

# St Mawgan-in-Pydar Parish Council

## Draft Minutes of the Annual Assembly

### St Mawgan-in-Pydar Parish

### Held at St Mawgan Community Hall on

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 6.30pm**

**001/25** Present: Chair, Dr L McKenzie, Mrs D Carter, Mrs S Karkeek and Mr J McLuskie.

Apologies: none received

In attendance: Parish Clerk, Angela Hayne.

**002/25** The minutes of the meeting held on 17th April 2024 were approved.

**003/25** Address by Cornwall Councillor Paul Wills – none.

**004/25** Chair's Report -

We've had one change to the Parish Council this year when **Chris Mann stepped down** and we thank him for his years of service. The vacancy was advertised and four people put themselves forward, which was gratifying. After the co-option procedure we welcomed **Mike Sterling on to the PC in September**.

This is the closing meeting with the existing line up of Parish councillors, as all councillor positions are up for election every four years. We have four councillors not standing for re-election this year, **William Corbett, Kate Mullard, George Williams and Kim Vose**. **So, I would like to thank them** for all their time and effort on behalf of the Parish Council. There will not be an election this time, as there were sufficient candidates to fill Trenance Ward – usually the difficult one to fill. **We will welcome two new councillors – Holly Harris and Nick Shield – at the May meeting**. We have two vacancies on St Mawgan ward, so we will be advertising the vacancies to be filled by co-option.

Being a parish councillor is a big commitment for people who are volunteers, so **thanks to MY VICE CHAIR and to everyone** for the time they give to all their PC duties, attending meetings and contributing to working groups: Amenities, Transport and Rights of Way, Beach and environment, Planning, Neighbourhood Plan group and the Community Hall.

#### Amenities

During the year the PC has taken action to refurbish the bus shelter at Carloggas, which has been done by William Old. We are aiming to add accessible equipment to the play area and also some provision for older children and adults.

**Tony Roberts** continues to keep the toilets sparkling clean and reports any issues to the Clerk. So, we **thank him for his hard work and dedication**.

**Tom Preddy** is the contractor for the maintenance of the playing field and cemetery, along with cutting the footpaths. **Thanks to Tom for all he does**.

#### Transport and Rights of Way

The PC is continuing to support traffic calming measures at Trevarrian. The speed monitors continue to be moved about during the past year. **Nick Shield** is managing the monitoring data for

us and reporting on a three-monthly basis. We are **grateful to George Williams, Mike Sterling and Nick** for maintaining the monitors.

Following residents' concerns about signs erected by Maladyke and the convent footpaths the PC has met with Canon Smith to seek a resolution. We are still hopeful we can achieve this but have been advised by Cornwall Council to seek a Definitive Map Modification Order.

We continue to seek a resolution to the issues on Dark Lane.

#### Beach and environment

Thanks to George, Tracy, James and Angela for the work they have done on developing a Community Emergency Flood Plan for the parish.

We have opened up the footpath at the end of the valley road to provide a better access to the beach, we are still working to achieve traffic calming measures at that location.

We remain very **grateful for the tireless efforts of Mike Farmer and his family**, who remove and sort the rubbish from the beach. They really do go above and beyond to ensure that the beach is kept clean.

We hope that the businesses around the bay will continue to contribute to the costs of rubbish removal, so that the beach cleaning can continue as the PC couldn't meet the full costs.

#### Planning

**Planning applications** continue to comprise a major component of PC business, both at meetings and in between.

**Special thanks to William Corbett** for all his years of service, as a councillor and past Chair. He has led the planning working group, liaised with planning officers, prepared PC responses to the applications after the meeting and represented the PC at the Area Planning Committee when we request applications be decided by the Committee. We will certainly miss his contributions.

Last year I expressed frustration that the **Cornish Fresh** application remained undetermined, despite an original determination deadline of July 2021. However, it was finally **refused on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024**.

Over the past year we have voted 'no objection' to a majority (58%) of applications, there have been some notable objections, some of which we have been taken to Area Planning Committee. We were unsuccessful with the recent proposal for housing at Trevenna Cross and with the latest application to develop the Arla site at Trevarrian – despite strong representations by Jamie Phillips and Paul Wills. However we maintained an objection to the proposed development at St Roche, which went to appeal and after the public hearing at Wadebridge the Planning Inspector refused the appeal. It is now being quoted by CC as an example under the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

The **Neighbourhood Plan group** has continued to meet regularly to work on developing the plan with the help of our consultant. We have a detailed Evidence base, to which we have added a Second Homes survey and a Green Spaces review – thanks to everyone who has contributed to those. In addition to funding for the consultant we were also successful in obtaining funding to produce a Design Guide, which was completed in March 2025. All these documents are available on the Neighbourhood Plan website – **thanks to Liz J-S for maintaining the website**.

The changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in December 2024 delayed the production of the draft plan and meant the Housing section of the Evidence base has had to be

rewritten and this has delayed the production of the draft report, which we had hoped to submit to Cornwall Council at the end of 2024.

The PC remains Sole Trustee for the **Community Hall in St Mawgan**, which is run by the Community Hall Management Committee. Works at the Hall have continued, with the addition of a digital projector, screen and blinds in the main hall. We have provided floor to ceiling storage cupboards in the front hall which enable the Preschool to pack most of their equipment away, freeing up the back room. We are grateful to the Denzell Downs and the Bedruthan Steps Community Funds for providing the funding for these improvements. Further improvements are planned, along with essential roof repairs.

There are regular Saturday Coffee mornings and Cake and Craft sessions, which help to raise funds for the Hall. Zumba is well established on Monday evenings and there has also been a Tapercise class on Saturday afternoons. The Hall has also been hired for family Christenings.

So, here we are, around to April again and on behalf of the Parish Council I would also like to **thank all of the contractors** I have mentioned for their hard work for the Parish. I'm sure we all appreciate everything they do to maintain the Parish for the benefit of all of us.

I also need to give our **wholehearted thanks to our Parish Clerk, Angela Hayne**, who manages to keep all the Parish Council processes going. She makes sure that our meetings take place in accordance with the regulations, keeps all the records and as the Responsible Officer she over sees all the financial matters. Last year I said that the role of Parish Clerk is complex and ever expanding, which it still is and Angela continues to manage everything skilfully, keeping everything running smoothly – and still keeps smiling! Thank you, Angela!

#### **005/25** Parish Affairs in general

Mrs Karkeek gave public thanks to the Chair and Vice Chair for all the work they do to ensure a are strong parish council that get things done.

#### **006/25** Meeting Closed at 7.06pm