

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 20th DECEMBER 2012

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

Apologies Cllr Padmore

Also present : Mrs C Roscorla, PCSO Braddon

PUBLIC CLINIC

PCSO Braddon was in attendance and presented his report for the last month. Crime figures were down, but he urged residents to keep their belongings safe during the festive season.

Cllr Lanyon had sent a letter to PCSO Braddon regarding the parking safety outside the School. The police and the school had decided on all cones from gate to gate on the left hand side going up past the school. Cllr Lanyon felt this encouraged drivers to see a clear road and travel at greater speed than if a few parking spaces were allowed between the zig-zag lines. As the headmistress may not have had time to digest Cllr Lanyon's letter, it was felt appropriate to wait to see if the school agreed with this. Cllr Humble gave Cllr Lanyon the name of Cornwall Council's Road Safety Officer as it may be helpful to get their opinion of what would be a good solution.

PCSO Braddon talked about mountain bikers cutting tracks in the valley above Wheal Fortune Farm. The land was owned by Cornwall Council, not the Parish Council and the Clerk would give him the contact details of Gavin Henderson. It was believed that some bikers would be attending our January meeting to have a general discussion.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

12/ 107 none.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

12/108

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

MATTERS ARISING.

12/109

There had been no response from local traders to the article in the newsletter regarding the Mountain Biking event.

The next agenda would cover the need to change our Standing Orders because of the changes in the Code of Conduct. The Clerk had recently received the proposed wording.

Clear Flow have yet to carry out the pressure washing of the safety matting but assure us they will be there in the near future. Cllr Lanyon was not at the previous meeting when it was agreed to proceed with this work and felt the cost was excessive. He asked for his opposition to this to be minuted.

The new floodlight had arrived, and we were waiting for the electrician to fit us in.

CORRESPONDENCE

12/110

The Litter clearing report for December was noted.

The Minutes of Carharrack Parish Council's meeting of 19th November had been received.

Cornwall Council informed us that they were hoping to introduce seagull-proof sacks.

The Register of Interests deadline of 7th December had passed. We had complied, but the letter from Cornwall Council emphasised the need for Councillors to be aware of the penalties involved for failing to notify an interest.

The annual Play Equipment safety inspection report confirmed all items were recorded as "low risk".

A Letter from Natural England gave information on identifying Ash Dieback, and what to do if it was found.

The Wheal Maid inspection report for December was noted.

Cornwall Council had sent notices covering the Recycling and Rubbish arrangements over Christmas and the New Year.

The Clerk would display them on the Notice Boards.

Cornwall Council has listed the current and future Consultations we, or the public, may be interested in. The Clerk would send the letter to all Councillors via e-mail.

PLANNING

12/111

Already dealt with because of time restraints:

PA12/10712 Mr Maxted, The Old Mill, Hicks Mill - extend planning permission for stable, store and tack room

SUPPORT

PA12/10710 Mr Dalton, Gilly Penrose, Gilly Farm, Gwennap - erection of first floor extension. SUPPORT

PA12/10558 Mr Scrimshaw, Holly Barn, Sunny Corner - alterations to dwelling SUPPORT

PA12/10223 Gwennap Parish Council - consolidation works at Wheal Maid to Engine Houses SUPPORT

For discussion at the meeting :

PA12/11133 Mr Adcock, Lanner Farm, Cusgarne - erection of two single storey extensions & verandas SUPPORT
PA12/10917 Mr Thomas, Five Acres, Goongumpas - extension to existing house to form family annexe SUPPORT
PA12/10650 Windberry Energy Ltd, land west of Pencoose Farm, Stithians - erect wind turbine to 62m DERFER TO
NEXT MEETING TO ALLOW TIME TO EXAMINE DOCUMENTATION

Decision Notices received back from Cornwall Council :

1. PA12/08937 Mrs D Burrell, Fairways Farm, Wheal Clifford – barn conversion. WITHDRAWN
2. PA12/08518 Mrs Bearham, Wheal Unity Bungalow, Todpool - erection of conservatory APPROVED

COUNCILLORS REPORT ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS

12/112

1. Cllr Humble and the Clerk had attended the Taylor's Project meeting at the offices of the Project Management Consultants. Tenders had been received for the main consolidation contract. Pdp Green needed to clarify some details with one of the bidders following which they would let the contract. Since the meeting, it had been confirmed that a Letter of Intent had been sent to Darrock & Brown of Bodmin and a pre-start meeting was to be held in the first week of January.

WHEAL MAID

12/113

1. The Chairman and the Clerk had met at Wheal Maid with a member of Cornwall Council's Enforcement and two representatives from the Health & Safety Executive from Plymouth. This followed notification from our previous Competent Person (Cantab Consulting) that they no longer carried out this role.

Following a thorough inspection of the site, Enforcement would contact Cantab to clarify some of the details in their reports that seemed at odds with the situation on the ground. The Chairman outlined options for moving forward and it was agreed that we, as a Council, should do something to work towards getting the site "closed" officially. The alternative was to continue to pay for regular inspections.

It seemed that if both lagoons were not able to hold water, then there would be no need for inspections. Various ways forward were discussed without any firm proposal.

2. A reply had been received from SLR explaining the likely costs should we appoint them to the Competent Person role. Much discussion took place with the Chairman pointing out we were breaking the law by not having appointed a Competent Person. However, before engaging the services of SLR, the Clerk is to ask for their absolute minimum costs, explaining that we were hoping to deal with the water with a view to properly closing the facility.

3. The Clerk had received a letter from Gavin Henderson regarding flooding being experienced by Mr Trannah at Wheal Maid. The river had burst its banks and had flooded fields and the access road to the property. The Clerk had confirmed that the Parish Council did not own the land adjacent to the river, but it seemed neither did Cornwall Council, so we were not in a position to help.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

12/114

1. In March 2013, the grass cutting contract would be three years since last being tendered. There was no expectation or requirement to go through the tendering process yet, but a clause in the contract held the 2010 prices until 2013, at which point agreed inflationary increases may apply. After discussion, the Chairman proposed a 2.5% increase. The vote was 3 for and 3 against. Using his casting vote, the Chairman approved the increase.

2. The Clerk is to ask Cornwall Council to renew the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school.

PLAYING FIELD

12/115

We still await the return of the two rockers, being refurbished by Outdoor Play People.

The Clerk has yet to obtain further quotes for the ceiling repairs in the changing rooms.

BETTERMENT PROJECTS

12/116

Cllr Lanyon would make efforts to trace the original Parish pump.

He also suggested, as an idea, a small wooden bridge by the pond to give walkway access to the school for pupils.

Councillors would look at the site and it would be discussed next time.

PRECEPT FOR 2013/14

12/117

The Clerk had previously given Councillors a breakdown of the Council's finances as a guide to discussions on what precept to set for 2013/14. It had been confirmed that there was no limit to any increase asked for. It had been thought that if the increase exceeded 2% then a referendum would be needed. Changes to the way Cornwall Council calculates the Tax Base could have an effect, but it was anticipated that central funding would reduce the impact.

It was RESOLVED that we precept for the same amount as last year - £25,875.

FINANCE

12/118

1. Income had been received of £55 Rooms hire: £179.50 newsletter adverts : £1,010.00 burial and associated fees.

2. Cheques were authorised for signature in respect of:

Cheque number	payee	service	value
101178	R Cook	litter clearing	£114.75
101179	Cormac Solutions Ltd	Q3 Playing Field grass	£158.96
101180	K F Bartlett Ltd	maintenance agreement	£84.00
101181	Lightnation	new floodlight	£128.40
101182	M P Chegwiddden	contract cutting	£2,355.60
101183	A Blamey	salary/expenses Q3	£1,941.50
101184	Post Office Ltd	income tax	£298.94
101185	A Gazzard	P.Field duties	£126.22
100017	pdp Green Consulting	Tasks 5 & 6	£1,189.80

Signed.....Chairman

17th January 2013