

# Gwennap Parish Council

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2011

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

Apologies Cllr Lanyon, PCSO Gamble

Also present : Mrs Medlyn

### NEW COUNCILLOR

#### 10/142

Following recent interviews for the vacancy on the Council, Mrs Gea Evans from Crofthandy was invited to be co-opted. Mrs Evans signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office register and Bank Mandate and took her seat alongside the other Councillors.

She also handed the Clerk her 'Register of Members Interests', which he would forward on to Cornwall Council.

### PUBLIC CLINIC

1. PCSO Gamble couldn't make the meeting but had sent her report on crime activity in the parish during the past month. Reported crime was down from eight to two compared with last year. Of 21 calls made to the Force Enquiry Centre 3 related to Wheal Maid.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

#### 10/143

There were no declarations of interest from Councillors.

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

#### 10/144

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

### MATTERS ARISING.

#### 10/145

1. Cornwall Council had replied to confirm that the tendering process for the preservation of the mine buildings in the Wheal Maid Valley would be open to all, including local tradesmen.

### VACANCY ON COUNCIL

#### 10/146

Following the interviews, the Clerk had written to each unsuccessful candidate, thanking them for their interest in our recent vacancy. Mrs Evans had confirmed acceptance.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### 10/147

1. Thurstan Hoskin Solicitors had written to enquire whether we had made any progress in moving the granite setts from the property of ex Councillor Snell. The Chairman had received a quote of £300 for their removal to a place of safety on his land adjacent to the valley, and it was RESOLVED to accept this.
2. The Street Litter report for April 2011 was noted.
3. The notice of a temporary road closure from Burncoose to Pulla Cross from 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May was noted.
4. It was noted that Cornwall Council's review of 'Face to Face' services will mean the moving of several One Stop Shops from their current location to the nearest Library, with the hours of opening also subject to review. In our area this would affect the Redruth service.
5. The minutes of a meeting of Carharrack Parish Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> March were noted.
6. Cornwall Council Planning Local Council seminar and workshop programme 2011/2012 programme had been received. The Clerk would e-mail this to Councillors, and they needed to let the Clerk know which events they wanted to attend.
7. The Wheal Maid Inspection report for April 2011 was noted.
8. A parishioner enquiry regarding the siting of caravans on land at Tresamble Moor would be referred to Cornwall Council for further investigation.

9. A request from Cllr Kaczmarek to support the speed limit reduction from 50mph to 40mph on the A393 from Comford to Lanner was not supported. A recent planning application on this road was refused because of its location away from any centre of population, therefore there could be no basis to impose a 40 mph limit.

## **LOCALISM BILL**

### **10/148**

Nothing new to report.

## **CORE STRATEGY**

### **10/149**

A reply from this Council was due back in the next week. Councillors had seen the information available and Cllr Humble had also attended a seminar on the subject. He spoke at length on the background and the proposed options and any views should reach the Clerk by 29<sup>th</sup> April to enable our reply to be returned in time. Cllr Humble was thanked for his efforts.

## **MEETING VENUES FOR COUNCIL**

### **10/150**

It was RESOLVED that all meetings of the Council should be held at the Parish Rooms.

## **PLANNING**

### **10/151**

There were no plans for comment at this meeting.

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

1. Mrs Lewis, Court Parmhouse, Gwennap - fell 1 sycamore tree. APPROVED
2. Mr M Bray, Mount Pleasant Farm, Hicks Mill - retention of barn conversions REFUSED

## **REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED**

### **10/152**

1. Cllr Humble and the Clerk had attended a meeting of the SITA Liaison Group on 19<sup>th</sup> April. It was primarily to discuss the amended restoration plans and public rights of way of the closed Landfill Site. A planning application would be with the Council in early summer to enable us to comment on proposals.
2. Cllr Humble and the Clerk attended the MVRG meeting at Stithians on 7<sup>th</sup> April. A lengthy talk on Cornwall Council's policy regarding food procurement seemed to overlook the smaller local providers.
3. The Chairman Vice Chairman and the Clerk attended a meeting at Carrick House with the Environment Agency and Cornwall Council to receive the final report regarding the contamination levels in the Wheal Maid Valley. The comprehensive report eventually recommended that the only remediation treatment necessary was for improved signage providing information on the site history, how it fits with the mining heritage of the area and provide information on the possible risks posed to mountain bikers on the lower tailings lagoon. Cornwall Council would be applying, on our behalf, for a grant towards the cost from the Contaminated Land Capital Projects fund. If this should fail, we would need to contact the E.A. again to work out what could be done, and when rather than set a prescriptive deadline before the works could be financed.
4. The Fete committee would like the Council's contribution towards the Band before the event. A cheque would be drawn at the next meeting.

## **REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE**

### **10/153**

1. The work on the seats and picnic tables had been completed.
2. Councillors were reminded to take a look at the brambles along the church-side of the column of Yews in Gwennap Churchyard. They could be cleared, but the Council needed to approve the work as necessary beforehand.
3. Potholes were a problem in several local roads. Cllr Humble would find the dedicated pothole telephone number to report one near Frogpool Chapel.

## **FOOTPATH / ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

### **10/154**

1. Cornwall Council had confirmed they had met on site at Byway 53, Crofthandy, and would clear and jet the offending drain again. They would monitor the effect this had on future flooding problems.
2. Cornwall Council had sent details of their offer under the LMP Scheme for footpath trimming in 2011/12. The sum was similar to the previous year and it was RESOLVED that the Chairman signs the acceptance agreement.
3. The path from Lanner Farm to Greensplatt needed better marking as a locked gate now prevented passage over the unauthorised lane route used by everyone.
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## **PARISH ROOMS AND PLAYING FIELD UPDATE**

### **10/155**

1. The Car Boot season had started with the second April 'boot' being very successful.
2. The builder had confirmed he was sending the flooring tradesman to sort out the floor problem.

3. A meeting of the GPRA/GPPA was held to agree to the proposed building works on the changing room extension. If the Parish Council were in agreement, the GPRA would be leading this work, engaging the tradesmen and paying the invoices direct. It was RESOLVED to support this project. The Chairman would liase with Cllr Lanyon and Nick Mallaber to explain the urgency to set things in motion. Cllr Barton tabled a slightly amended plan and was thanked for his work in getting the project to this stage.

## FINANCE

### 10/156

1. Income had been received since the last meeting in respect of Burial Ground £325+£125+£200 : Precept £14,375 : Rooms Hire £15+£15 : Newsletter advert £42 : Car Boots April £180.53
2. The Council's financial records for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 had been internally audited by an independent person. His comments were noted and he has signed the Annual return to the effect that everything is in order. The Parish Council now needed to sign off the accounts before they are sent to the Audit Commission for their scrutiny. The Annual Governance statement was also approved.
3. The necessary notices had been posted on public notice boards.
4. Cheques were authorised for signature in respect of:-

Cheque number	payee	service	value
101020	Cornwall Council	Dog Bin emptying	£237.10
101021	A&N Media Finance	Car Boot advert	£25.50
101022	R Cook	street litter	£96.59
101023	A E Harris	year end audit fee	£100.00
101024	P Hedges	Playing Field seats refurb.	£133.74
101025	CMV Historic Churchyards	Website upgrade	£250.00
101026	L Moody	Playing Field duties	£111.45
101027	Martin Luck Group	stationery	£46.62
101028	M P Chegwiddden	contract cutting	£927.60

## ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

### 10/157

A project for the betterment of the Parish.

Signed..... Chairman

19<sup>th</sup> May 2011