

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 28th JUNE 2012

Present.	Cllr Humble (Acting Chairman), Cllr Roscorla, Cllr Barton, Cllr Evans, Cllr Lanyon, Cllr Padmore
Apologies	Cllr Furnish, PCSO Braddon
Also present :	Mr & Mrs Medlyn, Mr Reburn, Mr Bawden, Mr Withey, Mrs Roscorla, Mrs Barton, Mrs Burgin, Mr Burgin, Mrs Hooper, Mr Snell, Mrs Mullan, Mrs Rowe

PUBLIC CLINIC

1. Mrs Mullan spoke of the tarmac work planned for Byways 44 & 47 at Crofthandy. Although the Parish Council had refused to contribute towards the tarmacadam, she asked if they would make a contribution towards the drainage works. This would be discussed under footpaths on the agenda later in the meeting.
2. Mr Snell spoke regarding a planning application the Council would be studying later in the meeting. He would remain to answer any questions that might arise.
3. Mrs Rowe came to thank the Parish Council and Councillors for their financial support and help on the day of the Jubilee Fete. Everyone agreed the day had been a great success and she handed the Clerk a cheque for £200 as a donation from the fete profits of approximately £850. The Fete Committee would also like to purchase a commemorative seat for the Playing Field to mark the Jubilee.
4. Mrs Hooper raised the subject of Cllr Lanyon's lorry and the land on which it is parked in Crofthandy. The Chairman listened to her complaint and re-iterated what had been said by the Chairman at the previous meeting – it was a private matter of land ownership, not a matter for the Parish Council. It was not obstructing the footpath.
5. Mrs Hooper thanked the Council for the footpath signs on the path near her property. She also requested that the footpath be trimmed as it was overgrown in places. The Clerk would take a look and instruct our contractor if necessary.
6. Mrs Roscorla, in her role as GPRA Secretary, mentioned the forthcoming meeting and the apology by the Chairman who could not attend. She asked whether the Council would be fielding a replacement. Cllr Humble agreed to stand in for the Chairman on this occasion.
7. Mrs Mullan asked whether the recent tipping of soil in the quarry at Wheal Maid had finished. The Clerk confirmed that there shouldn't be any more.
8. Cllr Barton had been approached by several Frogpool residents who had noticed a pre-application planning request for land behind Pencantol. The Chairman knew of the pre-application and said it was unusual for it to be in the public domain at this early stage. However, the Parish Council had received nothing from Cornwall Council and therefore could not debate the matter based solely on speculation.
He did confirm that four years ago, during a search for suitable affordable housing sites, this parcel of land had been considered suitable by Carrick and the Parish Council, but at the time, the owners did not want to sell.
A discussion then took place on the accuracy and validity of the number of local persons on the Home Choice register. The Clerk is trying to get a breakdown to establish if there are any genuine local people waiting for affordable housing.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

12/028

Cllr Lanyon declared an interest should the Council discuss the matter of financial contribution towards the drainage in the Byways at Crofthandy.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

12/029

It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the May meeting as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING.

12/030

1. The issue of speeding on the road to the school had been included in the recent newsletter.
2. The Clerk had cleared the vegetation around the footpath post on path 54/5 at Little Beside, also fixing new footpath signs to the post.

3. Cllr Lanyon had checked with the Pendennis Motorcycle Club regarding the recent Trial that included local byways. They had contacted the police in advance of the event, both at Penryn and Middlemoor. This is contrary to the information given by our police. To avoid similar problems should next year's event use parish paths, it was suggested the motor club lets us know and we can include an article in our newsletter warning residents.

CORRESPONDENCE

12/031

1. The notes of the Mining Villages Regeneration Group meeting held on 7th June had been received.
2. The notes of the Mining Villages Network meeting held on 7th June were noted.
3. The notes of a meeting of the Local Council Planning Forum meeting held on 25th April had been circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting.
4. The Minutes of Carharrack Parish Council's meeting held on 21st May were noted.
5. Cornwall Rural Community Council requested that we display notices for the launch of a Bulk Oil Buying Scheme.
6. Cornwall Council Licensing was making amendments to the 2003 Licensing Act. Noted.
7. Cornwall Council Caravan & Campsite licence conditions were to be harmonised. Noted.
8. Cornwall Rural Housing Association Ltd required interest by those interested in becoming Board members. Cllr Roscorla asked for details.
9. The Serco Out-of-Hours Medical Service requested that we displayed their posters explaining how to access the service.
10. The Litter Clearing reports for May & June were noted.
11. Tony Mogford Associates quarterly play equipment inspection was received and noted. The Clerk thanked Cllr Humble for his time spent in making and fixing a new climbing net.
12. Cornwall Council 'Streetworks' advised of a temporary road closure Cornish Arms to Greensplatt for surfacing works.
13. The Audit Commission had confirmed the completion of the annual audit. Everything was found to be in order and the Clerk has posted the necessary "completion" certificate on the notice boards.
14. A letter had been received from a Gwennap parishioner regarding rubbish collection. Birds were eating through the sacks awaiting collection. The Clerk had advised covering the sacks with a blanket or similar.
15. The Friends of Cusgarne School were interested in holding events at the Parish Rooms and Playing Field and had raised some questions regarding the rules for use. Following discussion, their interest was welcomed as the use of the parish facility was to be encouraged. The Chairman would check some premises licence details before the Clerk replies.
16. The Environment Agency had replied explaining why Wheal Maid Tailings Dams needed to be included in the "Inventory of Closed and Abandoned Mining Waste Facilities".
17. Notes of the meeting of SITA Liaison Group held on 3rd April 2012 were received. It was noted that the next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd July.

CODE OF CONDUCT

12/032

On the advice from the Cornwall Association of Local Councils, we must adopt the revised interim Code of Conduct prepared by Cornwall Council. It takes effect from 1st July 2012. Each Councillor has received a copy of the new Code. The Chairman urged Councillors to read it very carefully, as there were significant changes to the way in which Interests were treated, both in meetings and on disclosure forms. The Clerk will send each Councillor the new 'Register of Financial Interests' forms as soon as they arrive as they had to be returned before 28th July. It was RESOLVED to adopt the new Code.

STANDING ORDER CHANGES

12/033

As a result of the need to adopt a new Code of Conduct, changes to that effect need to be made to the Council's Standing Orders. The Clerk distributed copies of the changes which also incorporated other minor in-house changes to meeting times and references to County and District Councils, now defunct. It was RESOLVED to approve the changes and to place them on the website.

12/034

CORNWALL COUNCIL GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Cornwall Council has formed a Governance Review Panel to decide whether to make changes to its governance arrangements following the recent Localism Act.

PLANNING

12/035

Planning applications received to date:

1. PA12/04740 Mr Hambly, 4 Poldice Terrace, Poldice, StDay - rear extension (dealt with in advance of meeting) SUPPORT
2. PA12/05379 Mr S Snell, Eglosderry, Merrymeeting, Gwennap - erection of a two storey extension SUPPORT
3. PA12/05120 Mrs E Ford, Stennak, Goongumpas - replace existing conservatory with a new one SUPPORT
4. PA12/04151 Mr D Andrew, Crofthandy House, Crofthandy - extension to house and erection of domestic garage SUPPORT
5. PA12/04681 Mrs Hooper, 3 Consols Road, Carharrack - rear extension SUPPORT

Decision notices received back from Cornwall Council

- PA12/03103 Mrs B Albert, Poldice Halt, Crofthandy - demolish storage building and erect dwelling. APPROVED
- PA12/03119 Mr Woolgar, Red Roses, Frogpool - erect new dwelling APPROVED
- PA12/03482 Mr Cornish, Pine Trees, Trewelm, Crofthandy - fell 1 tree APPROVED
- PA12/00416 Mr Penna, Barn at Tresamble Hill, Pulla Cross - convert to dwelling APPROVED
- PA12/01936 Mr Thorrington, Zimapan, Tregullow - listed building consent for alterations APPROVED
- PA12/03158 Mr Drew, Harmony Cottage, Goongumpas - erection of a single storey extension APPROVED

COUNCILLORS REPORT ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS

12/036

1. Cllr Roscorla reporting from the Fete Committee said the event was felt to be a great success, raising £850 which included a £200 donation to the Parish Council. Some lessons were learnt for future reference, but overall it had run smoothly.
2. Along with Cllr Furnish, Cllr Padmore had met with the Mountain Bike Event organisers with a view to running future events. Parking was a potential problem that had to be overcome, and after some discussion, and studying a map Cllr Padmore had presented, it was agreed to meet on site on Sunday 8th July at 10am to examine the possibilities. The Chairman felt we were trying to strike a balance between amenity use of the site and natural regeneration of plant life.
3. Cllr Humble reported on the Mining Villages Group and Mining Villages Network meetings he had attended with the Clerk. "First" bus services had come under scrutiny with their management fending off questions regarding poor timekeeping and associated problems.
4. Cllr Humble had also attended the 5th anniversary of the Mount Wellington Site as an energy park. The old headgear was ceremonially mounted on the verge outside the main building.
5. The Clerk, along with Cornwall Council and Natural England, had shown prospective Project Management organisations around the Taylor's site prior to tenders being received. The next phase of opening the tenders would take place at Natural England on 11th July.

WHEAL MAID

12/037

1. The monthly inspection report for June was noted.
2. The Land Registry had written to the Parish Council regarding the disputed ownership of a parcel of land at Wheal Maid. Mrs Holt had now supplied the Registry with all the evidences she holds and their comment is that there may have been double conveyancing. With no costs falling on the Parish Council, Councillors felt that this conclusion was sufficient to agree to the land being transferred to Mrs Holt. RESOLVED by all present.
3. The Clerk explained that all the Land Registry details were in the name and address of the former Clerk. He would need to amend this and asked for approval for the costs involved. RESOLVED that the Clerk proceeds with this exercise.
4. Mike Cambridge, the Competent Person we had appointed for the Valley, had written expressing his dissatisfaction that the Parish Council only wanted a survey/report once every five years, the minimum under the Mines and Quarries (Tips) Regulations 1971, whereas he recommends an annual inspection based on his professional assessment of the valley. The Clerk pointed out the implications for the Council should something occur in the valley, but Councillors asked the Clerk to explore the possibility of appointing a different Competent Person who may have differing views of inspection frequencies.
5. The new Information Boards had arrived and needed putting together before Paul Chegwidden erects them. It was AGREED that the Clerk employs a local tradesman to carry this out.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

12/038

1. Two wooden signs had been removed from the Wheal Maid Valley. It was AGREED that the Clerk instructs Paul Chegwidden to make and fix replacements.
2. It was AGREED to provide the gravel required by the Church for their paths if they arranged for the Probation Service to spread it. The current path surface was slippery and the Parish Council were obliged to carry out the maintenance of the closed burial ground.
3. The rocker (Patch the Pony) in the Playing Field had a broken head where it had rotted away. The Clerk asked Cllr Roscorla, as Chairman of the GPRA, whether they would consider funding the replacement of both rockers when the GPRA met in the near future.

FOOTPATH/ENVIRONMENTAL

12/039

1. A letter from the BHS (British Horse Society) regarding the use of footpaths by horses was sent to Cornwall Council for their views.
2. The request by Mrs Mullan for financial help towards drainage works at Crofthandy was discussed, but without an idea of the costs it was decided to place the matter on the next agenda for full discussion.
3. There had been recent problems at Goongumpas / Wheal Maid quarry, where the quarry owner had made arrangements for loads of soil to be dumped in the quarry. Heavy rain had caused a "mud-slide" across Footpath 43, making it impassable. Residents had contacted Cornwall Councillor Mark Kaczmarek, wrongly thinking he was our representative. Cllr Kaczmarek had immediately involved the Environment Agency and the Footpath Officers with the result that the contractor had made good the path and would be grading the remaining earth to a safe level. The path would be closed for a period of 21 days while works continued. Mr Wharton, the landowner, had written to the Parish Council apologising for what he described as an unavoidable accident and giving the assurance that matters would be rectified.

Although there were remaining loads still to be tipped, Cllr Kaczmarek had confirmed shortly before this meeting that the Environment Agency had told Mr Wharton not to allow any further soil to be brought to the site whilst they looked into the permits that should be in place for such works.
The Parish Council were appreciative of the efforts Cllr Kaczmarek had made on their behalf.

PLAYING FIELD

12/040

The Clerk would be meeting with a local electrician to resolve the faulty light and hand drier in the ladies toilets, and also the fitting of replacement floodlights.

FINANCE

12/041

1. Income had been received since the last meeting in respect of; Burial Fees £175 : Hire of Rooms £20 : Football Club annual rent £290.

2. Cheques were authorised for signature in respect of:

Cheque number	payee	service	value
101121	Norfolk China	Jubilee Mugs	£969.00
101122	A & N Media Finance	car boot adverts	£76.50
101123	R Cook	litter picking May/June	£214.20
101124	A Blamey	salary/expenses quarter 1	£1,633.37
101125	Post Office Ltd	income tax	£298.94
101126	M P Chegwiddden	contract cutting	£1,414.80
101127	Cornish Arms	Jubilee children's drinks	£69.20
101128	L Moody	Playing Field duties	£87.97

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

12/042

1. Drainage financial help for Byways 44/47 at Crofthandy
2. 'Spring Clean' of buildings at Playing Field

Signed..... Chairman

19th July 2012