

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT GWENNAP CHURCH HALL ON 28th FEBRUARY 2008

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| Present. | Cllr I Herbert (Chairman) , Cllr R Snell, Cllr K Furnish, Cllr D Squibb & Cllr R Humble |
| In attendance | Alan Blamey - Clerk |
| Apologies | none |
| Also present : | P.Millett (Tree Warden), County Cllr Hichens, District Cllrs Whiteley & Martin, Carrick Chairman Cllr J Dyer, M McInnes, Mr & Mrs N. Pascoe, Mr & Mrs Whitney, J Wharton, J Ward |

PUBLIC CLINIC

1. Paul Millett would like to have asked our County Councillor when the waste incinerator proposals would start. Very soon, they would have to look for alternative landfill sites.
2. Similarly, he would now like to see the use of tap water at County Hall instead of costly bottled water. Our local tap water had been shown to be of a high quality.
3. The service trench outside the Cornish Arms still hadn't been filled in. The Clerk would remind the Area Surveyor that he was sorting this out with the service company.
4. Mr Wharton asked what Mike Cambridge had suggested in the past month regarding the diversion of the stream through the Wheal Maid Valley. The Clerk had no knowledge of any suggestion.
5. Mr Wharton asked if the Council knew that the Mineral Tramways Project were giving goodwill favours to landowners where the trail passed over their land. If this was so, couldn't the Parish Council receive the same, and then perhaps consider passing it on to the Crofthandy Village Hall fund since lottery funding had been turned down. The Parish Council had no knowledge of such 'goodwill' gestures, but the Clerk would enquire.
6. Mr Pascoe asked that before the Trehaddle travellers planning application was determined, that the Council should visit the site.
7. There was no police report nor any communication from them to say they couldn't make the meeting.

NEW COUNCILLOR

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Following the first round of adverts inviting applications for co-option onto the Council, the Council interviewed Mr Michael McInnes and asked him to join the Parish Council.

Mr McInnes signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed to the Council. The Clerk and Chairman also countersigned the document.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

07/284

Cllr Humble would speak on the Trehaddle travellers application, but if a vote became necessary he would take no part. He also declared an interest in the planning application for Cusgarne House.

PREVIOUS MINUTES.

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

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

07/286

1. The collection of caravans/buses etc was still on land at Pulla Bridge owned by Ms Ryder, despite being warned by Carrick. From correspondence received, it appeared unlikely that they would be moved on by the District Council even if their planning application had been refused and the enforcement action recommenced. It seems that the Courts will not agree to evict unless there is another authorised site within the District. In this case, there isn't. Cllr Whiteley spoke at length on the problem and it now seemed that Carrick's officers were recommending it for approval because of Ms Ryder's traveller status. If the application was granted then enforcement action becomes null and void. She recommended the Council writes to Carrick asking why there was no mention of travellers sites in their development plans.

Cllr Dyer, the Chairman of Carrick who was sitting in on our meeting as an observer, agreed with Cllr Whiteley's comments and was not happy with the situation. He was experiencing similar problems in his own Parish.

It was RESOLVED that a strong letter be sent to Carrick expressing our dismay at their lack of positive action.

2. Other correspondence the Parish Council had been copied in to followed District Cllr Whiteley's complaint to the County Council that the Gypsy Liaison Officer, Mr Eaton, had exceeded his authority in certain aspects of this problem. County had refused to accept this, and although hard proof may be difficult to produce, it was generally felt that he had added to the overall problems.
3. The Clerk had attended the recent SITA meeting held at the United site on 7th February. He raised the problem of the access roads being eroded at the edges by large passing vehicles. This led to pools of flooding and in some cases, a steep drop off the tarmac for smaller vehicles forced into the edge. SITA would draw this to the attention of the County Surveyor and a representative of CCC at the meeting would also take the matter back.
SITA would be holding an open day on Saturday 5th April at the United Mines site. More details would follow in the press and our Newsletter.
4. The Clerk would be meeting the Area Surveyor on site at Pencoose Farmhouse, Burncoose next week to discuss the flooding problems.
5. The dangerous tree at Burncoose had been removed by the Burncoose Estate.

CORRESPONDENCE

07/287

1. Carrick D.C. housing department had replied to our letter highlighting parking problems on Carn View Estate, Gwennap, and also Trelawney Estate, Frogpool. It seems tenants had the opportunity in 2006 to comment on their Estates but nothing was heard. We now had to await a further funding opportunity before the matter could be looked at again. The Clerk would enquire whether the conversion of gardens into parking spaces would receive the support of Carrick Housing.
2. Both the Parish Council and Women's Institute had written to the Area Surveyor asking what could be done regarding the introduction of the County statute for 20 mph limits on the approaches to Schools. The replies were identical, pointing out that the funding of such a scheme would have to come from a member's allowance (Cllr Hichens in our case). The potential cost could approach £10,000.
3. Cusgarne Football Club had written for permission to re-seed the goal areas and fence them off at the end of the season. It was agreed that they could carry this work out.
4. Carharrack Parish Council minutes of their meeting held 21st January 2008 were noted.
5. Tony Mogford Associates had sent their quarterly report following their inspection of the play equipment at the Playing Field.
6. The Divisional Surveyor had written to us inform of a temporary road closure in the Bissoe/Hicks Mill area from today (28th February) to 11th March.
7. One Cornwall, the organisation introduced to bring about the merger of the local Councils, had sent an update communication on progress. Despite our request for specific information regarding what the Parish might be able to take on as extra duties, nothing had been received. The Clerk would follow this up.
8. The minutes of the Mineral Tramways Partnership meeting of 18th January were noted.
9. The CCC executive had met with one of the agenda items being "Off Road Vehicle Use". The recommendation by the Environment and Heritage department that the County Council takes a lead role and gives a higher priority to the problem was agreed.

PLANNING

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Planning

NEW APPLICATIONS

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| Appn Ref | LB12/0191/08/R |
| Applicant | Mr & Mrs Monks |
| Location | Cusgarne House |
| Development | replace various doors, windows and gates. Replace coal house door with stonework |
| Grid Ref | 175890/40800 |

SUPPORT.

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| Appn Ref | PA12/0167/08/R |
| Applicant | Mr Ali Smith |
| Location | Wee Chy-an-Brea, Pulla Cross |
| Development | alterations & erection of 2 storey side extension |
| Grid Ref | 175340/39900 |

SUPPORTED.

APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED SINCE THE LAST MEETING BY COUNCILLORS

Appn Ref PA12/2323/07/B
Applicant R M Developments Ltd
Location Plot 10, United Downs Industrial Estate
Development extension to existing unit for additional storage/office
Grid Ref 174130/41390

SUPPORTED.

OTHER PLANNING DECISIONS FROM CARRICK.

1. BQD Ltd, erection of 8 units on plot 1e at United Downs Ind. Park - WITHDRAWN
2. Appeal by Mr & Mrs Parker-Price, Carn View, Lower Goongumpas - DISMISSED
3. Mr & Mrs Grubb, Penventon Nursery, Retention of railings and planting - REFUSED
4. Mr & Mrs Grubb, Penventon Nursery, Retention of fence and planting – GRANTED
5. Mr Woods, Homefield, Crofthandy, garage erection - GRANTED
6. Mr & Mrs Frost, Pendene, Frogpool, extensions GRANTED
7. Mr & Mrs Hustler, Bay Tree Barn, Cusgarne, extensions - REFUSED
8. Mr Stoltz, Glebe Farm, Gwennap, fell 2 sycamore trees - GRANTED
9. Mr Fryer, Fernsplatt Farm, Bissoe, extensions and alterations - REFUSED

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

07/289

The litter picking routes were looked at but it was decided to leave them as they were. The Clerk was asked to write to the school to highlight to pupils the frequent litter in the road outside.

FOOTPATH MATTERS

07/290

1. The Clerk had received a letter from the Countryside Access team regarding an overgrown stile on Path 14. The Clerk pointed out that most of the stiles on Path 14 had been 'removed' by the farmer and the County agreed to follow this up.
2. Cllr Snell had reported the flooding of Path 53 where the cause was probably a blocked drain.
3. The temporary closure of Path 29 was necessary whilst SITA investigated a mine problem close to the bridleway on the landfill site.

WHEAL MAID ISSUES

07/291

1. The minutes of the Steering Group held on 14th January were given to those who had not received them.
2. The Clerk had spoken with Carrick Environmental Health today, and they confirmed the draft press release, which would be sent to all households in the Parish had been cleared and sent to the EA for any final changes. It should be released within the next two weeks.
3. An exchange of correspondence with Inspector Trott clarified that his officers would be able to go on the public paths but not the privately owned tailings dam surface, where he still had a health & safety issue to resolve.
4. The Clerk, Chairman and Cllr Snell had adapted the current signs by adding a further display board. The large Yellow Police sign was now prominent on the new boards along with the CCC laminated signs provided by Scott Sharples.
5. A further four signs had been made by the Chairman and set in concrete by Paul Chegwidden. These were alongside the Cornish Way and one on the far side of the top dam. These displayed a Parish Council warning sign.
6. The Clerk is to meet Simon Murray of the Mineral Tramway on site to further discuss the barrier needed between the Cornish Way and the tailings dams.
7. Mike Cambridge, our Competent Person for Wheal Maid, had confirmed that the quote from AMEC for the culvert survey ticked all the boxes for the specification. They were ready to start the work in the next week, weather permitting. However, since their initial quote, additional requirements for health and safety meant they needed to have an 'outside spotter' whilst they were in the confined space. They were looking to the Parish Council to provide this, but Councillors were against the idea as none had the experience necessary to use the equipment. The Clerk explained that there could therefore be an increase in the sum payable, but as the differential between the two quotes received was so great, AMEC still offered the best value. Councillors agreed it was imperative that the survey be carried out.

NEWSLETTER

07/292

There had been a delay due to Cllr Furnish's illness, but he hoped to have e-mailed a draft by the middle of next week, with newsletters ready for distribution the weekend before Easter.

Distribution remained as before, but extra posted copies would be necessary for those in the Crofthandy area where we were now short of Councillors.

FINANCE

07/293

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

| CHEQUE NO. | PAYEE | DETAIL | AMOUNT(£) |
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| 100768 | S Pulley | tree surgery | £140.00 |
| 100769 | Cwll Wood Treatment | sign timber | £78.91 |
| 100770 | I Herbert | plant hire | £27.01 |
| 100771 | Taylor-Made Equipment | new play equipment | £1217.30 |
| 100772 | Brewers | stationery | £27.26 |
| 100773 | M P Chegwiddden | footpaths/ground works | £913.22 |
| 100774 | L Moody | cleaning/litter | £108.15 |
| 100775 | Gwennap Church Hall | hire of hall | £18.00 |

CHAIRMANS URGENT BUSINESS

07/294

The Chairman explained that through the Mining Villages Regeneration Group, a DVD of the local Parishes was being produced and that we were expected to contribute. The outlay would not exceed £300 and could be funded from the £500 we received when Gwennap officially had to leave the group. It was RESOLVED that we contribute towards this.

Signed.....
Chairman

27th March 2008