

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT FROGPOOL CHAPEL ROOMS ON 24TH SEPTEMBER 2009

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

Apologies The Police, Cllr Barton, Cornwall Cllr Plummer

Also present : Mr Bawden, Mrs Wharton, Ms Ward

PUBLIC CLINIC

1. The Clerk had received a complaint from a resident regarding the poor standard of flail trimming from Pulla Bridge to Trehaddle. The ditches were now full of debris, and following the lengthy drainage works last year, it would be worthless unless the drains were now cleared again. The Clerk would write to Highways, also clarifying the criteria for which roads get trimmed, and which we expected farmers to maintain.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

09/063

Cllr Padmore declared a personal interest on anything SITA related.

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

Cllr Furnish declared a personal interest in Wheal Maid matters, items 13 & 14 under correspondence and Footpath 43..

PREVIOUS MINUTES.

09/064

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

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

09/065

All matters requiring follow-up action were on the current agenda for discussion.

WHEAL MAID

09/066

1. The Clerk had replaced one sign during his monthly inspection of the valley. Cllr Furnish would clear debris accumulated at the exit grill of the culvert.
2. Cornwall Council's Minerals and Waste Management section had written following their recent visit to the site. They accepted that it would not be prudent to commence tree planting of the quarry site before the EA report had been received, but would welcome the opportunity to discuss the planting scheme with the Parish Council beforehand. If, following the EA report, surface treatment works were required to the tailings lagoons, this could also be discussed. The Clerk would write to Cornwall Council to arrange a meeting, but ideally it should not be before we met with the EA, hopefully in October.

CORRESPONDENCE

09/067

1. Cornwall Council Legal Section is conducting a review of Designated Public Places Orders 2009/10 and invites any comments.
2. The Police were unable to attend the meeting, but had sent their report for previous month. There were only four reported crimes in the past month, a decrease on the previous year. A portable speed indicator device had been acquired and would be used regularly in the area. Parking on pavements at Treneglos would be investigated as an ongoing process. As part of a PACT (Partners and Communities Together) initiative, for three months the problem of the illegal use of motor vehicles on footpaths would be a priority. The Parish Council were invited to a series of meetings with other agencies to look at what measures could be taken to improve the problem. The Clerk would attend the first meeting on 2nd October.
3. Cornwall Council Planning had acknowledged our letter regarding enforcement at Bal Maiden, which was receiving attention.
4. Devon & Cornwall Police Authority were holding a Liaison Meeting on 29th September at Falmouth.

5. CALC had sent the agenda for their General Meeting to be held at County Hall on 29th September. The Clerk would attend.
6. The annual subscription to the publication "Clerks and Councils Direct" was due for renewal. It was RESOLVED to renew.
7. Cornwall Council had requested our views on the best method of communication with them - Community Network Panels were one option, but was there a better way? The Clerk would copy the letter and it would be discussed at the next meeting.
8. Volunteer Cornwall, an organisation that co-ordinated volunteer drivers, were advertising for more volunteers. We could possibly include the letter in the next Newsletter.
9. The Minutes of the Mining Villages Regeneration meeting held on 17th September had been received.
10. Cornwall Council Planning Liaison Group had issued their draft notes of the meeting held on 21st July
11. Cornwall Council Planning Training Days – the dates for the Perranzabuloe venue were advised, and we were booked to send someone to the event, but as no Councillor could manage both whole days, we would have to withdraw.
12. Cornwall Council Planning had introduced contact officers known as "friendly link officers", and advised us of the three who would be available for Gwennap Parish.
13. A Copy letter from Ms S Taylor to the Police re. Wheal Maid Valley was received. As this was a copy, it required no further action from the Parish Council. A request had been made to the Police for a copy of their reply, but at this time, they had no record of receiving the original.
14. A letter from the Wheal Maid Valley Action Group had been previously circulated to Councillors for their comments. Cllr Humble took this item, the Chairman withdrawing from the meeting as he had declared a personal interest. The comments compiled by the Clerk from the views previously expressed were felt to be an adequate response to the points raised, and the Clerk would draft a letter using the points mentioned and send it to Councillors for final approval.
A discussion took place on whether it was reasonable to omit the names of parishioners who raised points in the Public Clinic, and on a vote it was unanimously RESOLVED that names should appear if a member of the public raised a matter.

PLANNING 09/068

Planning received from Cornwall Council for Parish Council comment:

1. CU12/1231/09/R Mr Neukomm, Fleetwood, Race Hill, Bissoe - certificate of existing use, workshop (already returned because of deadline) SUPPORT.
2. PA12/1207/09/R Mr Eathorne, United Bungalow, United Downs - demolish bungalow & erect house. SUPPORT.
3. PA12/1291/09/B Mrs Grubb, Penventon Nursery, Treviskey - conversion of store to retail SUPPORT
4. Miss E Cousins, 4 Poldice Cottages, Little Beside - replacement garage SUPPORT
5. Revised plans were received in respect of the retention of railings at Penventon Nursery, and on a vote, it was agreed to SUPPORT the proposal to apply conditions to the planting inside the fence. We would expect Cornwall Council to monitor against the conditions.

As part of the new planning protocol, County officers had contacted the Parish Council where our views on previous applications had varied.

At Fernsplatt Farm, the dormer roof/decking that we had supported was not felt to be within the County policy on development. The Clerk was asked to obtain more detail from the planning officer to explain why it didn't meet the planning policy.

The application at Crofthandy for a new dwelling on land opposite Trewelm Estate that we had supported was felt to be outside the settlement boundary and as such, County was against the proposal. The Parish Council felt strongly that the proposal fell within the settlement area, and wanted the application to go to full committee.

OUTSIDE MEETINGS FEEDBACK 09/069

1. The Chairman had attended the SITA Liaison meeting held on 17th September. Plans for the restoration scheme would be sent to us for approval in the near future. The soakaway trial holes on Path 29 had still not been dug.
Des Teale from Cornwall Council had asked SITA to prepare options for a temporary Waste Transfer Station at the site, also keeping the Amenity Bays open. This did not meet with the approval of the Parish Council, the traffic through Crofthandy in particular would continue to be unacceptable. The Clerk would contact St Day and Carharrack Councils to see if they felt a united approach in advance of the probable application was necessary.
Cllr Padmore took no part in the discussion, as he had declared an interest.
2. Cllrs Snell and Barton had attended the Mining Villages Regeneration meeting of 17th September. Cllr Barton had forwarded comments to the Clerk as he was ill. The Group now accepted that Gwennap was a full member again. It was interesting to note that Stithians were discussing a planning application for a Travellers Site. The shelving of work at Taylors and Daveys in the Wheal Maid Valley was reported – the Clerk would check that the Mineral Tramways officer had sounded out the World Heritage Fund as a source.

CONDITION OF ROAD FROM GREENSPLATT TOWARDS FROGPOOL

09/070

Because of the dry conditions, this matter was deferred until the weather deteriorated.

PARKING, TRENEGLOS ESTATE

09/071

The Police had confirmed they were actively looking into this problem. Cllr Roscorla handed a photo to the Clerk for passing on to the police.

VILLAGE FETE, FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

09/072

A request had been made from the organisers of the annual Fete/Summer Party for two volunteers from separate Parish organisations to hold the finances of the event. At the moment, they were combined with the Friends of Cusgarne School, which was not an ideal arrangement. The volunteers would be joint signatories on the account, giving greater accountability whilst leaving the committee to get on with the organisation of future events. Cllr Furnish was prepared to be a volunteer if the organisers had problems in recruiting.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

09/073

- 1. The repairs to windows and doors, and the tree surgery at the Playing Field had all been carried out satisfactorily.
- 2. Cllr Padmore pointed out several matters in the Playing Field that required attention. They included the floor of the play hut, a missing shackle on a swing and an eyelet on the swing bridge. The Clerk would arrange for the repairs to be carried out.

PLAYING FIELD PARISH ROOMS UPDATE

09/074

- 1. The Clerk had met with the SITA Trust on site recently, prior to the grant application being discussed in October. There were no obvious problems that arose.

FOOTPATHS

09/075

- 1. The requested downgrading of Byway 43 (Hale Mills tunnel) had taken another turn following a letter from the County Environment Service. A fee of £1,600 would have to be paid by the Parish Council, but County advice is that an application would be unsuccessful as objections were very likely. Even if it was successful, because neighbouring landowners have rights, no barrier could be erected, leaving the path as open as it currently is. It was decided to pursue the option of erecting our own lockable bollard, but the Clerk would contact the three households who had land on the other side of the tunnel to see if they would accept such a barrier. Cllr Furnish took no part in the discussion as he had declared an interest.
- 2. The improvements to the footpath alongside the cemetery had been carried out by Mr Chegwidden. This should now prevent the mud/flooding problems experienced by funeral directors and general path users.

FINANCE

09/076

- 1. Income had been received of £13,500 half-precept and £25 for a newsletter advert
- 2. It was RESOLVED not to renew the Bond with HSBC, allowing the money to return to the easy access account.
- 2. It was RESOLVED that the following cheques be signed for payment:

CHEQUE	PAYEE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
100896	South West Water	cemetery water bill	£13.10
100897	A Blamey	salary/expenses q/e Sept	£1,849.63
100898	HM Revenue & Customs	income tax	£290.23
100899	A & N Media Finance	adverts	£46.00
100900	M P Chegwidden	grass & footpath trimming	£1,381.15
100901	S Pulley	tree surgery	£340.00
100902	P Hedges	repairs at Playing Field	£379.50
100903	K Furnish	printing reimbursement	£576.00

MISCELLANEOUS/ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

09/077

- 1. The SITA Transfer Station.

Signed.....
Chairman

22nd October 2009