

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT GWENNAP CHURCH HALL ON 22nd NOVEMBER 2007

Present.	Cllr I Herbert (Chairman) , Cllr R Snell, Cllr R Humble, Cllr K Furnish, Cllr J Ward, Cllr J Wharton (Vice Chairman)
In attendance	Alan Blamey - Clerk
Apologies	District Cllr Whiteley, County Cllr Hichens
Also present :	P.Millett, PC Filkins, PC Wilson, N Marsden (Carrick)

PARISHIONERS' DISCUSSION

1. The Police handed out their monthly update which indicated recorded crime levels were down from the same period last year although calls to the Force Enquiry Service were slightly up. Changes in personnel were noted.
2. Paul Millett spoke of door to door Polish students causing concern with their sales methods. Anyone worried about this should report it to the Force Enquiry Centre 08452 777444.
3. Paul had also reported to the E.A. on three occasions the cloudiness of the Lanner River. Each time the problem had been traced back to the United Refuse site. The E.A. encouraged people to report such incidents when they occurred.
4. The road from Pulla Bridge into Trehaddle was extremely wet where drainage channels were blocked. The Clerk would contact the County Surveyor.
5. It seemed that fireworks were becoming a regular weekly event in the Frogpool/Cusgarne area. The Police asked for exact location details and they would follow it up.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

07/249

Nick Marsden, Carrick's Housing Development Officer attended the meeting to speak on land availability in the Parish that might be suitable for Affordable Housing.

Their register still held details of seven people who met the local letting criteria and others who may become eligible in the near future. This was not a huge demand, but nevertheless would benefit from a small-scale development of around 5 units.

Mr Marsden had visited the villages of Gwennap, Frogpool and Cusgarne and produced maps indicating what was felt to be suitable land. As each was discussed it became apparent that most could be discounted on varying grounds, but some were still thought to be acceptable and worth pursuing. However, the village of Crofthandy had been omitted, and Mr Marsden would prepare a similar map for that area, with the Parish Council discussing it again at its next meeting. He thanked the Parish Council for their help in running the recent clinics to evaluate local demand.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

07/250

1. Cllrs Wharton and Ward declared an interest in the Wheal Maid item.
2. Cllr Snell was unsure as to whether he had an interest in the planning application for Chapel Terrace. After discussion, it was felt he did not.

MINUTES.

07/251 It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the October meeting be signed as a true record.

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

07/252

1. The Chairman had attended the coffee morning held by the Chairman of Carrick. It was poorly attended.
2. The Chairman would be meeting with Paul Chegwiddden regarding Playing Field issues in the near future.
3. Because Mr Chegwiddden had been on holiday, a quote for works to the signpost triangle at Crofthandy would now be discussed at the next meeting.

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

07/253

1. The distribution sheets sent out by the Clerk were felt to be acceptable. There would be problems identified with this first delivery, but if noted, they could be resolved for the next edition.

2. Cllr Furnish handed out the first draft and invited comments before the following Sunday. It looked as though there would be 16 pages instead of the first edition's 12. This would cost more to print, in the region of £400+. It was RESOLVED that this would be acceptable rather than to cut the contents to suit a price.
3. Advertising revenue was coming in, but there was potentially a lot more that could be recruited before edition 3 to help cover the costs.
4. Cllr Furnish would deliver the finished newsletters to the Chairman who would then split them over the various Councillors / volunteers as the Clerk would be unavailable.

CORRESPONDENCE

07/254

1. The minutes of the Mining Villages Regeneration meeting held on 15th November 2007 had been received. The Chairman and Cllr Humble attended on our behalf.
2. SITA, who now ran the United Refuse site, were starting a Liaison Group, with the first meeting taking place on Thursday 6th December at 7.30 p.m. Councillor Wharton would represent us and our concerns, which included the additional volume of traffic proposed, the lack of road improvements and the potential for grants towards local schemes along the lines of the previous CET scheme.
3. The minutes of Carharrack Parish Council's meeting of 22nd October 2007 were noted.
4. Carrick had confirmed our renewal of the small lotteries license.
5. The County Council had sent details of the Wheal Jewel refurbishment programme.
6. County Highways had referred the problem of the sunken service trench in the road at the Cornish Arms to the actual service provider, whose responsibility it is for maintaining it.
7. A survey for the "One Cornwall" team was partially completed by the Clerk, but the remainder would have to await further information on the merger of the Councils and the potential impact on Parish Councils.
8. County Planning had written to confirm adoption of the Cornwall Statement of Community Involvement for the Development Control Service and the Minerals and Waste Development Framework.
9. Information from Carrick confirmed that no enforcement appeal had been lodged by the inhabitants of caravans on land at Pulla Bridge. However, a planning application had now been submitted for the temporary siting of a caravan, bus and toilet block. It appeared that the occupant(s) were receiving the support of the County gypsy liaison officer which was of concern, as we believed that the occupant was not a bona-fide traveller. The situation required close monitoring to avoid the area becoming a gypsy transit site.

FINANCE

07/255

1. It was RESOLVED that the following cheques be signed:

CHEQUE NO.	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT(£)
100750	Zurich Insurance Company	Annual Premium	1791.26
100751	L Moody	cleaning/opening duties	310.03
100752	M P Chegvidden	grass/footpath cutting	1039.87
100753	VCGW Church Hall	hire of hall	18.00

2. It was RESOLVED to accept the renewal proposal from Zurich Municipal for the Council's annual insurance at cost of £1,791.26.
3. The Clerk had circulated details of the Council's financial position to enable a discussion on the Precept required for 2008-2009. With any potential spend regarding Wheal Maid getting closer following the EA report it was RESOLVED to maintain the precept at the same level for the third year running.
For the purposes of satisfying Audit queries regarding the level of balances being held, should the Wheal Maid remediation not require the funds then the Council intended to pursue the replacement of the Portkabin at the Playing Field with an extension to the existing changing block.

WHEAL MAID

07/256

1. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk instructs solicitors to act on our behalf with the Permissive Path agreement required by the County Council. He would initially ask Follett Stock.
2. Two quotes had been received from Cantab Consulting on our behalf to carry out a culvert survey. As Mike Hawkey had volunteered the County Council to carry this out for us, it was RESOLVED to accept the lower quote only if the County Council confirmed that they felt unable to do the work. We needed an answer from County before our next meeting to progress the matter.
3. The Clerk would chase Scott Sharples at County regarding the erection of warning signs alongside the path through the valley.
4. The seating arrangements needed to be improved at the next Steering Group meeting to enable everyone to hear what was being said.
5. County would be chased regarding the blocking of a gap at United where access was being gained by 4x4 vehicles.
6. The Clerk would send a reply to Wheal Jane following their letter of 18th October.

7. Cllr Furnish offered to have an informal word with a resident who was using paths in the valley to reach animal fields. The problem raised concerned noise from an unsilenced vehicle.

PLANNING

07/257

NEW APPLICATIONS

Appn Ref PA12/2027/07/R
Applicant Mr & Mrs R S Fleming
Location 1, Chapel Terrace, Crofthandy
Development proposed extension and alterations including replacement of detached garage/store with garage/hobbies room
Grid Ref 173940/42420

SUPPORT.

Appn Ref TP12/2167/07/F
Applicant A S Darlington
Location Coombe Lane, Coombe, Cusgarne
Development application to fell/top trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order
Grid Ref 176290/41030

COMMENTS IN LINE WITH ADVICE FROM TREE WARDEN

OTHER PLANNING

Decision Notices issued by Carrick District Council

1. Mr & Mrs Frost, Pendene, Frogpool - REFUSAL re. Extension.
2. Mr R Drew, Harmony Cottage, Lower Goongumpas Lane - APPROVAL re. Change of use of land at United from scrap yard to open storage areas.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.

07/258

1. The Clerk and Cllr Humble had accompanied a tree surgeon at Gwennap Churchyard to explain the neighbouring problem. He had now submitted a price of £140 for the works and it was RESOLVED that this be accepted. The Clerk would now apply to Carrick for permission, as it was within the Gwennap Conservation area.
2. The Clerk would paint over the graffiti in the bus shelter at Crofthandy.
3. There had been much positive feedback on the renovated shelter at Frogpool.

FOOTPATHS

07/259

1. The Clerk would speak with Countryside Access regarding the acquisition of footpath signs as they were missing from many paths in the Parish. Some, the Gold path (well used) ones would be dealt with when the Review came to our Parish, but the actual date also need clarification as the programme was slipping.
2. Cllr Snell asked whether we had received a reply from Countryside Access regarding the poor access to Path 54 at Zimmapan. There had been no reply and the Clerk will send them copies of several letters to which a reply was still outstanding.
3. Cllr Ward confirmed that Highways had given her permission to erect a gate where her property abutted Path 47. It was to prevent livestock movements.
4. Path 34 from Hicks Mill Chapel to Coombe Weir would be inspected where erosion of the river bank was taking place.

Signed.....
Chairman

13th December 2007