

Gwennap Parish Council

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

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

Apologies Cllr Squibb, Cllr Barton

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

PUBLIC CLINIC

1. PCSO Woodward presented his monthly report to the Council.
2. The Council were informed that Byway 47 had been flail trimmed by Mr Drew of Harmony Cottage, although he did this as a concerned user, not the obligated landowner.

NATURAL ENGLAND

09/091

David Hazlehurst came to speak to the Council about the role Natural England wanted to play in the Wheal Maid Valley. He explained the implications of the Parish Council entering into a ten year Environmental Stewardship agreement to manage the heathland, and the capital project of taking over from the Mineral Tramways in preserving Taylors Engine House. The Clerk would have to liaise with Cornwall Council's WHS section as it was thought they wanted to enter into a lease arrangement in return for 'bank rolling' the financial arrangements with Natural England. He would also check with other Parish Councils who had an agreement to ensure there were no hidden problems.

Mr Hazlehurst also mentioned actions taken elsewhere to combat motorcycle problems, and this would be looked into.

It was RESOLVED that subject to the Clerk getting satisfaction from his enquiries, the Parish Council pursues an agreement with Natural England.

As a note for the future, Cllr Snell mentioned the cut granite laying alongside Davey's shaft. Perhaps it would be possible to stack this in some way as a mark of what had taken place on the site previously.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

09/092

Cllr Padmore declared a personal interest on anything SITA related., and in the signing of the accounts.

Cllr Furnish declared a personal interest in Wheal Maid matters and the planning application at Wheal Fortune.

PREVIOUS MINUTES.

09/093 It was RESOLVED that the previous minutes be signed as a correct record of events.

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

09/094

1. The Council handed Mrs Wharton a copy of the SITA grant application that had been previously requested.
2. The Chairman thanked fellow Councillors for their attendance and support at the recent Armistice Sunday at Gwennap Church.

WHEAL MAID

09/095

1. The Clerk had carried out the monthly valley check and had not had to replace any of the signs. The grills from the culvert had collected debris during the inclement weather, and this had been removed.
2. Fencing and wall works to Davey's shaft had been completed under the Mineral Tramways Project.
3. Whilst walking around the area on the 5th November, the Clerk noticed that the gate where footpath 43 entered the valley was missing. It had been angle-ground off, and thrown into the undergrowth. After checking with the Chairman, the Clerk contacted our handyman who repaired and re-fixed the gate the same day. It was RESOLVED to retrospectively approve this action.

CORRESPONDENCE

09/096

1. The Minutes of the SITA Liaison Meeting held on 12th November were noted.

2. Cornwall Highways had confirmed that they would consider refurbishing the Finger Posts at Crofthandy and United Downs.
3. Cornwall Public Health and Protection had reminded us that our Small Society registration annual fee was now due. This allowed us to run raffles at Parish events. It was RESOLVED that the fee of £20 be sent to renew.
4. Following enquiries from residents at Little Beside regarding the proposals to use Little Beside House as respite care accommodation, the Clerk had received confirmation from Cornwall Planning that they did not feel any permissions were necessary. The Clerk had conveyed this to the residents, and they had now copied the Parish Council in on their further correspondence directly with the Planners.
5. Cornwall Highways had notified of a temporary road closure at Bissoe/Point Mills between the 7th and 19th December.
6. Cornwall Highways had sent details of proposed road safety improvements at Pulla Cross. This followed a spate of accidents at the crossroads. The proposals were generally supported, but vegetation growth and better visibility were also thought to be important.
7. The Minutes of the Mineral Tramways meeting of 16th October were noted.
8. BT Customer Services confirmed they were looking to remove the Crofthandy Phone Kiosk because of low usage. However, the Parish Council, through Cornwall Council who were co-ordinating responses, felt that 120 annual calls was reasonable for this rural location, and RESOLVED to ask for its retention. We were already losing the kiosks at Pulla Cross and Gwennap, where usage was well below that at Crofthandy.
9. Two separate letters of request for Bus Shelters had been received from residents. One was at Trelawney Estate, the other at Cusgarne. The Parish Council had already received agreement from Highways for the Trelawney site in 2007, and subject to the full grant being available from Cornwall Council, it was RESOLVED to proceed with that. The Clerk would make an application to be put on the waiting list for a shelter. The criteria for a shelter was strict, asking for numbers of users on the regular bus service route, and separately the numbers of schoolchildren waiting for their transport. It was unlikely that a shelter would be supported by Cornwall Council on a non-service route.
10. Cornwall Council had written to inform us that they had reviewed the Corlink demand responsive bus operation that operated in the Carnon Valley area and found that it was being misused and abused. Because few of the actual journeys were of the type initially intended, other options were being looked at. It was not the intention to cease making the provision for any of the groups the service was designed for. The Council felt the service should continue, with the management of it in need of improvement. The boundaries also needed re-defining.
11. Cornwall Council had sent their Community Network Update Edition 9.
12. The Minutes of Carharrack Parish Council's meeting of 19th October were noted.
13. The Draft Minutes from the C.Council Planning Liaison Meeting of 11th November were noted.
14. A request from the Parish Fete Committee had been received for specific funding of £100 towards the cost of the Band for the 2010 event. It was RESOLVED to commit this funding.

PLANNING

09/097

Planning Applications received (and dealt with because of timescales):

1. Mr E Hall, Chelean Farm, Cusgarne - proposed hay and machinery storage building. SUPPORT.
2. Mr W Johns, Trebowland Farm, Gwennap – redundant barn to affordable 1 bed unit. SUPPORT.
3. Crofthandy Village Hall Committee – new village hall with parking. SUPPORT

Planning Applications for consideration:

4. Mr P Lee, Wheal Fortune Farm, Wheal Henry - single storey and loft extensions SUPPORT
5. Mr S Matthews, 6 Carn View Estate, Gwennap - erection of 2no. new dwellings OBJECT

Decision Notices received back from Cornwall Council:

1. Mrs R Huxley, Chapel View Farm, Coombe Lane - replacement barn APPROVED
2. Mrs J Grubb, Penventon Nursery - convert store area to retail APPROVED
3. Certificate of Lawfulness for garage at 4 Poldice Cottages, Little Beside REFUSED

OUTSIDE MEETINGS FEEDBACK

09/098

1. Cllr Humble reported on the recent SITA Liaison meeting held on 12th November. Improvements were about to be made to Path 29 to improve the flooding problem. The path would have to be closed temporarily. Plans were anticipated for the retention of the household amenity area, the reprofiling of the final landscaping and potentially, for a temporary waste transfer station.
2. Cllr Snell had attended the Mining Villages Regeneration Group meeting held on 19th November, but there was little to report that affected Gwennap Parish.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

09/099

1. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk approaches the young offenders organisation with a view to clearing parts of the upper cemetery that had become overgrown.

TENDER FOR GRASS CUTTING

09/100

The Clerk had prepared the paperwork to enable the Council to seek tenders for the grass maintenance at the burial grounds and amenity areas from 1st April 2010. It was RESOLVED that he places an advert in the West Briton with a closing date of 31st December to request the forms, and 31st January 2010 to complete bids.

FINANCE

09/101

1. Income had been received in the past month of £520 burial related matters : £30.76 bank interest
2. It was RESOLVED that a separate ‘Project’ bank account be opened to deal specifically with the income and expenditure on the Parish Rooms Development. Three Councillors signed the application form.
3. Cllr Padmore confirmed that he had satisfactorily carried out the internal audit on the Council’s financial records for the quarters ended 30th June and 30th September 2009.

CHEQUE	PAYEE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
100913	Netmeg Ltd	Web Hosting quarter	£20.70
100914	Broker Network Ltd	Annual Insurance premium	£1,407.47
100915	P Hedges	Gate repairs	£36.00
100916	Cornwall Council	Small Society licence fee	£20.00
100917	M P Chegwiddden	Footpath trimming/grass	£1,382.30
100918	VCWG Church Hall Fund	Hire of Hall	£18.00

MISCELLANEOUS/ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

09/102

1. Precept for 2010/2011

The Chairman then excluded the public on the grounds that the item to be discussed involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A, Part 1 of the LGA Act (1972)

TENDERS FOR PARISH ROOMS PROJECT.

09/103

1. Tenders had been received in respect of the building of the Parish Rooms at the Playing Field. It was RESOLVED that the tender submitted by Abbey Builders be accepted. The Clerk was asked to write to confirm this, subject to contract, satisfactory references, health & safety details and insurance.
2. The Clerk would also write to the trustees of the GPRA to explain what was happening, and to propose that their financial balance be contributed towards the improvements in the changing rooms, as the tender price did not provide for this.

Signed.....
Chairman

17th December 2009