

Gwennap Parish Council

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

Present.	Cllr I Herbert (Chairman) , Cllr R Snell, Cllr R Humble, Cllr M Padmore, Cllr D Squibb, Cllr K Furnish & Cllr M McInnes
In attendance	Alan Blamey - Clerk
Apologies	County Cllr Hichens
Also present :	PCSO J Kingston, Mrs Wharton, Mr & Mrs Allard, DistrictCllr Whiteley

PUBLIC CLINIC

1. Members of the Wheal Maid Action Group were given an update of matters relating to the valley. The culvert grill vegetation had been cleared and signs replaced where they had been torn off. Until the Environment Agency concluded their feasibility study, nothing further could be added regarding the contamination. The action group asked that the Parish Council press the County Council to finish their fencing of the area as motorcycles were gaining access via several unauthorised points – signs on their land were still not in place warning against the use of motorised vehicles. Also, could the Parish Council write to Carrick to remind them that noise monitoring equipment was promised. Both items were agreed.
2. The Council did not agree with Mr Allard's assertion that they were non pro-active. The Parish Council was taking all the steps open to it, and were in the hands of other agencies (e.g. the E.A.) regarding time scales.
3. The Clerk would pursue with County the possibility of introducing stiles on footpaths at the Hale Mills end of the valley.
4. The Police report was given by PCSO Kingston. Crime levels remained in line with the previous year and month. The Parish Council were asked to provide a monthly update to the Police on actions it had taken relating to the Wheal Maid Valley. This was agreed, and it was also agreed to copy in the Action Group. Concerns were expressed about the time it took for the Police call centre to answer the telephone.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

08/037

Cllr Humble on any relevant Trehaddle traveller topic.

Cllr Padmore on anything SITA related.

Cllr Furnish on the planning application for Mr Drew, Lower Goongumpas.

PREVIOUS MINUTES.

08/ 038

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

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

08/039

1. The Community Fete had been a success with over £1,600 raised. The Council approved the donation of £30 towards book token prizes. Parking was a problem and needed to be resolved for future events if they were to be held at the School. The event still gave the impression of being a School fete. More needed to be done to involve the communities of Gwennap and Crofthandy, especially with children's competitions.

WHEAL MAID

08/ 040

1. The Clerk had received a request from Mike Cambridge of Cantab to walk the valley in June and report back to the Council at an approximate cost of £500 - £600. The Clerk had declined the offer as we had a full report carried out last year, and although we did not necessarily want to wait the full 5 years as recommended in the Act, every year was too frequent. The Council RESOLVED to endorse the Clerk's decision.

SITA ISSUES

08/041

1. The final number of replies to the Landfill Site extension letter had been 75, of which 67% were against the extending of the permission.
2. Carharrack Parish Council had carried out a similar exercise, with 289 out of the 304 respondents against an extension of time.
3. Although there were 23% of Gwennap Parishioners in favour of taking the money to fund local schemes, and possibly getting more than the £1m on offer, the democratic decision by the majority of all 3 local Parish Councils was to keep the closure date at October 2010. Gwennap Parish Council were committed to this.
The Chairman would reply to a letter he had received supporting the extension of time and utilising the money locally.

CORRESPONDENCE

08/042

- 1 Nina Cooper had copied the Council in on correspondence with Cllr Hichens. It explained that the School was actively working to resolve their parking problems, and a scheme at the start of the school day was already a success.
- 2 Carrick Environmental Services had now taken over responsibility for stray dogs from the Police. The Clerk had placed posters on our notice boards at their request.
- 3 Carrick Housing were still pursuing a location within the Parish for Affordable Housing. Previously identified areas had been rejected by landowners when approached.
- 4 Frogpool Cusgarne football club had advised that they were holding their annual 5-a-side tournament on Sunday 27th July.
- 5 Carrick Electoral Office had asked whether they could use our Newsletter to encourage participation on elections.
- 6 The minutes of the Mining Villages Regeneration meeting of the 17th July had been received.
- 7 Carrick Planning had sent a copy of their Annual Review of Performance and Achievement.
- 8 Kerrier D.C had sent a copy of their Area Action Plan for Camborne, Pool, Illogan and Redruth.
- 9 A letter from Postwatch gave details of the post office closures and explained about outreach services. With no Post Office in our Parish, the Clerk is to ask whether the Outreach service could be provided locally.
- 10 The County Council had sent details of the most recent Electoral Review proposals. In this version, Gwennap were grouped with Carharrack and Stithians, with St Day and Lanner making up another ward. This was seen as an improvement, as we would sit in the Redruth Community Network and be represented by a Councillor who also sat within the same area. However, it would be preferable if St Day replaced Stithians to leave the three mining parishes together.
- 11 Matthew Taylor MP had written to ask for support in a campaign for a public enquiry into the planned waste incinerator at St Dennis. Councillors were undecided on the merits and we would not write to call for a public enquiry. The recent refusal of the plans for the incinerator by Restormel could have an affect on this.
- 12 OMYD (Our Money Your Dream) asked for their posters to be placed on our notice boards, advertising grants available to young people with relevant schemes.
- 13 Cornwall County Council informed us that the Integrated Risk Management Plan we had earlier commented on had been approved by them on 17th June.
- 14 Carrick had had to postpone the Planning Training for Councillors day, but now intended to run two events as the level of interest was high. The first date of Monday 18th August would be attended by Cllrs Padmore, Humble, Snell and Squibb plus the Clerk, all attending the 6 – 9p.m. session. The following day, Cllrs Herbert, McInnes and Furnish would attend the 2- 5 p.m. session.
- 15 The Area Surveyor did not see Little Beside as a village as the sufficient number of properties did not front the highway. However, he had changed his mind regarding a speed survey and would arrange for this to scope the extent of the problem. Cllr Herbert had raised the matter at the Mineral Tramways Group as they were interested that their cycle path crossed the road in the middle of Little Beside. It was hoped that they would bring pressure to bear as they needed to introduce road markings warning of cycles crossing.
- 16 The Area Surveyor had agreed to replace signs at Point Mills indicating the route to United Downs. The anticipated time scale was during this financial year.
- 17 The minutes of the last Mineral Tramways meeting and an update of schemes as at July 2008 had been received.
- 18 Devon & Cornwall Constabulary had sent details of their future policing plans.
- 19 Carrick Enforcement had written to confirm that they would investigate the arrival of a new caravan on a different site in Trehaddle. Cllr Whiteley would press for a swift visit rather than the “within one month” indicated in the letter.
- 20 Each Councillor was given a questionnaire to complete and bring back to the next meeting. The Clerk would then return them to the Southwest Lifelong Learning Network.

PLANNING

08/043

NEW APPLICATIONS

Appn Ref 08/00338/CCDEV3
Applicant Cornwall County Council, Poppins, Gwennap
Development extension and alterations to respite centre
Grid Ref 173927/40131
SUPPORT.

Appn Ref PA12/1128/08/R
Applicant Mr J Fryer, Fernsplatt Farm, Fernsplatt
Development extensions and alterations – revision to PA12/0321/06/R
Grid Ref 176420/41430
SUPPORT

Appn Ref TC12/1187/08/F
Applicant Mrs C Stolz, Glebe Farm, Gwennap Churchtown
Development fell one cypress tree
Grid Ref 173750/40080
SUPPORT

Appn Ref PA12/1017/08/R
Applicant Mr J Ovens, Chi-Dellen, Trelawney, Frogpool
Development demolish mundic outbuildings & erect extension to rear
Grid Ref 175620/39930
SUPPORT

Appn Ref CU12/0906/08/R
Applicant Ms S Chynoweth, The Caravan, off Sparry Lane, Carharrack
Development certificate of lawful development – stationing of residential caravan
Grid Ref 173720/41360
FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Appn Ref PA12/1330/08/R
Applicant Mr R Drew, Harmony Cottage, Lower Goongumpas
Development proposed two storey side extension inc. internal alterations
Grid Ref 174650/42430
SUPPORT.

DECISION NOTICES RECEIVED FROM CARRICK

Ms C Drew, The Old Chapel Site, United Road – building conversion & extension. REFUSED
Mr A Darlington, Chyvounder, Coombe Lane, Bissoe - barn conversion. APPROVED.
Mr & Mrs Sherriff, Chellean Bungalow, Cusgarne - two storey extension. APPROVED
CLJ Developments, United Downs Ind. Estate - erect 4 factory units APPROVED
Mr Datson, Riverside, Point Mills - demolish garage, erect replacement APPROVED

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

08/044

1. The Clerk would check to see if our temporary fence around Taylors shaft was still in the area following the capping operation.
2. Cllr McInnes would discuss with April Millett the suggestions for a memorial to Paul. They were a replacement seat outside Frogpool Chapel, a new seat on Horseshoe Corner and a tree in the cemetery.
3. It was RESOLVED that the Chairman purchases the necessary equipment at approximately £30 to repair the climbing ropes in the Playing Field.
4. The Clerk had shown a builder the problems in the disabled toilet and it was RESOLVED that he be engaged to erect the two rails and re-fix the toilet to the floor.
5. It was further RESOLVED that the builder fixes two 8x4 sheets to the floor inside each portakabin door where it was deteriorating. This measure would buy time whilst replacement decisions were made. Councillors were asked to visit the site before a fuller discussion took place at the next meeting.
6. The Clerk would ask Paul Chegwiddden to re-decorate the bus shelter at Crofthandy at the same time he carried out works to the signpost island (already approved).

FOOTPATH MATTERS

08/045

1. The Chairman and Clerk would check why footpath 12/2 behind Chellean Farm had been fenced off at one end.
2. Cllr Snell had visited Footpath 54 along with Gavin Henderson from the Mineral Tramways. The historic interest would hopefully see improvements made, and the recent change of status from Silver to Gold would reinforce this.

NEWSLETTER

08/046

Changes to the cost structure for the printing of the newsletter meant a potential increased cost of around £100 for a 16 page edition, although Cllr Furnish would minimise the increase by planning the page layouts to reflect colour / black & white print. It was RESOLVED to accept this increase, still much lower than the alternatives explored from local printers, and the newsletter continued to receive more plaudits with each edition.

Deadline for articles for the next edition was 31st August, with a delivery date of around 20th September.

FINANCE

08/047

1. Income had been received during the month of £380 burial fees and £90 newsletter advert.
2. It was RESOLVED that the following cheques be signed:

CHEQUE NO.	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT(£)
100801	Cwll & Devon Media	car boot adverts	£47.00
100802	M P Chegwidden	groundworks	£1316.00
100803	L Moody	cleaning/Playing Field duties	£137.45
100804	Gwennap Community Fete	book token prizes	£30.00

CHAIRMANS URGENT BUSINESS

08/048

1. The Chairman had drafted a letter for the approval of the Council in relation to parking problems being experienced on Treneglos estate. After some minor amendments it was RESOLVED that it be sent to each address on the estate.
2. Cllr Snell informed the meeting that the Chapel rooms at Crofthandy had been booked by Carrick for European elections on 4th June 2009.
3. The suggested new location of the CROFTHANDY sign near Trewelm would be looked at before the next meeting.

Signed.....
Chairman

28th August 2008