

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 17th MARCH 2011

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

Apologies none

Also present : PCSO Gamble, Mrs Medlyn, Mrs Evans, Mr Reburn

PUBLIC CLINIC

1. PCSO Gamble presented her monthly report. It showed only one reported crime during the past month, and nine calls to the Call Centre relating to our parish.
2. Cllr Lanyon was concerned that two alleged crimes he knew of in the Crofthandy area had not been reported, but PCSO Gamble explained that the police can only act on crimes reported directly to them. It was noted in the minutes that a theft from an oil tank and a house burglary could well be unreported crimes and therefore missing from the report.
3. Mrs Medlyn spoke of two youths acting suspiciously in the Goongumpas area recently. The Chairman had also seen the pair in the Hale Mills area.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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There were no declarations of interest from Councillors.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

10/130

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

MATTERS ARISING.

10/131

There were no matters arising that were not covered by the agenda.

PRECEPT FOR 2011/12

10/132

The meeting was informed that the Council's precept for 2011/12 had remained unchanged at £28,750.

VACANCY ON COUNCIL

10/133

Four applications received for co-option onto the Council would be discussed following the public part of this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

10/134

1. Cornwall Countryside Access Forum were canvassing for members in their Annual Recruitment publication.
2. The Minutes of Carharrack Parish Council meeting of 24th January and 28th February were noted.
3. The Minutes of the Mining Village Regeneration Group meeting held on 3rd February were noted. A report had already been received at our previous meeting.
4. Cornwall Council Highways Service had sent notification of the temporary road closure between Cornish Arms and Cusgarne Hill from 28th/29th March.
5. Thurstan Hoskin Solicitors had replied regarding the stone setts at the late Cllr Snell's property. They assumed we would be removing them in the near future. The Chairman would get a quote for their removal to a part of his land that bordered the valley and report back to the next meeting.
6. Cornwall Council Public Health had replied regarding the grey water seeping onto a path at Crofthandy. They felt no further action was necessary as it did not currently present a public health issue. Despite several inaccuracies in the letter, it was decided to leave the matter until it was raised again.
7. Following a request from Cllr Humble at a recent Planning meeting, Cornwall Council's Affordable Housing Officer had replied regarding numbers waiting for social housing within the parish. Although there were potentially 25 households on the list, only two had expressed a wish for affordable housing in the parish. This could be misleading, as applicants were asked to express preferences, and it could well be that with nothing on offer in our parish, a neighbouring scheme might offer a better opportunity.

8. An update on the grant application from the MVRG for a Mining Villages Trails Website had stalled through lack of money in the scheme currently.
9. The Historic Churchyards meeting of 22nd February 2011 had decided to complete the website and keep it ticking over, but to do nothing beyond that unless there was increased interest from members. This would mean a £250 contribution from Gwennap towards the completion of the website.
10. The Street Litter Clearing report for March was received and noted.
11. Natural England had sent confirmation of our Higher Level Stewardship Scheme to start w.e.f. 1st April 2011. The Council would now meet with their officer to work out the details of the scheme requirements for the next year. There would also be a need to liaise with Cornwall Council Historic Archaeology department regarding the preservation of Taylor's and Davey's buildings.
The Clerk would check with Cornwall Council regarding the stage tendering had reached. Cllr Lanyon felt that if the work could be given to local tradesmen then the benefits to the local economy would be increased.

LOCALISM BILL

10/135

No new information or updates had been received, but the item would remain on the agenda for future meetings. The Chairman offered to produce a local planning strategy to begin a debate as to how we could shape local planning given the opportunity.

PUBLISHING OF COUNCIL MINUTES

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Cllr Lanyon felt the current system of publishing the minutes only after they had been signed off at the next meeting led to an unnecessary delay for anyone who wanted to follow up a point. He made the proposal that the minutes be re-headed "general notes" and put on notice boards before the next meeting.
There was no seconder for the proposal, which was declared lost.

PLANNING

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Plans for comment at this meeting

1. Mrs P Lewis, Court Farm House, Church Lane, Gwennap - fell one sycamore tree LEAVE TO C.COUNCIL
2. Mr H Ormes, Trebartha, 3 Homefield, Crofthandy - erection of single storey double garage SUPPORT
3. Mr M Bray, Mount Pleasant Farm, Hicks Mill - retention of conversion and alterations to barns, to form two dwellings OBJECT – should be affordable housing, not unfettered.

Decision Notices received back from Cornwall Council.

1. Mr Grubb, Penventon Nursery, Gwennap - permission to allow cooking at extended hours. REFUSED.
2. Mr Jones, The Cottage, Pulla Cross - extensions. APPROVED.
3. Mr Dickson, Penventon House, Treviskey - extension to create two separate dwellings. REFUSED.
4. Mr A Thomson, Cathlowena, Cusgarne - barn conversion. APPROVED.

REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

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1. Updates from the Historic Churchyards Group and the MVRG Trails project are covered in correspondence.
2. The Fete Committee had met and was looking for more support from local traders. The issue of a driver for the shuttle bus was being covered in the forthcoming newsletter.

FOOTPATH / ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

10/139

1. Cllr Lanyon asked for the drain under the road from Crofthandy to Triplet to be cleared by Cornwall Council, alleviating the flooding that occurs on Byway 53. The Clerk had met with the Countryside Officer in the past year on this site and this was agreed, along with additional road planings to assist pedestrians on the byway. A further request would be made.

PARISH ROOMS AND PLAYING FIELD UPDATE

10/140

1. The Clerk and Cllr Humble had completed the Fire Risk Assessment, introducing a range of measures recommended. It was RESOLVED that the Council books a joint annual extinguisher and PAT test from Firecrest for July at a cost of £60.30, being the lower of the three quotes obtained.
2. The Clerk gave Cllr Lanyon the Building file for the Parish Rooms to look at as he had previously requested this.
3. The Clerk would send a copy of the Declarations of Interest forms by e-mail to Cllr Lanyon. The signing of the bank mandate was also outstanding.
4. The Clerk was given permission to engage casual labour to re-furbish the seats and picnic tables in the Playing Field, within a set financial limit.

FINANCE

10/141

1. Income had been received since the last meeting in respect of Burials (£185,£125,£75,£75), Advert £42, Rooms Hire (£15,£15,£10)
2. Cheques were authorised for signature in respect of:-

Cheque number	payee	service	value
101014	R Cook	street litter	£92.88
101015	Cornwall Council	printing	£516.02
101016	A Blamey	quarterly salary & reimbs.	£1,600.45
101017	Post Office Ltd	income tax	£290.23
101018	M P Chegwiddden	contract cutting	£1,075.20
101019	L Moody	playing field duties	£107.74

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

10/142

1. Meeting locations

The Chairman then excluded the public from the meeting under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as the applications to join the Council were to be discussed.

Signed..... Chairman 21st April 2011