

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT CROFTHANDY VILLAGE HALL ON 23rd OCTOBER 2008

Present. Cllr I Herbert (Chairman) , Cllr K Furnish (Vice Chairman), Cllr R Snell, Cllr R Humble, Cllr M Padmore , Cllr D Squibb

Apologies County Cllr Hichens

Also present : A Blamey (Clerk), Mrs Wharton, Mr & Mrs Allard, Ms Ward, District Cllr Whiteley, PCSO J Kingston

PUBLIC CLINIC

1. Residents from the Wheal Maid area thanked Cllr Squibb for attending a recent open meeting regarding the waste transfer station at Scorrier, and for asking where the alternative idea of siting it Wheal Maid came from.
2. The Wheal Maid Action Group thanked the Council for sending a written reply to the list of questions tabled at the last meeting. They requested sight of the Council's Insurance Policy. This would be discussed by the Council in the meeting proper.
3. Mr Allard spoke of intimidating behaviour by motorcyclists towards walkers in the valley, and made reference to the damage caused to the entrance barrier that he described as a total disregard to property. He perceived that criminal activity was on the increase in the area.
4. The Action Group had received the results of the recent noise monitoring exercise carried out using Carrick equipment, and it would appear that the levels are within tolerable limits.
5. PCSO Kingston handed out copies of the police report covering activities over the past month. She also confirmed that two Section 59 warnings had been handed out to motorcyclists in the Wheal Maid Valley.
6. District Cllr Whiteley reminded the police that any incident on Carrick Council Estates/property in the Parish should be reported to Carrick as a matter of course. This has not been happening in respect of recent incidents.
7. Cllr Snell would visit Mrs Wharton to clarify the route of Footpath 43 (307/43/6) and check on the positioning of the County wooden stile.
8. The police didn't seem to have a report on the recent damage to the County Council barrier at Wheal Maid.
9. The work on the signpost island in Crofthandy was felt to be an improvement, but the kerb edge now needed to be painted white to highlight it to drivers who may think the higher stone wall was the boundary.
10. The Area Surveyor would be reminded that road markings, in particular the SLOW sign at Crofthandy, needed refreshing.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

08/072

Cllr Humble on any relevant Trehaddle traveller topic.

Cllr Padmore on anything SITA related.

PREVIOUS MINUTES.

08/ 073

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

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

08/074

1. The hole close to Davey's shaft had been investigated and found to be part of a horizontal tunnel probably serving the mine buildings.
2. The bench in memory of Wendy Gay had been erected at Crofthandy.
3. The CROFTHANDY sign on the approach road from St Day had been satisfactorily repositioned.
4. It would cost £500 per annum to sponsor a phone kiosk to keep it open for public use. Given the low usage, the Council did not feel this was good use of public money and would not therefore take the matter forward.

CASUAL VACANCY ON COUNCIL

08/075

1. Only one application had been received by the closing date, from Mr Phillip Roscorla of Frogpool. He would be invited to meet Councillors on Monday 3rd November at 7 p.m. at the Portakabin.

WHEAL MAID

08/076

1. The Steering Group met at Carrick offices on Monday 20th October. The E.A. gave a comprehensive update on where they were, and where they anticipated being during the forthcoming months.
2. An update was given of matters in the valley. No signs needed replacing this month, the Mineral Tramways had cleared the path through the valley, making bunds and ditches as agreed. The entrance barrier had been vandalised but CCC were repairing it as soon as possible.
3. The Council would seek legal advice regarding the disclosure of Insurance Policy details to the public.

CORRESPONDENCE

08/077

1. The County Council's Nature Environment Officer had written with details of their Parish Tree Warden Scheme. The next Newsletter would carry a n advert inviting applications for the (unpaid) position of Parish Tree Warden.
2. A reply had been received from the Area Surveyor to say he was not prepared to increase the number of warning bollards outside Greystones at the entrance to Trehaddle Lane.
3. The minutes of the SITA United Mines Liaison meeting of 4th September had been received.
4. The minutes of a meeting of Carharrack Parish Council held on 22nd September were noted.
5. A suggestion had been made from Cusgarne School that perhaps the pond alongside their newly acquired field could be open to anyone in the parish with an environmental interest, including the Parish Council, if they so required. Also, any direction towards grants that might be available for maintenance would be appreciated. Cllr Humble outlined to the Council the Health & Safety regulations that governed this type of situation (requirements for fencing, decking etc) – issues that ought to be addressed by the School or County Council, not the Parish Council. Regarding grants, without knowing what the grant aid was specifically for it was difficult to discuss. Further details were needed, although if it was for the maintenance of the actual pond, then the BTNC carried out this type of work and this information would be passed on.
6. SITA were creating a new group specifically for the proposed waste transfer station at Scorrier, and invited a Parish Council nomination for membership. Cllr Squibb volunteered to attend to initial meeting on 3rd November, but further details were required.
7. A letter, listing SITA's community inputs had been received. This followed a request at the last liaison meeting and would be summarised for the Newsletter.
8. The minutes of the Mining Villages meeting held on 25th September were noted.
9. A request from J. German, an Independent County Councillor, to circulate a petition against the proposed logo for the new Unitary Authority had been received but there was no interest in taking it forward.
10. Cornwall Association of Town and Parish Councils had written to notify of the 2009/10 Section 137 limit. It would be £6.15 per head of electorate.
11. A letter of thanks had been received from Cusgarne School for the Council's donation towards the Community Fete.

PLANNING

08/078

Applications received:

Appn Ref	PA12/1684/08/R
Applicant	Mr Wearne, Chyvounder, Trewelm Lane, Crofthandy
Development	erect conservatory extension to south elevation
Grid Ref	173720/42420

SUPPORT.

Appn Ref	PA12/1674/08/B
Applicant	Mr M Rowe
Development	Triplet Auction Rooms, permanent use
Grid Ref	??

SUPPORT.

Decision notices received back from District Council :

1. C Foster re Old Mill House, Point Mills, Bissoe - increased residential accom. APPROVED
2. Mr T Bray, Fernleigh, Hicks Mill - notification of withdrawal of change of use application

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

08/079

1. The new seats looked excellent but perhaps the thread on the securing bolt needed burring to prevent removal.
2. It was RESOLVED to place a new bin alongside the seat outside Frogpool Chapel.
3. It was RESOLVED that Paul Chegwiddden spray the approach paths to Gwennap Church where weed growth had been reported.
4. The Chairman had made the necessary repairs to the play equipment in the Playing Field, although he awaited Paul Chewiddden to re-fix the climbing rope.

5. The rocking pony needed repairing and the Clerk will contact the suppliers to see if this was possible.
6. Cllr Furnish would carry out further work to the new safety grill on the lower culvert entrance.
7. It was RESOLVED to carry out work to the fencing around Davey's shaft at Wheal Maid.
8. Cllr Padmore was thanked for his work on updating the website and further ideas were discussed.

PLAYING FIELD

08/080

1. The profit from the car boot sales during 2008 was £396.55, down from £643 in 2007 mainly because of the poor weather.
2. The Clerk reported on estimated prices for replacing the portakabin with another portable building and also a new block building. Following discussion, it was RESOLVED that the Council pursues the block building option. The next step would be to have initial discussions with Carrick to scope what was permissible, then to assess the likely costs of engaging a professional to convert our requirements into drawings.

FOOTPATH MATTERS

08/081

1. Footpath 34 at Hicks Mill was flooded where the mill leat had burst its banks. The Clerk had made temporary repairs to enable the path to be used again, and had notified Countryside Access, who were visiting the site immediately. They would then discuss repairs with the riparian owner of the leat.
2. Cllr Snell would look at Byway 48 from Crofthandy to Poldice Terrace, where it had been reported as overgrown.
3. Similarly, Path 46/4 at Higher Goongumpas would be looked at again, and County reminded of previous correspondence on the subject.
4. Byway 53, where it joined the Triplet – Crofthandy road was flooded again. The drain needed clearing and the Clerk would ask Highways to take a look, offering the services of Cllr Snell if they wanted.

FINANCE

08/082

1. Income had been received during the month of £13,964 precept from Carrick, £450 in burial fees, £25 advertising in the newsletter and £315.66 car boot takings.
2. It was RESOLVED that the following cheques be signed:

CHEQUE NO.	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT(£)
100820	Communicorp	annual subscription	£10.00
100821	RBL Poppy Appeal	wreath	£18.75
100822	CMVHCP	donation towards panels	£125.00
100823	P Hedges	bench repairs and fixing	£627.00
100824	Cwll Wood Treatment Services	new bench	£104.58
100825	Crofthandy Village Hall	hire for 2007	£40.00
100826	Audit Commission	audit fee	£334.88
100827	M P Chegwiddden	groundworks	£2286.51

3. It was RESOLVED that the expenditure on the Island improvements at Crofthandy totalling £792.01 net, should be approved through Section 137.

NEWSLETTER

08/083

The deadline for articles was 20th November, and Cllr Furnish asked for more articles from everyone. Renewal advertising was slow to come in and Councillors were asked to approach likely businesses to see if they would like to sign up.

CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS

08/084

Fete discussions had started for the event in 2009. The Chairman would explain to the committee that because of the timing uncertainty of the portakabin replacement, that it would not be wise to commit to having the fete at the Playing Field.

Signed.....
Chairman

27th November 2008