

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT GWENNAP CHURCH HALL ON 27th NOVEMBER 2008

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

Apologies none

Also present : A Blamey (Clerk), P Roscorla, C Roscorla, PC C Staines, PCSO P.
Woodward, Mr & Mrs Allard, Mrs J Wharton, Ms j Ward, Mrs V Stone,
District Cllr J Whiteley, County Cllr R Hichens

PUBLIC CLINIC

1. PC Staines introduced himself and also PCSO Woodward. He distributed the Police report on activity during the previous month and also explained changes to the policing area known as 'Tremough and Rural Areas'.
2. In future, the police would be holding a 'surgery' 30 minutes before the Parish Council meeting to enable local residents to speak with them privately about any problem.
3. There had been more 4x4 vehicles in the Wheal Maid Valley than normal, access being gained via the Hale Mills tunnel. The Parish Council would discuss ways of preventing this in the meeting proper.
4. A serious accident to a horse rider recently caused problems of access, and the Parish Council will ask CCC to display keyholder details alongside their barrier.
5. The footpath kissing gate leading from Goongumpas onto the tailings dam needed repairing, and the clerk would ask CCC to carry out these works.
6. It seems that organised riding school were using the tailings dams as part of their activity. The Clerk would identify local schools and write to explain it must not take place.
7. It was suggested that the Council also writes to the ACU Executive to explain the legality of riding in the valley. Cllr Furnish would give contact details to the Clerk.
8. County Cllr Hichens explained that he had a £1,000 budget to spend before the end of March and encouraged the Council to promote this to groups with deserving community activities.
9. Mrs Stone pointed out that 2009 was the Year of the Child and hoped for close co-operation between the Church and the Council in improving the lot of children locally. Cllr Squibb would be the Parish Council contact.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

08/085

Mr Phillip Roscorla was invited to sign the Declaration to become a co-opted Parish Councillor. Following the signing he joined the full Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

08/086

Cllr Padmore on anything SITA related.

PREVIOUS MINUTES.

08/ 087

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

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

08/088

1. Cllr Squibb had received an interest from a parishioner in becoming a tree warden. Following the forthcoming advert in the newsletter, all interests would be studied by the Council, and a recommendation made to Carrick.
2. Cllr Squibb had attended the SITA Scorrier Transfer Station initial meeting and would attend the next one to keep the Council abreast of developments.
3. Further thoughts were needed on how to secure recently provided benches. Branding was felt to be impractical.

WHEAL MAID

08/ 089

1. The County Council have started work to place a new grill on the County Adit shaft close to the Cornish Way.
2. Additional fencing and signage works have also been carried out on the County woodland to the west of the valley.
3. CCC has confirmed that they have insurance cover for any claim arising from use of the Cornish Way or any other public right of way. The Permissive Path Agreement includes wording to this effect.

SITA NEWS

08/090

1. The Clerk and Cllr Humble had attended the liaison meeting held on 6th November. An update of their Action Plan to take the site forward to the closure date of October 2010 was discussed, with covering material and smell still high on the agenda.
2. A complaints summary indicated that 99% came from the Carharrack area and were regarding smell.
3. The first issue of a new 'United Mines Community Newsletter' was passed around for comment. One proposal from it was to form a group to put together the history of United Mines.

CORRESPONDENCE

08/091

1. Carrick District Council had sent a reminder that the Lotteries Licence required renewal at a fee of £20. It was RESOLVED that a cheque be drawn for this amount.
2. A letter of thanks from April Millett was received, thanking the Council for the memorial seat at the playing field.
3. The minutes of the Mining Villages Regeneration Group meeting of 20th November were received and noted.
4. The County Archivist had sent a provisional dvd of the tithe map, but it was still unfinished. The completed work was anticipated for December.
5. Mr Mogford had written to seek confirmation that the Council required him to carry out the playground equipment checks during the forthcoming year. It was RESOLVED that this service continues.
6. It was RESOLVED to continue our Insurance cover with Zurich at a renewal premium of £1848.18
7. County Highways had advised of a temporary road closure during January in the Merrymeeting/Badger Hill area of Gwennap.
8. The One Cornwall October update had already been circulated to Councillors.
9. The minutes from the Carharrack Parish Council meeting of 20th October had been received.
10. The County Council had sent an update of Common Land in the Parish. The two areas were off Race Hill, Bissoe and at Crofthandy around the village hall area.
11. The notes from the Mineral Tramways meeting of 10th October had been received.
12. The Chairman had received a letter from parishioner Mr Lanyon covering several points that he would reply to. On the matter of dispensing pharmacies, the Council's response had only been in respect of those in the parish. The closing off of access points to woodland at United owned by the County Council was a decision taken by them as responsible owners of a World Heritage Site. The flooding of the byway at Crofthandy would be looked at by Cllr Snell and the Council's groundworks worker.

PLANNING

08/092

Applications received and dealt with since the last meeting:

Mrs M Coombes, 18/19 Pencantol, Frogpool - raise crown of oak tree - REFER TO CARRICK

Ms N Johns, 6 Carn View Estate, Gwennap – rear facing conservatory - SUPPORT

Mr S Corbett, land at Cusgarne - change of use of land for keeping horses - SUPPORT

Appn Ref CU12/1966/08/R

Applicant Mr Jesse Clift

Development certificate of lawfulness for use as a single dwellinghouse

Grid Ref 177010/41170

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Decision notices received back from District Council :

1. Mr & Mrs Saunders, 6 Trelawney Estate, Frogpool - new dwelling. REFUSED

2. Mr M Pascoe, Tolgullow Vean - barn conversion. APPROVED

Cllr Humble had sought information to clarify the current position of the land at Pulla Hill containing several caravans. The Clerk had also obtained confirmation from Carrick that the next steps were being discussed by their legal team. We would be notified when they had made their decision known to the owner, a Ms Ryder.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

08/093

1. It was RESOLVED that Mr Hedges erects the new litter bin at the Chapel crossroads.
2. It was also RESOLVED that Paul Chegwiddden repairs the gatepost at the playing field.
3. The Clerk was instructed to replace the garage lock at the playing field as no one seemed to have a key to the current one.
4. Cllr Squibb had reported to Carrick the drainage problems on the green at Carn View. She had done this as a resident, not as a Councillor.
5. The playhouse in the children's play area of the playing field needed new floor surface as it was very slippery.

PLAYING FIELD

08/094

1. The Chairman had prepared some outline sketches and scaled plans of what might replace the portakabin. It would enable the Clerk to discuss possibilities with Carrick officers, but was very much a work in progress, and other ideas of the internal detail of the building were sought for future discussions.

FOOTPATH MATTERS

08/095

Cllr Furnish declared a non-prejudicial interest in matters relating to the footpath at Hale Mills.

1. The recently erected footpath sign on footpath 307/32/1 had been repositioned. It had previously been placed in the wrong position.
2. Councillors would visit Hale Mills to assess what could be done to prevent 4x4 access to the valley via the footpath. The Clerk would also write to the Countryside Access team to ask for a downgrading of the tunnel byway to a footpath.
3. Footpath 46/7 at Hale Mills was also an access point for motorcycles and a stile would be helpful as a deterrent.
4. Footpath 46/4 at Higher Goongumpas had been downgraded by Countryside Access from gold to bronze, meaning they were not prepared to invest any funding in improving the path.
5. Cllr Snell would meet with Paul Chegwidden to show him which parts of path 48 needed flail trimming.
6. 'Path Closed' signs still remained at Crowsmennegus several months on from the path being re-opened. The Clerk would inform CCC.
7. Path 43, from Lower Goongumpas to Crofthandy Hill had become overgrown and impassable for several years. Cllr Snell had visited the site and would liaise with Paul Chegwidden regarding what might be done, although care was required as an unfenced shaft was close by, and the Council did not want to encourage walkers to this danger spot.

FINANCE

08/096

1. Income had been received in the last month in respect of : VAT rebate £1,529 : Burial a/c £310 ; Newsletter advert £42
2. It was RESOLVED that the following cheques be signed:

CHEQUE NO.	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT(£)
100828	HSBC Invoice Finance	rubbish bin	£78.49
100829	Zurich Insurance	annual premium	£1848.18
100830	Carrick D. Council	lotteries licence	£20.00
100831	M P Chegwidden	groundworks	£1278.40
100832	L Moody	cleaning/litter	£237.76
100833	K Furnish	newsletter printing	£541.20
100834	Gwennap Church Hall	hire of hall	£18.00

Cllr Furnish took no part in the cheque signing.

Signed.....
Chairman

18th December 2008