

# Gwennap Parish Council

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2011

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

Apologies none

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

### COUNCILLOR SNELL

The Chairman spoke of the recent death of Councillor Richard (Dick) Snell. He had been a Parish Councillor for over 55 years, representing the Council on the Mining Villages Group, Mineral Tramways, Historic Churchyards and in his private life, as a volunteer at Levant Mine. He would be sorely missed. Everyone stood for a minute's silence in his memory.

### DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

#### 10/100

Cornwall Council had advised the Parish Council that as a result of an uncontested election, David Lanyon had automatically been confirmed as our new Councillor. The Chairman invited him to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office register, which he duly did.

### PUBLIC CLINIC

1. PCSO Gamble presented her report. Crime was up by three to six reported events compared to the same period last year.  
Unfortunately, the matter of off-road bikers was no longer seen as a priority. Reported offences would now be treated as routine.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

#### 10/101

1. Cllr Furnish in any decisions on Wheal Maid.

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

#### 10/102

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

### MATTERS ARISING.

#### 10/103

1. The venetian blinds had now been fitted to the Parish Rooms.
2. The GPRM meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> January had been rescheduled to the 25<sup>th</sup>, but had been postponed again whilst the Chairman sought information from the Charity Commissioners.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### 10/104

1. Cornwall Council had sent our Small Societies Certificate of Registration
2. The Information Commissioner's Office reminded us that our Data Protection registration was due. It was RESOLVED that a cheque for this be signed later in the meeting.
3. Cornwall Council had written to confirm that the recent vacancy had been filled by David Lanyon. He was the only nomination, so the election was uncontested.
4. Cornwall Council had confirmed the "Coming into Force of Public Path Order" re. Bridleway 29
5. Tony Mogford Associates had sent the annual certificate of play equipment, with all items listed being in the Low Risk category. Councillors would take a look at some of the points raised to see if improvements could be made.
6. The Clerk presented his Wheal Maid Inspection monthly report sheet for January 2011.
7. Following a discussion at the last meeting, the Clerk had found information on Baby Changing Units that would be suitable for the toilet in the new Parish Rooms. It was RESOLVED that a unit be purchased, with the price around £180. The actual type would be discussed with users.
8. Geothermal Engineering had been in contact regarding the possibility of setting up a Community Liaison Group to keep people informed of developments on their drilling site. Any views we had on the membership of such a group would be welcomed, and if we required a visit at a future Council meeting, Ryan Law would be happy to attend. It was agreed

that we support the idea of a liaison group with membership from the local Councils and members of the public. These should ideally be individuals with background knowledge of the type of drilling being proposed.

9. Cornwall Council had sent an invitation to a second meeting of Local Council Planning Forum, to be held at County Hall on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 5p.m. The Clerk would attend.
10. A NALC briefing paper set out the main elements of the recently published Localism Bill. The Clerk will send it to all Councillors via e-mail, and it would then be placed on the next agenda for a fuller debate.
11. Cornwall Council Highways had replied to our letter regarding water and ice problems at Trehaddle. Limited resources available could only provide a reactive service once problem spots were identified, but drainage improvements to the western end of Trehaddle are on the list for further consideration, as the area was known as a problem
12. Cornwall Council were improving signage to the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site. A Gateway boundary marker would be erected at Bissoe and a new village sign at Gwennap. If we required further signs, we could purchase them but it was felt there were enough signs already.
13. Tim Jenkins had sent an E.A. update on Wheal Maid project. Discussions were still taking place with the HPA and their legal team, but it could be towards the end of April before their position becomes clearer.
14. Robert Cook's monthly litter clearing report was received and appreciated.
15. The Bank Mandate amendment to include the signature of Cllr Lanyon was signed. Cllr Lanyon was also given a "Register of Members Interests" form to complete and return to the Clerk, who would then send a copy to Cornwall Council.
16. A request from PCSO Gamble for a £30 donation was discussed and it was RESOLVED to agree. The funding would pay for two signs to be made, created from posters drawn by the schoolchildren at Cusgarne School. It was anticipated a competition would be organised with the theme of "Keeping Safe".

## **PLANNING**

### **10/105**

#### **Plans for comment at this meeting**

1. There were no plans to be studied.

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

1. Mr & Mrs Drew, Harmony Cottage, Goongumpas - demolition and relocation of stales APPROVED
2. Mr R Freeborn, Mount Wellington Mine - advertisement consent for display of 2 signs APPROVED
3. Mr & Mrs Baggs, Wheal Andrew Farm, Point Mills - proposed front and rear extension APPROVED
4. Mr A Jory, Fairways, Tresamble, - removal of conditions 3 & 4 re. occupancy restrictions REFUSED
5. RM Developments Ltd, Unit 10, United Downs Ind Estate - extension of time APPROVED
6. Mrs Lewis, Court Farm House, Gwennap - fell two trees APPROVED
7. Mr M Penna, South Tresamble Farm, Tresamble - construction of agricultural shed -APPROVED

## **SALT BINS UPDATE**

### **10/106**

The Clerk had now received further information on the availability of salt deliveries. They could be supplied as soon as we confirmed the exact locations. The actual siting of the one in the Playing Field would be looked at by Councillors over the next week but it would probably be in the area of the old boule court. The Clerk will ask the Crofthandy Village Hall Committee if they would have one sited in their car park.

## **REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED**

### **10/107**

1. Cllr Roscorla had complained about the potholes in the road from Frogpool to Greensplatt. A meeting on site with a Highways official had the repairs made quickly, but the road was on a programme of maintenance that should see it relaid in the next year.

Highways would also be looking into the river of brown liquid running down the same road, emanating from a farm gate.

2. Cllr Humble would attend the Mining Villages / Community Network with the Clerk on 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

## **MOUNT WELLINGTON SITE VISIT**

### **10/108**

Details were confirmed for the forthcoming visit to Mount Wellington on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January. The Clerk had invited local residents and Cllr Plummer.

## **FOOTPATH / ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

### **10/109**

1. The Clerk would try to get a replacement sign to attach to the fingerpost marker at Rose Hill, Comford, where footpath 7 crossed the main road.
2. At footpath 52 from Trewelm to Poldice Lane, Crofthandy, Western Power workers had left tree loppings in the path, reducing its' width to a couple of feet. The Clerk had reported it to Cornwall Council, who in turn were pursuing Western Power.
3. On the unadopted lane connecting Byways 44 and 45 at Crofthandy, a pool of grey smelly liquid was seeping onto the path. Cllr Lanyon confirmed that this was the overflow from the Council Houses at Trenbal, which was piped down across two fields towards a shaft. The Clerk will raise the matter with Cornwall Council's environmental department.

4. With the footpath trimming almost complete for the year, the Clerk had prepared the claim form to obtain reimbursement from Cornwall Council. The Chairman countersigned to application.
5. The Clerk would speak to the Countryside Agency regarding the trimming back of the canopy over a byway at Goongumpas. Cllr Lanyon felt it would be difficult for a horserider to negotiate the lane.

**PARISH ROOMS AND PLAYING FIELD UPDATE**

**10/110**

1. Matters regarding the new Blinds, Baby Changing facilities and the Equipment safety report had been dealt with previously in the meeting.
2. The Parish Council have three representatives on the GPRA, Cllrs Furnish, Padmore and Roscorla. With Cllr Lanyon being the current GPRA Chairman, this made four, which was against Council policy. Cllr Lanyon had realised this and would probably step down as Chairman. He then went on to speak of the difficulty the GPRA had in making decisions, with several members having conflicts of interests. Cllr Furnish suggested an extraordinary meeting of the GPRA could be held to resolve the issues, and Cllr Lanyon agreed to look into this. Cllr Lanyon also suggested a site meeting of the PC, GPRA and GPPA to avoid time being wasted on spending proposals that were not practical or feasible.

**FINANCE**

**10/111**

1. Income since the last meeting had been received in respect of : £715 Rural Payments Agency, £1.22 bank interest, £5 donation, £10+£10+£15+£15 Rooms hire, £75 burial fee, £25+£42 newsletter adverts.
2. Cllr Padmore confirmed he had carried out the quarterly audit of accounts and found everything to be in order.
3. Cheques were authorised for signature for;

| Cheque number | payee                    | service             | value     |
|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| 101003        | Hello Blinds             | new venetian blinds | £150.00   |
| 101004        | Information Commissioner | data protection fee | £35.00    |
| 101005        | Cornwall Council         | Election costs      | £124.54   |
| 101006        | R Cook                   | litter picking      | £96.59    |
| 101007        | M P Chegwidden           | contract cutting    | £1,206.00 |

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

**10/112**

1. Localism Bill
2. Website
3. Publishing of Minutes
4. Prayers
5. Cllr Snell - memorial
6. Vacancy on Council

Signed..... Chairman

17<sup>th</sup> February 2011