

# Gwennap Parish Council

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT GWENNAP CHURCH HALL ON 28<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2008

Present.	Cllr I Herbert (Chairman) , Cllr R Snell, Cllr R Humble, Cllr M Padmore, Cllr D Squibb & Cllr K Furnish
Apologies	Tony Martin (District Cllr)
Also present :	A Blamey (Clerk), Mr & Mrs Allard, Mrs Wharton, Ms J Ward, PCSO Kingston

### **PUBLIC CLINIC**

1. PCSO Kingston gave a report covering the past month. It was encouraging to see that four more Section 59 warning notices had been issued to vehicle users in the Wheal Maid valley, making a total of six so far. Although the police log on Wheal Maid had been closed, this did not affect in any way the ongoing police activity or its effectiveness.
2. Mr Allard had sent an e-mail to the Clerk that had not been received. He would send another, and the Clerk would contact him if it had not been received in a day or so.
3. District Councillor Whiteley explained the Older Persons Forum newsletter that each Councillor had received. She would follow up a query Cllr Humble raised on battery disposal. The title of the organisation had now been changed to Over Fifty's Forum

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**08/049**

Cllr Humble on any relevant Trehaddle traveller topic.

Cllr Padmore on anything SITA related.

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES.**

**08/ 050**

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

### **ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.**

**08/051**

1. The Clerk would send a copy of our Outreach Post Office request to Cllr Whiteley as she would be attending a meeting at Carrick on the subject of Post Office closures.
2. Cllr Snell agreed to approach the residents of Hollow Tree at Crofthandy regarding the re-siting of the CROFTHANDY sign. It was thought that the Parish Council had initially erected the sign, therefore the County Highways need not be consulted.
3. The caravan on land at Trehaddle should be moved on by the end of next week, according to Carrick Enforcement.

### **CASUAL VACANCY ON COUNCIL**

**08/052**

Councillor McInnes had tendered his resignation for personal reasons, so the process for recruiting another member has started. Carrick had produced notices that need to be displayed until 11<sup>th</sup> September. If by that time, fewer than ten of the electorate had written in to request a full election then the Parish Council should co-opt if possible.

It was agreed to put an item in the next Newsletter asking for applications.

### **WHEAL MAID**

**08/ 053**

1. The Clerk had met with the County Council on their land at United and provisionally agreed measures to further prevent vehicular access via their land. The plans now needed costing, following which they would contact us again. They also agreed that signs prohibiting motorcycles were necessary.
2. Following Parish Council pressure on Carrick Environment Department, it is understood that noise monitoring equipment has now been put in place at a private residence alongside the tailings dams, and returned to Carrick awaiting results.
3. The CCC works at Wheal Fortune have provided them with an opportunity to close off further 4x4 access points. When these works are complete, the bunding alongside the Cornish Way at the tailings dams will be carried out.
4. The missing Rent-a-Fence from Taylors Shaft had been erroneously returned to the fence depot by the CCC contractors. The Clerk is organising its return to the Playing Field for storage as an interim measure.

5. An update on where the Environment Agency were, was received from Tim Jenkins. The Clerk will ask Mr Jenkins whether a copy of his update can be shared with the Action Group.
6. The final draft culvert inspection report had been received, and the Clerk gave some verbal observations from Cantab, our Consultants who were now clarifying certain points with AMEC before submitting a written report/conclusions to the Parish Council. Initial views were still very positive though. It was felt that if we carried out the recommendations then we could decide at a later date whether to have an annual inspection of the culvert and the site.
7. Tim Jenkins from the E.A. had sent an e-mail setting out the current position. The E.A. were working on several different fronts to further the contamination issue and by December hoped to have plans in place to bid for DEFRA funding in 2009. The Wheal Maid Action Group asked if they could have a copy of the e-mail. The Clerk would clear it with Tim Jenkins first.

## **SITA ISSUES**

**08/054**

1. The Council had received a copy of a letter of complaint sent by a resident of Coombe Hill regarding the smell from the landfill site on a particular date. The Council had received a copy of SITA's reply to the resident which explained how SITA run the landfill area and cast doubt on whether the smell came from their operation.. It will also be raised at the next steering meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> September.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**08/055**

1. CCC Planning had sent details of their website on a Landscape Character Study, inviting comments on the site. The website details are <http://www.cornwalllandscapes.org.uk>
2. The Audit Commission had completed the 2007/08 Audit, giving the Council a clean bill of health.
3. Both Carrick & Kerrier D.C. had sent copies of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Consultation, inviting comment.
4. CCC Archive Services had almost completed the Parish CD of the Tithe Map.
5. Endurance GB had notified us of the route for their 2008 Endurance Ride. It followed the Cornish Way through the Wheal Maid valley.
6. Devon & Cornwall Police Authority have a Liaison Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September at Perranporth.
7. Carrick had written reminding all Councillors to notify any changes to their interests for the Register of Members Interests.
8. The Mineral Tramways Partnership draft notes of 11<sup>th</sup> July meeting were received. It was encouraging to see that the speeding issue at Little Beside was receiving their attention.
9. Carrick Housing had given an Affordable Housing update, where they were following a parcel of land at Frogpool that suited their needs. The Parish Council was in agreement with this as suitable land and the Clerk would write to this effect.
10. CCC Highways were replacing the SpeedVisor at Crofthandy with a more permanent Vehicle Activated Sign.
11. A One Cornwall update had been received. It now seems the Boundary Commission accept the County recommendation for 123 Councillors but say it's too late for the April 2009 elections, which must be held on the basis of the existing 82 members. Another election will then have to follow eventually to align with the new wards/networks.
12. The Basset Community Development Trust were interested in the acquisition of community assets if we had any that we would like to transfer. We didn't.
13. Carrick Council had sent a copy of their reply to the government regarding the incinerator plans for St Dennis, although it was interesting to hear that Carrick Planning had a different viewpoint, not being in favour of calling the plans in.
14. Carrick Electoral Registration section had sent a poster for the Council to publicise regarding the forthcoming electoral registration forms we would all receive.
15. CCC Highways notified of forthcoming temporary road closures at Trehaddle and Hicks Mill. The latter was a long term affair whilst works were carried out to the bridge below the Old Mill.

## **PLANNING**

**08/056**

Applications received:

Appn Ref	PA12/1420/08/B
Applicant	Mr S Corbett, land at Cusgarne
Development	repair animal shelter & erect farm implement shed
SUPPORT.	
Appn Ref	MC12/1449/08/R
Applicant	Mr C Foster, The Old Mill, Point Mills
Development	modify plans to allow increased residential accom. On ground floor
SUPPORT	

Decision notices received back from District Council :

Mr T Jones, Trevarth Manor, Gwennap - replace flat roof with pitched. APPROVED.

Mr Trevena, Trehaddle Farm - convert redundant agricultural buildings. APPROVED

Mr J Ovens, Chi-Dellen, Frogpool - extension. APPROVED

Purple Cornwall Ltd, United Downs Raceway - retrospective earthworks. APPROVED

BDQ Ltd, United Downs Ind. Park - erect 7 warehouse units. APPROVED

Mr Willcocks, Pencoose Farmhouse, Burncoose - detached domestic garage. APPROVED

**REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE**

**08/057**

1. It was RESOLVED that a seat in memory of Paul Millett be placed in the children’s play area at the Playing Filed. The Clerk was instructed to source the seat from CWT at United Industrial Park, and a limit of £300 fixed for the seat, its fixing, protection and plaque was made.
2. Another seat of a similar nature was required to replace one at Frogpool Chapel which Had fallen into disrepair.It was RESOLVED to keep to the same limit.
3. The works to the disabled rails and fixing of the toilet pedestal had been carried out at the Playing Field, along with the strengthening works to the Portakabin floor.
4. A long debate took place on how to replace to Portakabin. Should we plan for a block extension to the toilet building, should it be just enough for storage and kitchen facilities or should we invest in the future with a larger hall? Perhaps another portakabin? It was decided to set the matter out in the newsletter inviting comments before we discussed it again at the next meeting.

**FOOTPATH MATTERS**

**08/058**

1. The Clerk has received a map from the County Council Countryside Access Team indicating where they felt trimming would be required in future on Gold designated paths. This followed their survey of the area as part of the PPIP (Public Path Improvement Programme). Silver paths were still being worked on and a similar exercise carried out, whilst the trimming of Bronze paths would not be funded by the County Council. The Clerk had replied to the proposals pointing out where we already incurred regular annual Gold path trimming costs yet no CCC funding was on offer, and also where they were recommending one annual cut whereas some paths needed two.
2. Because of the uncertainty and delay in agreeing the future trimming/payment structure, it was AGREED that the tendering exercise planned for 2009/10 should be put back one year when the tender documents could more accurately reflect the ongoing classifications.
3. Clear-Flow had jet blasted the ford at Trehaddle, resulting in a significant drop in the water level, and subsequently no water flowing into the lower area of Byway 24/4 which leads to Sunny Corner.

**NEWSLETTER**

**08/059**

1. The deadline for the September issue was fast approaching, and distribution was aimed at the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> September, earlier than originally planned because of several events that needed early publicity.
2. The Clerk would have to contact advertisers who had reached the end of their four insertions to see if they wanted to re-advertise.

**FINANCE**

**08/060**

1. Income had been received during the month of £181.96 from Car Boot Sales.
2. It was RESOLVED that the following cheques be signed:

CHEQUE NO.	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT(£)
100805	ClearFlow	Trehaddle Ford jetted	£246.75
100806	CCC	Disabled rails	£129.90
100807	Cornwall & Devon Media	Advert	£23.50
100808	N Kellow	building works	£75.00
100809	Greenham	toilet sundires	£80.70
100810	A Blamey	timber/printer ink	£121.56
100811	M P Chegwiddden	footpaths/grass	£1307.77
100812	Gwennap Church Hall	hire of hall	£18.00

Signed.....  
Chairman

25<sup>th</sup> September 2008