

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT FROGPOOL CHAPEL ROOMS ON 25th FEBRUARY 2010

Present. Cllr Furnish (Chairman), Cllr M Padmore, Cllr P Roscorla, Cllr R Snell,
Cllr Barton, Cllr D Squibb

Apologies Cllr R Humble

Also present : Mr Bawden, Mr Reburn,, PCSO Gamble, PCSO Woodward, Mr P Withey

PUBLIC CLINIC

1. The Clerk reported a telephone conversation from Mrs Speakman. The Fly Tipping at Sunny Corner has since been removed by SITA and the motorcycle nuisance has been passed on to the police. Although the Council were not impressed with the flail trimming standards, there was little that they could do to influence Highway methods.
2. PCSO Woodward gave his final report before leaving to train as a policeman. He was thanked for his efforts over recent years that had made a significant contribution to local safety. He introduced PCSO Fiona Gamble who would be replacing him.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

09/129

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

PREVIOUS MINUTES.

09/130 It was RESOLVED that the previous minutes be signed as a correct record of events.

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

09/131

nil.

WHEAL MAID

09/132

1. The Clerk had to replace six signs in the valley since the last meeting and one wooden signboard had been removed completely..
2. Correspondence from Tim Jenkins from the E.A. indicated that there would still be a wait of 6/8 weeks before we would hear from them regarding any proposed works at the Wheal Maid Valley. This was met with dismay by Councillors as the matter had been delayed on several occasions, but there was nothing we could do to speed up the process.

CORRESPONDENCE

09/133

1. Devon & Cornwall Police Authority had written to advise of their Liaison meeting on 11th March
2. Carharrack Parish Council Minutes of their meeting held on 25th January 2010 were noted
3. The Minutes of the United Mines Liaison meeting held on 21st January 2010 were noted
4. The Information Commissioner's Office had sent confirmation of our Data Protection registration
5. Cornwall Council reminded the Council to report any changes in the Register of Members' Interests
6. Cornwall Council advised of a temporary road closure between Pelean Cross and Comford on 8th/10th March
7. Mark James from Cornwall Council Localisms had written up the key points from a recent meeting attended by all rural parishes, outlining the main areas of concern to be built into the Community Network Programme.
8. The Clerk had been chasing a reply promised by Cornwall Council regarding the lack of enforcement at Bal Maiden, Trehaddle. A reply had now been received to inform us that Cornwall Council are supporting Ms Ryder in submitting a temporary planning application until such time as Cornwall Council provides authorised sites for Travellers/Gypsies. The Clerk has asked for a copy of the criteria used in deciding Ms Ryder is a Traveller.
9. Mr Trelease from the Crofthandy Village Hall Committee had sent an update of progress on their development. Costs had risen and corresponding cuts made to enable a start to commence.

10. Geothermal Engineering had sent a copy of their update to all Councillors, although as there was no firm planning application to consider, the matter could only be noted.
11. Cornwall Council had written to confirm the payment dates for the two instalments of next years' precept.

PLANNING

09/134

Planning Applications received for comment:

a) Dealt with already by sub committee:

1. Mr Cosier, Rose Villa, Fernsplatt, Bissoe - extensions. SUPPORTED
2. Mr Bearham, Wheal Unity Bungalow, Poldice - erect summerhouse. SUPPORTED

b) Discussed at this meeting:

3. Mr Ferguson, Trelise House, Frogpool - new dwelling and garage in garden, plus new garage. SUPPORT (with conditions)
4. M Hussey, Wagon House, Pengreep - change of use of Grade II listed wagon house to dwelling SOPPORT
5. Mr N Mitchell, The Old Chapel Site, Carharrack - building conversion and associated works. SUPPORT
6. Miss Cousins, 4 Poldice Cottages, replacement garage SUPPORT
7. Mr & Mrs S Peters, Trehaddle Farm, Cusgarne, two storey extension, double garage and oil tank store SUPPORT

Decision notices received from Cornwall Council:

1. Cusgarne School Recreation Field - application withdrawn
2. Mr Bawden, Trehaddle Barns alterations - applications withdrawn
3. Mr S Matthews,. 6 Carn View , Gwennap 2 new dwellings - application withdrawn
4. Mr Baxter, Fernsplatt Farm , pitched roof over kitchen - APPROVED
5. Mr Richards, Lower United Farm, demolish farm buildings, build new - REFUSED
6. Mr Palmer, 16 Trewelm Lane, Crofthandy, new dwelling on land opposite Trewelm . APPROVED
7. Mr B Rowe, Lower Tolgullow Vean Farm, retention of agricultural workers dwelling REFUSED
8. Mrs B Albert, Poldice Halt, Crofthandy, rebuild pole barn with annexe above. REFUSED

OUTSIDE MEETINGS FEEDBACK

09/135

1. The Clerk and Cllr Snell had attended Community Network meetings and fed into the process the issues relating to Gwennap Parish. This information had now been combined with similar data from other Councils in the Mining Villages Group to form a Programme.
2. Cllr Snell had attended the Historic Churchyards meeting. The Chairman (the Vicar) was retiring in March, but he would produce the information leaflets promised. The future of the group was uncertain. Cllr Snell also urged fellow Councillors to try to attend some of the outside body meeting to gain a better knowledge of Council involvement.
3. Cllr Roscorla had attended the Fete Committee meeting. The Parish Council agreed to loan their generator as back up for the day, also to loan the trestles and tables and to allow parking at the Playing Field for a park-and-ride scheme. The Clerk would look for a banner that was previously used for car boot sales, but we did not have any fencing that could surround a barbecue.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

09/136

1. It was RESOLVED that Paul Chegwidden varnishes the Notice Boards.
2. In view of there being no confirmation from Cornwall Council that the street sweeping grant would be forthcoming in 2010/2011, it was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Mr Moody to terminate the payment arrangement from 1st April 2010. Should funds be made available in the future then the arrangements for litter picking would be re-examined to ensure the money was being targeted in the right areas..

FOOTPATHS

09/137

1. Cllr Snell drew attention to repeated flooding on Byway 53 at Triplet Road, Crofthandy. The Clerk would report this to Countryside Access as there was previous correspondence on the same subject.
3. Cllr Snell also reported the surface of Footpath 54 at Little Beside had been churned up following illegal use by motorcycles. The Clerk will inform Countryside Access, but no action was expected as 54 was only classified as a bronze path.
4. The Clerk confirmed 2009/10 spend on footpaths had been £3,896 with reimbursement from Cornwall Council of only £1,801.34. This shortfall of £2,094.66 was, however, an improvement from 2008/09 when it was £3,084. This improvement was mainly because the onus for trimming Byways was now with the landowner, reducing our spend and the resulting shortfall.

NATURAL ENGLAND UPDATE

09/138

The original confirmation from the Rural Payments Agency back in November had not reached the Council, but at last a copy had been received and we were a registered organisation.

The next stage would be to register our land, and the Clerk will be meeting Natural England representatives on site to further this in the near future.

PARISH ROOMS AND PLAYING FIELD UPDATE

09/139

1. It was RESOLVED to pay Western Power £3,758.33 for a new supply to the new build.
2. It was RESOLVED that the contract between the Parish Council and Abbey Builders be signed by three signatories.
3. It was agreed that at the next GPPA meeting to discuss Car Boot arrangements, the snack van at United Industrial Estate be approached to provide refreshments whilst we had no facilities of our own providing he has the necessary catering licence and public liability cover. As long as the safety fencing around the building site was satisfactory, it was agreed that the Boot Sales should continue.
4. It was also agreed to raise the possibility of finding volunteers in future to increase the return from the Boots. It had been noticed that we were spending more on paying the organisers than the actual profit made.
5. In response to a letter from Ann Gazzard requesting a meeting of the Parish Council with the GPRA, following a long discussion it was RESOLVED by 4 votes to 1 with one abstention to agree to a short meeting, preferably before/after the April Council meeting. Cllr Roscorla requested that it be recorded he was against this approach, preferring instead to engage a solicitor immediately.

The Clerk felt the letter contained inaccuracies that inferred he was not carrying out his duties properly. The Parish Council *did* account for car boot income separately and show Playing Field expenditure likewise. As the annual cost of maintaining the Field exceeded £5,000 each year, and the Car Boot income hovered around £1,000, to take each element of spend to the GPPA, having to call a meeting of the GPPA each time, was not felt to be a practical or useful way forward.

Regarding obtaining the prior approval of the GPRA Trustees before incurring reimbursable capital expenditure on the field, this was the normal approach. However, the burst pipe repairs were of an emergency nature and could not have been approved in advance therefore the GPRA Trustees should not withhold the money.

MEETING DATES FOR 2010/11

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The dates for meeting in 2010/2011 were circulated.

FINANCE

09/141

1. Income had been received of £1,000 from County Councillor Plummer towards the new building, £487.46 from the Summer Fete Committee and £144 footpath reimbursement.
2. Cllr Padmore had carried out the Internal Check of the Council's accounts for the quarter ended 31st December and confirmed that everything appeared to be in order.
3. It was RESOLVED that the following cheques be authorised for signature:

CHEQUE	PAYEE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
100930	P Hedges	ceiling repairs	£196.40
100931	Plumblec	water repairs	£70.00
100932	Frogpool Methodist Church	hire of rooms	£140.00
100933	Netmeg Ltd	web hosting	£84.60
100934	M P Chegwidan	footpath trimming	£869.50
100935	Western Power Distrib.	New supply	£3,758.33
100936	L Moody	litter/cleaning	£89.16

Signed.....
Chairman

18th March 2010