

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT CROFTHANDY VILLAGE HALL ON 26th April 2007

Present.	Cllr J Wharton (acting Chairman) Cllr. R. Snell Cllr N Nicholls Cllr M Ivey Cllr D Squibb
In attendance	Alan Blamey - Clerk, District Cllr J Whiteley
Apologies	Cllr I Herbert, Cllr D Lanyon, District Cllr C Banks
Also present :	Paul Millett, John Layte, Julie Ward, Mr & Mrs Curnoe and for part of the meeting PC A Filkins & PCSO C.Vincent

Prior to the start of the Parish Council meeting, the first Police PACT meeting was held.

PARISHIONERS' DISCUSSION

1. PC Filkins and PCSO Vincent provided their report on activity in the Parish over the preceding month. Our area would shortly be covered by a new PCSO, Richard North, with Chris Vincent moving to Penryn. A new Sergeant had joined the Neighbourhood Team, Graham Claybourne.
2. Mr Layte handed a video to the Council of motorcycles and quad bikes illegally using Wheal Maid. A copy had been given to the police in the hope they could identify and prosecute the offenders.
3. Mr & Mrs Curnoe thanked the Parish Council for the newly laid surface on path 47, whilst the Chairman thanked Mr Curnoe for co-ordinating much of the daily work.
4. The Clerk would write to Countryside Access pointing out that the surface had been improved, but would deteriorate again unless a tar spray could be arranged quickly. It would save the Access team a lot of work in the future if it were carried out.
5. The queuing problems at the Tip amenity area were causing great problems and were raised in the PACT meeting, with the police agreeing to take the matter up with the County Surveyor.
6. A new system for dealing with the sale of items that had been discarded in the Amenity area meant that it was no longer possible to purchase anything at United, you had to travel to Mount Hawke to the sale room. This was felt to be to the detriment of everyone and increased transport movements to take the items away. Sita would be written to expressing our dissatisfaction.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

07/165

nil.

MINUTES.

07/166

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

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

07/167

1. Carrick had issued an enforcement notice on the travellers at Pulla Bridge. The area occupied was in a terrible state.
2. The new Playing Field gates had been erected today, with the old gates secured until the Clerk sold them. It was believed that Paul Chegwidden was prepared to buy them for the original cost. It was important to brand the gates as soon as possible, also spot welding the bolts to prevent them being removed.

PARISH ELECTIONS.

07/168

Carrick had confirmed that only three of our current Councillors were standing for the new term therefore an election would not be necessary. The Parish Council should co-opt at its earliest convenience to fill the four vacancies.

The Chairman thanked departing Councillors Nicholls and Ivey for their contributions during their time on the Council. Councillors Lanyon and Squibb, although having failed to complete their nomination forms in time for Carrick, had intended to continue as Councillors and would now have to be considered in the co-option process.

WHEAL MAID

07/169

1. A letter had been received from the Fire Brigade training section asking for permission to use Wheal Maid for driver training. Because of the uncertainty surrounding the valley at present, including the Environment Agency pending report, it was felt that it would be inadvisable to allow it at present.
2. The lengthy Mike Hawkey letter from last month had been initially replied to, but Councillors had been asked to study it in more detail and come back to this meeting with any further views.
The lack of mention of 4x4 vehicles in his letter was of concern as although motorcycles were the worst offenders, 4x4's still posed a threat and should be included in the County's remit.
The Blackman site proposal was seen as merely transferring the problem, and as such could not be supported. Mike Hawkey would also be made aware that the Council intended to press the Police to take the appropriate action against those that caused nuisance through trespass on our property. Waiting for other sites to become available was no longer viable due to the continuing problems in finding such sites. Whilst this went on, our parishioners were being subjected to noise and dust nuisance.
3. The Clerk would contact the Environmental Agency to find out when the report on the valley would be ready. Following this, a meeting of interested parties could take place and the next stage decided. Mike Hawkey would then also be pressed to arrange a meeting with residents.
4. The lack of action by the Police was also giving cause for concern. They appeared to lack the will and the manpower to prosecute those that were causing the problems. Elsewhere in the Country, examples had been made by crushing bikes which was seen as a deterrent.

GWENNAP CHURCHYARD GRAVESTONES

07/170

1. The Clerk had confirmed that it was definitely our responsibility to make safe any dangerous headstones in Gwennap Churchyard. The Chairman had purchased a strong compound specifically designed for this purpose and a site visit with Paul Chegwidden was now necessary to scope the size of the task.
2. Interestingly, whilst checking the legal requirements, it became clear that although the Parish Council were responsible for the upkeep of the Churchyard, this did not extend to trees – the Parochial Church Council still retained the responsibility for these. The next meeting would discuss how to take this forward.

CORRESPONDENCE

07/171

1. A letter from the Environment Agency confirmed that it was Carrick District Council that we should approach to get the Trehaddle Ford pipes cleared to prevent footpath flooding.
2. CCC Divisional Surveyor - the temporary road closure of Tresamble Hill would take place on July 16th, Stithians Show day.
3. CCC Area Surveyor - confirmation that the ditching at Cusgarne School would be placed on the work schedule.
4. Carharrack Parish Council minutes, March 2007 - noted.
5. Carrick DC - A proposal from Mr Marsden following his recent "Affordable local housing need" visit to our meeting to run a surgery to establish the actual "need". He would look to us to advertise the event and provide the venue.
It was felt that if possible, an hour or so in each of our three meeting halls would be preferable, and we would hope that Carrick would prepare leaflets which we would then display.
6. CCC Waste Management – leaflets for subsidised composters would be placed on the notice boards.
7. CALC – Unitary Authority consultation – a meeting would take place at New County Hall organised by the CALC on 4th June at 7.30 p.m. for those interested in putting their views.

FOOTPATHS

07/172

1. Following an enquiry from a local farmer, the Clerk confirmed that footpath 32 (302/37/1) was definitely on the definitive map, and therefore an open path.
2. Byway 44 commencing at Crofthandy Chapel, had been scraped and re-laid with road scalplings extending up through Byway 47. The scalplings had run out before the two areas on Byway 46 could be similarly treated. The Chairman explained that an extra part of Byway 44 had also been treated to assist the fleet for water run-off. This decision was taken during the works.
3. Councillor Snell spoke against this additional work. It had not been part of the original resolution and could be seen as benefiting the two Councillors who lived off that section. He asked for the minutes to record that he was not party to the decision and felt it was inappropriate.
4. Councillor Snell also spoke of the ditching along Byway 44, feeling it was too deep and wide and he would have liked to have been consulted more on the planning.
5. Footpath 46/4 off the main Higher Goongumpas Lane had been deliberately blocked by posts and wire. The Clerk will inform Countryside Access.

PLANNING.

07/173

NEW APPLICATIONS

Appn Ref PA12/2243/06/R
Applicant Mr N Masters
Location Wheal Maiden Barn, Crofthandy
Development conversion of agricultural barn to dwelling including erection of detached garage and formation of access.
Grid Ref 174100/42240

SUPPORT CONVERSION, OBJECT TO HIGHWAY ACCESS

Appn Ref PA12/0651/07/R
Applicant Mr & Mrs Elliott
Location Samsfield, Sparry Lane, Carharrack
Development change of use from agricultural/horticultural to domestic curtilage
Grid Ref 173780/41310

SUPPORT

Appn Ref AD12/0593/07/B
Applicant Mr & Mrs Grubb
Location Penventon Nursery, Treviskey
Development removal of 4 flag staffs and flags, provision of 3 no. pole mounted signs and 1 no. fence sign
Grid Ref 173100/39790

SUPPORT POLE MOUNTED SIGNS, OBJECT TO FENCE SIGN

OTHER PLANNING

Appeal by Mr & Mrs Hannam, 2 Chellean Vean, Frogpool - fencing
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Kensa Heat Pumps, Mount Wellington Mine - manufacture GRANTED by Carrick DC
CLJ Developments, Phase 2 United Industrial Park - site office building GRANTED by Carrick DC
G Tresidder, land at Coldwind Cross, Bissoe - construction of dwelling REFUSED by Carrick DC
I Nicholls, In Steel, United Downs Industrial Park - store building GRANTED by Carrick DC
Mr & Mrs Hodgson, Sunnyside Cottage, Frogpool - rear extension to cottage GRANTED by Carrick

FINANCE

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Accounts.

IT WAS RESOLVED to pay the following accounts: -

CHEQUE NO.	TO WHOM	DETAIL	AMOUNT (£)
100701	M P Chegwidden	grass cutting	797.82
100702	I Herbert	headstone compound	16.99
100703	CALC	annual subscription	280.68
100704	Acland Plant Hire	JCB Hire	499.38
100705	Cwll & Devon Media	adverts	104.58
100706	Communicorp	annual subscription	9.50
100707	A E Harris	internal audit	75.00
100708	A Blamey	Council invoice reimbursement	173.44

Councillor Snell abstained from the signing of cheques.

Annual Accounts.

The Internal Auditor had completed his examination of the 2006/07 transactions and signed them off. It was RESOLVED that the Chairman signed them on behalf of the Parish Council and they would now be sent to the external auditor.

The Council agreed to implement the three recommendations made by the internal auditor, being :-

- Works of an urgent nature put in hand between meetings need to be retrospectively ratified through the next meetings' minutes.
- One of the Councillors should be nominated to periodically carry out a financial overview of the Clerks accounting procedures.
- The Clerk should seek out a better deposit account for the Council's reserves.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

07/175

1. The roadside ditches in the Crofthandy area needed clearing. There seemed to be ditching problems throughout the Parish and perhaps indicated a cutting back of this service by the Surveyor's department.
2. The island outside Frogpool cemetery needed some attention. The Clerk would ask Mr Chegwidden to attend to this.
3. The bus shelter outside the Cornish Arms was in a poor state, and was in a high-profile position and used by many people. The Clerk would look into the possibility of using the Community Payback scheme to carry out the work.
4. The two large cherry trees inside the Frogpool cemetery gates were cut down several years ago, but their replacements had never been planted. This needed further investigation.
5. A similar tree at Carn View, Gwennap had blown over during recent winds. It was not clear who had planted it, but a replacement would be desirable. The Clerk would ask Paul Millett to give his opinion.

Signed.....
Chairman

17th May 2007