

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 21st JULY 2011

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

Apologies PCSO Gamble

Also present : Mr Bawden, Mr Reburn, Mrs Medlyn, Mrs Rowe

PUBLIC CLINIC

1. Mrs Rowe thanked Councillors for their help at the recent Fete. The Chairman felt the day was a great success and congratulated Mrs Rowe and her committee. Mrs Rowe pointed out that next June was Diamond Jubilee year, and if the Parish Council were planning an event to mark the occasion then perhaps there could be a joint venture. The Chairman would ensure that a discussion took place later in the meeting, and the Clerk would contact her with the outcome.
2. Mrs Medlyn asked who was responsible for the trimming of byways. The Clerk explained it was the duty of the adjacent landowner. She felt that Higher Goongumpas Lane was growing in and needed attention. Cllr Lanyon would take a look and carry out any trimming he felt necessary (he was the landowner).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

11/184 none.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

11/185

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

MATTERS ARISING.

11/186

1. The Chairman had secured the main gates by drilling retaining holes where necessary.
2. The reported tree cutting at Mount Wellington had been investigated by the Chairman. He could not identify the problem area. He had walked a considerable length of the perimeter and only found two trees that had fallen. Chacewater Parish Council would be informed of this as they had raised the initial query.
3. Cllr Lanyon handed the Clerk his Register of Members Interests which would now be forwarded to Cornwall Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

11/187

1. Cornwall Council had sent the annual Cleansing Grant of £1328.83 for 2011-2012
2. The Gwennap Parish & Cusgarne School Community Project Committee had sent a donation of £311.28, being a share of the recent Fete proceeds. A letter of thanks is to be sent and a further letter when the Council decides what purpose the funds will be put towards in the Parish Rooms.
3. A request had been received from neighbours at Gwennap Churchyard for tree pruning as their telephone was affected. Cllr Humble had visited the residents and assessed the situation. He had repaired an internal fault and gave further advice. He did not feel our trees were adversely affecting the situation, but when time allowed, perhaps we could remove one limb that might make things easier.
4. The street litter report for July was noted.
5. An invitation had been received from George Eustice MP to "mini summit" on 28th July in Redruth. The subject was "Making the most of our Heritage". If any Councillor felt able to attend then inform the Clerk.
6. The minutes of Carharrack Parish Council's meeting held on 23rd May were noted.
7. The July Wheal Maid Inspection report was noted.
8. NALC had sent advice on Code of Conduct matters following adoption of Localism Bill. Once the Bill came into force, the Code of Conduct would be repealed. Their advice was that we should not adopt a voluntary Code as enforcing sanctions would be difficult, but that we should withdraw our current Code of Conduct without replacement. It did not affect the register and declaration of interests, which were covered in a separate part of the Localism Bill.
9. Cornwall Council had also written on the subject of the Code, confirming what the NALC had told us. However, they were asking Parish Councils whether they were interested in buying an advice service from themselves on code of conduct matters should the Parish Council adopt a voluntary code.

It was RESOLVED that at this stage it was felt best not to adopt a voluntary code. The Chairman highlighted a section of the current Standing Orders that would continue to provide a safety net for issues. It was also considered unnecessary to take up the offer from Cornwall Council regarding buying in services.

When the Localism Bill becomes enacted, we can reconsider depending on its content.

10. PCSO Gamble had sent her report as she was unavailable. Reported crime was down from six to three compared to last year. There had been ten calls to the Force Enquiry Centre, none related to Wheal Maid.

PLANNING

11/188

Planning Applications received:

1. Mrs D Heller, Eglosderry, Merrymeeting, Gwennap - certificate of lawfulness re. agric. condition
2. Mr A Darlington, The Old Barn, 4 Coombe Terrace, Coombe - certificate of lawfulness for barn development. *(No. 1 had already been dealt with by the Parish Council (supported in the absence of any knowledge to the contrary of evidence produced), whilst No.2 is for 'Information Only'. No comment is needed.)*
3. Mr J Hustler, Quarry Cottage, Trehaddle - proposed conservatory. SUPPORT.
4. Mr J Matthews, Cascadden House, Stithians - barn conversion (as previously granted) with amendments) SUPPORT
5. Mr J Datson, adjoining the woodyard, Race Hill, Point Mills - stationing of mobile home during construction SUPPORT
6. Mr B Rowe, Lower Tolgullow Vean Farm, Little Beside - construction of dwelling SUPPORT

Decision Notices received back from Cornwall Council.

Mr Cornish, Pine Trees, Trewelm Lane, Crofthandy - works to 3 Monterey Pines. PART APPROVED/PART REFUSED

Other Planning

1. Enforcement were still looking into the matter of the caravans on Tresamble Moor
2. Possible illegal tipping was being carried out at Bal Maiden, Pulla Bridge. The Clerk would make further enquiries and if necessary, advise Cornwall Council.
3. It had been brought to the attention of the Council that the recently approved offices at Trehaddle were actually being lived in. Cornwall Council had been informed.

REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

11/189

1. Cllr Roscorla had attended the post-Fete meeting. The next meeting will be in September when planning for next year will begin.
2. Cllr Evans had attended a Cornwall Council seminar on community levies in planning (section 106).

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

11/190

1. Since the last meeting damage had been done to the Gents toilets, where the door had forced in. The Clerk had organised immediate repairs and notified the police, who had attended later to make notes. It was RESOLVED that the repair invoice from P Hedges be paid.
2. A suggestion had been made that our grass cutting contract should include the small triangle at Frogpool Chapel crossroads. It would not cost very much, and it was in a very noticeable spot.
3. It was agreed to maintain the grass island at Frogpool Chapel crossroads, subject to the cost being acceptable.
4. The manhole cover outside the Parish Rooms was loose and needed re-cementing. The Clerk would arrange this.

FOOTPATH / ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

11/191

1. Cllr Padmore had taken a look at Footpath 307/6/1 at Geor. He agreed with the previous decision that it would be too costly to re-open the wooded area, besides which it was always too wet to walk in winter months.
2. Cllr Lanyon advised that japanese knotweed was returning to part of the Goongumpas Loop near Winter Cottage. The Clerk will inform Cornwall Council.
3. It was decided not to introduce any additional dog poop bins. Instead, using the next newsletter, parishioners would be informed that disposal can be made via litter bins and dustbins if properly bagged.

PARISH BETTERMENT PROJECT

11/192

A discussion took place on ideas for parish projects that would add value to life in the parish. The earlier proposal by Helen Rowe, to combine the 2012 Fete with a Diamond Jubilee event, if the Parish Council was going to hold one, was felt to cover several of the ideas put forward. The Chairman would convene a meeting inviting the fete committee and possibly other interested parties to explore the various options for a joint event.

Other suggestions included the restoration of the village pump, granite village signs, works to Paynters Pool at Crofthandy and a volunteer run shop/café.

More discussions would take place at the next meeting after exploratory work had been carried out.

PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

11/193

1. Builders working for the GPRA had completed their work on extending the changing rooms. Cllr Lanyon would now arrange for the electrical works and decoration to be carried out. The Football Club would be asked to provide their storage container as soon as possible to free up room in the remaining storeroom area.

2. The annual fire precautions and portable electrical equipment testing had been carried out by Firecrest. We required one further extinguisher to cover electrical problems and this was duly fitted. One other extinguisher was slightly relocated to comply with guidance. It was RESOLVED to pay for the additional extinguisher.

FINANCE

11/193

1. Income had been received since the last meeting of £75 Rooms hire, £275.60 June Car Boot sales, £122 newsletter adverts, £2.10 bank interest, £311.28 Fete Committee donation and £1,328.83 Cwll Council street sweeping grant
2. Cllr Padmore confirmed he had carried out the June quarter internal audit and found everything to be in order.
3. Cllr Lanyon had completed the bank mandate forms therefore both he and Cllr Evans could now sign cheques.
4. Cheques were authorised for signature in respect of:-

Cheque number	payee	service	value
101043	P Hedges	door repairs	£54.00
101044	R Cook	litter clearance	£102.31
101045	FireCrest	annual inspection	£159.84
101046	M P Chegwidden	contract cutting	£1,476.00
101047	A&N Media Finance Services	car boot adverts	£76.50
101048	L Moody	playing field duties	£118.57

Signed..... Chairman 18th August 2011