

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 19th JANUARY 2012

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

Apologies none

Also present : Mr & Mrs Medlyn, Mr & Mrs Chapman, Mr Bawden, Mrs Hooper, +2

PUBLIC CLINIC

1. Mrs Hooper raised queries regarding a vehicle parked at Paynters Pool and the removal of fencing posts in the same area. The Chairman explained that this wasn't a Council matter, but that he would speak to Cllr Lanyon outside of the meeting and contact her within a week. She also reminded the Clerk that he was going to erect a footpath sign on the post near her property.
2. Mr Medlyn reported that he had received a letter from an adjoining landowner warning him against cutting any growth on his hedge. The Chairman explained that the landowner, Cllr Lanyon, did not feel any action was necessary. He had visited the site and felt it was generally okay, but if there were specific areas of growth that were causing problems, then Cornwall Council would need to arbitrate. Mr Medlyn would give the Clerk the names of the six landowners whose property bordered the byway.
3. Mr Chapman asked if the Parish Council had received all the necessary documentation related to his planning application. He explained why he had submitted the application and couldn't see any harm in what he was asking for. The comments would be taken into account when the planning application was discussed later in the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

11/239 none.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

11/240

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

MATTERS ARISING.

11/241

1. There had been no update from the Football Club regarding the acquisition of a container or their proposed meeting with the youth football organisation.
2. Details of the Mountain Bike event planned by 'FullySussed' for April were still being made, and should be available for our February meeting.
3. The Chairman had looked into the bracken spray to be used on pockets of Wheal Maid, and found that despite it being withdrawn from use, it will likely be reauthorised following concerns about its use on food plants.
4. Our litter picker is happy for the dog bin at the cemetery to be replaced by a general use bin. The Clerk has ordered a new bin and Paul Chegwiddden will install a new holding post to replace the rotten one.
5. The poor condition of Lower Goongumpas Lane will be discussed at a meeting of interested residents, to be held in the near future at Crofthandy Village Hall. The Chairman has approached Cornwall Council to see if they will deliver road planings free of charge, if residents spread them and was awaiting an answer.

CORRESPONDENCE

11/242

1. The Information Commissioner's Office had sent our Data Protection Renewal notice. It was RESOLVED to pay the £35 fee.
2. Cllr Plummer had copied the Parish Council in to his letter to Cornwall Council objecting to any cuts in the local Bus Services, prior to the matter being discussed by C.Council on 18th January.
3. The Litter report for January 2012 was noted.
4. The Wheal Maid inspection report was noted.
5. The Minutes of Carharrack Parish Council's meetings of 21st November & 19th December had been received.
6. Cornwall Council's Core Strategy consultation documents had been received for comment. As the paperwork was in several volumes and only two copies were available for circulation, the Clerk suggested each Councillor uses the website link to view the strategy and any comments should be brought back to the next meeting in time for a reply by 2nd March. (www.cornwall.gov.uk/ldf)
7. SITA Cornwall had issued a DVD outlining their progress over the five years they had been operating.

8. Cornwall Council Planning had sent confirmation of changes to the way householder applications will be dealt with in future. The aim is to make the process faster, but would rely on Parish Councils replying promptly. The Clerk asked Councillors if they were satisfied with the current system for dealing with applications between meetings, where the Clerk contacts three Councillors, including at least the Chairman or Vice Chairman, to gain an opinion. If the application was considered to be contentious, then an extension of time would be asked for. It was felt that we had to wait and see how many applications were affected by the change.
9. Cornwall Council Planning had issued a document, 'Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment', calling for potential housing sites to be identified for their consideration. It was not solely for the Parish Council, individuals could also suggest parcels of land. A debate took place without conclusion as to whether we wanted to encourage this type of development in the parish. There were pros and cons.

PLANNING

11/243

Planning Applications received for comment:

1. PA11/09906 Mr D House, Mill Cottage, Trehaddle - two storey extension and garden room. (Already dealt with because of timescale for return. SUPPORT)
2. PA11/10120 Mr G Darlington, Chy Vounder, Coombe Lane - works to various protected trees. (already dealt with –SUPPORT)
3. PA11/09860 Mr P Chapman, The Yard, Trehaddle - retention of live/work unit and associated works SUPPORT (6 votes for, 1 abstained)

Decision notices received back from C.Council

1. PA11/08435 Mr Ely, Highlands, Fernsplat - wood flue APPROVED
2. PA11/08440 Dr McKay, Coombe House, Cusgarne - extension & alteration APPROVED
3. PA11/08508 Mr Dickson, Penventon House, Gwennap - extension APPROVED

Other Planning matters

1. A Letter had been received from C.Council Planning re. PA11/09735 – garage to holiday accommodation, Harmony Cottage, Goongumpas. Cornwall Council was going to refuse the application, but because the Parish Council had supported it, they needed to confirm we would also agree to a refusal, or alternatively request it be taken to full committee. After consulting with the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Clerk advised we would agree with C.Council's decision to refuse the application.
2. A letter from Trehaddle residents regarding application PA11/09860, The Yard, Trehaddle had been received, and was read when the application was discussed.

WHEAL MAID

11/244

1. The Clerk and Chairman had met on site with Cornwall Council to agree the positioning and type of sign boards. A quote would now be obtained for the manufacture of the boards. Most of the design work had already been carried out free by Cornwall Council, but there would be a payment to them eventually for enhancement work on the final information maps.
The old iron metal boards currently in place would need to be removed. It was thought it would be best to ask a contractor to remove them and Cllr Lanyon would give the Clerk some contacts who might be able to carry this out.
2. The Clerk read the recent exchange of correspondence with Mrs Holt regarding the land ownership problem. He had sent a scanned copy of our title deed to each Councillor beforehand. It was agreed without doubt that we legally owned the land. It was also agreed that we could not give it away unless there was irrefutable proof that an error had been made by the Company that sold it to us. If Mrs Holt can obtain from the Wheal Jane solicitors, confirmation that they had made a mistake in registering the land then we would certainly consider correcting it. Councillors were adamant that no costs should fall on the Parish Council as we did not create the problem.
3. The Chairman posed the question as to what we wanted to do next in the valley. Did we want to carry out any environmental projects to improve the landscape, or were there any other suggestions as to the future use of the valley. It was decided to use the next newsletter to ask what parishioners wanted from the valley, and following that, possibly hold a meeting in the Village Hall at Crofthandy to seek further ideas.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

11/245

1. The Chairman had purchased the Hot Water heater and the Clerk the Freezer – both for the kitchen in the Parish Rooms. It was RESOLVED that reimbursement be made, and the Chairman would arrange to have them fitted in the near future following his return from holiday.
2. The Council's generator was not in good working order. Despite the best efforts of the Chairman, it did not generate enough power to be used. This was put down to its lack of use over the past four years. It was RESOLVED to dispose of the generator, advertising it in the next newsletter.
3. A request had been made by the Churchwarden at Gwennap to have gravel laid on a 30 yard area from the main lower gate. The path has become slippery and dangerous. Before the next meeting the Clerk will take a look, and asked other Councillors to pop in if they were passing that way.

FOOTPATH/ENVIRONMENTAL

11/246

Reports of litter on the path alongside the cemetery were reported. The Clerk would investigate and involve our street sweeper if necessary.

DIAMOND JUBILEE COMMEMORATIVE PLANS

11/247

1. The Clerk produced two types of Jubilee Mugs that were available from Norfolk China. He had contacted Fosters Pottery to see if they were producing anything but they were not, having been left with so many from the last royal wedding. Smaller companies couldn't take the risk.
2. It was unanimously RESOLVED to order 250 fine bone china mugs at a cost of £2.75 each. The distribution to be to all pupils at Cusgarne School and all other children in the parish of school age or below. The exact method of distribution to be agreed later.

PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

11/248

1. The electrician had been sick for a month, but had recently repaired two of the floodlights. They were both in a poor condition and would need replacement when they next failed. He was ordering a new bulb for the last light that was not working.
2. A large tree had been blown down in the recent gales. Although it was on the neighbouring farmer's hedge and fell through the garden of the cottage in the corner of the playing field, it caused damage to one of our ash trees, splintering limbs and causing it to lean. The Clerk had cleared the debris from the football pitch and then cut down and cleared the damaged tree. There was still one dead tree that required removal, as if it fell it would be across the football pitch.
3. TMA Play Equipment had carried out their safety inspection on items in the playing field. Everything was regarded as Low Risk, but a missing shackle from a swing was considered in need of urgent replacement. Cllr Humble reported that he had replaced the shackle, but was alarmed to find several others appeared to have been tampered with, along with the overhead shackles. In total, he had now replaced 24, but even today, when checking the equipment, he noticed some had been tampered with again. The Clerk will report this to the police and request they visit the playground regularly when on patrol in the area. Cllr Humble was thanked for his time in resolving these matters.
4. Cllr Humble also mentioned the gaps in the play surface. He would send an e-mail to Councillors when he intended to carry out work to push the tiles together, and it was hoped many hands would make light work.

BETTERMENT PROJECTS

11/249

1. The Chairman felt that a start had been made in bringing together parishioners from various parts of the parish. He was referring to the New Year's Parish Walk which attracted 35 walkers, most of whom retired to the Cornish Arms for food and drink afterwards. The Clerk confirmed he would be organising another walk in April.
2. The Chairman would complete his letter to other parish organisations promoting the idea of inclusiveness, and send it out.

FINANCE

11/250

Income had been received since the last meeting in respect of : Hire of Rooms £40 : Burial Fees £695 : Adverts £164

Payments were authorised in respect of :-

Cheque number	payee	service	value
101086	R Cook	Litter control	£107.10
101087	K Furnish	Water Boiler reimbursement	£315.00
101088	A Blamey	Freezer reimbursement	£249.99
101089	L Moody	Playing Field duties	£100.30
101090	M P Chegwiddden	contract cutting	£1,476.00
101091	Information Commissioner	data protection fee	£35.00

Signed..... Chairman

16th February 2012