

# *Gwennap Parish Council*

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## **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2013**

Present. Cllr Furnish (Chairman), Cllr Humble, Cllr Roscorla, Cllr Padmore  
Apologies Cllr Evans, Cllr Barton  
Also present : Mrs Roscorla, Mr Reburn, PCSO Braddon, Mr & Mrs Yates, Mr & Mrs Dale, Mr Snell, Mr Biscoe, Mr Pardoe, Mr Gluyas Snr & Jnr, Mr & Mrs Pearce + 2 others.

### **PUBLIC CLINIC**

1. Most people had come regarding the planning application for a Wind Turbine on land opposite Pencoose Farm, Stithians. The site was just over the boundary in Stithians Parish but affected residents in our parish. Both Mr Gluyas Senior and his son, as farmers renting the land to the applicants, spoke in favour of the proposal, commenting on the advantages of green energy. Mr Biscoe, Mr Yates, Mr Pardoe and Mr Pearce spoke against the development, their objections covering television reception problems, noise levels, visual impact and the effect on local tourism. The Chairman explained that the Councillors would discuss the application in the meeting proper later in the evening.
2. PCSO Braddon gave his monthly report, highlighting the recent thefts of heating oil. Within the parish, four reported crimes were the same as the same period last year.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

12/ 119 none.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE**

12/120

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

### **MATTERS ARISING.**

12/121

There were no matters arising that were not covered by the agenda.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

12/122

1. The Information Commissioners Office had sent the annual renewal for Data Protection cover. It was RESOLVED that the £35 fee be paid.
2. The Street Sweeping report for January was noted.
3. Cornwall Council Newsletter Edition 11 had previously been sent to all Councillors by e-mail.
4. The Wheal Maid inspection report for January was noted.
5. Carharrack Parish Council minutes for December 2012 were noted.

### **PLANNING**

12/123

#### **Planning applications received:**

PA12/10650 Windberry Energy – Wind Turbine at Pencoose Farm, Stithians NOT SUPPORTED.

The discussion on this between Councillors gave concern to noise levels, television reception, the effect on those living close to the development that relied on tourism and the possibility that the government are considering a 1500 metre distance from residences for turbines of this height.

On a vote, three Councillors were against the proposal, one in favour.

#### **Decision Notices received back from Cornwall Council:**

1. PA12/11133 Mr Adcock, Lanner Farm, Cusgarne - extensions & verandas APPROVED
2. PA12/10223 Gwennap P Council, Wheal Maid - consolidation works to mine buildings APPROVED

### **WHEAL MAID**

12/124

1. It was RESOLVED to engage the services of SLR Consulting as our Competent Person for inspecting the valley. The Clerk will request a meeting on site beforehand.
2. The Clerk and Cllr Humble will attend a pre-start meeting with our Project Consultants and the recently appointed Contractors (Darrock & Brown) on 22<sup>nd</sup> January. It was hoped work would start in February on the consolidation works.

## REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

12/125

1. The Clerk asked to order small number signs for the Cemetery to assist those trying to locate graves. Over a period of time the original markers had disappeared. He would need to buy small timber stakes to affix the numbers to. It was resolved that up to a limit of £50 he should go ahead.

## FOOTPATHS/COMMON LAND

12/126

Cornwall Council intends to remove an area of land from the Common Land Register at Fleetwood, Race Hill, Bissoe. They admit that they originally registered it in error, and were correcting this mistake. If we had any representations on this we needed to state what they were. There were no comments.

## PLAYING FIELD

12/127

1. Clear Flow has cleaned three of the four surfaces of the play safety matting. Councillors agreed that when the weather improves we needed to spend some time trying to reduce the gaps between the tiles.
2. The Clerk explained that signs were needed for the main gates to inform users that the gates would be closed. This followed recent occasions where cars remained after dark, causing several return visits by our security person. The Clerk was given permission to purchase the signs up to a limit of £60.

## STANDING ORDER AMENDMENT

12/128

Because of changes to the Code of Conduct, our Standing Orders needed amending to incorporate the changes recommended by Cornwall Council. The Clerk had previously e-mailed copies of the new version to all Councillors and it was RESOLVED that this be adopted by the Council.

## FINANCE

12/129

1. Income had been received of Bank Interest £2.55 : VAT refund £2817.30 : Mining Villages Trails work £189.00
2. Cllr Padmore confirmed he had recently carried out the internal audit of accounts and found everything to be in order.
3. We had already asked Cornwall Council for the same amount of precept as last year, but they had recently confirmed we would be getting a Council Tax Support Grant of £2,693.79 as well. To ensure our residents did not have to pay more towards the precept than previously, we needed to reduce our original request by the value of the grant. The complicated calculations surrounding the Council Tax Base were the reason. It was agreed that because the situation was difficult to understand, the Clerk will e-mail the relevant letters to Councillors and they will confirm (or otherwise) that we should reduce our original request by the £2,693.79 grant.

On a separate precept matter, Cornwall Council have agreed to pay the precept in one sum at the beginning of April to help with the cash flow problems the Taylor's project may cause. It would normally be paid in two 6-monthly amounts.

4. Cheques were authorised for signature in respect of:

Cheque number	payee	service	value
101186	Post Office Ltd	cemetery water bill	£15.83
101187	R Cook	litter clearing	£118.58
101188	Information Commissioner	data protection	£35.00
101189	Tony Mogford Associates	safety inspection	£108.00
101190	M P Chegwiddden	contract cutting	£950.40
101191	A Gazzard	Playing Field duties	£95.10
100018	Cornwall Council	Taylor's consultancy	£405.36
100019	pdp Green Consulting	Task 7 of contract	£777.60

Signed.....Chairman

21<sup>st</sup> February 2013