

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 17th JUNE 2010

Present. Cllr Humble (Acting Chairman), Cllr Roscorla, Cllr Barton, Cllr Padmore, Cllr Snell

Apologies Cllr Furnish, The Police

Also present : nil

PUBLIC CLINIC

1. The Police report had been sent by PCSO Gamble. It continued to show a reduction in crime from a similar period last year.. Thefts from unlocked sheds were a problem and residents were encouraged to lock outbuildings and sheds.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

10/024

1. Cllr Padmore declared a personal interest in SITA related issues.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

10/025 The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and signed as a true record

MATTERS ARISING.

10/026

The second dog bin was identified as being in the lay by at United Downs on the Mount Wellington road.

WHEAL MAID

10/027

1. The Clerk had replaced missing signs.
2. The application to Natural England for the future maintenance of the heathland in the valley was progressing. The Clerk had been on site today with Steve Payne, who was preparing the FEP application on our behalf. His fee would be paid by the Council but most of it would be reimbursed by Natural England.

CORRESPONDENCE

10/028

1. The Minutes of Carharrack Parish Council meeting held on 19th April were noted.
2. Cornwall Council had sent their new Local Area Grants Policy.
3. The Minutes of the Mining Villages Regeneration meeting held on 20th May had been received.
4. Cornwall Council had received a Freedom of Information request regarding a planning application and needed to disclose e-mail exchanges from the Parish Council. We had no objections to this.
5. CALC May bulletin had been received.
6. The Environment Agency had sent an update on the progress with the valley report. July was now when they would be internally considering the various recommendations.
7. Cornwall Council Building Control had signed off our new building and issued the Certificate of Completion
8. Cornwall Council Access Department had made their 2010/11 LMP grant offer for the trimming of footpaths. It was slightly higher than last year, and it was RESOLVED to accept it.
9. Cornwall Council Transport had replied to our queries regarding the Bus Services 40 & 47. The 47, from Truro to Redruth via Frogpool and Gwennap was not affected by contract withdrawals, but the 40 Service from Redruth to Truro via Crofthandy had seen changes in April and was still the subject of discussions. Through the Community Network avenue, we were pressing for the best possible service to be retained.
10. The Rural Payments Agency had confirmed our registration of land at Wheal Maid. This is another step towards a Higher Level Stewardship Agreement that would see the Council receive annual payments to manage the heath and fauna.
11. Came & Co had issued the amendment to our insurance to include the new Parish Rooms. It was RESOLVED to pay this account.
12. A letter from resident Mr Freeman had been received regarding traffic at Cusgarne School likely to cause accidents. He did not feel the Parish Council nor the Area Surveyor understood the seriousness of the situation and called for a site meeting. The Parish Council felt they had a full understanding of the traffic situation outside the school, and had taken the matter up in an appropriate manner. The Clerk was asked to copy our Cornwall Councillor Plummer in on the correspondence and also Nina Cooper, for the School Governors.

13. Cornwall Council has issued a notice of temporary road closure, Pelean Cross – Trewinnard Road, Perran-ar-worhal
14. Cornwall Council had issued a notice of temporary road closure at Gwennap Churchtown
15. The Audit Commission had written to confirm the 2009/10 accounts were in order and had signed off the annual return
16. Cornwall Council invited a member to be on the new Proposed Local Member Steering Group set up to look into the development of Wheal Jane. The Chairman had expressed an interest in being on the group.

PLANNING

10/029

Applications received for comment at this meeting:

1. Cusgarne School - ground works to adjacent field for recreational use. SUPPORT
2. Mr B Rowe, Lower Tolgullow Vein Farm, Little Beside - retention of a dwelling SUPPORT
3. T Kitchen - Gilly Barn, Gwennap - barn conversion and extension for ancilliary accom. to main building SUPPORT
4. Mr M Bray, Chycoose House, Coombe Lane - conversion/extension of two-storey barn to form dwelling SUPPORT
5. Mr C Foster, Old Mill House, Point Mills - lifting of conditions to allow use as a single dwelling SUPPORT
6. Mr R Freeborn, Mount Wellington Mine, Fernsplatt - change of use of concentrator building to wave buoy component manufacture CONDITIONALLY SUPPORT LISTING CONCERNS

Previously Dealt with under delegated powers:

Mrs P White, Cleveleys, Point Mills - single storey extension for bedroom SUPPORTED

Decision notices received back from Cornwall Council

1. Mr N Mitchell, The Old Chapel Site, United Road - convert building to dwelling. APPROVED
2. Mr Peters, Trehaddle Farm - two storey extension. APPROVED
3. Mr F Hawke, Horseshoe Cottage, Cusgarne - erection of conservatory. APPROVED
4. Mr P Dalton, Gilly Penrose, Gwennap - garage into dining room. APPROVED
5. Mrs Hood, Jasmine Cottage, Crofthandy - demolish shed, erect two storey extension. APPROVED
6. Mr Maxted, The Old Mill, Hicks Mill - stable, store & tack room. APPROVED
7. Mr D Bawden, Trehaddle Barns - alterations and extensions to dwellings. APPROVED

LETTER FROM CROFTHANDY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

10/030

1. A letter had been received from the Crofthandy Village Hall Committee requesting financial aid. They had been let down by anticipated renewable energy grants and were £6,851.25 short for their heating. Until the Parish Council had tied up the final account for their own Parish Rooms development, they were not in a position to know if there were any surplus funds available. The matter would appear for consideration again on the next agenda.

OUTSIDE MEETINGS FEEDBACK

10/031

1. A meeting had been held on 15th June with the GPPA to discuss future catering arrangements at Car Boot Sales. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that we revert to the previous portakabin arrangements with Ann Gazzard running the kitchen, but prices needed to be increased to avoid making a loss as we had done before. The Parish Council RESOLVED to accept this recommendation, but would like to review the figures after the season had finished.
2. At the same meeting, it was suggested that the public toilets in the playing field be closed, keeping only the disabled open. Except on days when events were being held. It was RESOLVED that only the Gents be closed, leaving the Ladies and Disabled open for use.
3. A suggestion was made that the Parish Council organise a “Big Lunch” event on 18th July, linking to other similar events. Unfortunately, because of the unavailability of several Councillors, and the short timescale to get things organised, it was decided not to take part. However, it was not ruled out for future occasions.

FOOTPATHS

10/032

1. The Clerk had confirmed with Cornwall Council that they would return to the Crowsmennegus footpath to treat the japanese knotweed that had returned.

PARISH ROOMS AND PLAYING FIELD UPDATE

10/033

1. The Clerk had received the Certificate of Completion from Cornwall Council Building Control Department, and had applied for the final stage of the grant from SITA. A recent visit by the SITA Trust confirmed that they were happy with the finished product.
2. Although we were meeting in the Rooms this evening, there still remained a lengthy list of snagging issues to be resolved with the builder. Discussions would take place at the coming weekend to reach a satisfactory conclusion.
3. The builder had submitted a draft final invoice, and was requesting an interim payment whilst the final details were sorted out between the two parties. With the 5% retention being held back, plus a further sum, it was felt reasonable to make the interim payment.

FINANCE**10/034**

1. Income since the last meeting has been £220 Beswetherick burial fee and £142.50 car book takings.

Cheque number	payee	service	value
<i>Project Account</i>			
100007	Willstack Furniture	tables and chairs	£1,300.73
100008	Abbey Builders	Stage payment	£17,625.00
<i>General Account</i>			
100952	A&N Media Services Ltd	car boot adverts	£39.96
100953	Frogpool Methodist Church	hire of hall	£60.00
100954	Broker Network Ltd	insurance premium	£104.23
100955	A Blamey	salary/expenses to 30/06	£1,722.58
100956	Post Office Ltd	income tax	£290.23
100957	M P Chegwidde	grass/footpaths	£1,169.12
100958	Abbey Builders	repair main gates	£287.88
100959	P Hedges	painting/fixing works	£393.00

OTHER BUSINESS**10/035**

The Acting Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Clerk for his efforts in co-ordinating the work involved with the new building. This was seconded by Cllr Roscorla and agreed by all. The Clerk expressed his appreciation.

Signed..... Chairman 15th July 2010