

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 15th SEPTEMBER 2011

Present. Cllr Humble (Acting Chairman), Cllr Roscorla, Cllr Padmore, Cllr Barton

Apologies Cllr Furnish, Cllr Evans, PCSO Gamble

Also present : Mr & Mrs Hains

PUBLIC CLINIC - nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

11/205 - none

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

11/206

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

MATTERS ARISING.

11/207

1. PCSO Gamble had visited Mrs Hooper at Little Beside and would be forwarding her suggestions and photos to the Council when she returned from holiday.

CORRESPONDENCE

11/208

1. Cornwall Council asked Councillors to consider whether their Declarations of Interests were up to date. Cllr Humble had submitted a revised version which had been sent on.
2. It was RESOLVED to renew the subscription (£11) to Clerks and Councils Direct.
3. Cornwall Council Historic & Environment Service had written again regarding the Fingerpost sign posts at Crofthandy and United Downs. It was possible that money might be found by Cornwall Council to replace the two missing arms at United, and confirmation was received that future maintenance would not fall to the Parish Council unless it expressed a wish to do so. The Clerk was asked to write to confirm we would be interested in listing if the monies could be found elsewhere to repair the missing arms.
4. The Clerk presented reports on the last two visits he had made to the Wheal Maid Valley. There was nothing unusual to report, although the grass bank at the entrance to the western culvert grill needed cutting back. It was agreed that the Clerk arranges for this to be done.
5. A reply had been received from Enforcement regarding the caravans on land at Tresamble Moor. They are now in discussions with the owner to have them removed as their permanent siting is unauthorised and would not be supported if an application was made.
6. The litter picking report for September was noted.

PLANNING

11/209

Planning Applications received:

Dealt with since last meeting:

PA11/06369 Mr T Hudson, Tregoyd, Frogpool - tree works to trees under a TPO. REFER TO C.COUNCIL FOR DECISION

PA11/06236 & 05835 Mr Maxted, The Old Mill, Hicks Mill - garage conversion to living accom. SUPPORT with CONDITIONS

PA11/06428 Mr T Ware, Heatherbank, United Road - new store building for scrap metal. SUPPORT

For consideration at this meeting:

PA11/05792 Mr Drew, The Scrapyard, United Downs - proposed new car parts storage building SUPPORT

PA11/06033 Mr E North, Trenant House, Point Mills, Bissoe - certificate of lawful (existing) development for the stationing of a residential caravan (for information only) MENTION THE RIGHT OF WAY THROUGH THE SITE

PA11/05931 Mr J Hains, The Stamps, Trehaddle - rebuilding of existing "lean-to" & replacement shed SUPPORT

PA11/06208 LTC Scaffolding, United Downs Ind. Park - remove portacabins, erect two storey office building SUPPORT, but request a time limit on temporary buildings whilst main development takes place.

Decision Notices received back from Cornwall Council

- 1. Mr B Rowe, Lower Tolgullow Vean Farm - construction of a dwelling and associated works. APPROVED

A letter from “Communities and Local Government” drew our attention to the Draft National Planning Policy Framework which had also received media coverage. The Clerk reminded Councillors of an e-mail he had forwarded last month where Cllr Humble’s son had provided a summary of potential implications.

REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

11/210

- 1. The Clerk and Chairman had met on site at Wheal Maid with Natural England to agree the detail of management of the plant life in the valley. There would need to be some cutting and removal of buddleia, cotoneaster, bracken and gorse to allow the heathland to flourish. A detailed mapping exercise at the end of September by N.England would give us a map from which contractors could work. Funding would be from our annual grant for maintenance.
- 2. We have to provide adequate signage, agreed with County and the EA, to meet the recommendations of the EA report into contamination in the valley.. We have recently failed to get grant assistance and are waiting to see if there is anything left over in the EA ‘pot’ at the end of the years. If there isn’t, we will have to fund it somehow. However, Natural England, with whom we have a 10 year Environmental Stewardship Agreement for the valley, have increased our funding by £9,500 to provide signs.
The Clerk has had an initial meeting with NE and CC. CC have provided suggestions of types of Board for our agreement, and will work up the wording on the mining and industrial archaeological features of the area for 3 main boards. The Parish Council will agree the final effort.
For 2/3 smaller Boards, the wording emphasis should be on contamination and how the tailings dams came to be there – worded subtly to avoid having the signs damaged. This wording will be approved by the EA and the Parish Council.
After the quotes for the Boards’ wording and erection have been received, we may have to have further discussion with the EA - depending on the overall cost.
- 3. For information only, a student from the University of Portsmouth is carrying out a project on dust monitoring in the valley. He has equipment in various locations and will collect samples fortnightly over the next year.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

11/211

- 1. The children’s cradle swing had slipped again – the Clerk will repair it.

PARISH BETTERMENT PROJECT

11/212

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

PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

11/213

- 1. The Football Club had made a start on the painting of the changing rooms.
- 2. A request had been received from “24-7 First Response” to hold a fun raising day on the Playing Field. However, the organisation did not have public liability cover and wanted to use ours, which was not possible.
- 3. The Clerk has informed the Chairman of the GPRA that a grant of up to £10k was potentially available for play equipment, assuming a similar spend from the GPRA. The Chairman confirmed this would be discussed at the next GPRA meeting.
- 4. The Clerk was asked to send an invoice to the GPRA for past repairs as agreed at the GPRA AGM.

FINANCE

11/214

- 1. Income had been received since the last meeting of : £100 M Penrose re burial ; £156.02 Aug Car Boot ; £14,375.00 2nd part of annual precept from Cornwall Council.
- 2. Cheques were authorised for signature in respect of:-

Cheque number	payee	service	value
101057	Greenham	cleaning sundries	£114.89
101058	A&N Media Finance	car boot advert	£25.50
101059	Communicorp	annual subscription	£11.00
101060	R Cook	litter picking September	£99.45
101061	A Blamey	salary/expenses Qtr 2	£1,874.00
101062	Post Office Ltd	income tax Qtr 2	£298.94
101063	M P Chegwiddden	contract cutting	£1,023.60

Signed..... Chairman 20th October 2011