

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 (chair), Cole, Frost, Kingsley, K Phillips, Tindle & Wilkinson.
L Clements (Parish Clerk) & 9 members of the public.

434.19 Apologies – Cllrs Higginson, R Phillips & Thomas.

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

436.19 Matters arising - none noted

437.19 Reports from community groups on activities over the last year

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2018 TO 2019

1. Membership:

There have been some changes to the Membership of the Parish Council this year, and at the time of writing there is one vacancy. There were 11 monthly meetings, including the Annual Parish Meeting and an EGM and a Planning Meeting during the year. These figures are for the period following the last AGM held on 12th April 2018 and include the Council meeting held on 11th April 2019. The following table shows Members' attendance throughout that period.

Name	No of Possible Meetings to Attend	No of Meetings Attended	Attendance Record
Cole, Chris	13	11	84%
Frost, Jackie	13	11	84%
Higgins, Sarah	7	3	42%
Kingsley, Tessa	13	11	84%
Phillips, Karen	13	11	84%
Phillips, Roger	13	9	69%
Thomas, Andrew	13	3	23%
Tindle, Terry	13	11	84%
Tisdale, Peter	13	12	92%

2. Planning:

During the year 37 planning applications were dealt with by the Parish Council.

Of these, 19 were supported by the Parish Council, 18 of which were approved by Cornwall Council and 1 discharged. 8 applications were not supported, of which 2 were refused and 4 approved, with 1 pending and 1 requiring a full planning application. There were 6 applications on which there was no comment or the Parish Council was unable to comment on, of which 4 are still pending and 2 were closed on advice from the Planning Department.

Most approvals were granted with a range of conditions attached, which were suggested by the Parish Council.

Planning members also attended 2 Planning Appeals during the year, both of which were refused by the Planning Inspectors

3. Allowances:

No Parish Councillor's have received any expenses for their commitments or travelling while carrying out their duties.

4. Footpaths, Highways and Environment:

We hold bi-monthly meetings with Mr V Bidgood, Cornwall Council's Cormac Area Manager, which are still extremely useful to both the Parish and Cornwall Council. Maintenance issues are reported to Cornwall Council and are jointly prioritised for action.

The meetings with the Cormac Area Manager have also resulted in Cornwall Council's Highways Department identifying road maintenance issues from information furnished by the Parish Council and over the past few months the majority of these issues have been rectified; as far as their budget will allow. The Parish Council continues to impress on Cornwall Council the need to continue cyclical maintenance programmes, especially the clearing of roadside drains.

It is hoped that this summer, at long last, consultations will commence for input into the long awaited traffic calming scheme to limit both the speed and number of vehicles using the village as a short cut between Longdowns and the Kernick Roundabout. Cornwall Council have put aside funding and it is hoped that work will start in Spring next year.

5. Remembrance Garden and War Memorial:

Last November, I had the privilege to open the new Memorial Garden and War Memorial. This was something I had been trying to do for a long time, but was particularly poignant as it also marked the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I. Most of the credit however, must go to Tim Marsh, who was kind enough to provide the Parish with such a magnificent Memorial Stone and whose generosity will remain on view for many, many years to come. Thanks must also be given to P Chapman Construction from Truro who stepped in at the last minute to provide us with a splendid set of granite steps for access. Their staff worked all week in some pretty horrendous weather to complete the steps in time for the ceremony. One of their workmen told me it was 'nothing compared to what those men went through in the trenches and a little rain wasn't going to stop them getting the job done!'

The week before Remembrance Sunday was a very tense time as Tim was trying to get the Memorial placed in its final location and we had no steps after being let down on several occasions. However, Remembrance Sunday arrived, we had a splendid Memorial, a set of steps and following a Parade from the Pub Car Park to the memorial, a very large number of Parishioners attended the Memorial service in the newly opened Memorial Garden. I was utterly astonished at the turnout, along with all the comments from grateful Parishioners. We even had a member of the Royal Navy attend, who was home from her ship on 2 days leave. All of this was followed by a splendid buffet laid on by the members of the Women's Institute, which was very much appreciated. Following pleas from a very large number of residents, we will be holding the Remembrance Service and Parade again this year.

I was astonished at the number of wreaths and crosses laid, over 30 from one person, whose family had been decimated during WWI.

Some of our residents also produced a booklet in which details of those who gave their lives in the service of their country. The money they raised will be split between the Remembrance Garden, towards its upkeep, and the Royal British Legion. It was a very humbling experience for me and I would like to thank everyone who made it such a successful day.

6. Play Park:

Funding from the Kingston Way development, which was earmarked for open spaces, was used for the refurbishment of the Play Area in conjunction with Mabe Youth and Community Project. This has resulted in a splendid new area for the local youngsters to enjoy playing in safety with some excellent new attractions.

7. Finally:

I would like to give my personal thanks to all our Members and our Clerk for their support and hard work during the year – without all these people Mabe would not be the place it is today!

This has been a successful year for the Council and I hope that next year will be even better.

Cllr Peter Tisdale
Chairman

7th May 2019

St Laudus Church – David Charles & Rev Steve Smith

Cutting of the churchyard happened with thanks to the Parish Council last year. After some discussion and consultation with other agencies it has been decided to try to leave the churchyard as a more active natural site and only give it one big cut each year. The over-riding concern of the church is for the building and making it a community asset. It is our parish church and use of it is a wonderful way to bring the community together. Just asking for help in a group setting brought about a wonderful community clean-up day last year, which was attended by a number of councillors who helped clear the site. Village cohesion and community seems to be building lately and the church building itself is being used more for arts events and as a community resource.

Mabe Brownies – 2 Brownies gave us a report this year, and some thank-you letters

The Brownies regularly get involved in having fun. This could be on the field, playing inside or outside with the parachute. They have had sessions on First Aid ... where they made slings out of jumpers to see how they helped with broken bones; undertaken scientific experiments ... building plastic towers to learn about engineering principles and creating teddy ziplines for mechanics and physics. They have been cooking – cookies, cupcakes and wraps being the most remembered as well as making Christmas Cards and delivering to Antron Manor Residential Home for their annual carol sing-along.

The Brownies took part in the Remembrance Day march through the village which they are rightly proud of. They also were part of the Easter celebrations at the Church. They've also planted up flowerbeds at the MYCP carpark, did easter gardens, participated in a Dementia Awareness coffee morning, including manning a Teddy raffle and enjoy their annual PGL camp, where they kayak, canoe and do circus skills ... including trapeeze work!

They would like to thank the Parish Council for their support that helps them do all the things they really enjoy.

MABE W.I.

Our W.I. have had a very busy year, and our monthly meetings have included the following topics:

- Murano glass
- Water Aid
- Blood Bikers
- Craft, floral and cookery demonstrations
- Wild Life Photography
- Gardening

We now have 28 members, and in addition to our regular meetings we also have a monthly crafts afternoon. We have recently begun to meet together for lunch or afternoon tea, which has proved to be a very popular addition to our programme. Outside the Hall, we have also enjoyed country walks, local plays and a coach trip to Padstow and the Screech Owl Sanctuary. Some of our group have also joined other W.I. members for trips and organised days of activity.

The undoubted highlight of our year was the commemoration of the end of World War 1, in November. Members of the local community met up at the New Inn and marched to the newly-tidied memorial garden beside the W.I. hall, where a special ceremony took place around the carved stone donated by local mason, Tim Marsh. Following the moving ceremony, everyone came into the W.I. hall where a buffet tea was provided. We had no idea how many people we should provide food for, and as more and more visitors arrived, we became a little anxious! However, in spite of the over 80 guests, everyone was fed and numerous cups of tea were passed out of the kitchen, until eventually we ran out of cups! It was lovely to welcome so many people into the hall, and to hear the buzz of conversation all afternoon.

Although we would like to do more for the community of Mabe, we are somewhat restricted by the lack of parking around the centre of the village. However, with the support of the parish council we hope to continue to be a focal point and to retain our current bookings. The Hall itself has recently undergone more work: the kitchen and cloakrooms have been painted throughout, and remedial work has been done to the damp problem in the kitchen. W.I. members did a thorough spring clean in April, and we continue to maintain the upkeep of the Hall, using rents

from organisations such as the Astronomy Society, Mabe Keep-Fit and the Twinning Association, as well as the W.I. itself. Last year we bought a new dehumidifier using a grant from the Parish Council, and this helps to keep the damp at bay.

We are very grateful indeed to the Mabe Parish Council for their continuing financial support, and for the interest which is shown in the Hall and the W.I.

Mabe Lunch Club – read by clerk

I would like to thank the Parish Council, on behalf of Mabe Lunch Club members, for your generous gift to help us have a very special Christmas meal. It was such a shame that Cllr Tisdale was unwell and so unable to attend as he would have been able to see what a wonderful and fun filled time was had by all. Your monetary input eased the pressure on our funds so that our cook didn't have to scrim on anything and also so that everyone had a little gift of a box of biscuit or chocolates to take away with them, this is something we have done for many years and we were pleased to be able to continue to do.

Our member number average 45 a week, fluctuating as you can imagine due to the age and health of said members. We appreciate that we live in austere times; however it is most important to be able to continue providing this service which enables the older members of our community to socialise together and be part of village life.

MYCP –

Last years' grant enabled floodlights to be installed around the hall and refurbishments to other lights as well. It also funded the purchase of new blinds after changes to the fire-doors made the old ones obsolete. It was a good year financially- seeing them move into the black for the first time in many years. Grant money has a big impact on this – not only was there grant money from the parish but a grant was also secured to replace the old boiler.

Building reserves are now being saved for future projects which can benefit the many groups that use the hall – Brownies to Age Concern Lunch Club; fitness & health - to the outside use of the skatepark and field.

The Panto is now the single biggest fundraiser for the MYCP as much of their profits are being donated back to the hall. Not only does this fill coffers but it also involves a wide swathe of the community, bringing them into the hall not only the panto performances, but rehearsals & warm-ups.

The play park has turned out to be a great asset, bringing everyone in, and not just from our immediate community. Lots of young families are making use of the superb new equipment and safe space, making village connections and integrating into our community.

A resident seconded this – saying he felt this was now one of the best playing sites in the county, with no need for muddy feet of rain stopping play! He felt this was fabulous. He was however annoyed at the lack of seating, which he was sure had been promised. (this was in hand, just awaiting installation by the MYCP and was currently sitting in the storage container on site).

Mabe Christmas Lights

The lights are still growing with over 100 sets or pieces going up last year and hopefully more to go up this December. The waiting list just grows and grows, with more sets wanted than can be provided. Donations have been received from Pendennis Shipyard and we won the ASDA vote to allow more sets to be built for us. Fundraising events are taking pace over the summer (Auzzie Bar-B-Q on Wednesday of Falmouth Week at the New Inn) and the switch on will once again happen on or around the 30th November in the pub carpark with the usual fanfare.

438.19 Matters of concern to be raised by the Public

- old footpaths & designations – any changes or additions needed to be made by May 2020 for inclusion on the definitive map, which is then to be closed. This is being made difficult without access to historic maps at the County Archives.
- Footpath from Trenoweth –it was raised a while ago about purchasing a strip of land but nothing happened... could this be looked into as pedestrian safety is only getting worse.

- Village engagement on green schemes – as previously discussed at Parish Council meetings we need better ways of engaging the whole community.
- Cutting in of hedge at MYCP entrance – this was done in the past by an individual but this was now getting difficult. Can the MYCP of Parish take over?
- Concerns about heavy traffic on Church Road – there are still an inordinate number of heavy lorries using this lane. The infrastructure of the road cannot cope and the landowner does not seem to be approachable.

This part of the meeting finished at 7.40pm

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