

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT FROGPOOL CHAPEL ROOMS ON 13th DECEMBER 2007

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

PARISHIONERS' DISCUSSION

1. It would be useful to have a telephone contact number for the clearance of fallen trees – the recent high winds had brought several down in the Parish.
2. The Burncoose Estate would have to deal with the tree reported as leaning over the road from Burncoose to Gwennap.
3. PCSO Paul Woodward introduced himself and handed out the police report for the past month.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

07/260

1. Cllrs Wharton and Ward declared a personal interest in the Wheal Maid item.

MINUTES.

07/261 It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the November meeting be signed as a true record. One omission was required.

Cllr Wharton had raised the question as to how the E.A. could categorically say there was no danger to the health of local resident from wind-blown dust if they had not carried out any air quality monitoring. This matter would be raised at the next steering group meeting.

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

07/262

1. The Chairman had met Paul Chegwidden at the Playing Field and explained what works needed to be carried out to comply with the recent safety inspection. All points had now been completed.
2. Cllr Wharton had attended the first SITA meeting and gave a report of what took place. Increases of up to 25 lorries would travel to the site when increased tipping commenced.
SITA were anxious to work with local agencies to forward plan the closure of the site, including patrolling the area after closure to remove fly tipping.
There was still funding available for local projects from the tipping levy.
Action would be taken against any SITA lorries found speeding through local roads.
The next meeting was scheduled for 7th February at 6.30 p.m. Minutes of the first meeting would be sent out prior to that date, also telephone numbers of a helpdesk to report any smells / pollution arising from the site.
3. The Clerk had painted over the graffiti in the bus shelter at Crofthandy, but more extensive work was required to the shelter and a specification of the works needed to be drawn up.
4. The Crofthandy Village Hall bid for lottery funding had been turned down.
5. The Newsletter had been delivered by Councillors and volunteers with no serious problems to report. The deadline for articles for the next issue needed to be in by mid February.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

07/263

Carrick had sent maps of Frogpool, Cusgarne and Crofthandy, with their suggested sites for a small build of affordable housing.

The Clerk will convey the following in reply:

Crofthandy – both sites were acceptable, although Site 1 was the preferred of the two.

Cusgarne – neither site was thought to be suitable. One was on a slope with pylons whilst the other had just been purchased by the County Council for school use.

Frogpool – Sites 2 & 3 were thought to carry problems of access and sloping ground, but Site 1 was felt to be fine.

The Council also supported the idea of a cross-parish boundary link up with St Day if the District Councils felt that to be preferable.

CORRESPONDENCE

07/264

1. It was RESOLVED to renew the annual subscription to the Society of Local Council Clerks.
2. The Chairman had attended the Historic Churchyards Group meeting of 6th December. Notice Boards were the main discussion point for each of the Parishes.
3. The County Fire Brigade IRMP Plan for 2008/09 was discussed and the Clerk would reply appropriately.
4. An e-mail from the Gypsy Traveller Liaison Officer confirmed that the additional bus on the Pulla Bridge site was not there on his instructions and would be moving on as soon as repaired and roadworthy. He was in the process of helping the site occupier to put in a planning application to remain on site. An enforcement action remained but could not be implemented until the planning process had run its course.
5. The County Surveyor had written to advise that Coombe Lane would be closed from 8th – 18th January for patching works.

FINANCE

07/265

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

CHEQUE NO.	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT(£)
100754	South West Water	Cemetery bill	35.72
100755	Society Local Council Clerks	Annual subscription	91.00
100756	L Moody	cleaning / litter	93.73
100757	A Blamey	salary/expenses quarter to Dec	1406.54
100758	HM Revenue & Customs	income tax	232.46
100759	M P Chegidden	footpaths & grass	1424.10
100760	K Furnish	newsletter printing	428.80

2. Before the next issue of the Newsletter, the Clerk would compare the printing costs with local print firms.

WHEAL MAID

07/266

1. The Clerk had met with solicitors Follett Stock to agree the Permissive Path Agreement with the County Council. It was RESOLVED that Councillors Herbert and Humble would be the signatories to the Agreement and the Clerk would present their proofs of identity to Follett Stock.
2. It was also RESOLVED that the Parish Council authorises the Clerk, Alan Blamey, to act and sign on behalf of the Council in all matter pertaining to the Permissive Agreement.
3. The Parish Council RESOLVED to engage the services of Follett Stock to act on their behalf in the matter.
4. The Council was not in favour of the County Councils suggestion of a ditch and bund alongside the path. They would prefer a solid fence to separate the contaminated tailings dams from the public path.
5. We had not heard back from Mike Hawkey regarding his offer to help with the culvert survey. It was RESOLVED to go ahead with the lowest tender received via Cantab, but only after the sub committee meeting being held on 17th December, at which Mike Hawkey could be questioned.
6. A letter from Wheal Jane asked the Council to consider going ahead with a feasibility study to divert the stream down Coads Shaft into the County Adit. This would be raised at the sub committee meeting to gauge the feelings of the relevant agencies.
7. County had confirmed that a work order had been issued to Cormac to place boulders at United where 4x4 vehicles were gaining access. The time scale for completion was not known.

PLANNING

07/267

NEW APPLICATIONS

Appn Ref PA12/2129/07/B
Applicant Hydramaster – Mr J Gotts
Location United Downs Industrial Estate
Development erection of 4 workshop units
Grid Ref 174420/41530

SUPPORT.

Appn Ref PA12/2039/07/B
Applicant Mr S Barry
Location Wheal Clifford Farm, Wheal Clifford, St Day
Development conversion of 2 barns to 2 holiday units
Grid Ref 175570/41500

SUPPORT.

Appn Ref PA12/2234/07/R
Applicant Mr & Mrs T Hustler
Location Bay Tree Barn, Cusgarne
Development extension at first floor level, small extension to rear providing bathroom, internal alterations to provide 2 bedrooms at ground floor level and kitchen/diner at 1st floor
Grid Ref 175380/41300
SUPPORT.

Appn Ref TC12/2283/07/F
Applicant Gwennap Parish Council
Location Gwennap Churchyard
Development to reduce 2 holly trees
Grid Ref 173870/40150
SUPPORT.

Appn Ref PA12/2244/07/R
Applicant Mr & Mrs Ford
Location Jesmond Cottage, Frogpool
Development alterations and erection of ground floor extension and first floor dormer extension to rear
Grid Ref 175860/39940
SUPPORT.

Appn Ref PA12/2402/07/R
Applicant Mr & Mrs Frost
Location Pendene, Frogpool
Development demolition of existing sun room, kitchen & dining room and erection of new side and front ext
Grid Ref 176020/39980
SUPPORT.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.
07/268

1. An estimate of approximately £80 had been received for the works to the signpost island at Crofthandy. After discussion, it was RESOLVED that paving slabs should also be added to the area that was constantly walked on. The works were not urgent, and could possibly wait until the next financial year.
2. The account signed for M P Chegwidden included £32 for miscellaneous works that needed ratifying. They were for the clearance of a fallen tree outside Frogpool Cemetery, leaves tidying before a recent funeral and leaves cleared off the lawn triangle at the Playing Field. It was RESOLVED that these works be retrospectively approved.
3. Cllr Hichens would follow up the highway problem at Pulla Cross (Four Fields) where the road flooded badly in wet conditions, and did not drain very fast.
4. It was RESOLVED to carry out minor works to the concrete boat in the playing field to make it a more attractive feature.
5. It was also RESOLVED to fence the hedge separating the playing field from the lane and to build a gate inside the stile. This was to comply with the safety officer's recommendation, preventing dogs from entering the field. An approximate cost for the materials was in the order of £120.

FOOTPATHS
07/269

1. The County Council had confirmed the long awaited review of paths in the Parish would take place between April and June 2008.
2. Footpath 54 from Little Beside to Zimmapan would be considered for upgrading because of its historic rail links.
3. It was also confirmed that where electric fencing was being used by farmers across footpaths, there should be a plastic handle to unhitch, clearly signed to explain how to use by walkers.

Signed.....
Chairman

24th January 2008