

# Gwennap Parish Council

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT GWENNAP CHURCH HALL ON 28<sup>th</sup> September 2006

Those Present	Cllr. M.I.T. Herbert (Chairman) Cllr J. Wharton (Vice Chairman) Cllr. R. Snell Cllr M Ivey Cllr. D. Lanyon Cllr. N. Nicholls
In attendance	District Councillor Whiteley County Councillor Hichens Alan Blamey - Clerk
Apologies	Cllr C Langley
Also present :	J Layte, P Millett, Mrs M Luscombe .and for the start of the meeting PC Andy Filkins with CSOs Jan Boyle & Chris Vincent

### PARISHIONERS' DISCUSSION

1. PC Andy Filkins had come along to introduce himself as our replacement for Louise. He had a much bigger patch to cover and would therefore be assisted by two Community Support Officers, rising to three by March 2008. The actual powers of a CSO were yet to be determined, but it was anticipated that they would be able to deal with "low level" crime, which formed most of incidents in the Parish. (all 27 reported August crimes were low level).  
The CSO's introduced themselves, with Chris Vincent being the one to cover our area.  
PC Filkins emphasised the telephone number to call to report crime. It is **08452 777444**. Emergencies continue to be **999**.
2. Mr Layte was attending to hear the Wheal Maid update.
3. Mrs Luscombe from Wheal Clifford was attending to report several areas of fly tipping in her area. After identifying the exact locations, Cllr Whiteley confirmed she would take it up with Carrick. Cllr Wharton had already reported one of the sites.
4. Cllr Whiteley also gave an indication of a future use for the Mount Wellington buildings., where it had been rumoured that heat pumps might be manufactured. Until there were hard and fast plans submitted to the Council there was little to comment on, although Cllr Lanyon questioned the need for further industrial units in the area with Phase 1 and 2 under-occupied at United.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**06/88**

Councillor Lanyon declared his interest as Chairman of the GPRA and GPPA.

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

### MATTERS ARISING

**06/89**

1. The possible selling off of the Blackmans site at United was of concern. When the CES arm of the County Council disappeared shortly, it was likely the land would be sold, but our best chance of regulating the frequency and type of activity on the banger racing track was if CCC were the owners. A reply was still awaited from Mike Hawkey following our concerns raised last month regarding over-use.
2. The 30 mph Speedvisor equipment at Crofthandy was not always working, and it seemed to be a deliberate action. Cllr Hichens would take this matter up with the Surveyors department.

3. The proposed planning application at Carharrack for a drug rehabilitation property was held in abeyance at the moment whilst Kerrier clarified the legal position as it was possible only a Certificate of Lawfulness was required for the “natural health centre”.

## **WHEAL MAID UPDATE**

**06/90**

1. A meeting of the Steering Group had taken place at Carrick with the Environment Agency presenting a summary of their initial findings from the draft report. There was a feeling of disappointment in the lack of any new conclusive findings which would now come from phase 2 of their work, to continue into next Spring. It was felt that this could have been identified much earlier.
2. It was agreed not to carry out an internal investigation into the condition of the culvert at this stage. It was possibly going to take place in the E.A. phase 2 works.
3. At an informal meeting with Mike Hawkey, proposals were made that the Parish Council needed to discuss. He had explained that since World Heritage status had been awarded, including the Wheal Maid valley, the County Council were acutely aware that the damage being caused by motorised vehicles could not continue. He was prepared to securely fence access points around the site and together with Carrick and the Police mount an operation to apprehend offenders. A press statement would be issued in the name of the County Council outlining the WHS status and the reasons why it had to be protected. If paths needed to be closed temporarily, the Parish Council would be consulted, but the two main access points would remain open.  
Although there was some doubt that short of confiscation of vehicles, the problem would not go away, it was RESOLVED unanimously to write to the County Council supporting the initiative.  
A further suggestion from Mr Hawkey that potentially, the County could lease the site from the Parish Council, returning it at a future point was also discussed. There would need to be extreme care taken in wording the conditions attached to any lease, but it was RESOLVED by all that the idea should be supported and taken forward.

## **MINERAL TRAMWAYS**

**06/91**

1. Cllr Wharton had attended a recent Marketing Group meeting where there was interest in the Great Yard. The Chairman and Cllr Snell had documents and photographs that might be found useful, and a copy of these would be passed on. Cllr Lanyon had concerns about the way in which any ‘improvements’ might be carried out, but the Council had representatives on both the Marketing and Mineral Tramways Steering groups and would be able to ensure our views were taken into account.
2. The Chairman and Cllr Snell had attended the recent meeting of the steering group and reported that there was still a possibility that funding would be available for Taylors Engine House and Whim.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**06/92**

1. CCC Surveyor - To note the continued temporary road closure at Race Hill, Bissoe
2. CCC Surveyor - To note 20 week long works at the B3298 Tregulow (retaining wall strengthening scheme)
3. Julia Goldsworthy MP - Support for our concerns regarding local healthcare provision
4. Department of Health - Confirming they did not interfere with decisions on health. These were for local consideration.
5. CCC Surveyor - Mr Phipps was on holiday but would reply to our Burncoose concerns on his return.
6. CCC Countryside Officer - Japanese Knotweed at Higher Goongumpas would not be treated as it was alongside the byway, not on it. The budget was limited.
7. CCC Geographical Information - Collision data for the St Day/Croft handy crossroads only flagged up 3 recorded minor incidents in the past 3 years.
8. Devon & Cornwall Police - Notice of liaison meeting, Carrick area at Perranporth.
9. M Kaczmarek - Copies of several e-mails expressing his concerns to fellow County Councillors relating to the behaviour of Wheal Jewell residents. The Clerk is to contact the Wheal Jewell Multi-Agency Group to ensure we have representation at future meetings.
10. Tony Mogford - Agreed to continue with his inspection services at the Playing Field for another year.
11. Carharrack Parish Council - minutes of meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> July 2006
12. Matthew Taylor MP - Transcript of his Commons ‘Second Home Survey’ speech.
13. Kerrier DC - Proposed interim transient workers planning policy. Noted.
14. D Dyer - War memorial cleaning at Gwennap would take place before the November wreath laying.
15. BT Payphones - The vandalised kiosk at Pulla Cross would be repaired and a non-cash box installed.
16. Just Ecology - Environmental monitoring of heathlands at Wheal Maid were reported on, and the Clerk would make copies for those councillors requesting them.

17. CDC - To note that the 2007/08 Precept notification needed to be back with Carrick by 26<sup>th</sup> January. The Clerk would prepare some working papers for the December meeting.

## **FOOTPATHS**

**06/93**

1. Cllr Wharton had met with Dan Brown from County Countryside Access on site at Chapel Lane in an attempt to get the County Council to improve the surface, which we considered unsafe on health and safety grounds. Mr Thomas agreed to look in to upgrading the path from silver to gold, which would allow some works to be done. He took photographs and agreed to write to the Clerk confirming what, if anything would be taking place.
2. A recent footpath meeting for all parishes at County Hall confirmed Gwennap was at the end of the planned new way of calculating how parishes got reimbursed for trimming paths. The new method of reimbursement was based on lengths of path that actually required trimming rather than a set amount per path based on its total length.

## **PLANNING MATTERS**

**06/94**

### **NEW APPLICATIONS**

Appn Ref PA12/1556/06/B  
Applicant Purple Cornwall Ltd  
Location United Downs Raceway, St Day  
Development retrospective application for various engineering operations/earthworks  
Grid Ref 174900/4141

#### **SUPPORT.**

Appn Ref PA12/1655/06/R  
Applicant Ms N V Johns  
Location 6 Carne View, Gwennap  
Development erection of PVC Conservatory  
Grid Ref 173910/39830

#### **SUPPORT.**

Appn Ref PA12/1618/06/R  
Applicant Mr S Gay  
Location 1 Chellean Vean, Frogpool  
Development erection of fence to boundary of property adjacent to highway (retrospective)  
Grid Ref 176080/40160

#### **OBJECT.**

Appn Ref PA12/1784/06/R  
Applicant Mr & Mrs Hannam  
Location 2 Chellean Vean, Frogpool  
Development retention of a 1.73m high wooden fence along the SW front and SE side boundary  
Grid Ref 176070/40180

#### **OBJECT**

Appn Ref AD12/1844/06/B  
Applicant Mr & Mrs Grubb  
Location Penventon, Treviskey, Lanner  
Development retention of free standing sign, flush sign on railings and pole mounted flags  
Grid Ref 173020/39790

#### **SUPPORT SIGNAGE, OBJECT TO FLAGS.**

### **DECISION NOTICES..**

1. Appeal decision from Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government : Appeal dismissed for Mr & Mrs Grubb, Penventon Farm Nursery, Treviskey regarding retention of railings and fence.

2. A Tree Preservation Order had been placed on 11 monterey pines at Primrose Cottage, Carharrack. Earlier felling in the same area posed a threat to the pines therefore the TPO had been put in place to protect them.

## FINANCE

06/95

IT WAS RESOLVED to pay the following accounts: -

CHEQUE NO.	TO WHOM	DETAIL	AMOUNT (£)
100658	HM Revenue & Customs	income tax	410.30
100659	A Blamey	salary/expenses	1026.14
100660	Cornwall & Devon Media Ltd	adverts	56.40
100661	Brewers	stationery	51.23
100662	Communicorp	annual subscription	9.00
100663	Audit Commission	audit fee	141.00
100664	EDF Energy	electric account	109.20
100665	M P Chegwiddden	grass/footpath trimming	1166.77
100666	VCWG Church Hall	hire of hall	15.00
100667	J Wharton	gates for Playing Field	111.62

## REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

06/96

1. The wooden Playing Field gates had been stolen. There was no positive news from the police regarding their return and the Chairman and Vice Chairman had purchased metal replacements and fitted them quickly, fearing travellers moving into the field. Cllr Nicholls agreed with the decision to act with urgency, but felt it had been a retrograde step to move back to galvanised metal gates as the wooden type had been fitted to improve the aesthetic appearance of the field entrance. With hindsight, there were several things the Council as a whole could have done to prevent the theft and lessons had been learnt.
2. One of the wooden play horses in the playing field had been broken, not necessarily through vandalism but possibly wear and tear. The Clerk would look in to the insurance policy cover and make the appropriate claim.
3. The barrier to Wheal Maid at the Crofthandy Hill entrance had been rammed rendering it unusable. A quote for making it good was estimated at £500. It was decided to see what other repairs we could carry out that would be cheaper.  
The County entrance to the site had had a new lock fitted, probably by the County. The Clerk is to request a copy key.

## CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS

06/97

1. The Chairman had been approached by the Chairman of Carharrack Parish Council regarding the tyre shredding facility at Drews, United Road. The Clerk would contact him to explain what action we had taken in trying to ensure a clean environment for those living adjacent to the site.

Signed.....  
Chairman

26<sup>th</sup> October 2006