

# Gwennap Parish Council

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT FROGPOOL CHAPEL ROOMS ON 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2008

Present. Cllr I Herbert (Chairman), Cllr R Snell, Cllr R Humble, Cllr M Padmore, Cllr D Squibb, Cllr P Roscorla

Apologies District Cllr Whiteley, Cllr Furnish

Also present : PCSO Woodward, PC Staines

### **PUBLIC CLINIC**

1. The Police held their first 'surgery' half an hour before the meeting commenced, giving parishioners the opportunity to raise items on an individual basis. Three parishioners took advantage of the service and the police were very pleased with the evening.
2. PC Staines then gave a report of police activity since the last meeting. Of 439 call received by their enquiry centre, 23 had come from our parish, but none regarding Wheal Maid biking problems.
3. On that subject, PC Staines spoke of a police operation on 7<sup>th</sup> December when no bikers appeared at all. He was pleased with the organisation of the day and would not rule out it being repeated in the future. Mountain bikers in the valley felt the motorbike presence had reduced in recent months.
4. The police would be liaising with Cusgarne school regarding perceived speeding. They would also be working with County Highways to see if improvements to signage could be made. They would also be addressing speeding on the main route through the village.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**08/097**

Cllr Padmore on anything SITA related.

Cllr Humble on anything related to the caravans at Pulla Bridge.

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES.**

**08/098**

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

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

**08/099**

1. Any claim on County Cllr Hichen's £1,000 money by the Historic Churchyards group was felt to be inappropriate as the proposed projects were both outside our parish.
2. The Chairman had replied to queries raised by a parishioner, and also met and resolved flooding/drainage problems with him.

### **WHEAL MAID**

**08/100**

1. During the routine monthly visual check on the valley and tailings dams, the Clerk had replaced three warning signs.
2. CCC are to liaise with the emergency services regarding access to the valley. They are not in favour of putting a telephone number on the barrier as there is no out of hours immediate response person.
3. CCC are against putting a stile on path 46/7 to prevent motorcycle use. They have a policy of reducing limitations for legitimate users.
4. With the exception of the fencing at the granite pillars, all other CCC initiatives to reduce access via their land seemed to be effective.
5. A response had been received from CCC regarding the possible downgrading of the byway through Hale Mills tunnel. This was felt to be encouraging and it was RESOLVED to wait for the outcome and then place a lockable post at the entrance to the tunnel, preventing vehicular access to the valley, but possibly giving key access to any resident who had a right of passage.
6. The Clerk had yet to receive a copy of the Carrick noise monitoring report from the Wheal Maid Action Group.

## **PLANNING**

### **08/101**

1. Only two applications had been received for comment, in respect of Ms Chynoweth at Sparry Lane, Carharrack who was applying for a certificate of lawful use / development. This was for 'Information Only', and the Parish Council need only comment if they had knowledge of the site over the past ten or more years. No one did.
2. The other plan was for an amendment to the already approved replacement dwelling at Montana, Coombe Hill, where the applicant, Mr Hambly wanted to amend the design. This was supported by the Council.
3. A decision notice had been received back from Carrick, refusing Mr Darlington of Coombe Lane permission to fix a particular type of tile to his barn conversion.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **08/102**

1. CCC Environment & Heritage will be answering outstanding funding questions at the next meeting of the Mineral Tramways Project on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2009.
2. The County Council had cancelled their temporary road closure proposal for the Badger Hill area.
3. The Minutes from the Mining Villages Historic Churchyards Group meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> December were noted.
4. Advance notice of Mining Villages Festival for 2009 had been given by the co-ordinator.
5. The minutes of Carharrack Parish Council's meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> November had been received.
6. An update from the Boundary Commission's Electoral Review still grouped Gwennap with Carharrack and Stithians, despite St Day, Carharrack and ourselves requesting that we should be the three to be linked, given our history. Even Stithians had suggested they be attached to Lanner as it made more sense. The Clerk will convey this message again to the Commission.
7. Carrick Housing had sent posters to be put on notice boards offering advice to those who might be going through the County Court Repossession stages.
8. A request for funding towards travel costs had been received from the Cornwall Blind Association. As the Council had a policy of only supporting grant applications from within the parish, this was rejected.
9. Carrick Housing had reported that their attempts to secure land for Affordable Housing in the Parish had failed, despite recent negotiations.
10. Carrick had sent confirmation of our renewed license under the small lottery registration scheme.
11. An updated quarterly inspection of the play equipment in the playing field had been received from Tony Mogford Associates. The Clerk and Chairman would look into the comments.
12. We were required to adopt updated Freedom of Information changes as sent by the Information Commissioner's Office. The Clerk had revised our document and it was RESOLVED to adopt the Publication Scheme.

## **REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE**

### **08/103**

1. The new litter bin had been erected at the Chapel crossroads, an account was outstanding for the works.
2. It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council purchases a generator. Several jobs needed power in remote areas and rather than pay a third party for the work, we could do it ourselves if we had the right equipment.
3. The Parish Noticeboards needed a coat of protective varnish. The Clerk would ask Paul Chegwidden to carry out this work.

## **PLAYING FIELD**

### **08/104**

1. The Clerk had sent the detailed information to Carrick regarding the Portakabin replacement and had received confirmation that the paperwork was being passed to a Planning Officer, who would be in touch shortly.
2. The garage lock and an internal lock had been replaced in the toilet block. An account had not yet been received for the works carried out.

## **TREE WARDENS**

### **08/105**

Three individuals had put their names forward as being interested in becoming the Parish's Tree Wardens. The Clerk had confirmed with CCC that it was fine to have three, but the Parish would need to ensure there was no duplication in their efforts. Information Packs and training would be available free of charge via the County Council. It was RESOLVED that all three be recommended to the County Council, and that following receipt of their starter packs, the Clerk calls a meeting to ensure each knew what was expected of them.

## **FOOTPATH MATTERS**

### **08/106**

1. The Clerk and Chairman signed the claim form to obtain reimbursement from the County for monies spent in 2008/09. Whilst our current spend was in the region of £3,000, we would only receive a maximum of £1,990 back under the County's scheme which reimbursed a set amount per footpath metre length.

2. The overgrown footpath 43 at Wheal Maid was difficult to trace. It was agreed that the Clerk, Paul Chegwidden and Cllr Snell try from the valley end of the path to establish the route.
3. Byway 48 needed hand trimming before flailing could take place, probably next year.
4. A visit to the Crofthandy area was needed to look at problems on paths 52 and 49. This would take place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00 a.m.
5. Path 44 at Wheal Maid needed to be looked at regularly in future as it had become very muddy recently through local activity.
6. The Clerk would chase up the Countryside Access section regarding the Hicks Mill – Chycoose path, where the leat had burst it's banks a few months ago, and although action had been promised, little had happened. Horses were also churning up the surface despite the 'No Horses' signs. This was thought to be a temporary problem whilst the bridge work at Hicks Mill continued to close the road.

**FINANCE**

**08/107**

1. Income had been received in the last month of £45 burial account and £42 newsletter advert.
2. It was RESOLVED that the following cheques be signed:

CHEQUE	PAYEE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
100835	A Blamey	salary/expenses to Dec '08	£1598.57
100836	HM Customs and Excise	income tax	£290.23
100837	Cornwall County Council	P.Field grass cutting	£599.25
100838	M P Chegwidden	footpath trimming & grass	£1949.25

3. The Clerk tabled details of previous years' spend patterns to enable a discussion on the Precept requirements for 2009/10. In view of our likely large capital spend on the portakabin replacement it was not considered possible to cut the precept significantly, but some reduction was felt necessary in view of the current financial climate, so a 3% reduction was RESOLVED for a precept of £27,090. The precept had remained at the same level for four years previously.

Signed.....  
Chairman

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009