

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT FROGPOOL CHAPEL ROOMS ON 26th MARCH 2009

Present.	Cllr I Herbert (Chairman) ,Cllr R Snell, Cllr R Humble, Cllr M Padmore, Cllr K Furnish, Cllr P Roscorla
Apologies	District Cllr Whiteley, Cllr Squibb
Also present :	County Councillor R Hitchens, A Reburn, J Bawden, Mrs J Wharton, Ms J Ward, PC Staines, PCSO Woodward

PUBLIC CLINIC

1. The Public Clinic was held in the earlier Annual Parish Meeting. The Police gave their monthly report of local crime statistics and it was reported that part of the stile at Wheal Maid had been removed which the Clerk would report to the County Council.
2. It was noted that the Police had held their Clinic half an hour before this meeting with one member of the public attending.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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Cllr Padmore on anything SITA related.

Cllr Humble on anything related to the caravans at Pulla Bridge or the Trehaddle Farm development.

PREVIOUS MINUTES.

08/ 133

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

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

08/134

1. The Chairman had attended the opening of sheltered elderly accommodation at St Day.
2. The Clerk and Chairman had fixed the water overflow leak at the Playing Field.
3. The Clerk had secured the generator with chain and a padlock.

WHEAL MAID

08/135

1. The Clerk had replace seven signs in the valley since the last meeting.
2. The Council had met with the Environment Agency and Carrick & County to discuss the remediation proposals for the valley. Unfortunately, the E.A. required a further period of time before making firm proposals. Initial thoughts were discussed but were only at a draft stage. They were in the valley this week, surveying for flood risk.

PLANNING

08/136

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

1. Mr M Smith, Robins Hill, Gwennap - proposed double garage SUPPORT.
2. Mr R Lord, land to west of Wheal Clifford Farm - agricultural building SUPPORT.
3. Mr G Beconsall, Unit 19/20 United Downs Ind Park - motor auction building & parking SUPPORT
4. Mr Morson, Pengreep Cottage, Ponsanooth - proposed single storey extension to rear SUPPORT

If Carrick (or Cornwall Council from 1st April) agreed to meet with Ms Ryder from Bal Maiden, Trehaddle, the Parish Council felt it should be represented to ensure an accurate position was heard. It was believed that Ms Ryder was requesting a meeting following the enforcement notice served on her.

CORRESPONDENCE

08/137

1. CCC Highways had replied to the effect that they would take a look at the various road surfaces reported.
2. CCC Highways confirmed that they would clear the river grill where it went under the road at Crofthandy before entering the Wheal Maid Valley.
3. Carrick had sent a consultation questionnaire on taxi provision in Cornwall but it was felt to be more applicable to Town Councils.

4. CCC Design Services informed the Council of works in the summer at Twelveheads Bridge that would cause disruption. The bridge is slightly out of our Parish, but will certainly affect our residents.
- 5 The Minutes of Carharrack Parish Council meeting held on 23rd February 2009 were noted.
6. The Minutes if the Mining Villages Regeneration meeting held on 19th March 2009 were noted.
7. Our annual subscription to the Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC) was due. It was RESOLVED to renew this.
8. Kerrier D.C. had sent a copy of their Area Action Plan for Camborne, Pool, Illogan and Redruth, inviting any comments.
9. A copy of the Cornwall Countryside Access Strategy had been received and would be passed around by Councillors.
10. Our investment bond with HSBC was due for renewal on 2nd April. Although there was little interest available on any Bank accounts at present, it was RESOLVED to renew the Bond for a further three months.
11. The cost of replacement swing seats would be £127 each. It was RESOLVED that we proceed with this work.
12. The Audit Commission had given the Parish Council the date of 22nd May for the return of the annual accounts. The Clerk would present them to the April meeting for ratification and signature.
13. It was noted that the Cornwall Council elections were to be held on 4th June 2009, along with the European Elections. The Parish Council were dismayed to realise that all the consultation on boundary reviews and potential changes had been ignored, and that the elections would be based on Gwennap being grouped with Carharrack and Stithians. It would be 2013 before any change could be implemented – this was also the date of the next Parish Council elections.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

08/138

1. It was RESOLVED that Paul Chegwidden carry out the maintenance/repairs in the playing field to meet health and safety requirements.
2. It was RESOLVED to pay for new anti-virus software for the Clerk's computer, and to settle the account for three call-outs during the past year to solve problems.
3. It was RESOLVED to pay the £127 per seat for the two child swings in the playing field.

FOOTPATHS

08/139

1. The Clerk outlined the significance of the Footpath maintenance offer from the County Council. The offer was for a total of £1,452 against the 08/09 total received of £1,991 and our actual amount expended which exceeded £4,500. The reason for the CCC drop is their new system of funding path cutting. Paths are graded Gold, Silver or Bronze – Bronze paths now receive no funding at all whilst the County pays 10p per required cutting metre for Gold paths and 4p per metre for the total distance of Silver paths, far from what is actually needed to pay for the trimming.

The Clerk had complained to County about this, and would prepare alternative schedules prior to a meeting with the Access Team to review in detail the offer.

Irrespective of the outcome, it was agreed that the Council needed to examine ways of reducing its own total spend, especially in a year that could see major expenditure on the new Parish Rooms. Some paths may only receive a trim every other year, especially those wider Byways.

2. Cllr Snell would like to be present when path 53 at Crofthandy was visited by County. The Clerk would request this.
3. Path 43, which ran along the western base of the top tailings dam at Wheal Maid had been overgrown for many years. An idea of the likely cost of re-opening it would be required before the Council committed itself to carrying out the work, especially as there was an adequate alternative along the eastern base of the same dam wall. It was important that the link provided by such a path continued, as it connected the north and south sides of the valley.

FINANCE

08/140

1. Income had been received in the last month of £370 regarding burials and £7 for an advert in the newsletter.
2. The mandate of specimen signatures was signed by all Councillors to include Cllr Roscorla as a signatory.
3. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Squib be reimbursed £10 in respect of prizes purchased for a youth club evening at Gwennap.
4. It was RESOLVED that the following cheques be signed:

CHEQUE	PAYEE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
100852	N Webb	electrical testing	£50.00
100853	HM Revenue & Customs	income tax	£290.23
100854	A Blamey	salary/expenses	£1827.52
100855	CALC	annual subscription	£332.13
100856	Carrick D.C.	dog bin emptying	£217.67

100857	Premier-PC	computer software/repairs	£87.40
100858	M P Chegwiddden	grass/footpaths/other works	£1426.50
100859	K Furnish	newsletter printing	£533.00
100860	L Moody	cleaning/litter	£193.18

PORTAKABIN REPLACEMENT.

08/141

The Clerk tabled plans that included slight amendments from the earlier version for the new Parish Rooms. These were agreed, and it was RESOLVED that the designer applies for full planning permission on our behalf.

If it became necessary to make payments for surveys or for planning fees, then it was RESOLVED that the Clerk obtain cheque signatories between our monthly meetings.

OTHER MATTERS.

08/142

1. An area of ground along from the chapel at Frogpool was thought to be the subject of development in the near future. It had been refused back in 1992 on access grounds, but had recently been surveyed by interested contractors. There could be problems of travellers moving on to the site if the access was created before planning had been approved and the Clerk would point this out to the last known owner of the land.
2. It was agreed that the Clerk obtain name badges for each Councillor and himself to make identification easier when attending meetings.

Signed.....
Chairman

23rd April 2009