC23.24.315	Finance report & bank reconciliation – The Clerk presented an up to date finance and bank reconciliation.			

	Resolved – That the report as presented be accepted as a true reflection of the Parish Council finances.
MPC23.24.316	Standing Orders / Financial Standing Orders – Following a short discussion. Resolved – That the Standing Orders and Financial Standing Orders remain extant.
MPC23.24.317	Consider and give approval to the appointment of an internal auditor. Resolved – That Barbara Goraus be appointed as the internal auditor for the financial year 2023/2024.
MPC23.24.318	Purchase of Arnold Baker Local Council Administration Resolved – That the Clerk purchase this document on behalf of the council at a cost of £137.
MPC23.24.319	Community Grant Application – To be held over to the May 24 full council meeting when it can be discussed with other applications.
Community Links & Consultations	
MPC23.24.320	Climate group – No update, however, Cllr Simmons reported that Mabe in Bloom had planted behind the bus shelter and had purchased water butts with the grant money they had received.
MPC23.24.321	University update – Cllr Simmons reported that a kind of open day may be available for the Council at some point in the future, so that the facilities that are available can be showcased.
MPC23.24.322	Correspondence – None
There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 2100 hrs	
	Signed by Chair