

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT GWENNAP CHURCH HALL ON 23rd March 2006

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

In attendance
WPC Osborne
District Cllr Whiteley
County Cllr Hichens
Alan Blamey - Clerk

Apologies
Cllr N Nicholls
P Millett

PARISHIONERS' DISCUSSION

1. WPC Osborne gave her report of crimes and incidents in the Parish during the past month, along with two road traffic accidents. Thefts included a mini excavator from Crofthandy, oil from Hale Mills and lighting from United Downs.

Police are working on the problem of dangerous dogs roaming, a stolen boat was found at Pulla Cross and more section 59 warning notices had been sent out to those offending in the Wheal Maid Valley.

Prayers were said and the Minutes of the meeting of 23rd February 2006 were signed as correct with two exceptions. Item 1 under Parishioners Discussion where 'traffic incidents' should read 'traffic accidents' and 06/15 'police vehicles' should read 'authorised vehicles'.

MATTERS ARISING

06/24

1. The heating issue at Cusgarne School was being resolved, so a letter from New Schools Ltd told the Council. Traffic was another problem, and the Clerk and Cllr Hichens will press for better signage as a first measure with more investigation needed before pressing for a 20 mph limit. It was possible that adjoining land could be available for future needs.
2. Flooding problems on the highway just up from the school were in hand, according to a reply from Graham Phipps to Cllr Hichens.
3. The interim arrangements for street cleaning and playing field block maintenance were still in their initial stages, but a gradual improvement was noticeable.
4. The contractor would carry out the repairs to the playing field equipment under the insurance in late April.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

06/25

Cllr Lanyon as Chair of the GPPA & GPRA.

GPPA

06/26

The Clerk produced the notes from the recent meeting held between the GGPA, Parish Council and other field users. A further meeting of the GPPA had been arranged to deal specifically with the Fete and Car Boot matters.

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council should purchase a third picnic-style table to be sited near to the rovacabin, and Cllr Lanyon confirmed in his capacity of Chairman to the GPRA that they would then reimburse the Parish Council.

FOOTPATHS

06/27

1. Potholes in the road outside Crofthandy Chapel would be reported to Highways.
2. Cllr Hichens would speak to Highways to get the drain cleared on footpath 53, close to the Crofthandy - Triplet road. A local resident had filled the flooded area with material but water would still collect until the drain that ran under the main road was cleared.
3. Path 54 at Zimmapan was impassable in places and the Council would write to Countryside Access, along with a similar complaint regarding path 55 leading into Little Beside.
4. Councillors agreed to meet on site outside Crofthandy Chapel on Thursday 30th following which the JCB would be hired again to carry out levelling work there and at Little Beside.
5. The two potholes at the edge of Chapel Lane outside the Chapel would be reported to highways.

WHEAL MAID

06/28

1. There was still no date for the joint meeting the County Council had offered to arrange involving local agencies and bike users. We would continue to press for this as soon as practicable.
2. Cllr Kaczmarek, the County Councillor for neighbouring Kerrier, had been heard saying that prosecuted bikers should not pay their fines, and that there was a byway through Wheal Maid. Both pieces of information are totally wrong and it was agreed he should be spoken to before matters got out of hand. Cllr Lanyon pointed out that it was not possible for anyone to claim a right to do something if it was an illegal act.
3. Councillors agreed to meet at Hale Mills on Thursday 30th to sort out where a possible barrier could be erected. The barrier already erected at the Crofthandy entrance to the valley was felt to be helpful by the police.
4. Cllr Wharton had purchased a second combination lock to replace the one damaged by vandals at the entrance gate opposite Garlands Engine House. It was RESOLVED that he be reimbursed.
5. Residents close to the valley that were affected by the noise were to be written to with an explanation of what was happening. They needed to be reassured that someone was listening to their problems and action was being taken, albeit not at the speed they would like. The Clerk would prepare a draft letter for approval.
6. WPC Osborne had shown the Council an example of a sign used by West Yorkshire police in warning trespassers off private land. The Clerk will liaise with Mike Hawkey to see if we can work together to have some identical ones made. The Cornwall & Devon Police have agreed to their logo being used.

WHEAL JEWEL

06/29

1. A joint meeting of the three local Parish Councils had been held with County Councillors Kaczmarek and Hichens at St Day Community Centre to discuss the problems being experienced in the community and in St Day School, linked to inhabitants of Wheal Jewel. A further meeting would be arranged asking County officers to attend as the County Council owned the site and needed to take responsibility for many of the problems.
2. The Clerk had written to Cllr Kaczmarek on behalf of Gwennap Parish Council expressing our concerns, and this would be forwarded to the County Council.
3. Cllr Wharton had attended a meeting at the school which covered many of the same points of concern. With pupil numbers dropping and staff morale very low, the County Council needed to resolve the problems immediately.
4. Cllr Hichens highlighted the lack of a budget within County Hall covering traveller sites, but that was not accepted by the Parish Council. Money should be found.

CORRESPONDENCE

06/30

1. Carharrack Parish Council minutes Jan & Feb – noted.
2. Allianz Cornhill – insurance claim confirmation of process.
3. P Roscorla – highway matter, Frogpool. This was a copy letter sent to Cllr Hichens, who explained that there was now no budget for the requested footway works. Although he had an ‘allowance’ to cover minor works in the Ward, he did not rate this matter as high on his priority list.
4. Devon & Cornwall Police Authority – the Clerk would furnish details for database updating.
5. Local Works – Sustainable Communities Bill meeting in Camborne.
6. G Clench – Cusgarne School. This had been covered earlier in the meeting.

7. Environmental Agency – Wheal Maid site survey update on progress from Joe Ryan.
8. Cwll Centre for Volunteers – Inter Link membership – Clerk to send our details for this free service.
9. CCC – Portal newsletter.
10. J Dyer – to note that he had left the West Briton and would not be reporting on our meetings any longer.

NEWSLETTER

06/31

Discussion took place about the possibility of starting a Parish newsletter. It was mentioned that a Cusgarne School newsletter has just started, but for a Parish one distribution would be a major headache. No decision was reached; councillors would give the matter more thought.

PLANNING MATTERS

06/32

Decision notices

Mr & Mrs Grubb, Penventon Farm Nurseries – building for tea room, kitchen, stores disabled toilet
APPROVED

New applications

Appn Ref CK111 (2)/ECB
 Applicant Malcolm Drew
 Location United Road, United Downs
 Development retention of tyre shredding facility within existing coalyard.
REQUEST RE-SITING AND RE-HOUSING BEFORE APPROVAL

Other Planning

For information only, Mr & Mrs Baggs, Wheal Andrew Farm, Twelveheads - application for a Certificate of Lawful Use or Development.

FINANCE

06/33

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

CHEQUE NO.	TO WHOM	DETAIL	AMOUNT (£)
100610	Tony Craze	barrier	763.75
100611	Inland Revenue	income tax	453.81
100612	Cwll Asscn Local Councils	annual subscription	252.80
100613	Frogpool Methodist Church	hire of room	12.00
100614	R R Gunn	JCB hire	168.00
100615	M P Chegwidden	various groundworks	1673.20
100616	VCWG Church Hall Fund	hire of hall	15.00
100617	A Blamey	salary & expenses	353.14
100618	L Moody	litter & cleaning	115.50
100619	J Wharton	lock for gate	34.99

CHAIRMANS URGENT BUSINESS

06/34.

The Chairman had received a call from the County Council regarding the letter sent last month to Corlink regarding perceived shortfalls in their operation. The County would ask Corlink to revisit its ways of working to see if it could incorporate offering customers more information about destinations and timings.

Signed.....
 Chairman

27th April 2006