

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT CROFTHANDY VILLAGE HALL ON 23rd November 2006

Those Present: Cllr J. Wharton (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 Herbert, D.Cllr Banks

Also present : P. Millett, Mrs R Curnoe

PARISHIONERS' DISCUSSION

1. Mrs Curnoe had come along to complain again about the surface of Lower Goongumpas Lane, byways 44 and 47. The Clerk was asked to write to the Countryside Access Section to ascertain whether meetings with Dan Thomas had been reported back for future action as he had promised. Cllr Hichens would ask the County Surveyor for an exact definition of the County's responsibilities for the surface of such lanes.
2. Paul Millett, in his role as tree warden had removed branch debris caused by large vehicles and also removed some from the river at Cusgarne.
3. PCSO Chris Vincent had delivered to the Clerk Andy Filkin's monthly report, and apologised for not being able to attend the meeting.
The report showed 3 reportable offences since our last meeting whilst the enquiry centre had dealt with 20 calls covering a variety of issues.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

06/109

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

MATTERS ARISING

06/110

1. Ditching had been carried out at Crofthandy but the Clerk would chase up regarding Trehaddle where it was still needed.
2. Fly tipping reported last month had partially been removed and Cllr Wharton was liaising regarding the remainder.
3. New information from the police indicated seven personal injury accidents reported at the crossroads between Crofthandy and S Day. The Clerk is to share these findings with the County Surveyor who had twice declined to make improvements at this blackspot.

CASUAL VACANCY

06/111

1. One expression of interest had been received for our casual vacancy, from Mrs Donna Squibb of Gwennap. After discussion it was RESOLVED to invite Mrs Squibb to join the Council at the next meeting on 14th December.
2. If there had been no applications, Paul Millett was prepared to volunteer rather than have the Council operate with one Councillor short. This offer was appreciated by the Council.

PARISH MAGAZINE

06/112

After one month of advertising for an editor / compiler for a proposed parish magazine, there had been no response and it was decided to leave the matter rest for the time being. There may be an interest shown at some future time.

WHEAL MAID UPDATE

06/113

1. Mike Hawkey had nothing new to report at this stage but would write before our next meeting with further details of plans for the valley.
2. The Clerk gave a report of a telephone update received from Joe Ryan of the Environment Agency. The necessary funding had been secured to progress to the next stage and bore holes, soil and water sampling were all programmed to commence / continue in the new year. They would also be surveying inside the culvert.
3. The Council has obligations under the Mines and Quarries Act to ensure the site was safe, but it was decided not to request Mike Cambridge to carry out an inspection as one had been done as recent as 2004. The dam walls were felt to be fit for purpose at this stage and the EA are covering the culvert.
4. A letter from the County's legal department explained that they were drawing up a permissive agreement to cover the multi-use pathway through the valley. The Clerk is to confirm the agreement is to be sent to the Council rather than our solicitors in the first instance, and if we needed specialist advice we could perhaps ask the CALC for help.

THE GREAT YARD

06/114

There had been suggestions that the Mineral Tramways Project might incorporate some stabilising or renovation of the Great Yard, but it was felt that caution was needed in case the proposals extended to a visitor centre or opened the area up for parking. The Council agreed that if anything was to happen to it, it should be to protect it rather than enhance it. Apparently the Mineral Tramways Group had moved away from the idea now, but it was important for the Parish Council to discuss and agree its views.

With the World Heritage Status, any development had to be seriously thought through.

CORRESPONDENCE

06/115

1. CCC were modernising the Cornwall Registration Service, allowing registrations of births, deaths and marriages to take place in any of its centres. Online bookings were also going to be possible.
2. CDC Core strategy evidence case – strategic flood risk assessment – further details requested.
3. CDC (copy) United Downs Race Track noise nuisance correspondence from Carharrack P.C. – noted.
4. CCC Tyre Shredding facility at United Downs, visit of monitoring officer noted.
5. J Goldworthy MP support for Cornwall NHS proposals - noted.
6. CDC Code of Conduct training. The Clerk will reply with the details requested and confirm no Councillor attendance at the forthcoming event.
7. CDC Register of Members interests - noted.
8. Carharrack Parish Council minutes - noted.
9. M Kaczmarek - Wheal Jewel issues. The details of his recent e-mail were noted and Cllr Hichens reported on a recent meeting at County Hall where the Wheal Jewel problems were aired but nothing firm concluded. District Councillor Whiteley had been so alarmed at the content of the Kaczmarek e-mails that she had asked Carrick to get involved especially in the many matters of animal cruelty. Whilst the site was run by the County Council, the District Council now had a duty to provide such sites.
10. CCC Cornwall Minerals Development Framework – Notice of Exhibitions will be placed on notice boards and the actual report will be received by the Council in the near future.
11. A letter from Zurich Insurance asked for further details on buildings we owned valued at £50,000 or over. It was agreed we had none.

FOOTPATHS

06/116.

1. Adam Chell from CCC had written to confirm that he had treated the japanese knotweed on footpaths at Higher Goongumpas and Crowsmeneggus. There had been a budget under spend which allowed it to be carried out.
2. A Public Path Creation Order had been received from the County Council, upgrading Paths 9 in Carharrack Parish and Path 61 in our Parish to Bridleways. They were linked to each other and will now form part of the Mineral Tramways Heritage Project.
3. Path 37 at Bissoe Lane, leading to the nature reserve required trimming.

PLANNING MATTERS

06/117

NEW APPLICATIONS

Appn Ref CK50(24)/TJW
Applicant South West Water Ltd
Location Western fringe of United Mines Landfill Site
Development proposed waste water (sewage) pumping station
Grid Ref

Further detail required before commenting.

Appn Ref PA12/2009/06/B
Applicant Mr & Mrs Furnish
Location Barn at Hale Mills Cottage, Wheal Henry, Twelveheads
Development conversion of existing single storey barn to holiday accommodation
Grid Ref 175190/42400

Support

DECISION NOTICES..

1. Mrs N.V.Johns, 6, Carn View, Gwennap - erection of pvc conservatory - REFUSED
2. Mr S Gay, 1 Chellean Vean, Frogpool - boundary fence REFUSED
3. Mr & Mrs Hannam, 2 Chellean Vean, Frogpool - boundary fence REFUSED
4. Mr & Mrs Grubb, Penventon Nursery, Treviskey - Signs & pole mounted Flags REFUSED

OTHER

Following discussion on the nomadic travellers occupation of land at Trehaddle, the Clerk would write to Carrick Planning to ascertain the time scale required before a planning application was necessary whilst Cllr Whiteley would clarify what constituted a nomad.

FINANCE

06/118

IT WAS RESOLVED to pay the following accounts: -

CHEQUE NO.	TO WHOM	DETAIL	AMOUNT (£)
100675	Frogpool Methodist Church	Hire of Rooms	36.00
100676	M P Chegwiddden	Ground works	934.12
100677	L Moody	cleaning	133.00

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

06/119

1. A rope had become unstitched on the climbing frame in the playing field.
2. Fly tipping on Crofthandy Hill, a short distance up the hill from the Wheal Maid entrance would be reported.

CHAIRMANS URGENT BUSINESS

06/120

Signed.....
Chairman

16th December 2006