

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT FROGPOOL CHAPEL ROOMS ON 22nd March 2007

Those Present:	Cllr. I Herbert (Chairman) Cllr J Wharton (Vice Chairman) Cllr. R. Snell Cllr D Lanyon Cllr N Nicholls Cllr M Ivey
In attendance	Alan Blamey - Clerk, District Cllrs J Whiteley & C Banks, County Cllr R Hichens
Apologies	Cllr D Squibb
Also present :	Paul Millett, John Layte and for part of the meeting PCSO's C.Vincent & J Boyle

PARISHIONERS' DISCUSSION

1. Paul Millett congratulated the Council on maintaining the same level of precept for the third successive year.
2. PCSO Vincent gave his report for the month. It showed 4 offences having taken place, the same as last year for the same period. Thirty calls were received by the force, covering a range of incidents.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

07/155

Councillor Lanyon as Chairman of the GPRA

MINUTES.

07/156

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

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

07/157

1. Carrick were still proceeding with the serving of an enforcement notice on travellers at Pulla Bridge. Progress was slow, but procedures had to be followed carefully.
2. Work had commenced on Byway 47, Chapel Lane at Crofthandy, with a digger planing and ditching on the day of the meeting. At Cllr Lanyon's request it was RESOLVED to add two other areas in Higher Goongumpas Lane to the schedule.
3. County Cllr Hichens had been to the County Surveyor's offices regarding the School sign re-positioning. There had been changes to the personnel within the department but instructions had been issued to build the work into their planning along with the ditching from Pulla Cross to Pulla Bridge.
4. The poor state of ditches and road surfaces generally was commented on, especially the roads leading to the rubbish tip.
5. Although the patching work had been completed in Trehaddle, the Surveyor planned to return at a later date to resolve more serious drainage problems.
6. The order for the new Playing Field gates had been placed and the Clerk was instructed to ask Cornwall Wood Treatment to fix them as well.
7. The first Police PAC meeting would be held half an hour before the next Parish Council meeting. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Wharton be our representative on the PAC Panel.

WHEAL MAID

07/158

1. The Chairman and Vice Chairman had recently attended a meeting at County Hall along with the Police to discuss the problems in the valley. Following the meeting, Mike Hawkey had written to the Parish Council covering the points raised, although there were several notable omissions which would be taken up in the Clerk's reply. The Clerk was also asked to copy the letter to each Councillor as it was lengthy and needed more time to absorb.
2. Initially, the obvious controversial points were the possible use of Blackmans Site as a motorbike venue – this was felt to be merely moving the problem from one group of residents to another and should only be considered as a package of several alternative sites to reduce the frequency of use, and the mention of protecting the mine burrows from damage whilst implying that the flat base of the valley was okay for bike use.
3. The Councillors were adamant that no motorised activity could take place on Parish Council land. There were insurance implications if we were to allow access and prosecution by Carrick for allowing a noise and dust nuisance.
4. Mr Layte handed CDs to the Council of the recent “peaceful protest rally”. They showed the damage caused by bikers to the area and indicated that the organisers could not control their own members, as they said they would. He also presented a report of the history of the valley, refuting claims that biking had been taking place for 35-70 years there. Under no circumstances would the Council allow any further type of activity in the valley, and the Police would be expected to fulfil their duties should bikers break the law.

GWENNAP CHRUCHYARD GRAVESTONES

07/159

1. The Cornish Mining Villages Historic Churchyards Group had purchased a Toppletester to check the safety of headstones. Paul Chegidden had carried out the tests for the Parish Council in Gwennap Churchyard and 33 were found to require attention. Although the Parish Council maintained the grass and paths of the Churchyard, it was not felt that were responsible for the actual gravestones. The Clerk was asked to write to the CALC for legal advice, following which the Parochial Church Council would be contacted with the findings. District Cllr Whiteley had provided the Clerk with potential grant sources, but at this stage it would be inappropriate to follow this up as we were probably not liable.
2. A letter from the Department for Constitutional Affairs on Memorial Safety urged those carrying out such repairs to be sensitive to the feelings of the bereaved families and visitors when carrying out any repairs. The risks needed to be proportionately weighed against any response.

CORRESPONDENCE

07/160

1. The minutes of Carharrack Parish Council's February meeting had been received.
2. Gwennap Parish Church had written to thank the Parish Council for the path improvements recently carried out.
3. Carrick District Council had sent a copy of their Bi-Annual newsletter on Ethical Governance
4. Devon & Cornwall Police would be holding their Liaison meeting at County Hall on 29th April.
5. Carrick District Council had written regarding the full Parish Elections to be held on 3rd May 2007. They had also enclosed Nomination Packs which the Clerk would hand to interested parties.

FOOTPATHS

07/161

1. The Clerk was handed a letter from a resident querying the status of a path and asking for action on the flooded section of Path 24/4 at Trehaddle ford. The Clerk would reply to both questions, and informed the Council that the problem with flooding at the ford had been raised with the Environment Agency who in turn had passed the matter to Carrick. He would chase a response from both authorities.

PLANNING.

07/162

NEW APPLICATIONS

Appn Ref PA12/0278/07/b
 Applicant Kensa Heat Pumps Ltd
 Location Mount Wellington Mine, Fernsplatt
 Development change of use of three buildings and associated land to geothermal heat pump and geothermal array manufacture, design, research and related commercial activities
 Grid Ref 176050/41740
 SUPPORT.

Appn Ref MA12/0419/07/R
 Applicant Mr K E & Mrs M J Whitney
 Location Apryl Bungalow, Point Mills, Bissoe
 Development discharge 106 agreement attached to decision PA12/0805/90 dated 12/03/91 to release the driveway and area to the side of Apryl Bungalow from being maintained as access to Other properties.
 Grid Ref 176870/41400
 SUPPORT

Appn Ref PA12/0431/07/B
 Applicant Mr & Mrs Grubb
 Location Penventon Nursery, Treviskey
 Development erection of polytunnel for growing plants associated with existing nursery.
 Grid Ref 173080/39640
 SUPPORT

FINANCE

07/163

Accounts.

IT WAS RESOLVED to pay the following accounts: -

CHEQUE NO.	TO WHOM	DETAIL	AMOUNT (£)
100694	King Harry's Cornwall	leaflet distribution	200.00
100695	VCWG Church Hall	hire of hall	18.00
100696	HM Revenue & Customs	income tax	410.30
100697	A Blamey	clerks salary / expenses	809.36
100699	M P Chegwidden	grass cutting & groundworks	1453.35
100700	L Moody	rubbish clearing	136.50

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

07/164

1. The Clerk will write to the County Surveyor asking for ditching work between Cusgarne School and Lanner Farm entrance where water from springs continually caused problems, and between the school and the sewage works.
2. Cllr Whiteley would inform Carrick of fly tipping in the layby at the top of Cusgarne Hill.
3. As the County Council had now purchased the meadow alongside the school, it was felt appropriate to write asking to be involved in any discussions relating to the pond or pump areas which were regarded as sensitive.
4. The Clerk would arrange to have the granite centre post straightened at the start of Path 56/4 at Twelveheads.

The Chairman apologised for not being able to make the next meeting. The Vice-Chairman would deputise.

Signed.....
Chairman

26th April 2007