

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT CROFTHANDY VILLAGE HALL ON 22nd JANUARY 2009

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

Apologies The Police, District Cllr Whiteley

Also present : Mr A Raeburn, Mr J Datson, Mrs Datson, Mr K Datson, Mrs J Wharton, Ms J Ward, County Cllr R Hichens

PUBLIC CLINIC

1. Mr J Datson addressed the Council in respect of his planning application to be considered later in the meeting. He would stay and be prepared to answer any questions that Councillors had.
2. Mrs Wharton and Ms Ward spoke about the potholes that had appeared in the section of byway from the Chapel in. The Parish Council did not feel that anything further could be done, but Cllr Hichens would look into a letter that Ms Ward would give him, where the County had promised to do something to the surface in 2008. No one could recollect this offer.
3. Poor parking in the same stretch of byway was not a problem for the Parish Council to deliberate, but the police should intervene if emergency services could not get through.
4. Apparently the Parish Council's minutes were appearing on a biking website and had been amended to highlight matters raised by members of the Wheal Maid Action Group. The Clerk would check the legality of this.
5. Mrs Wharton felt that the warning signs in the valley were not being replaced fast enough to warn people about the contaminated ground. After discussion, it was felt that the once a month replacement by the Clerk was as much as was feasible, although Cllr Furnish offered to replace some whenever he was able. The thought of a more permanent sign would be raised with Carrick when we next met.
6. The Police Clinic was not held as they could not attend. This was a disappointment to those that had turned up in the inclement weather and waited in vain. Despite the Council displaying notices regarding the cancellation of the clinic, it was impossible to draw it to the attention of every resident.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

08/108

Cllr Padmore on anything SITA related.

Cllr Humble on anything related to the caravans at Pulla Bridge and Trehaddle Farm planning.

PREVIOUS MINUTES.

08/ 109

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

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

08/110

1. The police had carried out a speed-gun exercise at Frogpool Chapel crossroads, the results were not yet known.
2. Cllr Hichens mentioned that if Perranarworthal did not take up their £1k of his budget, then Mylor and Gwennap schemes would benefit by £1.5k and not the current £1k.

WHEAL MAID

08/ 111

1. The Clerk had replaced seven notices during his monthly inspection of the site all "keep out, contaminated land" type.
2. URS had been in the valley carrying out their sampling consultancy work for the E.A.
3. The Mineral Tramways Steering Group had agreed to improve the fencing around Davey's Shaft.
4. The Clerk will meet with a local resident whose land had recently been flooded by the river running through the valley. He would explain the boundaries of our ownership, as the problem had occurred on land not belonging to the Council.

PLANNING

08/112

Planning Applications received since last meeting and dealt with by sub committee :

1. Mr Stephen, Granston Cottage, Coombe Hill - extension SUPPORT

2. Mr M Hussey, Pengreep, Ponsanooth - stable barn to dwelling SUPPORT
3. Cornish Concrete Products, Bissoe - gantry extension and changes to bar bending shop SUPPORT
4. Mrs Nile, Highland Farm, United - barn conversion SUPPORT

New planning applications for discussion.

Appn Ref OP12/0015/09/R
 Applicant Mr J Datson
 Development dwelling on land at the Wood Yard, Point Mills, Bissoe
 Grid Ref 176790/41380
 SUPPORT.

Appn Ref PA12/2252/08/R
 Applicant Mrs B Richards, The Brook, Crofthandy
 Development bedroom extension
 Grid Ref 173758/42040
 SUPPORT

Decision notices received back from District Council :

1. M Rowe, Truro Auction Centre, Triplet - permanent use. APPROVED
2. Mrs M Coombes, 18 Pencantol, Frogpool - raise crown of oak tree. APPROVED
3. Mrs N Johns, 6 Carn View Estate, Gwennap - conservatory. APPROVED.
4. Mr S Corbett re. Land at Cusgarne for keeping of horses. APPROVED.
5. Certificate of Lawfulness re Clift, Hicks Mill, Bissoe. AGREED LAWFUL.

CORRESPONDENCE

08/113

1. The minutes of Carharrack Parish Council's meeting of 15th December had been received.
1. The minutes of the Mining Villages Regeneration meeting held on 15th January were noted.
2. The Area Surveyor had confirmed action would be taken to remove debris from the footway below Cusgarne School.
4. The County Regional Engineer had provided details of our contact points following a reorganisation of the Highway Service. In future, our first point of contact will be Area Highway Manager Andy Bartle at Scorrier.
5. It was RESOLVED to renew the Open Spaces Society annual subscription at a cost of £40
6. The agenda and papers for the Mineral Tramways Steering Group held on 16th January had been received. The Clerk would contact Gary Jago to draw his attention to the state of Taylors chimney. If it collapsed, it would cause damage to the remainder of the structure.
7. Following parish comments regarding the highway drainage at the entrance to Trewelm Estate, the Area Manager had written to say that he was satisfied with the existing arrangement.
8. He also noted our requests for renewal of white lining at various parish points, including Crofthandy and Pulla Cross.
9. The County Cleaning and Grounds Service had provided a quote of £510 + vat for the mowing of the Playing Field for 2009. This was exactly the same as 2008. It was RESOLVED to accept this.
10. It was RESOLVED to pay the £35 fee for Data Protection renewal to the Information Commissioner.
11. Independent Members were required for the Police Authority and posters had been placed on notice boards.
12. Carharrack Parish Council had sent a copy of their letter regarding Electoral Review. This was felt to mirror our opinion of one ward consisting of Gwennap, Carharrack and St Day, leaving Lanner with Stithians. This was also the view of Stithians and St Day.
13. The County Council had written to several parishes to seek out their views following the suggestion by Cllr Kaczmarek that two Councillors could represent a larger ward including Lanner with the three of us. If we felt a meeting of all parishes was necessary it would be arranged, but failing that confirmation of our position was requested. The Clerk would reply to confirm our view remained unchanged.
14. A seminar for Wheal Maid Stakeholders would be held at Carrick on Tuesday 10th March at 2p.m. They would receive an overview from the E.A. and a discussion of remediation options.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

08/114

1. The Playing Field gatepost had been replaced and was now functioning normally.
2. Three floodlights required replacing at the playing field. The Clerk and Chairman had dismantled the old ones and would fit the replacements along with new wiring if approved. It was RESOLVED to purchase new lights at approximately £110 each.
3. The Clerk and Chairman had repaired "Patch the Pony".

PLAYING FIELD

08/115

1. Carrick required a conceptual sketch of our proposals to replace the portakabin. The Clerk was instructed to commission this at no greater cost than £1,000, although it was anticipated it would be less than this. Initially, the Clive Buckingham Practice would be approached.

TREE WARDENS

08/116

The Clerk had called a meeting with the three new Tree Wardens and a fruitful discussion of how the roles would be taken forward was held. The Clerk would obtain details of neighbouring tree wardens, provide parish maps and get a list confirming what Tree Preservation Orders were currently in place.

The wardens would provide an article for the next Newsletter introducing themselves and outlining how they may be able to help.

If it was necessary for wardens to travel to training events, the Council were prepared to consider payment of travel costs.

ALLOTMENTS

08/117

Following our newsletter article asking whether any parishioners would be interested in having an allotment if the Parish Council obtained land for such a purpose, only four replies of interest had been received.

At least six were required before a Council is obliged to look into the matter further and possibly acquiring land by compulsory purchase therefore no further action was to be taken.

However, a local resident had recently signed up to Channel 4's 'Landshare Scheme' and was prepared to accommodate the four applicants if the Council passed details on. It was agreed this could be a good solution.

FOOTPATH MATTERS

08/118

1. Following a site inspection on Footpath 52 from Trewelm to Poldice Lane, it was not felt appropriate that the Council should provide aggregate for the benefit of one parishioner. The cause of the problem was water running off the surface of the byway through Trewelm Estate, and with no functioning residents association to approach to clear the storm drains, the problem was not for the Parish Council to resolve, although a request had been made to both Highways and the Countryside Access team to see if they would clear the drains (they were not really responsible, but it was worth asking). The Clerk would write explaining this to the complainant.
2. The potholing of Byway 49 at Poldice Lane was also looked at, and it was decided to pass the matter on to the Countryside Access Team who were responsible for health and safety issues on lane surfaces. A reply had been received back to say that they did not feel the problem warranted their expenditure as they were no worse than many other lanes with potholes. The Clerk would write to the resident explaining this.
3. The Clerk would point out to the Access Team that the stone bridge across the leat at Hicks Mill had a hole in it large enough to take a child's foot.

FINANCE

08/119

1. Income had been received in the last month of £650 all regarding burials.

2. It was RESOLVED that the following cheques be signed:

CHEQUE	PAYEE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
100839	South West Water	cemetery water bill	£3.58
100840	Information Commissioner	data protection fee	£35.00
100841	Open Spaces Society	annual subscription	£40.00
100842	P Hedges	repairs and bin fitting	£142.50
100843	M P Chegwidden	footpath and grass trimming	£1,382.30
100844	L Moody	cleaning/litter	£204.33
100845	Friends of Cusgarne School	replacement cheque	£30.00

OTHER MATTERS.

08/120

1. The deadline for the next Newsletter was agreed as 15th March, with delivery to the Council on 26th March.
2. The International Year of the Child was being organised by the Church with Cllr Squibb providing input on behalf of the Parish Council.

Signed.....
Chairman

26th February 2009