

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT FROGPOOL CHAPEL ROOMS ON 17th December 2009

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

Apologies Cllr Squibb

Also present : no one

PUBLIC CLINIC

1. Cllr Barton had been asked to raise the matter of the boundary hedge between Pencantol and Trenglos. Because of modern SatNav, delivery vehicles were accessing the wrong estate. Would Highways consider erecting "No Through Road" signs at the entrance to the Estates?

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

09/104

1. Cllr Padmore declared a personal interest in anything SITA related
2. Cllr Furnish declared a personal interest in anything related to Wheal Maid and in the signing of the accounts.

PREVIOUS MINUTES.

09/105 It was RESOLVED that the previous minutes be signed as a correct record of events.

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

09/106

1. The Clerk had sent out twelve sets of information so far regarding the grass cutting tenders. None had been received back yet, but the deadline is 15th January.
2. A separate cheque and paying in book had been received from HSBC for the "Project Account".
3. A request for a minibus hire to create a park and ride facility between the Cornish Arms and the School on Fete day had been made. Initially, it was felt that such a request should have come via the Fete Committee, but after further discussion, it was felt that the Parish Council had already made its financial contribution to the Fete and it could not support this idea.
4. The Clerk had met on site at the Cemetery with Geoff Richards from the Probation Service regarding the clearance of an area at the top of the cemetery. The project met his criteria and if the Council were in agreement to the charge of £20 per day for a team of six workers and a supervisor, then work could commence early in the new year. It was RESOLVED that we proceed with this arrangement.
5. Cllr Humble produced a leaflet from Cornwall Council explaining the changes to the Corlink service. It would be run in future by OTS from Falmouth from Monday to Friday, 8.00a.m. to 6.00p.m. Concessionary travellers would pay half price and a table of fees suggested it would be an expensive service to access. The Council would await official notification from Cornwall Council.

WHEAL MAID

09/107

1. The Clerk had to replace one sign in the valley since the last meeting, and that was a victim of the weather rather than vandalism. Reports from the police indicated a low incidence of motorcyclists in recent weeks, but they were continuing their patrols.
2. The Parish representatives at the recent Mineral Tramways meeting heard that their request for additional signage in the valley had been agreed, with tramway officers linking with the police regarding positioning. The tramways team had also cleared and replace the netting under the bridge over the Cornish Way.
3. Because of the high level of water in the dams, the Clerk would write to the E.A. to ask them to consider the safety issue as part of their report.

CORRESPONDENCE

09/108

1. The Minutes of the Mining Villages meeting of 19th November were noted.
2. The Police report was read and noted.

3. CC Highways had written regarding the poor repairs to the road surface from Pulla Cross to Pelean Cross. They would be re-done in the near future.
4. Tony Mogford had sent the quarterly play equipment inspection for the equipment in the Playing Field. The Clerk would contact Taylor Made to see if they could provide a missing net 'egg'.
5. The Minutes of Carharrack Parish Council's meeting of 23rd November were noted.
6. The Family Information Service had sent posters advertising their services. The Clerk would display them on the notice boards
7. CC Highways thanked the Parish Council for their views on Pulla Cross layout improvements. However, their budget would not extend to improving visibility, but they were going to proceed with the 'hatching' markings as per their drawings.
8. CC Transportation had approved the Bus Shelter grant for Trelawney Estate. The Clerk would now meet on site with Highways to agree the exact positioning, following which an order would be placed and Bus Shelters Ltd will carry out the work. As the total cost is below the £3k CC limit, there will be no charge to the Parish Council.
9. The Boundary Commission Review had published their final recommendations, and if approved by parliament, would take effect from 2013. Our lobbying for Gwennap to be linked with St Day and Carharrack, rather than the current Stithians and Carharrack had actually been listened to, and from 2013 we will hopefully get the sensible grouping.

PLANNING

09/109

Plans were studied at the meeting for:

1. Mr S.N. Richards, Lower United Farm, United Downs - demolish farm buildings and build dwelling SUPPORT
2. Mrs J Grubb, Penventon Nursery, Treviskey - enclosure of external seating area SUPPORT (Cllr Barton took no part in the discussion or decision)
3. Cusgarne C.P. School - ground works to field adjacent to school to enable use as recreational field MORE INFORMATION REQUIRED
4. Mr B Rowe, Lower Tolgullow Vean Farm, Little Beside - retention of agricultural worker's dwelling SUPPORT
5. Cornwall Cullet Ltd, United Downs Ind. Estate - erection of 2 industrial units SUPPORT
6. Mr P Baxter, Fernsplatt Farm, Bissoe - formation of pitched roof over kitchen area. SUPPORT
7. Mrs B Albert, Poldice Halt, Crofthandy - rebuild existing Pole Barn for new workshop/annexe accommodation SUPPORT

It was noted that regarding the proposed development at Trelise, Frogpool, the Planning Officer had received amended plans that took account of concerns. The applicants have been advised to re-submit a new application based on the new drawings.

OUTSIDE MEETINGS FEEDBACK

09/110

1. The Clerk had attended a meeting of the Community Network. There were several Cornwall Councillors present as well. It was decided to split the parishes in the Network into two groups, with Gwennap in the rural mining group rather than the town council grouping. As this mirrored the already existing Mining Villages Group, there would need to be a discussion at that group as to whether it continued as it is, or became an offshoot of the community network.
2. The Clerk and Cllr Snell had attended the meeting of the Mineral Tramways Partnership on 14th December. Works as reported under the Wheal Maid heading were discussed, and it was noted that before Easter, improvements to the surface of the Coast to Coast trail at Twelveheads would take place.

TRANSFER STATION PROPOSAL FOR UNITED

09/111

It was with great disappointment that the Council did not receive an invitation from Julia Goldsworthy MP to a meeting she called at Carharrack on 3rd December regarding the Transfer Station proposal. As the most affected Parish, with Crofthandy suffering from the large vehicle movements, it was a serious omission and the Clerk had written asking for an explanation. No reply had been received to date.

Cllr Snell had heard about the meeting on the radio, and had attended. He was against the proposal, feeling that the residents of Crofthandy has suffered enough. Everyone present at the meeting was against the idea and made their feelings known to the SITA representatives, although there were no Cornwall Council officers present, and it was their initial idea.

No planning application had been received as yet for the proposal, and the Parish Council would discuss the matter further when additional information was to hand.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

09/112

1. Cllr Padmore raised the matter of potholes in the road approaching the Cemetery from the crossroads. The Clerk would contact Highways.

FOOTPATHS

09/113

- 1. A complaint from a resident at Little Beside regarding the poor surface of the byway had been referred to Cornwall Council, as they were responsible for the surface. They had replied to the effect that they had no budget to make good the byway, and felt it was no worse than many others. Residents could request road planings to carry out the work themselves if they wished.
- 2. Most of our footpaths had now been trimmed so the Clerk would submit a request for interim reimbursement from Cornwall Council. The Chairman and Clerk signed the claim form.

PARISH ROOMS UPDATE

09/114

- 1. We awaited the Building Regulations approval, an acknowledgement of the application had been received.
- 2. The chosen contractor was working on the electrical and other minor works pricing.
- 3. The Clerk was in the process of preparing a contract document, but this would not be complete until information from the contractor had been received and built in.
- 4. The contractor needed to be made aware that he was responsible for compliance with Building Regulations. It would also be prudent to get the security fence area marked on a map.

FINANCE

09/115

- 1. Income had been received since the previous meeting of £265 Football Foundation 50% reimbursement of new posts, and £164 for adverts in the Newsletter.
- 2. The Clerk had circulated papers giving background to previous and current spend patterns of the Council to enable a greater understanding in deciding on the precept for 2010/2011. After much debate it was RESOLVED to precept for £28,750, this being a 3% rise from the level of precept over the previous 4 years (excluding last year, when the Council reduced the precept).
The Council would also look to make a 10% saving on its existing spend, with footpath expenditure and expenses being two of the targets.

3. It was RESOLVED that the following cheques be authorised for signature:

CHEQUE	PAYEE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
100919	K Furnish	Newsletter printing	£576.00
100920	A Blamey	salary/expenses qtr 3	£1,602.65
100921	HM Revenue & Customs	income tax qtr 3	£290.23
100922	M P Chegvidden	footpath trimming/grass	£1,278.80
100923	Martin Luck Ltd	stationery	£51.68

MISCELLANEOUS/ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Nil.

Signed.....
Chairman

21st January 2010