

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT FROGPOOL CHAPEL ROOMS ON 25th January 2007

Those Present: Cllr. I Herbert (Chairman)
Cllr D Lanyon
Cllr. R. Snell
Cllr M Ivey
Cllr N Nicholls
Cllr D Squibb

In attendance County Councillor Hichens
District Councillor Whiteley
Alan Blamey - Clerk

Apologies Cllr Wharton, District Cllr Banks

Also present : P. Millett, PCSO C Vincent, Mr & Mrs Bingham, Mr & Mrs S Collins, Mr & Mrs E Collins, Mrs B Coxen, Mrs L Begley, Mr & Mrs Coombes, Mrs L Sandercock, Miss L Sandercock, C Jackson, M Evershed, Mr & Mrs Tomkins, E Walker, Mrs S Minns, Mr & Mrs Pickles, D Wilson.

PARISHIONERS' DISCUSSION

1. The larger than usual public attendance was as a result of a West Briton article covering a Feock Parish Council meeting. It listed amongst their "wish list" the possible closure of Old Carnon Hill, something that our parishioners were very strongly against. It was the direct route for those using the Doctors Surgery and shops. Closure would mean either over-use of the minor road from the Bissoe Valley or joining the main A39 at Devoran and filtering off to Carnon Downs, both options unacceptable. The Chairman pointed out that this was very much an initial thought by Feock, it did not have any County or District support and no plans had been submitted. Indeed, a recent press report spoke of many in their own Parish against the idea. The Clerk would write to Feock asking to be informed of any decision making meeting, at which our residents wanted to attend, and pointing out the shortcomings of the idea. A weight restriction on the hill might be an alternative with the speed limit further down towards the bottom.
2. Paul Millett told of a large oak that had fallen in Trehaddle. He had placed bollards around the hazard and called the County Highways who were on the scene quickly to cut the tree up and remove it.
3. PCSO Chris Vincent presented his report for the month, which showed a marked improvement on the same period last year. He was a regular at the school and was a welcome visitor.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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Councillor Lanyon as Chairman of the GPRA.

MINUTES.

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The minutes of the previous meeting were signed as an accurate record.

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

07/134

1. Some fly tipping had been removed from Wheal Clifford, but there were still areas that needed attention

2. The larger fridge units had been removed from the lay-by below the banger racing track, but debris including glass remained. This should have been cleaned up at the same time to complete the job.
3. A PCN (Planning Contravention Notice) had been served on the occupants of land at Trehaddle. Carrick were now confident that a planning application would be received before the 29th January.
4. The Clerk would check for the existence of Japanese knotweed at Crowsmeneguss where there had been a sighting several years ago, and advise the County Council if necessary.
5. There were still problems with the rubbish bin at the Cornish Arms bus shelter overflowing. The rota for emptying would need to be revised.
6. The surface of Chapel Lane at Crofthandy was again discussed, and although Councillor Wharton was absent it appeared he had made considerable progress towards achieving a solution. He had liaised with County Highways and secured 300 tonnes of road scalplings which would be stored temporarily at Robert Drews, pending the co-ordination of the various workers and machinery on site.
In the meantime, the Clerk would prepare letters to relevant householders explaining what exactly we were going to do, inviting comments before work started. Councillor Wharton would deliver these by hand. It was important to get the levels right, and the drainage. A foreman was essential to ensure each element was carried out correctly.
Once the lane had been rolled, it should last until 2008 when it was expected the County Highways would tar-spray over it.

CROFTHANDY VILLAGE HALL

07/135

Councillor Lanyon updated the Council on the plans the Village Hall Committee had to improve the facility in Crofthandy. It was hoped to sell the current site and reinvest in land directly opposite where a new purpose built hall could be erected. The existing hall was considered beyond reasonable repair. Talks had already taken place with Highways, SWEB and Valuers.

WHEAL MAID

07/136

1. The 'Competent Person' who inspects the site on behalf of the Parish Council, Mike Cambridge, had agreed to pass culvert information and drawings over to the Environment Agency, who were going to survey the culvert as part of their ongoing works. If the Parish Council were not going to request him to carry out an annual survey, he warned of the legal implications should something go wrong on site. Councillors felt that with the E.A. looking at the culvert, the main concern would be the state of the holding dams, and current water levels posed no threat. It was important that the Parish Councillors kept a regular eye on all aspects within the valley, and that such visits were recorded.
2. Gavin Henderson (CCC) had replaced both entrance barriers and supplied the Council with keys. The Clerk had had spares cut which would be made available to relevant individuals.
3. Fencing of the site had commenced, but had suffered from vandalism already.
4. Mike Hawkey (CCC) had sent a draft press release on 23rd January for our views, but today (25th) the draft version had appeared in the West Briton, so there was little point in making constructive comments. This was felt to be unfortunate, as the press release spoke of the need for co-ordination between the various interested parties. Had the press release preceded the start of the fencing, it may not have been damaged.

CORRESPONDENCE

07/137

1. Information Commissioner - it was RESOLVED to renew the Data Protection registration renewal
2. Kensa Engineering - The Chairman had attended the opening of Mount Wellington Mine as a base from which heat pumps will be manufactured by Kensa Engineering. It was felt that the operation could have been concentrated on one of the existing industrial sites in the county rather than start a new one, but it was also pointed out that no planning permissions had yet been applied for or granted.
3. CCC Area Surveyor - The improvements sought to the main Redruth – Falmouth road at Burncoose and Merrymeeting would have to be funded through the local members' allowance. Cllr Hichens felt that his allowance was for improvements whereas this was more a case of safety and would point this out to the County Surveyor.
4. CCC Area Surveyor - The St Day to Crofthandy crossroads on the B3298 would not be improved by the County, although they would add the site to those where the speedvisor equipment was used.
5. CCC Highways - School sign, Cusgarne. This was going around in circles. The Safety Unit had referred it to the Surveyor, who had not replied to the initial request a year ago. The Chairman would take a photograph of the placement and give it to Cllr Hichens to take up with the County Surveyor.
6. CCC Street Works Section - Temporary road closure, Frogpool to Greensplatt. Noted

7. CCC Chief Executive - Local Government Review information – copied and handed to each Councillor to digest.
8. CCC Environment & Heritage - “Visit the Villages”. There seemed little support to put on an event.
9. CCC Environment & Heritage - Events programme for 2007. Noted.
10. CCC Legal Services - Public Path Creation Order Path 61. Noted.
11. Open Spaces Society - RESOLVED to continue with the Annual renewal
12. Mrs S Minns - Potential traffic proposals. Discussed earlier in the meeting.
13. M Kaczmarek - Grazing land, Wheal Jewell. It seemed the County Council had purchased land where the horses belonging to Wheal Jewell residents could graze. County Councillor Kaczmarek was determined that the costs be recovered from the horses owners and that each horse had its regulation passport.
14. CDC Strategic Support - Local Government elections, 3rd May 2007. It was agreed to promote the forthcoming elections in an effort to attract more interest in representing the local community.
15. CDC Legal - Lotteries registration confirmation. Noted.
16. Carharrack Parish Council - Minutes of meeting held on 18th December 2006. Noted.
17. CDC Democratic Services - The Register of Members interests had been updated to include Cllr Squibb.
The relevant information had been passed to Carrick.
18. T Mogford Associates - The quarterly inspection report for play equipment was read and it was noted that there was a picnic table in a dangerous state. This would be investigated.
19. CDC Housing - Local Housing Need meeting would take place at the Annual Parish meeting on 8th March at Gwennap. Carrick’s representative would address the meeting at 7.30 p.m.

MINING LEAFLETS

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There were still 10,000 Gwennap Mining leaflets in boxes in the Portakin. They had to be distributed and Cllr Squibb agreed to enquire about display cases to carry them and the mining leaflets from adjoining parishes. The Clerk would also find out the cost of placement in the tourist displays used in pubs and supermarkets.

GPPA

07/139

The Gwennap Parish Playing Field Association, a sub committee of the Parish Council, had met two days previously on 23rd January 2007, and the Clerk gave a report of the main points.

The new picnic table now required a concrete base and it was RESOLVED to arrange this.

The main gates needed levelling and a chain to prevent them swinging in the wind. It was RESOLVED to have this work carried out.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to pursue insurance compensation for the loss of the original wooden gates.

The Portakbin could be hired out if necessary, with the scale of charges ranging from £5 to £15 depending on the circumstances.

The lock on the Disabled toilet was faulty, and it was RESOLVED that it be repaired.

The leak over the kitchen end would be investigated when the weather was drier, and possibly treated with weatherproofing material.

The Car Boot sales would commence on 1st April, and run twice a month until the end of September as usual, with the same £3.50 charge per boot.

The Fete would not be held this year. The effort required by the few who were prepared to organise it, out weighed the community benefits, which were also available via the Car Boot sales.

PLANNING.

07/140

January 2007 Planning Matters

NEW APPLICATIONS

Appn Ref	PA/12/2542/06/R
Applicant	Mr L & Mrs J Ware
Location	United View, United Road, St Day
Development	erection of rear extension to bungalow
Grid Ref	174130/41730

SUPPORT.

Appn Ref	PA/12/2403/06/R
Applicant	Mr & Mrs P E Lloyd
Location	5, Chellean Vean, Frogpool
Development	demolition of rear sub-standard utility room, replacing with traditional construction utility

Grid Ref 176020/40180

SUPPORT.

Appn Ref LC12/0040/07/R
Applicant Dawn Bevington
Location Poldice Farm, Triplet
Development continued use of dwelling without complying with condition 3 re. agricultural occupancy
Grid Ref 173790/43200

NOT SUPPORTED.

DECISION NOTICES from Carrick.

1. Cornwall Wood Treatment Services Ltd, 12 United Downs Industrial Park – covered storage facility for timber - APPROVED
2. Mr R C Jose Carmilisa, Twelveheads - 4 beehive units, Plot 23 , United Downs Industrial Park APPROVED
3. Mr T Bray, Fernleigh Farm, Hicks Mill - abattoir conversion APPROVED
4. Mr R Drew, Harmony Cottage, Lower Goongumpas Lane - demolition of existing outbuilding, formation of proposed new double garage and extension of curtilage APPROVED
5. Mr & Mrs Furnish, Hale Mills Cottage, Wheal Henry - barn conversion to holiday accommodation APPROVED
6. Mr R Drew, Harmony Cottage, Lower Goongumpas Lane - proposed two storey side extension, including external balcony. REFUSED

FOOTPATHS

07/141

1. The Clerk had prepared the schedules to apply for the maximum County reimbursement for expenditure incurred in the year. The Chairman signed the application.
2. Footpath 53 off the Crofthandy - Triplet Road still needed the drain cleared that ran under the road as it continued to flood in bad weather.
3. The new footway from Crofthandy to the St Day crossroads needed trimming as the hedge growth was encroaching and causing a nuisance to pedestrians.

FINANCE

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Accounts.

IT WAS RESOLVED to pay the following accounts: -

CHEQUE NO.	TO WHOM	DETAIL	AMOUNT (£)
100685	Information Commissioner	Data Protection registration	35.00
100686	L Moody	cleaning / litter	220.50
100687	M P Chegwidden	footpath trimming	1474.62
100688	Open Spaces Society	annual subscription	30.00

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

07/143

1. It was agreed to add a litter pick up in the Gwennap area fortnightly to the schedule already being carried out..
2. It was RESOLVED to purchase additional litter bins for the Playing Field to replace the existing unhygienic ones.
3. The gravestone topplester was now available and it was RESOLVED that the Parish Council employs Paul Chegwidden to carry out the testing in Gwennap Churchyard.

Signed.....
Chairman

22nd February 2007