

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 15th NOVEMBER 2012

Present. Cllr Furnish (Chairman), Cllr Humble, Cllr Roscorla, Cllr Padmore
Apologies Cllr Evans
Also present : Mr A Reburn

PUBLIC CLINIC nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

12/094 none

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

12/095

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

MATTERS ARISING.

12/096

1. The two rockers in the play area had been removed by Outdoor Play People for refurbishment following our concerns.
2. The cycle event to be held in April would be mentioned in the newsletter. Local caterers or volunteers would be encouraged to contact the Parish Council if they were interested.
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CORRESPONDENCE

12/097

1. The Minutes of Carharrack Parish Council's meeting held on 17th September were noted.
2. Cornwall Council request for precept details for 2013/14 would be discussed on the December agenda. The Clerk will prepare a financial summary to aid the discussion.
3. Community Engery Plus has written with a solar panel offer for local authority buildings.
4. Traffic at Burncoose exiting the Nursery was the subject of a letter from a parishioner. Cornwall Councillor Plummer had taken the matter up with Highways on our behalf.
5. The litter clearing report for November was noted.
6. Cornwall Council had sent a copy of Loan Agreement re.Wheal Maid (Taylor's). The £25k loan has now been received.
7. Our bridging loan application to CALC had been approved at that level, but we were now awaiting a decision from the Government.
8. A list of venues for Code of Conduct training events was noted.
9. The Wheal Maid inspection report for November was noted.
10. It was agreed to place an advert in the next newsletter free of charge for Therapia. A donation was felt to be inappropriate.
11. It was also RESOLVED to print an extra 60 copies of the Newsletter to give to pupils at the School who may not otherwise have received a copy (living outside the parish).
12. The Police report for the past month was read and noted.
13. A letter of thanks had been received from Gwennap Church for the granite chippings provided for their paths.

INSURANCE PREMIUM RENEWAL

12/098

The Clerk had now received details of future costs from Came & Company, assuming we signed up to their three year deal. It was RESOLVED that we accept this offer.

CODE OF CONDUCT

12/099

The final version of the Code of Conduct had been sent to each Councillor. Following a brief discussion, it was RESOLVED that the Parish Council adopts the proposed version, and in respect of 2.6 (gifts), the Council decided to get the Clerk to create a register to record any gifts in excess of £20.

The amendment of our Standing Orders would wait until the recommended wording had been received.

PLANNING

12/100

Planning applications received:

1. PA12/09563 Poldice Properties Ltd, 3 Triplet Cottages, Poldice - first floor extension for bedroom & bathroom. (dealt with between meetings because of timescale. SUPPORTED))
2. PA12/09555 Mr C Yates, Gilly Vean Farm, Gwennap - convert outbuildings to holiday lets + new stable block SUPPORT
3. PA12/09416 Mrs M Rundle, Ivmar, Trehaddle - change of use of garage to dwelling house NO OBJECTIONS, but query IF ON FLOOD PLAIN
4. PA12/09322 European Metal Recycling Ltd, Plot 23 United Downs Ind. Park - change of use of land to Scrap Metal Storage and Processing plus ancillary works. OBJECT based on previous comments AND ask for Strategic referral.

Decision notices received back from Cornwall Council:

PA12/07736 Mr J Van Den Heuvel, land adj. to Wheal Andrew Counthouse - convert buildings to holiday accommodation. APPROVED

PA12/08703 Mr M Bray, Chycoose House, Coombe - barn conversion to dwelling. WITHDRAWN

PA12/08291 Mr S Snell, Eglosderry, Merrymeeting - removal of agricultural condition - APPROVED

PA12/09245 Mr Woolgar, Red Roses, Frogpool - discharge of conditions in PA12/03119 DISCHARGED

COUNCILLORS REPORT ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS

12/101

1. Cllr Roscorla reported that another Fete meeting had taken place, but there was nothing of note to report yet. The date of the Fete was likely to be 29th June.
2. Cllr Humble and the Clerk had attended the project meeting at pdp Green Consulting. Both Cornwall Council and Natural England would not cover the cost of the interest on the proposed bridging loan, and the Clerk had also approached Cllrs Plummer and Kaczmarek to no avail.

WHEAL MAID

12/102

1. Discussions were still taking place with SLR Consulting of Bristol to become the new "Competent Person", and it was hoped they would be putting their proposed costs in writing soon. The Clerk has recently furnished them with additional information. It was agreed to also make enquiries with the E.A. regarding flood risk and possible solutions.
2. Taylor's consolidation project was on schedule, with main contractor tenders expected by our Project Management team by the end of November. Our next joint meeting will be on 6th December.
3. The Clerk had been told by Cornwall Council that part of the metal cage covering the shaft at Taylor's was not secured. On inspection, the Clerk could see that one of the three grills that should be attached to the metal sides had no bolts in it. Whether this was due to a proposed metal-theft or whether there had never been bolts was hard to tell, but it was agreed it needed bolting as soon as practical. The Chairman would investigate.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

12/103

1. The chippings for the Church paths had been laid. The Church had paid for the probation service to carry out the work after the Parish Council had agreed to pay for the chippings.
2. There have been reports of people slipping over on the rubber play equipment surface at the Playing Field. Cllr Humble and the Clerk had investigated, and found the surface to be like an ice rink in wet conditions. An enquiry from Clear Flow for the pressure jetting of all four separate surfaces would be almost £600. With the possibility of accidental damage occurring and ensuing litigation, it was RESOLVED to accept the quote from Clear Flow to jet the surfaces.

PLAYING FIELD

12/104

1. The last of the old-style floodlights had stopped working. The Clerk was instructed to purchase a new one similar to recent replacements and to engage an electrician to fit it.
2. The hot water boiler had been partially fixed by Bartlett Engineering, the local Linac specialists. The boiler no longer leaked, but the display panel still showed a 'FAULT' that could be overcome by turning the machine off, and on again, at the wall. It was suggested that we take out a service contract with Bartlett's at an annual cost of £70 + vat.
3. The decorating of the Rooms and associated extra works had been agreed with the contractor at £257.47
4. A quote for the replacing of the ceiling in the changing room and boiler room had been received, but was more than anticipated and possibly beyond our budget. The Clerk was asked to get two further quotes.

BETTERMENT PROJECTS

12/105

1. The Clerk had contacted Roger Radcliffe at Cornwall Council. He was the link person at Carrick when the Poldice Valley Trust was pursuing the Paynter's Pool lining. His recollection was of a scheme in excess of £8,000, but he had contacted Mike Eastwood in the Countryside Access Section and he had suggested the Parish Council contacts him for an initial outline of the proposal. Because of the likely costs of the project, and the small number of parishioners that would benefit from the work, it was agreed not to take the idea any further.
2. If Cllr Lanyon could locate the original village pump, he would be asked to put together a costed proposal for its reinstatement and associated works.

FINANCE

12/106

1. Income had been received of £25,000 being the Cornwall Council loan for the Taylor's project.

2. Cheques were authorised for signature in respect of:

Cheque number	payee	service	value
101171	RBL Poppy Appeal	wreath	£19.50
101172	Martin Luck Group	stationery	£87.00
101173	Cornwall Council	newsletter printing x 3	£769.58
101174	K F Bartlett Ltd	boiler repair	£74.88
101175	R Cook	litter collecting	£114.75
101176	Broker Network Ltd	annual insurance premium	£1,489.29
101177	A Gazzard	Playing Field duties	£107.10
100015	pdp Green Consulting	Task 4 of contract	£2,520.00
100016	Cornwall Environmental Cons.	Ecological assessment	£835.44

Signed.....Chairman

20th December 2012