

# Gwennap Parish Council

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2011

Present. Cllr Furnish (Chairman), Cllr Humble (Vice Chairman), Cllr Roscorla  
Apologies Cllr Padmore - (there were no apologies from Cllrs Lanyon or Barton)  
Also present : PCSO Gamble, Mrs Medlyn, Mrs Evans

### **PUBLIC CLINIC**

1. PCSO Gamble presented her monthly report to the Council. It showed just two reported crimes in the past month and 15 calls to the Force Enquiry Centre relating to the parish. She stressed the importance of securing oil tanks following a spate of thefts of heating oil in the area. An article would be put in the next Newsletter covering this problem. PCSO Gamble would also follow up a matter raised by Mrs Medlyn regarding a theft incident last October.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**10/113**

There were no declarations of interest from Councillors.

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

**10/114**

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

### **MATTERS ARISING.**

**10/115**

1. The Baby Changing Unit had been fitted by Cllr Humble and the Clerk (along with the Parish Map)
2. The Salt products were on order.
3. The visit to Mount Wellington had taken place and it was felt it would be of benefit in studying any future planning application. C.Councillor Plummer was taking up some of the issues raised with the planning officer.

### **VACANCY ON COUNCIL**

**10/116**

1. Following the loss of Councillor Snell, the Council had a vacancy to be filled. Cornwall Council had advertised this, and as there was no request from ten or more parishioners for an election, the Parish Council could now fill the vacancy by co-option. The Clerk was asked to prepare posters inviting interested persons to contact the Council by 15<sup>th</sup> March following which a shortlist would be prepared and interviews held.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

**10/117**

1. Cornwall Council have published their Cornwall Core Strategy consultation paper. The Clerk handed out sets of hard copies that Councillors could study. Cllr Humble gave a full explanation of the strategy following his attendance at the recent Planning Forum. Any comments had to be back with C.Council by 28<sup>th</sup> April.
2. Cornwall Council had sent a reminder to Councillors of the importance of updating their entry in the Register of Members Interests when changes occur.
3. Cornwall Council Democratic Services have sent a revised procedure for speaking at Planning Committees.
4. A letter from the Environment Agency offered support and advice on the setting up of community flood plans. The Clerk has written to ask whether they would consider advice on the Wheal Maid Valley. Their reply was hopeful, asking for a copy of the Consultant's report on the valley, following which they will comment further.
5. The Information Commissioner's Office had sent confirmation of our Data Protection renewal.
6. The Historic Churchyards Group agenda for a meeting to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February had been received. No one could attend the meeting, but the Council were still concerned that a firm figure had not been placed on the cost of completing outstanding website works. Beyond this task, the Council felt they did not want to commit to any new enterprises and the Clerk would send a letter to the group explaining this.
7. Govan Ltd had written offering a free solar system on public buildings in return for the income from "feed-in-tariffs". It was decided that because of adverse publicity re. such offers, it would be prudent to leave the matter rest for a while.
8. Ann Van de Heuvel had sent some comments following the Mount Wellington recent meeting which were noted and would be called on when the planning application was received.
9. The monthly Street Litter report was acknowledged.
10. The Clerk gave his Wheal Maid February report, confirming no change in the physical features of the valley.

## **COUNCILLOR SNELL**

### **10/118**

A debate took place on the appropriateness of a memorial to the late Councillor Dick Snell. Although it was an obvious consideration in view of his fifty-five years of service to the Council, Dick had repeatedly said he did not want anything named after him if he ever left the Council. This had been repeated to his Chapel Minister in his last weeks, and needed to be taken into consideration. More thought was needed, possibly something modest like the planting of a tree.

## **LOCALISM BILL**

### **10/119**

The Clerk had copied this in to each Councillor to make them aware of the potential changes should the Localism Bill be adopted later this year. At this stage there was no action required but the Chairman asked for it to be a repeat agenda item so that we kept abreast of certain aspects, like the neighbourhood planning possibilities. We did not want to be left behind when the Bill received approval.

## **PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

### **10/120**

It would soon be time to renew the annual hosting service for the Council's website. The current provider was no longer able to provide the service and, on comparing the various options suggested by Cllr Padmore it was RESOLVED to go with Host Media UK at a cost of £25 per annum.

## **PUBLISHING OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **10/121**

In the absence of Councillor Lanyon, this item was deferred until the next meeting.

## **PRAYERS AT THE START OF EACH MEETING**

### **10/122**

After much discussion, it was agreed by all present, and RESOLVED that prayers would no longer be said before a meeting.

## **PLANNING**

### **10/123**

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

1. Mr A Thomson, Cathlowena, Cusgarne - barn conversion and part garage conversion to form annexe SUPPORT
2. Mr Dickson, Penventon House, Treviskey - erection of extension to create two self contained dwellings SUPPORT
3. Mr Grubb, Penventon Nursery, Gwennap - variation of condition 3 re. opening hours of café OBJECT
4. Mr Jones, The Cottage, Pulla Cross - ground floor and first floor extensions SUPPORT

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

1. Ms S Quinney, Arley Cottage, Cusvey - extension. APPROVED.
2. Mr J Dunn, land adj. To Jasmine Cott., Crofthandy - new dwelling. APPROVED
3. Appeals by Mr B Rowe, Lower Tolgullow Vean Farm, Little Beside. APPEALS DISMISSED.

## **REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED**

### **10/124**

1. Cllr Humble and the Clerk had attended the recent meeting of the MVRG and the ensuing Community Network Meeting held at Lanner. The latter meeting included a talk by a Cornwall Council speaker on the Core Strategy. Also, with the possible reduction in mobile library services, the next meeting would receive details on the numbers using the service in the various locations.
2. The Clerk and Cllr Humble had also attended the Local Council Planning Forum on 10<sup>th</sup> February where a general update was given on the Core Strategy, Affordable Housing and other topical planning matters.
3. A meeting of the GPPA had taken place on 15<sup>th</sup> February. Cllr Padmore was elected as Chairman of the group with Lawrence Moody the Vice Chairman. Proposals arising from the meeting for Parish Council approval included the continuing arrangements for Car Boot Sales and the provision of additional play equipment in conjunction with the GPPA. A joint site visit, proposed at the last Parish Council meeting, was felt to be the way forward on this to assess the viability of suggestions. The Football Club representative also outlined a request for minor improvements to the changing facilities, including the positioning of a storage container at the rear of the building. The Parish Council APPROVED the car boot proposals and supported the idea of a joint playing field inspection.
4. The Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, would be the representative on the Geothermal Liaison Group which was expected to commence in April.
5. Cllr Roscorla had attended a Fete meeting. It was agreed that the Fete Committee could store books for their book stall in the Parish Rooms. More parent involvement was being sought to help with the fete.

**FOOTPATH / ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

**10/125**

1. Cllr Plummer had received a request for action to the byway at Little Beside from a resident. The Clerk had given Cllr Plummer copies of all previous correspondence on this topic as there had been Parish and County involvement last year.
2. Cllr Roscorla had enquired of the Highways Dept. why Pencantol Estate had received resurfacing whilst the road out to Greensplatt remained in poor condition.
3. The Chairman would take a look at the granite setts being stored on our behalf at Dick Snell’s property. We would have to move them before the property was sold.

**PARISH ROOMS AND PLAYING FIELD UPDATE**

**10/126**

1. A quotation from Cornwall Council for the gang-mowing of the Playing Field upper area was unchanged for the third year. It was RESOLVED to accept this.
2. Cllr Humble & the Clerk were thanked for their assistance in fixing the baby changing table and new parish map to walls in the building.

**FINANCE**

**10/127**

1. Income had been received since the last meeting for Rooms Hire £75, Burial Fees £370
2. Cheques were authorised for signature in respect of:-

Cheque number	payee	service	value
101008	Tony Mogford Associates	equipment inspection	£108.00
101009	Cornwall Council	grass cutting	£612.00
101010	A Blamey	reimbursement of payments	£628.43
101011	R Cook	street sweeping	£89.16
101012	L Moody	P.Field duties Jan+Feb	£196.90
101013	M P Chegwidden	contract cutting	£631.20

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

**10/128**

1. Minutes
2. Localism Bill

Signed..... Chairman

17<sup>th</sup> March 2011