

Mabe Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of Mabe Parish Council held on Thursday 8th March 2018 at the Mabe WI Hall, at 7.30pm

Present: Parish Councillors P Tisdale(vice-chair), C Cole, K Phillips, R Phillips, T Tindle & M Wilkinson. L Clements (Parish Clerk) & 4 members of the public

224.18 Apologies – Cllr Thomas

225.18 Minutes of the last meeting – proposed: Cllr Kingsley **seconded:** Cllr Cole

226.18 Matters arising – none noted

227.18 Reports from community groups on activities over the last year

Mrs Tiplady – Mabe Lunch Club – the lunch club was almost self funding with the only significant expense being the wages for a cook. A meal could be had by any member of the parish over 60 for £4.50 and often included a raffle. Since the loss of Cornwall Council subsidies it had been harder to make ends meet but grants from both Cllr Williams and the Parish Council had so far managed to assist in this. Any funding provided was greatly appreciated to keep this project going as it benefited so many within the community, both physically and emotionally.

Karen Phillips – Mabe Christmas Lights

The group now have 60+ fully maintained reindeer and subscribed to by locals each year, with a waiting list already in place. The donation from the parish council will allow 5 more reindeer to be bought this year and ensure that electrical and upkeep standards are maintained.

Christine Moore – Mabe WI

The hall is regularly used by the WI, Parish Council, Astronomy Society & Keep fit groups but the lack of parking is a deterrent to some. Fees have had to be increased to cover costs in the last year but there are still 3-4 bookings every week.

Mrs Moore asked why maintenance works had been excluded from grants as the outside of the hall was in dire need of repainting (quote of £1110) but this was outside the scope of the Hall funds. Since it was the War Memorial and a significant sight within the village the state of the hall was letting the village down. When people came into the hall they were often amazed by the different standards of the outside and inside.

Kevin Wilkes – MYCP (late)

Kevin produced a report on the finances of the MYCP which showed only a small loss of £170 this year, thanks to community grants to cover things like boiler & heating repairs from the Falmouth Packet. It was however still a concern that outgoings were biting into the capital funds and were likely to empty the pot in the next 6/7 years. It was good that this year specific costed projects were able to be put forward for grant requests rather than just asking for a sum of monies.

228.18 Matters of concern to be raised by the Public

A resident (neighbour) of the new Chinese restaurant on Antron Hill made a request that the parish do something about getting a higher boundary fence put up between properties and sorting out parking and rubbish created. He said he had already put boulders on the verge outside his property to deter parking up but what action will the council take to make this stop?

Cllr Tisdale responded that the parish council really has no say on parking enforcement but could ask the local PCSO to keep an eye out and push for enforcement to attend if a problem was noted. We also cannot force a fence to be erected (and already exists but due to site incline in not felt to be high enough to give privacy) – this would be a civil matter between the two parties. We did raise concerns about parking at the planning application stage but were over-ruled/ ignored.

The Resident also asked what powers the parish had for making the business install a rubbish bin outside – why are we doing nothing to combat the rubbish likely from this establishment? Why wasn't the overly large pavement shrunk to allow some form of parking? What the rumour of 4 way traffic lights on this junction – this business would affect them?

All members of the council said that there was no possibility of 4 way lights as it goes against everything we had been working for with the Traffic Feasibility plans. It was agreed that the clerk would write on behalf of Mr ? , who felt he was now being blanked by Cornwall Council, to make sure that conditions applied on parking, refuse & privacy were adhered to.

The meeting finished at 7.40pm