
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
HELD AT GWENNAP CHURCH HALL ON
8th MARCH 2007**

Those Present: Cllr. I Herbert (Chairman)
Cllr J Wharton (Vice Chairman)
Cllr D Lanyon
Cllr. R. Snell
Cllr D Squibb
Cllr N Nicholls

Also present: A Blamey, Clerk, Cllr Banks, Cllr Whiteley, P Millett,
J Layte

Apologies: Cllr M Ivey,

The Chairman signed the previous years' minutes as a true record.

Arising from the minutes, it was remarked that the re-positioning of the "School" sign at Cusgarne was still an outstanding issue. The Chairman explained that County Councillor Hichens had recently taken the matter up again, and had photographs of the problem as evidence.

The Clerk gave a report of the Council's activities during the past year along with a record of Councillor's attendance.

The precept for 2007/08 had been agreed at £27,928, the same amount as the previous two years.

The gravestones in Gwennap Churchyard had recently been tested for safety and 33 were found to require attention.

Mr Layte raised the matter of the recent illegal motorcycle protest rally held in the Parish Council's Wheal Maid Valley. It was pointed out that the bikers were there without the permission of the Parish Council, but the sheer numbers made it impossible for the police to enforce the law so a two hour 'amnesty' had been observed whilst the demonstration took place. The following day three offenders had been caught in the valley by the police. If future protests were planned the Parish Council would make it clear the valley is not to be used, and will expect the police to enforce. The protest originally was against having nowhere to ride but it had turned out to be specific against the Wheal Maid Valley.

The Parish Council anticipated the pollution report from the Environmental Agency in the near future.

Nick Marsden, a Development Control Officer from Carrick then explained how Local Housing Need could apply in Gwennap Parish.

There had been eleven expressions of interest registered with the District Council but there could be many more if the scheme was better advertised. He asked the Parish Council to consider requesting Carrick to hold 'surgeries' in the three main villages to see if a greater need existed. If this were the case, land would be identified and acquired with the owner's permission. A Housing Association would then work in partnership with individuals for either social renting or shared purchase schemes.

Mr Marsden was thanked by the Chairman for his attendance.

Councillor Lanyon informed the meeting that the County Council had purchased the small meadow alongside Cusgarne School.

District Councillor Whiteley agreed to take up with Carrick the issue of cars driving over the central grassed area at Carn View. It was turning the area into a muddy mess.

Signed..... 2008
Chairman