

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT CROFTHANDY VILLAGE HALL ON 27th October 2005

Those Present Cllr. M.I.T. Herbert (Chairman)
Cllr. D. Lanyon (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr. M. Ivey
Cllr R. Snell
Cllr. N. Nicholls
Cllr. J. Wharton
Cllr. C. Langley

In attendance Cllr. J Whiteley - CDC

Apologies PC Louise Osborne
Cllr. C Banks – CDC

Parishioners Paul Millett – Tree Warden

PARISHIONERS' DISCUSSION

PC Osborne was unable to attend having been called to other duties but nevertheless conveyed through the clerk that there had been three crimes last month namely criminal damage at Wheal Jewell, theft of a motor vehicle at Comford and a bottle of gas stolen at Carn View.

Cllr Whiteley reported on the events surrounding the removal of the headgear at Mount Wellington by Mr. Shrigley which was, apparently, consequent upon his receiving notification from English Heritage that it was proposing to list the structure. Councillors asked if this was normal and the Clerk confirmed that it was and that there were previous instances in the County over a number of years. Cllr Whiteley stated it was a County Council planning problem but the Clerk recollected that there was a situation prevailing at the time of the discussions on the planning policy document (uncompleted) whereby County had lost control hence the reason for the District issuing a planning permission for the existing buildings without a planning use. To be agenda item next meeting.

Prayers were said and the Minutes of the last Meeting were signed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING

05/64

1. Linda Holloway (CCC) had not yet dealt with the installation of boulders at Wheal Maid.
2. The Chairman reported that the ceasure of roadworks at the Wheal Maid entrance was reported to the Mineral Tramways Group as the action of the Council. It had been made clear that this was incorrect, as it was the action of one Councillor acting in his private capacity. As this action had resulted in open access being given to 4WDs Cllr Lanyon (in his personal capacity) would chase Mike Hawkey to complete the works agreed with him which included a bank designed to prevent 4WD access.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

05/65

None

CORRESPONDENCE

05/66

1. Newlyn Memorial (Appeal)
2. CDC- Questionnaire
3. CDC – Precept
4. CCC – Footway strategy Crofthandy
5. CALC Agenda

6. Planning Inspectorate BrW31
7. CCC – Upgrade of FP61
8. CDC – Carol Service
9. CDC – Licensing Act 2003
10. CDC – Budget Consultation
11. CCC – Local Maintenance Project
12. CRCC – Training at Bodmin
13. CCC – as 6
14. Captc bundle

PLANNING MATTERS

05/67

EXISTING APPLICATIONS

Appn Ref PA12/1638/05/R
 Applicant Mr & Mrs K West
 Location Coombe Farm Bissoe
 Development Alterations to garden store and utility area
 Grid Ref 176400/41230
 APPROVED subject to conditions

Appn Ref PA12/1758/05/B
 Applicant Mr & Mrs Grubb
 Location Penventon Nurseries
 Development Retention of railings and fence
 Grid Ref 173010/39790
 REFUSED on grounds of design not in keeping

Appn Ref AD12/1185/05/B
 Applicant Broadagri
 Location Unit 5 United Downs
 Development Freestanding sign
 Grid Ref 174380/41820
 REFUSED on grounds of spread of undesirable signs

NEW APPLICATIONS

None

ACCOUNTS

05/68

IT WAS RESOLVED (a) to pay the following amounts:-

CHEQUE NO.	TO WHOM	DETAIL	AMOUNT
100573	C.P. Martin	Clerks Salary & Expenses	£374.55
100574	W. Johns	Toilet & Street Cleaning	£101.32
100575	M P Chegwidden	Various	£1462.87
100576	Truro Cathedral	Spirit of Cornwall Appeal	£50.00
100577	Brewers Business Solutions	Stationery	£42.88
100578	Frogpool Methodist Church	Room hire	£36.00
100579	SWEB Energy	Playing field electricity	£20.93
100581	Post Office Limited	Redirection of mail	£67.20

INSURANCE

05/69

The Clerk produced a quotation for all the Council's Insurances from Zurich Mutual in the sum of £1752.95 (inclusive of tax) confirming that this would provide the Public Liability Insurance cover previously unavailable for Wheal Maid (excepting pollution/contamination which no insurance would provide) and cautioned that it may be impossible to obtain a refund from Alliance Cornhill for the balance if cancelled. Taking the view that this loss and the marginal increase in premium far outweighed the risks on the Council in having no PL cover at Wheal Maid on the proposal of

Cllr Lanyon seconded by Cllr Snell IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the quotation and put the cover in place as from 1st December 2005

NEW CLERKS'S CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

05/70

The Clerk produced a Contract which he had prepared for Alan Blamey in the same terms as the present Clerk's contract (except for the numbers) running from 1st November 2005 one part having been signed by Mr Blamey and IT WAS RESOLVED that the other part be signed by the Chairman and contracts concluded.

WHEAL MAID

05/71

1. Having been advised by the Clerk that the new insurance for Wheal Maid would not provide PL cover for known but unaddressed risks the Chairman had obtained quotations for fencing around Taylors shaft with permanent fencing or temporary building site type fencing. Subject to obtaining a second quote from a manufacturing company at Sparmon Gate IT WAS RESOLVED to set aside the sum of £750 and purchase (as it was cheaper than renting long term) and install sufficient construction site type panels to surround the shaft and building with the panels secured so as not to be demountable by vandals. IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED to cover the collapsing small shaft further down the valley with mesh and scrap or waste girders obtained from either the scrap yards or Tony Craze these to be covered with a cairn of stones to deter bikers and those currently attempting to break down the existing cover.
2. On a suggestion that a series of trenches should be dug to deter bikers the Clerk counselled that setting traps such as this was illegal. Alternatively the Clerk was instructed to write to the Chief Constable commending the work being undertaken by PC Osborne and her colleagues but stating that the Council felt that the force was not providing her with sufficient back up and resources.

RICHARD JORY PLAYING FIELD

05/72

1. The Clerk had put in the insurance claim and was awaiting the result. He would not cancel the existing insurance until this claim was settled.
2. The Chairman was putting up a temporary panel on the slide pending the insurance claim as the notices prohibiting use were being destroyed.
3. Cllr Wharton agreed to check and replace the failing shackles on the swing and replace the failed bolt.
4. Cllr Lanyon said the electrician now required written instructions on the work to be done in the toilets etc. Since so much time had passed the Chairman agreed to meet him again and provide a list.
5. It was recognised that much of the playground equipment was approaching the end of its life and could not be replaced like for like due to current regulations. The Clerk was instructed to obtain a catalogue from Taylor-Made with a view to the Council gradually replacing worn out items.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

05/73

1. In view of the fact that the existing monitor for the Council's computer belonged to the existing Clerk and the new Clerk has even less space available the Chairman said that the existing desk-top needed replacement with a tower and a new smaller monitor needs sourcing. IT WAS RESOLVED that up to £150 should be allocated for this purpose.
2. Cllr Nicholls was congratulated for obtaining a replacement waste bin at the Frogpool bus stop at no cost from CDC.
3. The two new Notice-boards were installed ready for use.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

05/74

1. A caravan and tyres and wheals had been dumped near to Garlands Engine house on FP38
2. The obstruction to Poldice Terrace was still in place and Cllr Lanyon would complain to Mike Hawkey when he was speaking to him on Wheal Maid
3. The Clerk produced an e-mail from Andy Robinson at CCC on FP56 following intervention by Cllr Snell and was instructed to respond that (a) the dumping has made it too high and the cover should be spread (b) the reclassification process should be put in train now along with that already undertaken for FP61 and Carharrack

FP9 since they must run in tandem and (c) if there is indeed agreement with Mr Drew then this should be reduced to writing so that neither can renege or in case one party disappears.

CHAIRMANS URGENT BUSINESS

The precept would be agenda'd for next meeting. A meeting would take place between the Council and the GPPA before next meeting so that the GPPA and its activities can be fully discussed then.

Signed.....
Chairman

24th November 2005