

Mabe Parish Council

Minutes – 11 July 2024

Minutes of Mabe Parish Council held on Thursday 11 July at 1900 hrs, Mabe Parish and WI Hall, Antron Hill, Mabe.

Councillors present: Councillors: P Tisdale (Chair), K West (Vice Chair), B Galke, C Cole, T Tindle, M Wilkinson.

Officer support: Clerk/RFO

Minute no:	Agenda Items
FC.24.25.079	Apologies for absence – Councillors Simmons, Phillips, Wills and County Councillor J Bastin
FC.24.25.080	Members’ Declarations of Interests – None.
FC.24.25.081	To approve written requests for dispensation – None.
FC.24.25.082	Cornwall Councillor Report – None.
FC.24.25.083	<p>Public Speaking – Representatives from Exeter University, Penryn Campus spoke to the Council and public present regarding their proposed planning application to site two 52 metre wind turbines close to Penryn Campus. The University stated that the siting of these turbines would satisfy the Universities energy needs into the future with a little surplus which could be exported to the National Grid, but the project was designed to meet the University’s needs with little excess. They also stated that there would be a biodiversity net gain. If the project was successful they would establish a Community Benefit Fund for climate led projects, the administration of which would be in collaboration with Mabe Parish Council. They were confident that the proposal conformed with the Mabe Parish NDP. A public exhibition would be held at Mabe Community Centre on Wed 17 July 2024 between 1300 hrs and 1900 hrs in order for parishioners to be appraised of the University’s vision. Some parishioners raised concerns regarding the proximity of the turbines to dwellings, citing noise pollution and the distraction to drivers as the turbines would be cited next to a main road with the national speed limit in force. They were also concerned regarding the visual impact from their properties. On questioning the University stated they did not have a ‘Plan B’, to site the turbines elsewhere.</p> <p>Parishioners also raised the subject of PA24/00680/PREAPP which they considered foolhardy due to traffic congestion and a lack of school places within the Parish. They also considered that this proposal was building on ‘green’ land and did not comply with the Mabe Parish NDP.</p> <p>Other parishioners raised the subject of the land on Antron Hill (FC.24.25.089 refers) and their concerns that this could be developed. They were reassured by the Council that there were no plans to develop the site other than to create a community open space and plant trees.</p>
FC.24.25.084	Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 13 June 24

	Resolved – That the minutes of the Full Council meeting having been previously circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
FC.24.25.085	Staffing Committee Report – Considered under confidential business
FC.24.25.086	Finance Committee Report – No report presented as the committee was not quorate. Resolved – That Councillors Galke and Tindle be added to the finance committee membership.
FC.24.25.087	Clerk's Update Report – The Clerk briefed the Council on the following: That a letter had been written to SW Water regarding the road closures at Halvasso and a response was awaited. The pavement on Nanturian Hill was now accessible to pedestrians as Cormac had trimmed back the verge. (FC.24.25.057 refers.) The Commemorative Plaque had arrived and just needed to be put up (FC.24.25.070 refers). Councillor West volunteered to erect it. The online webinar by the Cabinet Office had revealed that the Council is in the same position as other Councils around the country, awaiting Hugofox to be certified as a Registrar before considering a transition to a .gov.uk address. It is hoped that this will be around September 2024. Laptops are with Purple Cloud and the software and security is being loaded on them. Councillor West raised the question of IT training. The clerk informed the Council that two hours training for all the Councillors was £480 including VAT. Resolved – That the Council accept this quote for training from Purple Cloud. All Councillors to attend. HMRC had conducted a webinar regarding the provision of electronic devices and connectivity and the tax implications of such. The Clerk told the Council that they are compliant with HMRC in this regard. The Clerk stated he had spoken with Councillor Thomas (FC.24.25.078 refers), who was awaiting further treatment and hoped to be back after that.
FC.24.25.088	Planning Applications –
	a PA24/04425 - Land North Of Antron Lodge Church Road Mabe Burnthouse Penryn Cornwall TR10 9HW. Construction of a dwelling house without complying with condition 2 of decision PA22/05746 dated 24/11/2022 Resolved – Supported.
	b PA24/00680/PREAPP - Pre application advice for development of the site for up to 30 residential dwellings, with associated access from church road, landscaping and open space. Proposals would include policy compliant level of affordable housing. Land Adjacent to Melrose Church Road Mabe Burnthouse Penryn Cornwall TR10 9HW. Resolved – That comment be made to the planning department regarding traffic congestion and the fact that there are no school places available in the Parish.

Parish Issues																															
FC.24.25.089	<p>Devolution of land on Antron Hill – Following a discussion on the way forward</p> <p>Resolved – That the Clerk approach Cornwall Council with a view to establishing a Management Agreement and research funding and grants for trees to go in this space.</p>																														
FC.24.25.090	<p>Halvasso Flooding – Following a short discussion.</p> <p>Resolved – That the Clerk draft a letter to the newly elected MP regarding these problems and that the letter be copied to the heads of Cormac and Cornwall Council.</p>																														
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FC.24.25.091	Footpath Cutting 2025 – 2028 inclusive – Deferred to September 2024																														
FC.24.25.092	<p>Grants – Following a discussion</p> <p>Resolved – That no grants would be made to an organisation that did not have a bank account exclusively for the use of that organisation and would not be made through a third party.</p> <p>Resolved – That as the Argyll Art Trail could not be paid a grant this year, the printing costs for brochures for next year would be met by the Council, circa £200.</p>																														
FC.24.25.093	<p>First Aid Kits – Following a short discussion.</p> <p>Resolved – That the sum of £29.95 be allocated for the purchase of a First Aid Kit from Cornish First Aid Kits.</p>																														
FC.24.25.094	Policy Review – After some discussion it was decided that some minor amendments be made to the policy, to be approved at the September 2024 Full Council Meeting.																														
FC.24.25.095	<p>Delegation of Financial Powers – Following a short discussion.</p> <p>Resolved – That the RFO, Chair and Vice Chair have delegated financial authority to pay the Parish Councils bills in August whilst the Council is in recess. These transactions to be presented to the Full Council in September 2024.</p>																														
FC.24.25.072	<p>Schedule of payments: To approve payments set out in the payments schedule</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Purple Cloud</td> <td style="width: 30%;">IT Support</td> <td style="width: 40%; text-align: right;">£150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Purple Cloud</td> <td>Laptops</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£6888.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CALC</td> <td>Training</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£36.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Greens</td> <td>Footpaths</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1592.56</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAB Cornwall</td> <td>Grant</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£300.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mabe Brownies</td> <td>Grant</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£893.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mabe Christmas Lights</td> <td>Grant</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vodafone</td> <td>Wifi hub</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£12.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hugofox</td> <td>Website</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£11.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£852.95</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Resolved – That the schedule of payments as presented be approved for payment.</p>	Purple Cloud	IT Support	£150.00	Purple Cloud	Laptops	£6888.00	CALC	Training	£36.00	Greens	Footpaths	£1592.56	CAB Cornwall	Grant	£300.00	Mabe Brownies	Grant	£893.00	Mabe Christmas Lights	Grant	£500.00	Vodafone	Wifi hub	£12.58	Hugofox	Website	£11.99	Other		£852.95
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FC.24.25.073	<p>Finance report & bank reconciliation – The Clerk presented an up to date finance and bank reconciliation.</p> <p>Resolved – That the report as presented be accepted as a true reflection of the Parish Council finances as at 30 June 24.</p>
Community Links & Consultations	
FC.24.25.074	Climate group – No update.
FC.24.25.075	University update –None
FC.24.25.076	Correspondence – Noted
FC.24.25.077	<p>Agenda items for a future meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To draw up specifications for additional ground works to be included in the footpath maintenance contract for 2024, on the basis of a quote for an hourly rate for works in addition to the budget - To consider use of CIL funds - Review of Council Policies and to adopt a Scheme of Delegation - To adopt Terms of Reference for Committees <p>Review of the Council’s Financial Risk Assessment</p>
FC.24.25.078	<p>Resolved – That the Staffing Committee report would be considered in accordance with s 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. These details are the subject of confidential minutes.</p> <p>2050 hrs the Clerk leaves the room</p> <p>2100 hrs Clerk re-enters the room</p>
There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 2105 hrs	
	Signed by Chair