

Gwennap Parish Council

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

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

Apologies Cllr Evans, Cllr Barton, PCSO Braddon

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

PUBLIC CLINIC

Mr Medlyn spoke of recent petty vandalism at his property in Goongumpas. Video cameras had captured the offenders and the police at Redruth were involved and looking into the matter.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

12/001 nil

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

12/002

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

MATTERS ARISING.

12/003

1. There were some new issues between the Football Club and the Youth Team proposal. League rules about the size of the pitch may mean the team training here but playing elsewhere for one year.
2. Eric Rabjohns had given his permission to use his sketch of Eldon's Engine House on the Crest, although there were still suggestions as to the headed paper layout. It was agreed to go with the current version, but with the address details on the right hand side aligned to the left.

PLANNING

12/004

Planning Applications received for comment:

PA12/02443 Mr P Pryor, Rosemerryn, Perranwell Station - alterations/extensions to existing dwelling & access

SUPPORT

PA11/11003 Mr D Williams, Burncoose House, Burncoose - Listed Building Consent for repairs and alterations

SUPPORT

PA12/01936 Mr S Thorrington, Zimapan, Tregullow, Scorrier - Listed Building Consent for alterations SUPPORT

Decision Notices received back from Cornwall Council.

PA12/01102 Mr R Drew, Harmony Cottage, Goongumpas - change of use of garage to form annexe accomm.

APPROVED

PA11/08640 Mr W Johns, Trebowland Farm, Gwennap - barn conversion to residential dwelling APPROVED

PA12/00563 Mount Wellington Mine - replace toilet block with permanent building APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE

12/005

1. Cornwall Council's Street & Beach Cleansing Services had confirmed our litter picking grant for the 12/13 year.
2. Cornwall Council Countryside Officer advised that Culdrose wanted to carry out a helicopter training exercise at Wheal Maid, but we only had a days notice to agree. As Cornwall Council were in agreement, the Clerk also agreed on behalf of the Parish Council. He telephoned the adjacent property where horses were stabled to warn them in advance.
3. Cornwall Association of Local Councils had sent our annual affiliation reminder. The Clerk suggested we renew as they provided a good source of up to date information on current changes, and offered free legal advice. It was RESOLVED that the subscription of £369.44 be renewed.
4. Cornwall Council Health & Wellbeing had sent booklets containing a guide to winter wellbeing. Unfortunately, they had arrived at the end of March. They will be kept for next year.

5. Lanner Scouts had made a grant application for the refurbishment of their future new headquarters. As we only made grants to parish organisations, or where our parishioners could directly benefit, it was decided against any funding.
6. The notes from the meetings of the Mining Villages Network & Mining Villages Regeneration Group held on the 5th April were noted. An update from each is recorded under "Councillors reports on external meetings attended".
7. Came & Company, our insurers, had sent a copy of "Insurance Matters" as it related to Parish Councils. Of interest was their advice on burial grounds, where the safety of headstones was highlighted, playground inspections and Events/Fete cover. It was agreed that a risk assessment was needed in the Gwennap Churchyard, and one would be organised for the summer following which it would be decided whether the topple tester was required, and the calibration issues that would need resolving. Regular play equipment inspections were currently being made as well as ad hoc visits by the Clerk and Councillors. The Fete cover was discussed in detail and certain elements required following up to confirm our cover was in place.
8. The Police Report for April had been sent by PCSO Braddon. Reported crime was down to 1 incident last month.
9. The litter picking report for April was noted.
10. The minutes from Carharrack Parish Council's meeting of the 19th March were noted.
11. The Clerk had just received a letter and draft proposals from Cornwall Council on the revisions to the Code of Conduct. He would e-mail the draft to Councillors and place the item on the next agenda for further discussion.

WHEAL MAID VALLEY

12/006

1. The Clerk's Inspection Report for April was noted.
2. Those notices boards that will be replaced by the new Information Boards had been removed. It would be 4/6 weeks before the new ones were in place, but there were two other old boards that were not being replaced that needed the old worded warnings removed. The Chairman would take a look at the problem.
3. Part of our Valley Management Agreement with Natural England covered the consolidation of Taylor's and Davey's shaft sites. Cornwall Council's Historic Environment department had put together a Brief for the Project Management and it will be advertised by the Parish Council as we were the Agreement Holders. The funding of around £230k would be drawn down by the Parish Council under a "bank rolling" arrangement with Cornwall Council, spanning 2012/13 and 2013/14.
4. The recent Mountain Biking Event in the valley had been very successful. The organisers had written with their feedback, indicating that if the Parish and Cornwall Councils were in agreement, further events might be attracted to the valley.

No complaints had been received by the Council - in fact several spectators had said how impressed they were with the event. A cheque for £211.50 had been received from Fully Sussed based on the number taking part.

A proposal by the Chairman to form a small working group to deal with the development of further events was agreed. He and Cllrs Lanyon and Padmore would link up to take forward ideas with prospective promoters, bringing them back to the full Council for approval.

The Clerk would mention it to Natural England to ensure it did not impinge on our HLS Agreement.

COUNCILLORS REPORT ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS

12/007

1. Cllr Humble and the Clerk had attended meetings of the Mining Villages Network and Regeneration Group on 5th April at Portreath. Key points arising from both were:
 - The Mining Trails Enhancement Project was almost finished. For our parish, the website would hold three routes leaving from and returning to the existing coast to coast trail.
 - The Topple Tester, purchased by the Group several years ago to test the safety of headstones in churchyards, was held by Stithians. It should be calibrated annually, but it appeared that Gwennap were the only parish with responsibility for maintenance, having agreed to take over the closed churchyard at Gwennap and being owners of the cemetery at Frogpool.
 - The effects of proposed changes to fire services in the Redruth were still being questioned.
2. Cllr Roscorla had attended a recent Fete meeting and felt things were progressing well.
3. The Clerk and Cllr Humble had attended the SITA Liaison meeting on 3rd April. The closed site was still being capped, with lorry movements of soil anticipated to continue for 3-4 months. A crusher was also on site to break up some of the stone in the loads of soil. Works were being carried out on the lagoon at the Sparry Lane end of the site. The HWRC Centre at United was keeping to winter closing hours of 4pm, and this was leading to increased fly-tipping. The centre was due to close in October 2014.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

12/008

1. The repairs to the field entrance post have been made. The Clerk has invoiced the person responsible for the damage.
2. Cllr Humble had repaired the shower switch in the referee's room and also resolved the cooker problem in the kitchen.
3. The Clerk was investigating the use of potential free labour for painting/light building works. Cornwall Council's Network Manager had drawn attention to the Access Training scheme. If it was a possibility, the Parish Rooms, Toilets and outside areas could benefit.

FOOTPATH/ENVIRONMENTAL

12/009

1. It was AGREED to provide the wood for the changes to footpath 13 at Trehaddle with the farmer to fix.
2. The Clerk had put up “No Horses” signs at each end of the cemetery footpath, but they had been removed twice already. He had also done the same on footpath 23 at Trelyn, Frogpool. The latest signs were still there.
3. In an effort to reduce the annual cost of footpath trimming, it was agreed that before any path was trimmed, the Clerk checks to ensure it is absolutely necessary. Although we get an annual grant from Cornwall Council for the work, it only covered 50% of the cost. There may be some years when a trim can be deferred.

PLAYING FIELD / DIAMOND JUBILEE COMMEMORATIVE PLANS

12/010

1. Cllr Humble asked for thanks to be minuted to the Clerk for the painting of the play equipment. Agreed by all.
2. The Football Club had identified a container that could meet storage needs.
3. The Chairman tabled a list of Fete attractions that he felt the Council could pay for to make the event even better. Following discussion, it was RESOLVED by all that free ice creams and drinks would be given to children, a chairplane ride, inflatable slide, bouncy castle and fairground organ be booked (rides would be free). These items would cost a maximum of £700 and would be referred to the Fete Committee for their approval.

FINANCE

12/011

1. Since the last meeting income had been received in respect of: C.Council part Precept £12937.50 : Rooms hire £30 : Newsletter adverts £49 : Burial fees £220 : HMRC vat refund £1,974.09 : HSBC Interest £3.64 : Scrapped generator £35 : Rural Payments Agency £3,373 : Mountain Bike event £211.50
2. The annual Internal Auditor’s report was read and all four recommendations were accepted, although it was felt that the Project bank account should remain open in anticipation of requiring a stand-alone account in the coming year.. The Council noted and approved the slight variance of the gross spend on the fridge/water heater, where the £550 agreed limit had been exceeded by £14.99 (it fell below the level agreed following vat recovery).
3. The Clerk presented the year-end accounts for scrutiny and comment. It was RESOLVED that the Chairman signs the Annual Statement as a correct record and also the Governance Statement, confirming the Council were satisfied that internal controls and risk assessments were adequate, and that audit notes had been actioned. The Balance Sheet would be e-mailed to all Councillors.
4. Cheques were presented and RESOLVED to be signed in respect of:

Cheque number	payee	service	value
101107	A&N Media Finance Services	advert	£25.50
101108	A E Harris	Audit fee	£85.00
101109	L Moody	Playing Field duties	£91.80
101110	Cwll Asscn Local Councils	annual subscription	£369.44
101111	A Blamey	postage stamps	£386.93
101112	R Cook	litter picking	£103.28
101113	M P Chegwidden	contract cutting	£1411.80

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

12/012

The Diamond Jubilee Fete needs to be on every agenda until the event.
Code of Conduct draft.

Signed..... Chairman 17th May 2012