

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT GWENNAP CHURCH HALL ON 24th November 2005

Those Present	Cllr. M.I.T. Herbert (Chairman) Cllr. D. Lanyon (Vice-Chairman) Cllr. M. Ivey Cllr R. Snell Cllr. J. Wharton Cllr. C. Langley
In attendance	Cllr. J Whiteley - CDC Cllr. C Banks – CDC Cllr R Hichens - CCC Pc Louise Osborne Chris Martin & Alan Blamey - Clerks J Dyer - West Briton
Apologies	Cllr N Nicholls Paul Millett - tree warden
Parishioners	J. Ward, D. Allard, J Wharton

PARISHIONERS' DISCUSSION

PC Osborne gave her report to the Council. The main matters were :

- two caravans broken in to, property stolen
- pipe metal fencing stolen from a compound at United Downs
- motor vehicle stolen from Little Beside

This was a decrease compared with the same period last year.

The report then concentrated on the problems in the Wheal Maid valley . The situation is getting worse, with 4 wheel drive vehicles joining the motorbikes. Inspector Scott, along with the traffic inspector were looking into a one-off operation to confront the illegal site users, but this wouldn't solve the long term problem. Securing the site was seen as the answer, but this was known to be extremely difficult.

The residents from the valley spoke of the noise and dust pollution they are suffering and asked the Parish Council to call a meeting of all interested parties to air views, and seek solutions.

The Council agreed to this, and the 8th December, 7.00 p.m. at Crofthandy Village Hall was decided on, although this could be too short notice to get key Carrick and County officers to attend.

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

MATTERS ARISING

05/75

1. We still awaited Linda Hollaway to organise the boulder reinstatement at the entrance to Wheal Maid. The small shaft grill at Wheal Maid had been repaired that day, but there were still concerns about it's effectiveness and the Chairman agree to take a look.
2. The fencing of Taylors had been arranged for the following day (25th November) by Cllr Lanyon.
3. Cllr Lanyon confirmed that in his conversations with Mike Hawkey regarding the visibility splay back on Crofthandy Hill, he had stressed he was acting as a private individual, not as a Parish Councillor.
4. Cllrs Wharton and Herbert were thanked for carrying out repairs to play equipment in the Playing Field.
5. More tyres were appearing in the lay-by on the United to Wheal Clifford road. The Clerk to contact Adam Chell to resolve.
6. The obstruction in front of Poldice Terrace was still there – Cllr Hichens agreed to follow this up.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

05/76

Cllr Lanyon as Chair of the GPPA

CORRESPONDENCE

05/77

1. Cornhill required a further quote re. our claim . The Clerk is trying to avoid this, but may have to if they insist.
2. Carrick Community Strategy Review – needs to be returned by 9th December, but District Councillors were surprised we had not had a visit from Carrick’s officers, as other Parishes had.
3. Rights of Way Improvement Plan – the questionnaire would be completed by Cllr Snell, who already had a copy.
4. Code of Conduct Training for councillors - postponed, to be arranged for a later date.
5. Landfill at United Downs and Cannon Bridge – County will involve the Parish Council in any variation to planning permissions required.
6. Tony Mogford had carried out the inspection of play equipment in the Playing Field., and included his report with photographs for the Council’s attention.
7. The Area Surveyor had confirmed he will be carrying out drainage works at the junction of BW55 with the B3298 - close to St Day playing field.
8. Carharrack Parish Council minutes had been received.
9. The Clerk had liaised with Paul Millett before applying for a free tree from Carrick.
10. Carrick Open Spaces Review – Cllr Wharton took responsibility for the completion of this.

PLANNING MATTERS

05/78

Decision notices.

1. CLP Envirogas, United Downs Landfill - extension to gas engine compound - Granted subject to conditions
2. Mr & Mrs Grubb, Penventon Nursery - provide tea room, kitchen, stores etc - Refused

Enforcement Notice

On land known as Eldon Cottage, United Downs, St Day TR16 5HX – an enforcement notice has been served for the material change in use of a garage to a single dwellinghouse.

New applications

1. CFS Partnerships , United Downs Industrial Park Phase 2 - siting of up to 76 containers for further 5 years
2. Mr Darlington, re. 3 Coombe Lane, Bissoe - barn conversion and two storey extension
3. T.J.Hudson re Tregoyd, Frogpool - tree surgery in area covered by Tree Preservation Order 1999

ACCOUNTS

05/79

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

CHEQUE NO.	TO WHOM	DETAIL	AMOUNT
100582	C.P. Martin	Clerks Salary & Expenses	£339.32
100583	W. Johns	Toilet & Street Cleaning	£101.32
100584	Tony Mogford Associates	safety inspection	£105.75
100585	I Herbert	computer and associated equipment	£229.48
100586	Zurich Insurance Company	annual premium	£1752.95
100587	M.P. Chegwiddden	various cutting / trimming	£1039.87
100588	1 st Security	lock repairs	£60.00

FINANCE

05/80

After discussion, IT WAS RESOLVED not to increase the amount required for 2006/07 from the £27,928 received in the current year.

The Parish Council balances were healthy, in readiness for expenditure at Wheal Maid, but this was not imminent and there was also the likelihood that other Agencies would contribute.

WHEAL MAID

05/81

The Clerk and Cllrs Snell, Lanyon and Herbert attended a meeting at Carricks’ offices on 24th November along with Cllr Whiteley and officers from Carrick and the Environmental Agency, to receive an update from the latter.

They had appointed Consultants to carry out a pollution report on the site and it was hoped the draft of this would be available in February 2006, and the final report by the autumn, following which an action plan to carry out remedial works would be drawn up. These works would have to dovetail with other activity on site (Mineral Tramways and Parish Council) and were longer term rather than immediate.

The site had now been confirmed as a ‘Contaminated Land Site’, which was good news for progress to take place.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

05/82

Timber work repairs to the Pulla Cross shelter were still outstanding.

A decision on who to employ to replace the gate and posts at the Playing Field would be made at the next meeting.

FOOTPATHS

05/83

The Clerk and Cllrs Herbert and Snell had attended a meeting at County Hall with other Parish Council to look at equitable ways of budgeting for footpath maintenance under the new path categorisation of Gold, Silver or Bronze. An update had yet to be received from the County Council.

We have also not received notification from CCC of the final grading of paths in our Parish.

CHAIRMANS URGENT BUSINESS

A new steering group was being set up regarding Historic Churchyards, following earlier problems. At a recent Mining Villages meeting the four affected Parishes agreed to this action to have control of what was seen to be a serious problem of churchyard safety, and also the eventually have a website accessible to all.

The would be a request to the respective Parish Councils in the near future for equipment to test the safety of headstones, and there was also the possibility that funding could be obtained through CES or Cory Environmental.

There was general agreement in principal to this.

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Signed.....
Chairman

15th December 2005