

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT FROGPOOL CHAPEL ROOMS ON 27TH MARCH 2008

Present.	Cllr I Herbert (Chairman) , Cllr R Snell, Cllr K Furnish, Cllr D Squibb, Cllr R Humble & Cllr M McInnes
In attendance	Alan Blamey - Clerk
Apologies	The Police
Also present :	M Padmore, P Millett (Tree Warden), District Cllr Whiteley, Mr & Mrs Whitney, P Richards, Ms J Ward, Mrs J Wharton, Ms P Dyson

PUBLIC CLINIC

1. From the public clinic of the Annual Parish meeting, the subject of Ms Ryder and her refused planning application was discussed. It was unclear as to what happens now, but before the next meeting the Clerk will have received a reply from Carrick regarding the pending enforcement accompanied with an explanation of the next steps. Cllr McInnes thought there were other potential legal routes that might be pursued if the statutory process failed to produce a result.
2. The lack of provision of travellers sites will be the subject of a letter to the Chief Executive of the County Council with the request that it be one of the first items to be addressed by the new Unitary Authority.
3. The Police report was read out. Unfortunately, no one was able to attend the meeting.
4. Mrs Wharton asked for an update on Wheal Maid issues. She was informed that all signs were now in place, that Carrick had sent out the summary to all households and that the culvert had been inspected. Reports were now awaited from the E.A. on remediation and the culvert survey.
5. Mrs Wharton and Ms Ward questioned whether Cllr Furnish should be declaring an interest. After an exchange of views, Cllr Snell reminded the meeting that it was up to each individual councillor to decide whether his/her circumstances warranted a declaration. If a member of the public was not happy, they could write to Carrick District Council.
6. Mr Whitney asked for the Council to take up with the Area Surveyor the road signs and markings at the Point Mills to Twelveheads junction. There had been two incidents there in recent months. The Clerk would visit the site and then write to the Surveyor with suggestions.
7. It was noted that a 30mph flashing sign had been positioned near the school. This was seen as a positive move, and perhaps it could be repositioned in future months to gauge the speed of vehicles on the roads approaching the school.

NEW COUNCILLOR

07/295

Following another round of adverts inviting applications for co-option onto the Council, it was decided to invite Mike Padmore to join the Parish Council.

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

07/296

Cllr Furnish would declare a personal interest in Wheal Maid if the agenda discussions deemed it necessary.

PREVIOUS MINUTES.

07/ 297

It was RESOLVED that the previous minutes be signed as a correct record of events.

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

07/298

1. The Clerk had asked the County Council whether 'sweeteners' were being offered regarding the new footpath extension from Wheal Maid to Consols Road. This followed a question raised by a parishioner at the previous meeting. The reply was an emphatic "no".

CORRESPONDENCE

07/299

1. The Area Surveyor had informed the Council that the sunken service trench across the road at the Cornish Arms, Frogpool was not of sufficient depth to warrant County attention.
2. The Audit Commission had written to give notice of the annual audit of the Council's affairs for the 2007/08 year.
3. The minutes of the Mining Villages Regeneration meeting held on 20th March were noted.
4. The minutes of the Mining Villages Historic Churchyards Group meeting held on 6th March were noted.
5. The minutes of Carharrack Parish Council's meeting held on 25th February were noted.
6. The County Council Archivist had written to request funding for their Tithe Map and Apportionment digitisation project. The Council RESOLVED to pay £200, but the Clerk is to clarify reproduction rights and the likely cost reduction for residents purchasing the CD.
7. Cllr Dyer, the Chairman of Carrick had written to thank the Council for allowing him to sit in on their recent meeting.
8. The Chief Constable of Devon & Cornwall Constabulary had sent a progress report following a year in office.
9. "Visit Cornwall" had sent a poster for display advertising their forthcoming "Clean Cornwall Week" which would take place between 12th – 20th April.
10. The County Surveyor had advised of the temporary road closure at Trehaddle for patching, 17th-24th March
11. The County Surveyor had advised of the temporary road closure at Fernsplatt for patching, 25th March-1st April
12. Zurich Municipal had sent a cheque in settlement of the insurance payment for the broken child's rocker in the Playing Field.
13. The Boundary Commission for England invited our comments as they were carrying out the review for the new Cornwall Unitary Authority. It was agreed that the Clerk replies requesting we be "clustered" with fellow mining parishes rather than the Truro area.
14. HSBC informed the Council that their Investment Bond was due for renewal. It was RESOLVED that the Council sign the papers to roll the sum forward for a further 6 months.

PLANNING

07/300

Planning

NEW APPLICATIONS

Appn Ref	PA12/0402/08/R
Applicant	Mr & Mrs Ellis, Glenshael, Frogpool
Development	proposed conservatory extension
Grid Ref	175920/39960

SUPPORT.

Appn Ref	PA12/0438/08/R
Applicant	Mr K Whitney, Apryl Bungalow, Point Mills
Development	amendments to porch design already approved
Grid Ref	176870/41390

SUPPORT.

OTHER PLANNING DECISIONS FROM CARRICK.

1. Mr Englefield, 21 Treneglos, Frogpool - garage conversion to dining area. APPROVED.
2. Elizabeth Ryder, Bal Maiden, Trehaddle - sttic caravan etc. REFUSED.
3. Mr & Mrs French, Glen View Farm, Gwennap - barn conversions. WITHDRAWN
Tower Cottage, Church Lane, Gwennap - Certificate of Lawfulness issued to cover garage conversion to living accommodation.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

07/301

1. Since the last meeting the Clerk had arranged two repairs/minor works that needed the Council's ratification. The garage door to the toilet block had broken cables and was partially open so immediate repairs were necessary. Also, with the first of the car boots imminent, all electrical items within the portakabin had been tested and labelled. The hand drier in the ladies toilet was also repaired. It was RESOLVED that these items be agreed for payment.
2. Paul Chegwidden had now completed the concrete base to the third picnic table and the gravel around the base of the portakabin, as previously agreed.
3. It was RESOLVED to ask Paul Chegwidden to paint the exterior wall of the toilet block in the near future.
4. The Chairman reported that Paul Chegwidden had almost completed the making-safe of headstones in Gwennap Churchyard.
5. Cllr Squibb queried whether disabled access was possible to the church via the lychgate. This would be checked, and if not possible, a path around the lychgate might be possible.

FOOTPATH MATTERS

07/302

1. The County Council had written with an offer for the maintenance of our public rights of way for 2008/09. They would fund a maximum of £1,990.68 towards trimming work the Parish Council commissioned. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk and Chairman sign the acceptance agreement.
2. Cllr Snell gave a report of the new section of cycle trail between Wheal Maid and Consols Road.
3. A letter from the Cornwall Countryside Access Forum invited new members to sit on the forum.

WHEAL MAID ISSUES

07/303

1. The culvert survey was now complete, and the report would be with us shortly. We would then decide whether to interpret the findings or whether to engage professional help.
2. An account from Cantab Consulting for work in preparing the culvert specification was RESOLVED to pay.
3. Carrick had sent the summary of contamination findings to each parish household and those in neighbouring Twelveheads.
4. The Clerk described the works proposed by the County Council to prevent vehicular access where possible along the permissive path. The Council were happy that the works described could be included in the agreement. This should then complete the agreement.

NEWSLETTER

07/304

1. The Spring issue had been delivered successfully and Cllr Furnish floated some ideas for the next issue, including a Chairman’s ‘box’ and a ‘store’ of articles from each Councillor.
2. The next issue deadline for articles would be 10th June, for delivery at the end of June.
3. In the next issue, readers would be invited to have the newsletter delivered via e-mail.

FINANCE

07/305

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

CHEQUE NO.	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT(£)
100776	Garage Door & Automation Co	repairs	£105.75
100777	K Furnish	newsletter printing	£316.80
100778	Cantab Consulting	culvert tender	£555.19
100779	Nigel Webb Electrical	P.Field works	£105.45
100780	L Moody	cleaning/P.Field	£108.15
100781	A Blamey	clerk’s salary/expenses	£1267.60
100782	AMEC Earth & Environmental	culvert survey	£4974.01
100783	M P Chegwiddden	grass/ground works	£2121.32
100784	H M Revenue & Customs	income tax	£232.46

CHAIRMANS URGENT BUSINESS

07/306

Cllr Snell asked for more information to be made available on the “One Cornwall” issue. He had heard that other groups had attended meetings that this council had missed. The Clerk would write for a report on the matters discussed, and in future would copy each councillor in on the One Cornwall updates.

Signed.....
Chairman

24th April 2008