



MAWNAN PARISH NEWSLETTER JULY 2010

Well we are now truly into summer and after some fantastic weather, let's hope that the tourism trade picks up and we see more holiday makers coming to Cornwall for their summer holidays. If you are involved in the holiday industry, please don't forget that we do have leaflets illustrating all the public footpaths within the Parish. These are available at the Parish Council office.

By now you should have received the Annual Report of the Parish Council. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk or myself at the Council Offices. It is important that everything that we do on your behalf is transparent and open to public scrutiny.

Antisocial Behaviour

The Police and the Council are working closely together to reduce the incidents of antisocial behaviour which are occurring in the village. If you are involved in or witness such activities, we are encouraging Parishioners to photograph the incident, and the perpetrators, providing that it is safe to do so. The Council has been provided with two digital cameras. If you do not have your own, you may borrow one from the Council Office. Once you have the photographic evidence, ring the police and report the incident immediately. TELEPHONE 08452 777444. Only if the incident is a serious crime use the 999 emergency phone number. The police treat all such calls confidentially.

We are conscious of the possible repercussions of photographing children even though they may well be engaged in antisocial behaviour. The police and the Council have, therefore, agreed to a code of practice which protects you from any adverse comments or allegations whilst allowing you to obtain the photographic evidence necessary for the police to take legal action.

Code of Practice.

- ⑩ **ONLY photograph antisocial behaviour incidents in this context**
 - ⑩ **Make a log of EVERY such photograph taken**
 - ⑩ **Try and get shots which identify the culprits**
 - ⑩ **Explain the context of each photograph on your log**
 - ⑩ **Download the photographs to your PC and keep the picture/s on your memory card**
 - ⑩ **Have the photograph/s available for the police when they respond**
 - ⑩ **If you are using a Council camera, return it to the Clerk who will download the image**
- ⑩ **A possible log could look like this-**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CONTEXT
15/06/10	Six pm	Bus shelter and toilets opposite Red Lion	Children breaking down downpipes and guttering. Throwing stones at passing cars
17/06/10	Seven pm	Mawnan Primary School	Children playing on the roof, throwing stones
17/06/10	Nine pm	Carwinian Road	Noisy and unruly behaviour
18/06/10	Ten pm	Junior Playing Field	Vandalism to play equipment

Alternatively, Devon and Cornwall Police antisocial behaviour logs are available in the Council Office.



On a more positive note, the police, and the fire and rescue service have organised a 5-a-side football challenge at the Dracaena Centre this August. It's for young people between 10 and fourteen and takes place on August 4th between 10am and 2pm. So come on Mawnan youth and show us what you can do.

Planning

Perhaps the most significant planning application to reach the village in many years is the twelve dwellings, eight affordable and four open market, at the top of Castle View. A planning meeting was held on July 1st and after lengthy debate and public involvement, the Council voted in favour subject to several conditions.

Mawnan Council does NOT make the final decision, and as part of our comments, we have insisted that the final decision should be made by the Area Planning Committee of Cornwall Council and not taken on delegated powers.

There has been some misunderstanding of the role of the Council prior to the public meeting. We have even been accused of being in collusion with the applicant. I suspect that the the reason for this is that the Council was asked to meet the applicant confidentially before any plans were submitted.

This Pre-Planning Application meeting is allowed, even encouraged by Government and Cornwall Council but remains confidential. At this meeting, the prospective applicant outlines their overall ideas and is seeking to ascertain an "in principal" agreement that the plans could meet planning requirements and aspirations of the community. They are NOT seeking planning permission prior to the plans being submitted, nor are Councillors committed in any way to supporting such plans once they are submitted. The Pre Planning Application process is an "in principal only" understanding.

As a result of the Pre Planning Application meeting, it was this Council which insisted that the prospective applicants should conduct a public consultation process, to which they duly agreed. This Council ensured maximum publicity for this event

There will always be winners and losers and I truly apologize to anybody who feels let down by the Council or aggrieved by our decision. We had to balance the desperate need for affordable housing against the other issues. For Mawnan to remain a vibrant community we need to keep our young people in the village and affordable homes is the only way. Affordable housing was the number one priority in the Parish Plan published four years ago and nothing has changed to alter this.

Mawnan craft market will run from the 31st July to 1the 4th August inclusive. It's open from ten am until six pm and admission is free. This will be the 32nd year the market has run and there will over 50 exhibitors. The money raised helps to subsidize hall rental for village groups and the committee are always looking for extra hands to help.

Just a reminder that there is no Parish Council meeting during August, although the Planning Committee will most likely meet to discuss planning applications. The next full Council meeting will be September 16th.

On behalf of the Council may I take this of opportunity of wishing you a relaxing and great summer holiday.

Denis Gartside.
Chairman Mawnan Parish Council