

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT CROFTHANDY VILLAGE HALL ON 25th OCTOBER 2007

Present.	Cllr I Herbert (Chairman) , Cllr R Snell, Cllr D Squibb, Cllr R Humble, Cllr K Furnish, Cllr J Ward, Cllr J Wharton (Vice Chairman)
In attendance	Alan Blamey - Clerk
Apologies	District Cllr T. Martin, the Police
Also present :	District Cllr J Whiteley, P.Millett

PARISHIONERS' DISCUSSION

1. Paul Millett felt the new pavement at the Cornish Arms was a great improvement, but vehicles were now parking on it. Also, when the work was carried out, they overlooked the Parish Council's request to fill in the service trench that had subsided across the road.
The Clerk will ask the Police to keep an eye on the parking situation and also remind the County Surveyor of the trench problem.
2. The Amenity Shelter at Frogpool had been refurbished and looked splendid.
3. District Cllr Whiteley handed the Clerk details of how to create a Parish Plan if the Council decided to pursue it.
4. The Police report on activity during the previous month was handed out.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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1. The remaining five councillors and the Clerk had attended a training meeting at Carrick on the Code of Conduct.
2. Cllr Wharton declared an interest on the Wheal Maid agenda item. The Clerk asked if it was a personal and/or prejudicial interest. Cllr Wharton replied that it was only a personal interest, although he did not intend to vote on any proposals.
3. Cllr Ward declared a similar interest.

MINUTES.

07/239 It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the September meeting be signed as a true record, with minor amendments that the Chairman initialled concerning attendance.

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

07/240

1. The Clerk had attended the "One Cornwall" meeting at Falmouth and although things were at a very early stage, it did appear that Gwennap Parish was being aligned in a Community Network Area with our fellow mining parishes rather than the Truro area.

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

07/241

1. The next newsletter deadline was 20th November at the latest, with our Parish Council meeting on 22nd November receiving the final proof reading.
2. Feedback continued to be good from residents.
3. Cllr Furnish will prepare a proposed distribution by postcode and hand to each councillor. There would still be a requirement to post some to those more remote parts of the parish.
4. It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council continues to pay for the printing of the magazine. Advertising income was slow at present, but would hopefully supplement the costs as the newsletter gained momentum.
5. Cllr Herbert would prepare an article on Historic Churchyards and Cllr Snell on the Mineral Tramways meetings he attended.

WHEAL MAID

07/242

1. The County Council acknowledged that we preferred to wait for the EA report before furthering the agreement for the Permissive Path.

2. The Mineral Tramways Project were about to cap Taylor's Winding Shaft.
3. The long awaited EA report had been received. The Clerk handed out a pack of associated correspondence that Councillors should read in conjunction with the report. The actual report would be passed between Councillors and placed on the next agenda for discussion.
4. Carrick had arranged a meeting to discuss the report on 5th November. Councillors were invited, but needed to inform the Clerk if they were attending.
5. A letter had been received from Wheal Jane following the recent meeting with them. It was apparent that the Parish Council were expected to pay for any preliminary investigation work, with Wheal Jane looking to tipping charges to fund any future re-profiling works if they were needed. This was of concern to Councillors as it left the Parish Council with a potential huge financial risk.
6. The Clerk read correspondence from the EA casting serious doubts on diverting the stream into the county adit via Coads Shaft. Other correspondence from Mike Cambridge of Cantab described the option as being not viable for a number of sound engineering reasons. As this plan seemed to underpin all Wheal Jane's suggestions, it could be a problem.
7. The culvert generally seemed to be the cornerstone of the valley's future and the Clerk would ask Carrick to place this on the agenda for 5th November.
8. The EA at Bodmin were concerned about the references in the Cantab report regarding possible flooding should the culvert fail. They were going to carry out some investigatory work and report back to the Parish Council.
9. Cllr Furnish suggested perhaps driving a 2 foot diameter pipe through the upper dam wall as a flood safety measure.
10. The culvert survey was discussed and it was RESOLVED to pursue this report with an estimated cost of £3,000. Cantab were currently seeking tenders.
11. When the valley was restored it may be possible to introduce some bylaws covering trespass which would help the police to control illegal activities.
12. The Clerk handed out copies of the conditions included in the Deeds that covered what may or may not be possible when remediation commenced.
13. Roger Radcliffe at Carrick was going to use his grant-finder software to see what might be available towards any culvert work. Cllr Furnish had already used the internet to unearth some possible flood prevention funding.

CORRESPONDENCE

07/243

1. Carrick had written with advanced notice of needing precept requirements for 2008/09. The Clerk would be preparing something for the Council to consider at the next meeting.
2. The Chairman of Carrick was holding a coffee morning which Cllr Herbert would attend on 19th November at 10.
3. Carrick's Chairman would be paying a courtesy visit to our Council meeting on 28th February 2008.
4. TMA had sent their quarterly playground inspection report. The Chairman would follow up several points when he met with Paul Chegwidden at the Playing Field in the near future. He would report back to the Council the works he had asked Paul to carry out.
5. The minutes of Carharrack Parish Council had been received. Of particular interest was the ongoing correspondence with Carrick's Environmental Health department regarding the Banger Racing track at United.
6. It was RESOLVED to renew the small lotteries license with Carrick DC at a cost of £20 per annum.
7. A letter from the County Surveyor detailed proposed changes to the road layout at Scorrier to reduce accidents. Councillors fully supported the plans.
8. Improvements to the Falmouth – Redruth bus route were planned by the County Council. For this parish, it meant improvements at Burncoose and Comford to the bus pull-in area.
9. The Parochial Church Council had replied, giving their permission for any tree surgery the Council may want to carry out on the holly trees along the boundary wall adjacent to Court Farmhouse. The Clerk had met on site with one tree surgeon, but he felt it would be inappropriate to reduce the height of the trees. The Clerk was asked to obtain another quote to give the Council some idea of the cost involved before making any decision.
10. The PCC also asked for the Churchyard paths to be treated, as the weed growth would lead to potential slippery conditions as winter approached.

PLANNING

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NEW APPLICATIONS

Appn Ref	LC12/1924/07/B
Applicant	Mr G Rice & Miss A Bates
Location	The Old Unity Fuse Works, Little Beside
Development	lifting of conditions 4.5.6 & 9 to allow residential use of barn
Grid Ref	173500/43020

NOT SUPPORTED.

Appn Ref LB12/1936/07/R
Applicant Mr & Mrs Maxted
Location The Old Mill, Hicks Mill
Development construction of internal staircase
Grid Ref 176730/41090
SUPPORTED.

OTHER PLANNING

Decision notices received from Carrick for ;

1-C H Williams, Burncoose House – reslating leaking roof replace rainwater goods APPROVED

2-Kensa Heat Pumps, Mount Wellington - demolition of redundant buildings APPROVED

3-T Mobile, monopole at Telephone Exchange, Little Beside APPROVED

Appeal lodged.

Mr & Mrs Parker Rice, Carn View, Lower Goongumpas. Re. Upper floor extension to form ensuite dressing room and balcony.

FINANCE

07/245

IT WAS **RESOLVED** TO PAY THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS:

CHEQUE NO.	TO WHOM	DETAIL	AMOUNT (£)
100743	South West Water	Cemetery water bill	25.05
100744	K Furnish	Newsletter printing	240.00
100745	RBL Poppy Appeal	wreath	18.75
100746	Carrick D.C.	annual licence fee	20.00
100747	TMA Ltd	playground equipment inspect.	105.75
100748	P Hedges	Amenity Shelter repairs	1370.00
100749	M P Chegwiddden	grass, footpaths	1098.62

A Business Telephoning Banking authorisation was signed to allow the Clerk to move money between the Council's accounts to cover payments each month.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.

07/246

1. Paul Chegwiddden would be asked to provide a quote to resurface the small triangle of grass at Crofthandy beside the signpost.
2. The Chairman mentioned that when work commenced on the headstones in Gwennap Churchyard, it may be possible to recover some of the costs via the PCC, where heavy lifting gear was required.
3. Cllr Ward spoke of the untidiness at Frogpool Cemetery. This could not be understood, as the cemetery was always maintained to a high standard. More details were required to investigate further.

FOOTPATHS

07/247

1. The Clerk will take a look at Bridleway 40 leading into Fernsplatt where a fence was reported to be constructed on the bridleway.
2. Each Councillor now had a Parish footpath map. The Clerk recovered the 50% cost from individual Councillors.

OTHER MATTERS.

07/248

Because of the change in the Code of Conduct regulations, the Clerk had amended the Parish Council's Standing Orders and gave a copy to each Councillor.

Signed.....
Chairman

22nd November 2007