

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT FROGPOOL CHAPEL ROOMS ON 27th July 2006

Those Present	Cllr. M.I.T. Herbert (Chairman) Cllr R. Snell Cllr. J. Wharton Cllr M Ivey
In attendance	District Councillors Whiteley and Banks Alan Blamey - Clerk
Apologies	Cllrs Lanyon and Langley
Also present :	P. Millett, V Baldry

PARISHIONERS' DISCUSSION

1. Mr Baldry explained the detail behind the St Day Parish Council Citizenship Award scheme. Because of the potential overlap with neighbouring parishes, he was asking those parishes to consider funding their own youngsters if they entered. The maximum payable if a youngster completed all the awards was £480. This could take upwards of 3 years.
It was later RESOLVED that Gwennap Parish Council would support the scheme. The Clerk would copy the literature to those Councillors absent from the meeting.
2. Paul Millett spoke of the swift action taken by the Environment Agency recently when the Lanner river became discoloured and very smelly. The problem was traced back to the Tresamble sewage works and with the E.A. help, the matter was resolved in hours.
3. District Cllr Whiteley reported on Police cover in the area and the Wheal Maid report, both of which would be discussed in the meeting proper.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

06/70

None.

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

06/71

1. A reply had been received from Carrick's Enforcement Officer regarding the unlawful occupation of land at Trehaddle. The reply was regarded as totally unacceptable, completely ignoring the concerns of local residents. The Clerk is to reply asking for a positive date to be set for the occupants to submit a planning application, and if none is received that prosecution for the unlawful use of the land commences. The fear is that the longer the matter is drawn out, the greater the chance of a loophole being exploited. Local residents had human rights as well as the occupants.
2. The Clerk had received a reply from Joe Ryan of the Environmental Agency confirming the report should be finished in a few weeks. Cllr Whiteley said that Carrick had received a draft copy of the report a month ago, but she wasn't sure who was taking it forward.
Because of the need for some positive action, the Clerk is to write to Carrick and Tim Jenkins asking for a meeting of the steering group as soon as possible, and all Gwennap Councillors were to be invited. Councillor Whiteley will also bring pressure to bear at Carrick.

3. Councillor Wharton has removed the stones from the Cornish Way at Wheal Maid. The Clerk and Paul Chegwiddden had experienced problems operating the lock, and asked others to try. It was vital that it was easily used as emergency vehicles needed an access point.

CORRESPONDENCE

06/72

1. A letter from the Community Policewoman Louise Osborne explained that she has left our area, and that the replacement had also moved on leaving us without police cover in the area. The Clerk is to write to the Superintendent deploring this lack of cover and also to say how pleased the Council have been with the efforts of WPC Osborne.
2. In her update letter for the month, WPC Osborne reported only one crime in the past month, a theft from a container at United Downs. Complaints were still being received from Wheal Maid residents about the motorcycle nuisance.
3. A copy letter from Carharrack Parish Council to South West Water regarding a new sewer from Sparry Lane to Tresamble Moor was noted.
4. The Clerk would attend the Local Maintenance Partnership Training Session on 29th August.
5. A survey on housing had been completed and returned to Matthew Taylor MP.
6. The Area Surveyor had no plans to carry out improvements to the crossroads between Crofthandy and St Day, despite its dangerous visibility. The Clerk will write again pointing out the promise of additional funding made when the extension to the Tip was announced.
7. The EnduranceGB South West charity horse ride scheduled for 3rd September was approved, but the Clerk must stress the Wheal Maid valley is used at their own risk, with the potentially contaminated dust in the air.
8. A quarterly inspection report from Tony Mogford pointed out that the picnic table in the Playing Field was being moved around and needed fixing, whilst the bottom pedestrian gate was partially overgrown. The Clerk would trim this immediately.

FOOTPATHS

06/73

1. It was suggested that we use Glyphosphate to spray areas instead of Gramoxone. This could reduce the frequency of spraying.
2. The island outside the cemetery had been weeded but still looked untidy.
3. Councillor Wharton was waiting for a meeting with Graham Phipps to discuss the surface of Chapel Lane. He had been trying since the last meeting. If the County Council refused to do anything then the Parish Council would revert to its proposed limited action, although a local resident had mentioned he would do some of it himself if we hadn't started work in the near future.
4. The Clerk has received an assurance from Paul Chegwiddden that he would trim the short list of paths needing urgent attention. The heat had led to vigorous growth but also an increase in residents that wanted to walk the paths.

PLANNING MATTERS

06/74

DECISION NOTICES

1. Malcolm Drew, United Road, St Day - retention of tyre shredding facility **CONDITIONAL PERMISSION**
2. Mr & Mrs Grubb, Penventon Nursery - water tanks & water pump **APPROVED**
3. Mr & Mrs Grubb, Penventon Nursery - polytunnel **APPROVED**
4. Mr R Drew, Harmony Cottage, Lower Goongumpas Lane - extend curtilage, double garage and balcony. **REFUSED**

Explanatory letter regarding query on application at Kimberley Cottage, United Mines.

NEW APPLICATIONS

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FINANCE

06/75

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

CHEQUE NO.	TO WHOM	DETAIL	AMOUNT (£)
100644	Peninsula Radio	Fete expenses	50.00
100645	Stithians Youth Band	Fete expenses	60.00
100646	D Finch	Fete expenses	25.00
100647	Cusgarne School	Fete expenses	66.00
100648	Gwennap Church	Fete expenses	17.70
100649	M Richards	Fete expenses	20.00
100650	Cornwall & Devon Media	adverts	56.40
100651	M P Chegwidden	grass & path cutting	898.87
100652	J C Cox	plumbing repairs	20.00
100653	J Wharton	new gate lock	29.25

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

06/76

1. Paul Chewidden's offer to rectify the gate alignment was accepted. If this failed, a site meeting would be held to discuss the problem.

CHAIRMANS URGENT BUSINESS

06/77

The Chairman tabled a paper outlining a proposal from Councillor Wharton to take forward the reinstatement of the Wheal Maid Valley in a shorter time scale than was currently happening. Following a general discussion on the problems the Clerk was asked to circulate the paper to those not present with a view to it being discussed at a later date by the Council.

Signed.....
Chairman

24th August 2006