

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT FROGPOOL CHAPEL ROOMS ON 26th January 2006

Those Present	Cllr. M.I.T. Herbert (Chairman) Cllr. D. Lanyon (Vice-Chairman) Cllr R. Snell Cllr. J. Wharton Cllr. C. Langley Cllr. N. Nicholls
In attendance	Cllr. J Whiteley - CDC Alan Blamey - Clerk Paul Millett – Tree warden WPC Osborne
Apologies	Cllr M Ivey District Cllr Banks
Parishioners	Mrs Cox, Mr & Mrs Stolz

PARISHIONERS' DISCUSSION

1. The Parishioners were all from Gwennap village, and had come to object to a planning application to be discussed later in the meeting from Jb Timber Buildings.

The proposal was for the continuation of the business, working from a building in the grounds of Trevarth Manor, and for the lifting of a clause which time-limited the current approval.

The objections were mainly from the noise nuisance, and the residents pointed out that previously they had not previously complained because they believed the manufacturing would cease in November 2005 in accordance with the existing consent. This application to renew would override that.

2. WPC Louise Osborne gave a report on the activity in the parish since our last meeting.

There had been thefts from vehicles at United Downs and Carn View, bicycles stolen at Crofthandy, tax discs stolen from two vehicles, a dog kennel stolen from Carn View and diesel thefts at United Downs Industrial Estate, twice.

Many of the incidents had links to Wheal Jewel which the councillors found worrying, as the Wheal Jewel site had a liaison officer and a separate warden. Doubts were expressed as to their effectiveness.

The police had been called out on 13 different occasions to complaints of off-road vehicles causing noise nuisance in the Wheal Maid Valley. This would be discussed by councillors later in the meeting.

3. This evening's meeting was disrupted in its early stages by the appearance of people expecting a debate on off-road vehicles. This followed a completely false article in that days West Briton which in turn had led to announcements on local radio. The Clerk was asked to write to the West Briton to ascertain how such an article could appear. WPC Osborne was thanked for her involvement in turning away those that had turned up.

4. Paul Millett, the tree warden reported works that had been carried out at Gwennap Churchyard with Paul Chegwiddden. He urged the Council to engage Mr Chegwiddden in a spraying exercise to kill off brambles and saplings, otherwise their efforts would be worthless.

He had also attended a meeting with the Chairman and the Forestry Commission at Trevince where bridleway 29 had been closed for several months while diseased trees were treated. The Forestry Commission would be installing a gate which allowed access to those permitted to use the path, then it would be reopened.

Prayers were said and the Minutes of the meeting of 15th December 2005 were signed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING

06/01

1. Goongumpas Lane – since the last meeting councillors Snell and Wharton had surveyed the site and felt the best course of action would be for a JCB to scrape the surface, removing the excess and thereby lowering the depth of any potholes than reappeared.
The Clerk had asked the Countryside Access Officer to visit the lane and report on anything he felt the County Council could do, and this was to be followed up before the JCB approach.
The Clerk would also write to Mrs Curnoe with an update.
2. Councillor Nicholls will speak to Cornwall Wood Treatment about a quote for the Playing Field gates which was outstanding.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

06/02

Cllr Lanyon as Chair of the GPPA & GPRA.

A debate then followed as to what constituted a declaration of interest. District Councillor Whiteley explained the difference between pecuniary and prejudicial but there was no real conclusion.

The Chairman emphasised the need for caution when talking in front of the media, who would not necessarily report in the same vein as the speaker anticipated. All approaches from the media were to be referred to the Chairman or Clerk unless the councillor was speaking as a parishioner, in which case this should be made very clear from the outset. The Chairman highlighted the need to represent and consider the views of all parishioners, although the Council was bound by laws and regulations and this should also be made clear.

At this point Councillor Langley said she was resigning, and left the meeting.

GPPA

06/03

Cllr Lanyon, as Chairman of the GPPA, had called a meeting with the Parish Council to agree the way forward for the year ahead. It would be held on Tuesday 7th February at 7.30 p.m. at the Rovacabin, Playing Field. All Councillors were welcome to attend, not just those on the GPPA.

STREET CLEANING

06/04

After a discussion regarding the current standard of litter picking-up it was RESOLVED to invite tenders for the joint duties of street cleaning and playing field caretaking. The Clerk would prepare the necessary documents with a view to the new arrangements starting on 1st April 2006.

WHEAL MAID

06/05

The Chairman and Clerk were meeting with Mike Hawkey at the County Council on 10th February to scope the responsibilities we both had in the Wheal Maid valley and understand each others problems.

Following the earlier report given by WPC Osborne, it was RESOLVED to gate the entrance to the valley where the Cornish Way came in off Crofthandy Hill. The arrangements would have to accommodate both horse riders and cyclists, but such structures did exist and this would be discussed beforehand with the Countryside Access team. In an attempt to keep the residents aware of developments, it was agreed to look into the publication of a parish magazine or news sheet, perhaps being produced quarterly. This would be placed on the next agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

06/06

1. The minutes of Carharrack Parish Council's meeting in November and December had been received.
2. Allianz Cornhill had agreed to settle the outstanding claim for the broken equipment in the playing field.
3. Zurich Municipal had requested a five year claims history.
4. CCC Portal newsletter was circulated.
5. The Clerk would complete the CCC Council Plan questionnaire.

6. The Environment Agency had completed their desktop study, and now requested permission to visit the site as the next stage. This was agreed.
7. Carrick were holding Code of Conduct training for councillors. The Chairman would attend on 2nd March.
8. "Carn to Cove" had sent copies of their events calendar.
9. A copy of the Standards of Conduct had been received from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. Cllr Wharton agreed to study it first.
10. A list of changes to the mobile library service seemed only to deal with Kerrier. The Clerk would contact the service to see if similar changes were happening to the van that visited our Parish.

PLANNING MATTERS

06/07

Decision notices

Mr & Mrs Grubb	Penventon Farm Nurseries	flagpoles and signs	REFUSAL
Mr Darlington	Coombe Lane, Bissoe	barn conversion changes	APPROVED
St. Austell Brewery	Fox and Hounds, Comford	disabled toilet	APPROVED
T J Hudson	Tregoyd, Frogpool	tree works in TPO area	APPROVED
CFS Partnerships	United Downs Ind Estate	storage container renewal	WITHDRAWN
Mr & Mrs Vercoe	Eldon Cottage, United Downs	Carrick enforcement	WITHDRAWN

New applications

Appn Ref PA12/2430/05/B
 Applicant Mr & Mrs Grubb
 Location Penventon Farm Nurseries
 Development replacement building (tea rooms, kitchen, stores, disab. toilet)
 Grid Ref 173020/39770

OBJECT.

Appn Ref PA12/2526/05/R
 Applicant Mr P Dalton
 Location Gilly Penrose, Gilly Farm, Gwennap
 Development stable for domestic use
 Grid Ref 173860/38730

SUPPORT.

Appn Ref LC12/2573/05/B
 Applicant Jb Timber Buildings
 Location workshop at rear of Trevarth Manor, Gwennap
 Development lifting of condition 3 to previous plan re occupancy/use of workshop
 Grid Ref 173790/40060

OBJECT.

HISTORIC CHURCHYARDS GROUP

06/08

A letter from the secretary of the Cornish Mining Villages Historic Churchyards Group requested funding of £1,100 towards the costs of purchasing the topple tester and setting up the website and interpretive boards.

As we had received a refund from Kerrier of the initial monies it was RESOLVED to send a cheque as Gwennap's contribution.

The work of this group was intended to appeal to a wider audience than that currently visiting the churchyards, and their safety needed to be assured.

MINERAL TRAMWAYS

06/09

Councillors Lanyon and Wharton had attended the inaugural meeting of the Mineral Tramways Marketing and Interpretation Group, and would attend the next on 14th February.

Councillors Herbert and Snell had attended the Mineral Tramways Partnership Steering Group meeting, They asked the Clerk to contact County to have The Great Yard put on the next agenda.

OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS

06/10

Because the Clerk was still in full time employment, the reimbursement of council phone calls was complicated and he suggested that he be reimbursed on an average of the previous clerks payments until he retired. It was RESOLVED to accept this method.

The Chairman also reported that the Councils internet link was now working with the address of gwenncouncil@btinternet.com This will enable the Clerk to communicate with other organisations, and this improvement was welcomed by councillors.

FINANCE

06/11

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

CHEQUE NO.	TO WHOM	DETAIL	AMOUNT (£)
100597	Rent a Fence	shaft fencing	600.00
100598	Cornwall County Council	grass cutting at Playing Field	506.43
100599	Information Commissioner	data protection	35.00
100600	Open Spaces Society	annual subscription	30.00
100601	CMG Historic Churchyards Group	set-up funding	1100.00
100602	M P Chegwidden	footpath and misc. works	1881.17
100603	W Johns	street sweeping and playing field	101.32

It was RESOLVED to accept the Clerks proposal to have the annual internal audit carried out for a fee of no more than £50 by an independent person who had worked to a standard of ISO 9000 with audit and quality assurance procedures.

CHAIRMANS URGENT BUSINESS

The Chairman asked councillors to take leaflets on the Mining Villages of Gwennap in the near future. Places were required to display them, and ideas were welcomed.

Signed.....
Chairman

23rd February 2006