

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT GWENNAP CHURCH HALL ON 22nd MAY 2008

Present.	Cllr I Herbert (Chairman) , Cllr R Snell, Cllr K Furnish, Cllr R Humble, Cllr Padmore, Cllr Squib & Cllr M McInnes
In attendance	Alan Blamey - Clerk
Apologies	District Cllr Martin, PCSO Boyle
Also present :	District Cllr Whiteley, County Cllr Hichens, P Millett, J Ward, J Wharton

PUBLIC CLINIC

1. Paul Millett spoke of the recent announcement by SITA, offering local Councils £1m in return for a time extension on the Landfill Site. He felt there were many aspects of the local community that could benefit from a sizeable windfall.
2. Mrs Wharton informed the Council that there had been a recent meeting of the Wheal Maid Action Group at which the Police requested that the Parish Council issue a press release to say that motorised vehicles were not permitted on the Council's land at Wheal Maid.
3. It was suggested that the County Council erect signs on their adjoining land prohibiting motorised vehicles.
4. The Parish Council still had one large sign to erect. This could be attached to posts bearing an old mining notice near the Clock Tower.
5. The Clerk gave an update on the Trehaddle caravans situation. The planning department confirmed the owner has six months in which to appeal against the planning refusal.
The enforcement section confirmed they could not act until the 'WHEN' report had been received from the County Council.
The County Council had now completed their visit to the site and would be issuing their report to Carrick in the near future.
Cllr Whiteley mentioned a recent case in the North of England which strengthened the case of Travellers.
Cllr McInnes felt that if the current process failed to produce a result, some of the legislation that was constraining local authorities would not necessarily apply to an individual application for an injunction, and could well be worth exploring.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

08/011

Cllr Humble proposed Cllr Furnish for Chairman, seconded by Cllr Squibb.
Cllr Furnish proposed Cllr Herbert, seconded by Cllr Snell.
A vote was taken and Cllr Herbert was re-elected by 3 votes to 2.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

08/012

Cllr Snell proposed Cllr Furnish continues as Vice Chairman. Seconded by Cllr Humble. There were no other proposals and Cllr Furnish was re-elected as Vice Chairman.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

08/013

Cllr Humble on any relevant Trehaddle traveller topic.
Cllr Padmore on anything SITA related.

PREVIOUS MINUTES.

08/014

It was RESOLVED that the previous minutes be signed as a correct record of events, after one attendance correction.

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

08/015

1. Cllr Humble identified the mountain bikers carrying spades (mentioned in last month's meeting) as coming from the St Day area. Possibly Redruth School pupils, it was becoming urgent that Carrick send out their letter to local schools.
2. The Clerk would approach the Pulla Cross resident who made garden furniture with a view to making the planters needed for the portakabin. Paul Millett would draw up a list of suitable plants.
3. The works on the small island at Crofthandy would not be carried out by Paul Chegwidden until later in the summer. Cllr Snell asked to be involved before work commenced.

WHEAL MAID

08/016

1. The remainder of the culvert would be surveyed on 31st May by AMEC.
2. The Police had agreed that their officers could access the public paths in the valley.
3. One signboard had been broken and repaired, near the mountain bike area.
4. The County Council will start work in the coming months on improving drainage to the permissive path, and also sealing off access to the tailings area where 4x4 vehicles currently entered.

SITA ISSUES

08/017

1. A letter had been received from County Planning explaining that SITA wanted to extend the life of the Tip beyond October 2010, by up to 2 years. This was to utilise spare capacity amounting to 28% of the approved level. In return, they were prepared to give one million pounds to the local community for projects.
2. Cllr Hichens explained that the miscalculation came about because of the 2 year delay whilst the judicial review took place.
3. Cllr Snell felt that it was a bribe, and that because Gwennap Parish Council led the fight for closure it should maintain that stance.

After much debate it was RESOLVED to reply to the County Council asking for time to reply whilst our residents were consulted. This would be carried out via the Newsletter, a separate letter asking for residents views. This approach would be passed on to our neighbouring parishes as they might wish to follow suit.

4. On a separate matter, it was encouraging to note from a copy letter that the W.I. were pressing SITA for action to the poor state of the road verges, supporting our recent attempt to get some action.

BT PROPOSED REMOVAL OF TELEPHONE BOXES

08/018

Carrick had written following receipt of a BT letter informing them that because of under-use, 21 phone boxes in the Carrick District were to be removed. In our Parish this affected Pulla Cross and Gwennap Churchtown. The Clerk will continue to try to get actual usage figures from Carrick, but it was felt that our only real line of defence would be to highlight their "emergency" value.

CORRESPONDENCE

08/019

- 1 The Clerk handed out copies of the Police report covering the last month. It was RESOLVED to send a letter of confirmation that the Parish Council did not give permission to any motorised user entering Wheal Maid. It was also RESOLVED to look into wording a press release along similar lines.
- 2 The use of the Playing Field for a wedding marquee to hold an evening Barn Dance was approved but the Clerk was asked to ensure that certain conditions covering insurance, health & safety and other matters were clarified.
- 3 The minutes of the Mineral Tramways Partnership meeting of 4th April 2008 were noted.
- 4 The Chairman of Carrick had written with advanced notice of key dates in the next calendar year.
- 5 The minutes of a meeting of Carharrack Parish Council held on 21st April 2008 were noted.
- 6 CDC Development Services had written asking for two names to attend free training for Parish Councillors on Planning matters due to be held on 17th July. Cllrs Humble and Padmore would be nominated with Cllrs Herbert and Snell as reserves. It was considered that as the Parish Council's legal advisor, the Clerk should be afforded a separate place.
- 7 A Notice of the Mining Villages Festival to be held between 9th – 17th August was noted.
- 8 Devon & Cornwall Police Authority were seeking appointees to their Independent Members Panel
- 9 The Chief Executive of Carrick had sent a copy of their Corporate Business Plan for 2008
- 10 The TMA Ltd quarterly play equipment inspection report highlighted problems with the rope at the climbing wall. The Chairman would repair it using stronger fixings than originally used.
- 11 CCC Network Services had sent the results of the SpeedVISOR at Crofthandy covering a period of a month in Nov/Dec 2007. It showed a mean speed of 34.2 mph and a 85thile speed of 40 mph.
- 12 A similar report obtained by the W.I. from the SpeedVISOR outside Cusgarne School produced a mean of 23mph and the 85thile reading of 31mph.
- 13 County Planning had published two documents on Cornwall Minerals Development Framework for comment.

- 14 Carrick Monitoring Officer had written explaining changes to the complaints / Code of Conduct procedure
- 15 CCC Area Surveyor had reviewed the request for a 'SLOW' sign to be painted on the road at Point Mills but felt it inappropriate. His reply on the 30mph repeater signs leading to the school were to be queried.
- 16 Follett Stock had sent the Permissive Path Agreement to sign. It was RESOLVED that Cllrs Humble and Herbert sign as they had previously been nominated to Follett Stock as signatories.
- 17 The April "One Cornwall" update had been received and previously e-mailed to most Councillors. It had also been confirmed by the One Cornwall team that any recurring grants being received from District Councils in 2008/09 would continue in 2009/10. Following that, they would be reviewed.

PLANNING

08/020

NEW APPLICATIONS

Appn Ref PA12/0724/08/B
 Applicant CLJ Developments Ltd, Plot 9, United Downs Industrial Estate
 Development erection of 4 factory units, No's 8,9,10,11 with associated parking and access
 Grid Ref 174160/41410

SUPPORT

Appn Ref PA12/0812/08/R
 Applicant Mr & Mrs Sherriff, Chellean Bungalow, Cusgarne
 Development two storey extension
 Grid Ref 176020/40330

SUPPORT

Appn Ref PA12/0756/08/R
 Applicant Mrs E Bray, Oak Apple Cottage, Poldice Lane, Crofthandy
 Development single storey extension to rear
 Grid Ref 173690/42270

DRAW ATTENTION TO FLAT ROOF (HIP PREFERRED) AND PROXIMITY OF FOOTPATH 52

Appn Ref PA12/0728/08/R
 Applicant Ms C A Drew, re. The Old Chapel Site, Carharrack
 Development conversion of building with 1st floor ext. to form a dwelling, parking & turning
 Grid Ref 173930/41810

SUPPORT.

Appn Ref OP12/0300/08/G
 Applicant Mr Maxted, The Old Mill, Hicks Mill
 Development proposed stable, store & tack room
 Grid Ref 176740/41120

SUPPORT.

DECISION NOTICES FROM CARRICK

1. Mr R Veal, Wheal Fortune Farm, Twelveheads - extensions - REFUSED.
2. Mrs H Cox, The Glebe, Gwennap - tree surgery. APPROVED.
3. Mr Hustler, Bay Tree Barn, Cusgarne - extensions - APPROVED.

PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE GROUPS

08/021

It was thought to be helpful if the details of the dates of future meetings were made available, enabling Councillors to diarise possible attendance.

Mineral Tramways Partnership Steering Group and **Cornwall Mining Villages Historic Churchyards Group** - Cllrs Herbert and Snell would continue to attend, but encouraged other Councillors to 'sit in' to get an appreciation of what was involved.

The **Wheal Maid Steering Group** was open to all Councillors.

SITA United Mines Steering Group would be covered by the Clerk and Cllr Humble.

Gwennap Parish Playingfield Association (GPPA), a sub committee of the Parish Council, required three members of the Council to be on the committee. Cllrs Humble, Squibb and Padmore agreed to sit along with the Clerk, who provided the administration.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

08/022

1. The Clerk was having problems with the Council's printer and sought permission to replace it if the situation became terminal. However, Cllr Humble offered some advice that could overcome the problem.
2. The disabled toilet at the Playing Field needed support bars to be fitted to comply with legislation. The Clerk will check out the requirements and report back.

- Paul Chegwidden will be asked to re-distribute the gravel in the Playing Field car park where it has migrated on to the tarmac section, leaving potholes in the parking surface.

FOOTPATH MATTERS

08/023

- The Chairman countersigned the documentation setting out the contractual details with Paul Chegwidden for 2008/09.
- The surface of the footpath from Chycoose to Hicks Mill was reported as very muddy. The Clerk will investigate and inform the County Council if necessary.

FINANCE

08/024

- It was RESOLVED that the following cheques be signed:

CHEQUE NO.	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT(£)
100789	Corwall & Devon Media Ltd	Advert	£17.63
100790	M P Chegwidden	Groundworks	£1313.65
100791	L Moody	Cleaning	£230.72
100792	Gwennap Church Hall	Hire of Hall	£18.00

- Income of £113 had been received since the last meeting in respect of a burial fee.
- It was RESOLVED that the fees for burials in Frogpool Cemetery be revised in line with the Clerk's draft proposal.
- It was RESOLVED that the inflationary increase of 3% be applied to the casual labour rate.
- It was RESOLVED that the Clerk's contract be amended to reflect an increase in hours worked per month from 39 to 52. The inflationary increase of 3% would also be applied to the salary/allowances, all w.e.f. 1st June.
- On behalf of the Council, Cllr Humble thanked the Clerk for his efforts, which were appreciated and recognised.

CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS

08/025

The Chairman explained the current position with the Historic Churchyards DVD that was being produced to promote the Mining Villages. Along with Cllr Snell he had visited various sites in the Parish and now had to prepare the accompanying words that Roger Radcliffe had kindly agreed to narrate.

Signed.....
Chairman

19th June 2008