

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT GWENNAP CHURCH HALL ON 26th FEBRUARY 2009

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

Apologies The Police, District Cllr Whiteley

Also present : Mr & Mrs Allard, Ms J Ward

PUBLIC CLINIC

1. The Clerk distributed the Police report which showed decreasing levels of reported crime compared with previous periods. Unfortunately, they could not be present, but hoped to hold their 6.30 p.m. clinic before the next meeting at Frogpool Chapel.
2. Ms Ward had been in contact with the County Council regarding the poor state of Chapel Lane, Crofthandy, but there was no funding available to make repairs. An elderly resident had filled in potholes recently.
3. The Clerk was asked to write to Highways regarding the road surfaces in several locations. Attention was needed urgently to prevent accidents occurring as was renewal of white lining at important junctions.
4. Residents of the Goongumpas area spoke of a loss of confidence in the Police, from whom they perceived little or no support. They felt their property and their families were at risk from criminal damage as a result of their names appearing on biking websites, implicating them because of their complaints regarding the illegal use of the Wheal Maid area by motorcycles. They regarded the situation as serious.
5. Mr Allard agreed to send a copy of the Food Standards Agency report to the Clerk. Apparently, it warned against eating produce from the garden. It would be shared with the Environment Agency at a forthcoming meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

08/121

Cllr Padmore on anything SITA related.

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

PREVIOUS MINUTES.

08/122

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

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

08/123

nil.

WHEAL MAID

08/124

1. The Clerk had replace three signs in the valley since the last meeting.
2. Councillors were reminded of the forthcoming EA meeting at Carrick on 10th March at 2p.m.

PLANNING

08/125

New planning applications for discussion.

Appn Ref PA12/0112/09/R
Applicant Mr D Datson, Riverside, Point Mills, Bissoe
Development demolish and replace garage/workshop
Grid Ref 176910/41320
SUPPORT.

Appn Ref PA12/0092/09/B
Applicant Mr S French, Glen View Farm, Gwennap
Development conversion of redundant agric. Building, replacement store
Grid Ref 174450/39530
SUPPORT

Appn Ref PA12/0139/09/R
Applicant Miss Andrew & Mr Clack, Chelston, Coldwind Cross
Development alterations and extension to dwelling
Grid Ref 177090/40600
SUPPORT

Decision notices received back from District Council :

1. Mrs Nile, Highland Farm, United - barn conversion. APPROVED.
2. Mrs G Anthony, Magpies Cottage, Goongumpas - convert garage to annex. APPROVED.
3. Mr Hambly, Montana, Coombe Hill - replacement dwelling. APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE

08/126

1. Cornwall County Council had sent a CD of the 2008 Annual Minerals and Waste Monitoring Report
2. North Cornwall D.C. appeared to be leading on Planning for the new Authority and had sent proposed changes to the Publicity of Planning Applications
3. The Minutes of Carharrack Parish Council meeting of 19th January 2009 had been received.
4. CCC were looking for volunteers to sit on the Cornwall Countryside Access Forum.
5. A list from Carrick detailed the collection of funds linked to Planning Section 106 Agreements.
6. The Information Commissioners Office had confirmed our Data Protection Act renewal.
7. Mineral Tramways Partnership draft notes from meeting held on 16th January 2009 had been received.
8. Copies of Carrick's Over 50's Forum Newsletter were distributed to Councillors.
9. Devon & Cwll Police Authority informed us that their Carrick Liaison Meeting would be held on 4th March.
10. CCC had sent details of a temporary road closure at Cox Hill, Chacewater, the main route from Crofthandy.
11. Tony Mogford Associates had sent their recent safety inspection report on equipment at the Playing Field.
12. Carrick had sent a reminder of the forthcoming Stakeholder seminar to be held on 10th March
13. United Mines Liaison Group minutes of meeting held 8th January 2009 were received.
14. Crofthandy Village Hall Committee had written for support and advice in their efforts to replace the existing village hall. It was RESOLVED to pass on any information received regarding potential grants, but the Parish Council were not in a position to offer financial assistance.
15. Nina Cooper had written to thank the Parish Council and Cllr Hichens for the £1,000 secured for the school pond works.
16. The Clerk tabled proposed dates and venues for meetings in the next year. Following a discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Humble and unanimously agreed not to use the Crofthandy Village Hall in future as it was felt to fall below the standards required for meetings open to the public.
17. A Letter from our Chairman, Irvin Herbert announced his intention to retire from the Council following our May meeting. Cllr Furnish proposed a vote of thanks for the way the Chairman had conducted meetings during difficult times, and his contributions would be sorely missed.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

08/127

1. The Chairman, Clerk and Cllr Padmore had installed the replacement floodlights at the Playing Field.
2. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk obtains a new First Aid box for the portakabin and also has the electric appliances tested before the Car Boots season commenced.
3. The water overflow from the toilet block was leaking. The Chairman offered to replace the ballcock, but needed the stop-tap located first.
4. Cllr Furnish spoke of the high standard of workmanship in the shaft capping/fencing in the Cusvey area carried out by the Mineral Tramways Partnership.
5. The new generator needed a chain and lock to attach it to a nearby structure as a safety measure.

FOOTPATHS

08/128

1. Footpath 29 at Trevince was flooded and impassable. SITA, the EA and CCC were actively working on a solution.
2. Countryside Access confirmed they would attend to the flooding on path 53 on the Crofthandy to Triplet road in April/May, when new funds were available.

FINANCE

08/129

1. Income had been received in the last month of £310 regarding burials and £1990 from CCC for footpath reimbursement.

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

CHEQUE	PAYEE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
100846	Lightnation	new floodlights	£369.15
100847	Brewers Business Solutions	stationery/ink	£87.63
100848	Tony Mogford Associates	safety inspections	£103.50
100849	I Herbert	generator & petrol	£244.88
100850	M P Chegwiddden	footpaths & other works	£1,082.15
100851	Gwennap Church Hall	hire of hall	£18.00

PORTAKABIN REPLACEMENT.

08/130

The Clerk tabled draft plans for the extension of the toilet block with another block construction to replace the portakabin. Following considerable debate, it was RESOLVED that the architect liases with Carrick planning to obtain planning permission. He would also be asked to seek approximate costings to ensure we were working within our budget.

OTHER MATTERS.

08/131

The Chairman asked whether any other Councillors wanted to attend the opening of sheltered elderly accommodation at St Day. As there was no interest, he would attend himself.

Signed.....
Chairman

26th March 2009