

# Gwennap Parish Council

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT FROGPOOL CHAPEL ROOMS ON 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2009

Present. Cllr R Humble (Acting Chairman), Cllr M Padmore, Cllr P Roscorla,  
Cllr R Snell

Apologies Cllr Furnish, Cllr Squibb, C.Cllr N Plummer

Also present : Mr Reburn, Mr Bawden, Mrs Wharton, Ms Ward

### **PUBLIC CLINIC**

1. PC Staines gave his report on activity in the Parish since the last meeting. Twenty seven calls were made to the police desk relating to Gwennap, two of which were reported crimes, a decrease from a similar period last year. He had spoken to mountain bikers who were digging in the Wheal Maid tailings dam, warning them of the health hazards. The police neighbourhood website is now linked to the Parish Council website and it was agreed our website would reciprocate.
2. Mrs Wharton asked if there had been any progress on the downgrading of the Hale Mills byway. The Clerk replied that although the matter was in hand, he was still waiting for Countryside Access to reply on progress.
3. Mrs Wharton reported that the netting under the bridge across the Cornish Way seemed to have a large piece of debris in it, a change from previous months. This would be raised at the next Mineral Tramways meeting.
4. The Clerk explained that the reason the Parish Council did not replace signs on boards alongside the westerly tailings dam was because the Environment Agency's report only highlighted a potential human health risk at the lower tailings dam. There was no risk to human health from the westerly dam, and to erect signs to the contrary was misleading. Mrs Wharton asked that this be recorded in the minutes.
5. Mrs Wharton asked questions regarding the reasons Cllr Furnish now declared a personal interest on Wheal Maid issues. Cllr Roscorla felt that this was personal and inappropriate, and the Chairman agreed, moving on to other business.
6. A card of congratulations had been sent from the Council to Councillor Squibb on the birth of baby Kit. She would hopefully be fit to return next month.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

#### **09/038**

Cllr Padmore declared a personal interest on anything SITA related and Item 14 (ii) on the agenda.

Cllr Humble declared a personal interest on anything related to the caravans at Pulla Bridge.

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES.**

#### **09/039**

It was RESOLVED that the previous minutes be signed as a correct record of events, following one amendment to the attendance record.

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

#### **09/040**

1. The Clerk had placed notices on the boards inviting those interested in co-option on to the Council to contact him. The closing date still had a week to run.

### **WHEAL MAID**

#### **09/041**

1. The Clerk had repaired and refixed a sign board, replacing two signs since the previous month.
2. The Clerk had met on site with three representatives from Cornwall Council. They were carrying out a Condition Monitoring visit, checking to see if reinstatement conditions placed on planning permissions granted to the mining company, and then transferred to the Parish Council, had been carried out. This was tied into the £4,000 passed over to the Parish Council by the mining company on purchase.  
The officers identified one main area, that of the old quarry, where planting was needed and also a small piece of ground to the east of the valley. They accepted that until the E.A. report was forthcoming, it would be unwise to do anything and would put something in writing to confirm their findings. They were very encouraged by the amount of growth taking place naturally, especially heathers and budlias.

3. The Clerk had written to the Environment Agency to ascertain why there could be a delay in the August deadline for reporting back on the proposals to deal with the contamination. No reply had been received as yet.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**09/042**

1. The Minutes of Carharrack Parish Council's meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June were noted.
2. A note of thanks had been received from Mr Datson for the support shown by the Council in his recent successful planning application.
4. Cornwall Council had sent a listing of all Section 106 Agreements attached to planning permissions in our Parish.
5. Cornwall Council had confirmed that we could go ahead and co-opt a new Councillor.
6. The SITA Trust had written to explain that our grant application would not now be discussed in July as they were not meeting until October in an effort to reduce costs. This was extremely disappointing news, but it was outside our control.
7. The Cornwall Archivist had sent the CDROM of the Tithe Map along with details of how the public could purchase copies.
8. Cornwall Highways had written with notifications of temporary road closures at Twelveheads Bridge, Church Street Carharrack and the road from Pulla Cross to Trewedna Lane.
9. The notes of a meeting of the Cornwall Council Planning Liaison Group held on 20<sup>th</sup> May were received and noted.
10. A copy of the report by Cornwall Wildlife Trust on the pond at Cusgarne School had been sent for our information.
11. Cornwall Council Building Control department had written explaining changes within their department.
12. A letter had been received from Mr Grigg, a resident of Crofthandy. He was unhappy that the access to the Wheal Maid Valley from the village end was by foot only, there having been a gate erected preventing any other access. The Clerk was asked to reply, explaining the history of why the gate was erected and the ongoing problems experienced by the Council and the Police. On another query regarding the resurfacing of byways 44 and 47 in 2007, the Clerk would explain the actual circumstances behind the works being carried out.

## **PLANNING**

**09/043**

### **Plans received from Cornwall Council for Parish Council comment:**

1. Mrs S Nile, Highlands, United, St.Day - re-construction of collapsed barn prev. approved. SUPPORT
2. Mr Penna, Tresamble Cottage, Pulla Cross - utility room extension and conservatory SUPPORT

**(Both these applications have been dealt with since the last meeting by sub committee because of the return time to Cornwall Council)**

3. Mrs J Ware, O.S.Parcel 5916, Little Beside, St Day - extension to existing stables SUPPORT
4. Mr Ely, The Barn, Highlands, Fernsplatt - conversion/alteration of redundant storage barn to form residential unit (partially retrospective) SUPPORT

### **Decision Notices received back from Cornwall Council:**

1. Mr G Angell, 45 Treneglos, Frogpool - extensions to side, front and rear. APPROVED.
2. Mr Darlington, Coombe Lane, Bissoe - tree works. PARTIAL APPROVAL
3. The Caravan, Oakdene, Point Mills - Certificate of Lawfulness GRANTED to occupants.

Despite Cornwall Councillor Plummer raising the matter of the enforcement at Bal Maiden, Trehaddle with the head of planning, and requesting a reply before this meeting, nothing had been received. The Clerk had also e-mailed Mr Mason asking for information. Cllr Roscorla mentioned an Order of Mandamus that we could potentially serve on them, but it was decided to wait a further month for Cllr Plummer's return and to place the matter on the next agenda. The Parish Council were still receiving questions from local residents as to when the matter will be resolved.

## **EXTERNAL MEETINGS FEEDBACK**

**09/044**

1. The Clerk had attended the Community Network meeting held in Redruth on 14<sup>th</sup> July. The development of the Network and the Panel was still in its infancy and many things were still to be evolved, but at the next Network meeting it was hoped to get a representative from the Countryside Access along to explain why most Parish Councils were not fully funded for footpath trimming.
2. Cllr Humble and the Clerk attended a SITA Liaison meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July. The Landfill Site was again confirmed as definitely closing in October 2010, but the down-side was that the amenity bays would also have to close. Footpath 30 across the current site would be reinstated following closure of the site, whilst test drainage holes were being sunk alongside Footpath 29 before digging a soakaway that would hopefully cure the flooding problem. An Open Day would be held again this year, on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
3. Cllr Snell had attended the Mining Villages Regeneration meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> July at St Day. He welcomed anyone who wanted to attend with him at the next meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September. We needed to explore whether we were now full members of the group since the creation of the new Cornwall Council, and our belonging to the Camborne-Redruth Network. We may have to repay our refund to re-join.

4. Cllr Roscorla reported that the Summer Fete had been a success, with over £1,500 raised. Part of this would go towards the new Parish Rooms project. There had been a ‘post fete’ meeting, but no others were planned until the lead up to next years’ event.

## REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

### 09/045

1. The Clerk explained that he had asked Paul Chegwidden to deal with a large lake of water in the byway outside the Playing Field. It could not wait for full Council resolution as the ‘pond’ was 30 metres long, covered the entire lane surface and was the depth of a wellington boot. As such, it needed urgent action. A temporary arrangement had reduced the size of the problem but it was RESOLVED that Mr Chegwidden completes the work in the near future.
2. It was RESOLVED that Mr Chegwidden tidies the island outside the cemetery at Frogpool.
3. Complaints had been received from funeral directors regarding the flooding and mud in the lane alongside the cemetery. This lane was the only access point to the cemetery for sextons, but it was almost impassable at times. As the Parish Council owned the cemetery it was RESOLVED to ask Mr Chegwidden to supply and spread some hardcore to overcome the problem.
4. The goalposts in the playing field needed replacing. A scheme run by the Football Association would allow the Parish Council to reclaim 50% of the £530 cost. After discussion, it was RESOLVED that the Parish Council pays for this. Cllr Roscorla voted against this method as he felt the GPRA were the correct body to pay for capital items on the field. Whilst this was correct, the GPRA would soon be passing their entire balance over to the Parish Council towards the new Parish Rooms, so it was felt to be unnecessary to invoice them on this occasion.

## PLAYING FIELD PARISH ROOMS UPDATE

### 09/046

1. As previously discussed, the SITA grant application would now be decided in October, not July.
2. The maple tree trimming had been carried out by the tree surgeon.
3. The Clerk had met with a representative from the County Football Association to see if a grant application to the Football Foundation would be possible for the additional alterations in the changing/shower block. Further correspondence indicated that the Football Foundation required a much larger scheme before giving any grant. It would absorb all the current garage area, the disabled toilet and part of the gents toilets.  
The alterations to the changing facilities were an add-on to the main Parish Rooms development, and as such would only happen if sufficient funding was available. The Football Foundation were approaching it from the opposite direction.

## FOOTPATHS

### 09/047

1. Footpath 14, from Crowsmeneggus to Tresamble was a ‘silver’ path, and as such, did not warrant Cornwall Council spending any money on defining the actual route where it had been eroded over several years. Unless there was a Health and Safety issue, they could not afford to fund it.
2. Footpath 19 from Crowsmeneggus to Quakers Road required trimming.

## FINANCE

### 09/048

1. Income had been received of £296.48 from Car Boot sales, £132 from Newsletter adverts and £45 burial fees.
2. The annual renewal of the licence for the Council’s website was due and it was RESOLVED to use the services of Netmeg rather than 123-Reg as it gave greater value for money. Cllr Padmore took no part in the discussion or decision.
3. It was RESOLVED that the following cheques be signed for payment:

CHEQUE	PAYEE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
100882	A&N Media Ltd	car boot adverts	£36.80
100883	Audit Commission	audit fee	£327.75
100884	Cornwall Council	tithe map contribution	£200.00
100885	S Pulley	tree surgery	£80.00
100886	M P Chegwidden	footpaths/grass cutting	£1,032.70

## MISCELLANEOUS/ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

### 09/049

1. The Enforcement issue at Bal Maiden needed to be on the next agenda.

Signed.....  
Chairman

27<sup>th</sup> August 2009