

# Gwennap Parish Council

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 19<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2010

Present. Cllr Furnish (Chairman), Cllr Humble (Vice Chairman), Cllr Roscorla, Cllr Padmore, Cllr Snell, Cllr Squibb

Apologies Cllr Barton

Also present : PCSO Gamble, Mr Reburn, Mr Bawden, Mrs Rowe & daughter, Mr Haynes, Ms Walsh

### **PUBLIC CLINIC**

1. PCSO Gamble gave her report to the Council. There had been no reported crime in the past month, although there had been incidences of stone garden ornaments being stolen in neighbouring parishes. There had been twenty-four calls to the call centre with a variety of complaints.
2. Helen Rowe came along to thank the Parish Council for their grant towards the band at the recent fete. She mentioned that a part of the proceeds will be given to the Council for their Rooms project. The Chairman thanked her for her efforts in arranging a successful event. Helen's daughter thanked the Council for the provision of the bus shelter at Trelawney Estate, a real benefit in the wet weather.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

#### **10/047**

1. Cllr Padmore declared a personal interest in SITA related issues and Cllr Furnish in any decisions on Wheal Maid.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE**

#### **10/048**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with one minor amendment, and signed as a true record

### **MATTERS ARISING.**

#### **10/049**

1. The planning application at Mount Wellington had not yet been decided on by Cornwall Council. They are currently in discussions with the applicant to resolve specific problem areas.
2. Following the reinstatement of the Street Cleansing grant, the Clerk had set cleaning in motion with a new operative. The previous litter picker did not wish to continue.
3. The Active Partnership Agreements being proposed by Cornwall Council were discussed at the recent Community Network meeting of local parishes. There was little interest in taking over any additional functions because it was believed the money would not follow the work. It would be discussed further at the next meeting, but there was no apparent urgency as the finer detail was still being worked up.
4. The current cleaner of the playing field toilets and general areas had agreed to include the new Rooms in his work schedule.

### **WHEAL MAID**

#### **10/050**

1. The Clerk had made his routine monthly visit and apart from having to replace a few notices, everything appeared unchanged. Water levels in the tailings dams were extremely low.
2. Correspondence from Tim Jenkins at the E.A. reported on an internal meeting they had held to discuss the report by URS Consultants on pollution levels in the valley. Regarding the contamination of the watercourse, the levels were not significant and did not warrant any remedial works. Discussions on human health are still ongoing with the Health Protection Agency, following which they will be in a better position to assess what is reasonable remediation. Their legal team is still sifting through the previous ownership of the site to trace appropriate persons who could be liable to pay for the remediation.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **10/051**

1. Highways had confirmed that they were checking the frequency of repeater signs through Frogpool. If there were insufficient, more would be added. Consideration is also being given to extra measures at Cusgarne School to reduce vehicle speed.
2. Cornwall Council Public Health had visited the Parish Rooms and issued a Food Premises Registration to enable the supply of food at car boot sales and other functions.

3. The Mining Villages Festival was currently taking place. The programme, like those in previous years, contained nothing taking place in Gwennap Parish. A request was made at the recent Community Network meeting for a volunteer from our area to organise an event for next year's programme. We would use the Newsletter to see if there was a willing volunteer out there.
4. CALC had issued paperwork covering the proposals to cap the precept spending of Parish and Town Councils. We would have more information before we set our 2011/12 precept, but at this stage it did not seem likely to affect us.
5. Highways were revising the provision of roadside Salt Bins. We only had the one at Gwennap, but if we wanted it retained in 2012/13 we would be responsible for it and pay for the supply of salt. If we wanted to introduce some new ones, we would have to pay from the date of supply. It was felt unnecessary to introduce additional ones in the Parish as there would be so many debates about their siting.
6. The dates of the Police Authority liaison meetings had been notified.
7. Tony Mogford Associates had carried out their quarterly playground inspection, and the only item on their report had been dealt with.
8. A Dial-a-Ride poster had been sent by Age Concern promoting their transport service from the Crofthandy end of the parish to GP Surgeries in Redruth. It would feature in our newsletter and copies would be put on the notice boards.

## **OUTSIDE MEETINGS FEEDBACK**

### **10/052**

1. Cllr Snell and the Clerk had attended the Community Network meeting. Apart from Active Partnering, the subject of Bus Routes was raised, where Cornwall Council were unable to apply any pressure on the frequency and routes during the daytime. Their subsidy only covered hours outside the normal day. An electronic link was encouraged from Council's websites to the Mining Trails Leaflet. Cllr Padmore had introduced this.
2. Cllr Humble and the Clerk had attended the SITA liaison meeting. Closure of the site was confirmed by the erection of a sign at the entrance. It was hoped the planning application for the Pool Waste Transfer Station would be successful, otherwise an application would be made for United Downs.
3. Cllr Roscorla had been at the Fete meeting, where it was confirmed a profit of £1,131.48 had been made. Part of this (£377.16) had been given to the Council for their Parish Rooms project. The use of this funding would be an agenda item next month.

## **PLANNING**

### **10/053**

Plans for comment at this meeting:

1. Mr S Fleming, 1 Chapel Terrace, Crofthandy - proposed semi-detached house SUPPORT
2. Mrs R Huxley, Chapel View Farm, Coombe Lane, Bissoe - change of use of building from holiday let to office SUPPORT
3. Mr P Chapman, The Yard, Trehaddle - change of use of builders store to office, inc. extension and conversion OBJECT
4. SITA UK - extend HWRC at United Downs for a temporary period of 50 months SUPPORT. Vote was 5 – 1, with Cllr Roscorla against the retention of the weighbridge.
5. S McCabe, Wheal Jane, Baldhu - solar photovoltaic farm on Wheal Jane site - neighbourhood consultation only COMMENT IS TO SUPPORT
6. Cornwall Council, Cusgarne School - replacement and new boundary fencing SUPPORT

## **Decision Notices received back from Cornwall Council.**

1. C Foster, Old Mill House, Point Mills, Bissoe - lifting of conditions for single dwelling. APPROVED
2. B Rowe, Lower Tolgullow Vein Farm, Little Beside - retention of dwelling REFUSED

## **FOOTPATHS**

### **10/054**

1. Work has been carried out to path 44, the Goongumpas Loop which was reported as being overgrown.

## **REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE**

### **10/055**

1. It was RESOLVED to accept Paul Chegwiddden's additional price of £10 per cut for the grass around the Parish Rooms.
2. The Clerk was asked to write to Highways commenting on the poor surfacing of local roads. The stone chippings were a danger to pedestrians and accumulated in piles. Not a good job.
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## **PARISH ROOMS AND PLAYING FIELD UPDATE**

### **10/056**

1. The Rooms have been let on a recurring basis for a baby group on Monday mornings, and three prospective children's parties were likely bookings.
2. The last area of snagging was currently being addressed by the contractor. The Clerk had, this week, agreed the final financial position and a final account was now expected to conclude the contract (less a 5% retention).

**FINANCE**

**10/057**

1. Income had been received since the last meeting as follows:- £34.81 and £146.02 re. car boots ; £1,240 burial fees (Penrose £125, Kessell £100, Johnson £385, Tresidder £630) ; £90 newsletter advert CWT, £15 x 3 Boogie Buddies hire of Rooms, £10 Thomson hire of Rooms, £340 rent for 2010/2011 season from Frogpool/Cusgarne Football Club.
2. Cllr Padmore confirmed he had performed the internal check audit on the parish accounts for the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010.
3. The Clerk was now in a position to advise the Council regarding their likely year-end financial position. At this stage, it seemed that a balance around £6,000 would be likely. Of that, £4,000 was ring fenced by planning conditions attached to the Wheal Maid Valley.
4. In view of the year-end estimated position, it was agreed we were not able to offer any financial assistance to the Crofthandy Village Hall project. With a possible ‘cap’ on the spending of parish councils in future years, it was unlikely that we would be any better off in the future unless income was greater than planned.
5. Cheques were authorised for signature for;

Cheque number	payee	service	value
100966	Martin Luck Group	stationery/ink	£63.63
100967	Caradon Ecology	FEP application	£1,000.00
100968	Greenham	cleaning materials	£128.47
100969	F J Kemp & Sons	electrical testing	£31.72
100970	A Blamey	expenditure reimbursement	£486.52
100971	A&N Media Finance	car boot adverts x 3	£59.93
100972	M P Chegwiddden	grass/footpath cutting	£1,072.77
100009	Abbey Builders	final account	£3,784.67

Signed..... Chairman

16<sup>th</sup> September 2010