

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 18th NOVEMBER 2010

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

Apologies Cllr Barton

Also present : PCSO Gamble, Mr Bawden

PUBLIC CLINIC

1. PCSO Gamble gave her report for police activity in the parish over the past month. Crime remained at a low level, and of 730 calls to the force centre, only 24 were pertaining to our parish. PCSO Gamble was thanked for attending whilst off-duty.
2. Cllr Humble had been approached by a member of the Caravan & Camping Club who wanted to use the field and facilities next summer for two days. In principle, the Council agreed to this subject to the Clerk agreeing a suitable financial amount and there being no dogs allowed. It should not be on a Car Boot weekend.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

10/077

1. Cllr Furnish in any decisions on Wheal Maid.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

10/078

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING.

10/079

1. The Clerk and Tree Warden Robert Cook visited Gwennap Churchyard to discuss the tree problem with the neighbour. Both large trees were leaning towards the Church, and one in particular was dislodging stones onto the parking area of the neighbour. An application by the neighbour, Mrs Lewis, to fell both trees would be supported by the Parish Council.
2. The Clerk, along with Councillors Padmore, Barton, Roscorla and Humble had visited Wheal Maid and walked the entire valley to get a better understanding of the Cantab report.
3. Past GPRA Minutes had been provided and were being circulated. There was some doubt regarding the proposed GPRA AGM scheduled for 30th November. No notices had been received by Councillors, and the Chairman would check with their secretary to clarify the position.

CORRESPONDENCE

10/080

1. The minutes of Carharrack Parish Council meetings of 20th September and 18th October had been received and were noted.
2. The quarterly Playground inspection report from Tony Mogford Associates did not raise any new matters.
3. The Ministry of Justice (National Offender) had written to confirm an invoice was being prepared for works carried out at Frogpool Cemetery earlier in the year.
4. The Highways Service confirmed they would look at extending the zig-zag road markings at Cusgarne School. This followed a request to the Parish Council from the police.
5. Aviva Insurance renewal documents had been received, and it was RESOLVED to continue with this cover and make the appropriate premium payment.
6. A copy NALC letter to the government regarding publishing of financial data over £500 had been received. It was against the proposed changes for parish councils, feeling that they were too small administratively to cope.
7. A Temporary road closure notice in respect of Coombe Lane to Coldwind Cross would be in operation from 15th – 19th November.
8. A Street Litter summary for October and November had been provided by our operative. The details were appreciated by the Council, and the request for an additional bin alongside the bus shelter at Frogpool was AGREED. However, at this stage, we would not be placing one at Pulla Cross.
9. Councillor Donna Squibb had written, tendering her resignation. At present, with a young family, she feels unable to carry out the duties satisfactorily but would welcome the opportunity in the future when the pressure eased. The Council reluctantly accepted her resignation and asked the Clerk to write a letter thanking her for her contribution. It was hoped that in the future, she would be able to return.

PLANNING

10/081

Plans for comment at this meeting

1. Cornwall Council, Wheal Jewel Caravan Park - installation of CCTV camera (DEALT WITH) - SUPPORT
2. Openreach, Little Beside - proposed fibre optic modular cabinet (DEALT WITH) - SUPPORT
3. Mr A Jory, Fairways, Tresamble - removal of conditions 3 & 4 relating to occupancy REFUSE (vote of 3-2)
4. Mr M Penna, South Tresamble Farm, Tresamble - construction of agricultural shed SUPPORT
5. RM Developments, Unit 10 United Downs Ind. Estate - extension of time for implementation SUPPORT

Decision Notices received back from Cornwall Council.

1. Mr N Richards, Point Mills Garage - change of use of part garage to hairdressing shop APPROVED
 2. Mr P Chapman, The Yard, Trehaddle - conversion of builders store to office APPROVED
- Mr M Smith, Robins Hill, Church Lane Gwennap - fell 3 trees APPROVED

CANTAB REPORT ON WHEAL MAID

10/082

The February 2009 report on the Wheal Maid Valley had been prepared by Cantab Consulting for the Environment Agency as part of their ongoing contamination assessment.

Cantab is also the organisation that provide the "Competent Person" for Gwennap Parish Council to carry out similar periodic reports on the safety of the valley under the Mines and Quarries Act.

The conclusions/recommendations of the report were considered, and in many cases felt to be a 'worst case scenario'. The Clerk carries out a visual inspection each month, reporting back to the Council any obvious changes. It is this inspection, along with other measures that need to be documented, that support the Council's view that reasonable efforts are made regarding the safety of the valley. It was considered that a 5 year report by the Competent Person was adequate given the Council's own regular inspections.

The Clerk is to write to Cornwall Council for their views on the report, and to clarify who is responsible for flood risk assessment, prevention and ultimately, responsibility.

NATURAL ENGLAND AGREEMENT

10/083

The Clerk, along with the Chairman and Vice Chairman had recently attended a meeting at Natural England along with representatives from Cornwall Council. The bridging finance arrangement with Cornwall Council appeared to be secure. This would enable Taylor's and Davey's buildings to be conserved, with Cornwall Council running the operation and appointing a project manager, but Gwennap Council making payments to the contractors and recovering the spend from Natural England.

On the heathland protection element of the agreement, the wording needed to be covered by a separate letter indicating the specific circumstances of this project. A start date of 1st April 2011 was envisaged and it was RESOLVED to sign the agreement. The Vice-Chairman signed as the Chairman declared a personal interest.

FUNDING REQUESTS FROM HISTORIC CHURCHYARDS AND MINING VILLAGES

10/084

Three separate requests had been made to the Parish Council from the Mining Villages Regeneration Group. If we were prepared to set aside the issue of start-up funding, we were now being asked to reconsider our decision not to contribute £500. The suggestion was that member Councils benefited equally. It was agreed in principle that if we considered a proposed project worthwhile that we would contribute our share.

The Trail Project was bidding for grant funding via the Community Network, and if successful would finance the majority of the project. However, if there was a requirement for additional matched funding, were we prepared to reserve £500. The Historic Churchyards Group had run out of money, and although Gwennap and St Day had their data loaded on the website, Stithians and Lanner did not. The website itself needed attention and without the injection of extra funding from the member Councils, the project would fail and the website closed. There was criticism of the way the project seemed to overrun its costs, and now further funding was being requested without a fully costed business plan. Cost control was vital.

PRECEPT FOR 2011/12

10/085

The Clerk had circulated spend patterns and projections to enable Councillors to understand the various implications in reaching a decision for the precept sum for 2011/12.

It was RESOLVED on a vote of 3-2 to maintain the current precept level of £28,750.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

10/086

1. It was RESOLVED to purchase a litter bin to go alongside the bus shelter at Trelawney Estate, Frogpool.
2. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk asks Paul Chegwidden to re-bed the granite stones around the island outside of Frogpool Cemetery.
3. It was decided not to have an extra cut of the hedge outside of Gwennap Churchyard.

PARISH ROOMS AND PLAYING FIELD UPDATE

10/087

1. The Women’s Institute had kindly donated 48 cups and saucers for use in the new Rooms. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks for this welcome gift.
2. It was RESOLVED that the quote of £160 for venetian blinds to three windows was accepted.
3. The Clerk now had the manual for the fire safety risk assessment and would liase with Cllr Humble to complete the various tasks.
4. The suggestion of a review of the amount of rent paid weekly by the Football Club would be discussed at a future meeting.

FINANCE

10/088

1. Income had been received since the last meeting from Boogie Buddies 4x£15 hire of Rooms, V Baxter £10 hire of Rooms, two £42 adverts in the newsletter, floodlights meter £30, M Carveth £245 burial fee.
2. Cheques were authorised for signature for;

Cheque number	payee	service	value
100989	Broker Network Ltd	insurance premium	£1,580.64
100990	R Cook	street litter Oct/Nov	£193.18
100991	M P Chegwidden	contract cutting	£795.47
100992	L Moody	Playing Field duties	£74.30

Signed..... Chairman

16th December 2010