

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT CROFTHANDY VILLAGE HALL ON 24th JANUARY 2008

Present.	Cllr I Herbert (Chairman) , Cllr R Snell, Cllr K Furnish, and from 7.40 p.m. Cllr D Squibb & Cllr R Humble
In attendance	Alan Blamey - Clerk
Apologies	District Cllr Whiteley, The Police
Also present :	P.Millett, County Cllr Hichens, Mr & Mrs Allard, Mrs Wharton, Mrs Curnoe, Mrs Holt, Mr & Mrs Tranah, Ms Ward, Mr & Mrs Clinton, Mrs Rundle, Mr & Mrs S Rundle, Mr & Mrs Pascoe, Mr Dunstan, Mr Webb, Ms Cousins, Mrs Ivey, Mr & Mrs Gardener

PUBLIC CLINIC

1. Many residents of Trehaddle came to voice their objections to the planning application submitted by Elizabeth Ryder to site a caravan & bus on land next to The Furs at Trehaddle. The site had no services and was unlikely to get them, dogs roamed loose and there was occasional noise nuisance. There was also the possible threat of the site being used for transient travellers and this was very undesirable development. The Council would take all these points into consideration when studying the application in the meeting proper.
2. Mr Allard questioned the Council on matters relating to Wheal Maid. He spoke as Chair of the newly formed Wheal Maid Action Group of which there were eight members present. He asked for, and was given, an account of the recent Steering Group meeting held at Carrick on the 17th January. There was a difference of opinion as to whether Inspector Trott was allowing his officers onto the tailings dams and the Clerk would write to clarify this. He thanked the Chairman for his written response to queries raised regarding declarations of interest over Wheal Maid. He still required clarification as to why two members did not declare an interest, and was told that it was a personal decision for each Councillor to make. If he was still unhappy he should contact the District Council who would explain the process for taking the matter further. The Council could not be specific as to when signs would be made available from the County Council for erection in the valley, but would chase them again. It was unlikely that when the Council bought the valley that it was sold to us as a "safe site". The importance to the Parish Council at the time was to avoid it becoming another refuse site. The Chairman would not commit to providing the Action Group with regular written updates. Parish Council meetings were open to all the public to attend, and the minutes would also indicate the matters discussed.

COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

07/270

The Chairman reported that he had received and accepted the resignations of Councillors Wharton and Ward since the last meeting closed. He had advised the Clerk who had made the necessary contact with Carrick. Notices had been placed on the local boards advertising the vacancies and asking for anyone who would like to be co-opted to write to the Clerk. Councillors would study the responses at the end of this meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF A VICE CHAIRMAN

07/271

With the resignation of Cllr Wharton, the position of Vice-Chairman now fell vacant. Cllr Humble proposed Cllr Furnish, seconded by Cllr Squibb. There were no other proposals and Cllr Furnish accepted the Vice-Chairmanship.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

07/272

Cllr Humble declared an interest in the planning application for the caravan & bus at Trehaddle. He would speak on the subject but not take part in the voting.

PREVIOUS MINUTES.

07/ 273

It was RESOLVED that the previous minutes were a correct record of events.

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

07/274

1. There were no volunteers to attend the next SITA meeting on 7th February. The Clerk would arrange something, and also ensure that the promise of work on the road from Pulla Cross to Gwennap was raised.

CORRESPONDENCE

07/275

1. The minutes of Carharrack Parish Council held on 17th December 2007 were noted.
2. The Royal British Legion, Gwennap Branch had extended an invitation to the dedication of their new standard on 20th April 2008. The Chairman would attend on our behalf.
3. The Clerk had exchanged several pieces of correspondence with the Area Surveyor regarding the A393 highway drainage at Pencoose Farmhouse, Burncoose. The road grates were not being cleared regularly enough to prevent flooding of the highway and the property of the Farmhouse owner. The Surveyor has promised clearance more often, but the Clerk is pressing for more extensive action.
4. The minutes of Historic Churchyards Group held 10th January 2008 were noted.
5. The Agenda for Mineral Tramways Steering Group of 18th January 2008 had been received. Cllr Snell mentioned that at the meeting it was reported that attempts were still being made to trace the ownership of land at Wheal Fortune/Cusvey where it was hoped to restore the mine buildings. Compulsory Purchase may have to be the answer. Cllr Snell also pressed for the group to improve the footpath from Crofthandy to Zimmapan which was the route of the old Tramway to Portreath. There were many of the original granite setts still visible. Cllr Furnish asked if the replacement sign at Wheal Henry was discussed. It hadn't, but it was thought that it had been agreed several months ago and will be followed up at the next meeting.
6. The minutes of Mining Villages Regeneration held on 17th January 2008 were noted.
7. CAPTC had written to advise that the limit for the "Free Two Pence" - Section 137 for 2008/09 had been revised to £5.86 per elector.
8. Carrick had forwarded their Parking Strategy for comment.
9. CCC Surveyor had advised of a temporary road closure from Greensplatt to Greenwith Hill in late January.
10. ICO (Information Commissioners Office) had sent a renewal reminder for the annual subscription re. Data Protection Act 1998. We had no option other than to RESOLVE to renew it.
11. The Open Spaces Society had sent their reminder for the annual subscription renewal. RESOLVED to renew this.
12. CCC Grounds Service had sent their quotation for the Playing Field grass cutting 2008. It was resolved to accept the quote of £510 plus vat for the forthcoming year.
13. Carrick DC had sent a reminder that the register of members interests should be reviewed and brought up to date, where necessary.
14. Dept for Communities and Local Govt had sent a report on consultation on Orders and Regulations relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members.
15. Carrick DC Environmental Health Dept had sent a copy of a report on the monitoring of particulate matter at Goongumpas, Oct 2007.

PLANNING

07/276

NEW APPLICATIONS

Appn Ref PA12/1212/07/G
Applicant Elizabeth Ryder
Location Bal Maiden, Trehaddle
Development Change of use of land. Retrospective. Site static caravan & bus, create an area of hardstanding for shower/toilet with eco-system

Grid Ref 175250/40410

OBJECT

Appn Ref TC12/2507/07/F
Applicant Mr C J S Stoltz
Location Glebe Farm, Gwennap Churchtown
Development Fell 3 Sycamore trees in conservation area
Grid Ref 173930/40070

SUPPORT.

Appn Ref PA12/2485/07/R
Applicant Mr J Fryer
Location Rose Cottage, Fernsplatt Farm, Bissoe
Development Proposed extensions & alterations revisions to previous application
Grid Ref 176420/41460

SUPPORT.

Appn Ref PA12/2425/07/M
Applicant BQD Ltd
Location Plot 1e, United Downs Ind Park
Development erection of 8 Industrial/Warehouse Units
Grid Ref 174610/41460
SUPPORT.

Appn Ref PA12/0034/08/R
Applicant Mr Englefield
Location 21 Treneglos, Frogpool
Development conversion of garage to dining and utility area
Grid Ref 176020/40010
SUPPORT.

Appn Ref PA12/0083/08/R
Applicant Mr & Mrs French
Location Glen View Farm, Gwennap
Development agricultural buildings conversion residential/holiday letting
Grid Ref 174450/39530
SUPPORT.

APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED SINCE THE LAST MEETING BY COUNCILLORS

Mr P Woods, Homefield, Crofthandy - erection of a single garage SUPPORTED
Mr A Darlington, Coombe Lane, Bissoe - conversion of barn to dwelling SUPPORTED
Mr & Mrs Grubb, Penventon Nursery - retention of railings and planting OBJECT

OTHER PLANNING DECISIONS FROM CARRICK.

1. Mr & Mrs Penna, barn conversion at Tresamble Hill - application withdrawn
2. Mr & Mrs Fleming, 4 Chapel Terrace, Crofthandy - extension GRANTED
3. Mr S Barry, Wheal Clifford Farm - 2 Barn conversions - REFUSED.
4. Mr & Mrs Ford, Jesmond Cottage, Frogpool - extensions. GRANTED
5. Gwennap Parish Council, tree surgery in Gwennap Churchyard. GRANTED
6. A Darlington, Coombe Lane. Various tree works. Partial REFUSAL, partial AGREEMENT with conditions.
7. Mr & Mrs Maxted, The Old Mill, Hicks Mill - internal alterations. GRANTED
8. Mr G Rice & Miss A Bates, The Old Unity Fuse Works, Little Beside - lifting of conditions to allow residential use. GRANTED

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

07/277

1. The tree at Burncoose in the Estate woodland still looked unsafe as it overhung the Gwennap road. The Clerk will write to the Estate pointing this out.
2. The routes for litter picking were to be studied at the next meeting with a view to revising some.
3. Parking at Carn View was becoming a problem, with too many cars for the spaces available. The Clerk will write to Carrick Housing asking if there is anything they can do.

WHEAL MAID ISSUES

07/278

1. The Clerk had received a copy of the "Ecologist-online" from Mr Massie. He had shared this with the Council as it covered the issue of when the Environment Agency should pursue the "polluter pays" line. It appeared that the EA in other parts of the Country had not been applying this as rigorously as they should, and we would draw this to the attention of the Steering Group at Carrick.
2. The recent meeting at Carrick was discussed. The EA remediation action would now hopefully be available for the next meeting in April. The County were preparing signs which the Parish Council would erect.
3. The public information news release was being agreed between the EA and Carrick and would be sent to all households in the Parish as well as schools. The Clerk will chase it, as it should have been released by now.
4. CCTV was discussed as a possible option on the site.
5. The Culvert inspection was now in the hands of the Parish Council's Competent Person. He would agree the details with the lowest tender.
6. The legal side of the Permissive Path Agreement continued to move forward. The Clerk had responded to several questions from our solicitors.

- A large Police warning sign had been acquired by Cllr Snell from West Penwith. The Clerk will ask Inspector Trott whether the Parish Council can reproduce it and display it across the valley at strategic points.

FINANCE

07/279

- It was RESOLVED that the following cheques be signed:

CHEQUE NO.	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT(£)
100761	L Moody	P.Field & cleaning	108.15
100762	Cornwall C.C.	grass cutting P.Field	569.88
100763	Open Spaces Society	annual subscription	30.00
100764	Information Comm.	Annual subscription	35.00
100765	Carrick D.C.	Dog bin emptying	222.40
100766	M P Chegwiddden	Footpath trimming	1935.22
100767	EDF Energy	P.Field electricity	100.74

FOOTPATHS

07/280

- There were only a handful of paths that required trimming for the 2007/08 year. The Clerk would then be able to bill the County Council for their partial reimbursement.

NEWSLETTER

07/281

- The Clerk had obtained quotes from three local magazine printers to ensure we were getting value for money from our current arrangement. The cost of producing our winter edition was £428.80. For a directly comparable service and the same number of copies quotes were received for £1,040 : £1,330 : and the third could only print it in black and white, not the current colour.
- Deadline for items for the Spring edition was 21st February with a rough draft being presented to the next meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS

07/282

The Chairman had obtained details of the 16 acres of land for sale opposite the school at Cusgarne. It had been suggested locally that a consortium of local interested people might combine to buy it to turn it into a woodland / amenity area, but the reserve price of between £100k - £150k had probably quashed that idea.

Signed.....
Chairman

28th February 2008