

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT FROGPOOL CHAPEL ROOMS ON 26th MARCH 2009

Present. Cllr I Herbert (Chairman) , Cllr K Furnish (Vice Chairman), Cllr R Snell, Cllr R Humble, Cllr M Padmore, Cllr P Roscorla

Apologies District Cllr Whiteley, Cllr Squibb

Also present : County Councillor R Hitchens, A Reburn, J Bawden, Mrs J Wharton, Ms J Ward, PC Staines, PCSO Woodward

The meeting opened with Prayers.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous years meeting as an accurate record.

The Clerk presented his report of Council business for the past year (see copy opposite).

The Precept for 2009/10 was £27,000, a decrease from the levels of previous years.

The public was invited to raise any matters relating to parish affairs. The following points were raised:-

- County Councillor Hitchens confirmed that elections for the new Cornwall Council would be held on 4th June 2009, with Gwennap Parish being 'clustered' with Carharrack and Stithians. The proposals made for changes to this grouping could not now be entertained before 2013. 2013 would also be the year of the next Parish Council elections.
- Mrs Wharton asked about the recent Parish Council meeting with the Environment Agency regarding remediation of the Wheal Maid Valley. Unfortunately, there was little new that could be reported as their surveying work was still incomplete. However, by the end of the summer they anticipated having reached a conclusion.
- A part of the stile at Wheal Maid had been removed. The Clerk would contact Countryside Access to repair it.
- Mrs Wharton also asked whether the Parish Council had reached a decision on Footpath 43 yet. The Clerk explained that before committing money to what could be an expensive project, alternatives needed to be explored.
- The Police gave their monthly report on parish crime/activity.
- Cllr Snell proposed that the Council send a letter of thanks and appreciation to District Councillor Whiteley. At the end of March, Carrick would no longer exist and she would no longer represent us. Her work on our behalf and her attendance at our meetings and other meetings was excellent. We would be extremely fortunate to receive a similar service under the new Cornwall Council arrangements. This proposal was unanimously supported.