

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 18th APRIL 2013

Present. Cllr Furnish (Chairman), Cllr Humble, Cllr Roscorla, Cllr Padmore, Cllr Evans
Apologies Cllr Barton, Cllr Lanyon, PCSO Braddon
Also present : Mrs C Roscorla, C.Councillor Kaczmarek, Mrs T Pascoe

PUBLIC CLINIC nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

13/001 none.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

13/002

It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the March 2013 meeting as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING.

13/003

nil

PARISH COUNCIL MAKE-UP FOR 2013 – 2017

13/004

Cornwall Council had written to confirm that there would not be a contested election for Councillors on the Parish Council. This followed the receipt of only five nomination papers for the seven seats. We would now be required to advertise for anyone interested in being co-opted onto the Council.

Cllr Evans apologised for not having completed a nomination paper, being away when the deadline passed. She was still interested in being a Parish Councillor. The Chairman explained that we had to follow the due process and advertise the vacancies. The Clerk was asked to prepare adverts for the notice boards effective from 8th May, and any replies would be studied by the Council at a future meeting.

Notices with the details of the Cornwall Council elections would be displayed on the notice boards.

CORRESPONDENCE

13/005

1. The Minutes of the Mining Villages and Network meetings held on 4th April were noted.
2. TMA Play Equipment quarterly safety inspection confirmed a satisfactory position, with the only note being the gaps between the matting. We have it in hand to arrange for this to be adjusted.
3. Cornwall Asscn. Local Councils annual subscription reminder had been received. It was RESOLVED to continue with the membership for the coming year.
4. Robert Cook had sent his Litter report for April 2013 which was noted.
5. The Wheal Maid inspection report for April showed little significant change in the valley, although it was RESOLVED that Paul Chegwidden be asked to clear the entrance grill where the bank had broken away and was resting on the grill. The Clerk had cleared other debris and the river was flowing easily into the culvert.
6. Cornwall Council had sent a Notice of temporary road closure from Sunny Corner to Cusgarne Hill between 14th-28th May.
7. PCSO Braddon had forwarded his monthly report. It included three crime reports relating to the contractors on site at Wheal Maid. Extra efforts are being made to catch the offenders. There were two other reported crimes for the month, making the total of five the same as 2012.
8. Cllr Lanyon had sent a note to say that, as an individual, he has reported to Enforcement that a hedge has been removed at Todpool, just over the parish boundary but in the World Heritage Site. The tenant of Lord Falmouth's property had previously removed other sections of hedge.
9. The Cornwall & West Devon Mining Landscape (Cornish Mining) World Heritage Site management plan for 2013-2018 had been received from Cornwall Council and was being passed around for reading.

PLANNING

13/006

Applications received for comment:

PA13/02140 Mr S Faull, The Meadows, Chapel Lane, Crofthandy - two storey extension to existing dwelling (already dealt with due to time constraints) SUPPORT

PA13/02262 Mrs S Pettigrew-Jolly, Tailings End, Lower Goongumpas, Crofthandy - proposed two storey extension SUPPORT

Decision Notices received back from Cornwall Council:

PA13/01178 Mr Hustler, Quarry Cottage, Trehaddle - entrance porch APPROVED
PA13/00645 Mr C Yates, plot adjoining Trelise House, Frogpool - extension of time APPROVED
PA13/00413 Mrs D Burrell, Fairways Farm, Wheal Clifford - barn conversion APPROVED

Other Planning:

We had received notification from Cornwall Council that PA12/09322 in respect of European Metal Recycling's application for Scrap Metal Storage at United Downs was going to Strategic Planning Committee on 23rd April. Cornwall Council's officer was recommending it for approval.

The package of notes for members did not contain the Parish Council's views. The officer apologised this oversight and would include it with other addendum members would receive. The Chairman would try to re-arrange his diary to speak at the meeting.

FOOTPATHS**13/007**

We have received an offer from Cornwall Council under the Local Maintenance Partnership trimming scheme of £2,117 for 2013/14 footpath trimming. This is the same total as the previous year. Although it was realised that this fell well short of the total we spent, it was RESOLVED that the Chairman signs the acceptance document and the Clerk continues to work with our contractor to ensure we only trim paths when absolutely necessary.

HOMECHOICE REGISTER**13/008**

This item was discussed last month following receipt of a copy letter from St Day Parish Council to Cornwall Council expressing concern at the way the Homechoice Register was compiled, especially the inclusion of Band E properties. Cornwall Councillor Kaczmarek explained to councillors how the Register worked following which the Council were happy with the current system.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS REPORT**13/009**

Cllr Roscorla had attended the Fete meeting. Tony Walker had agreed to open it in its 30th year. He outlined attractions that were booked and felt things were moving along well. More help on the day would be appreciated, especially in the setting up.

CORNWALL COUNCIL CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**13/010**

The Mining Villages Regeneration Group had met and discussed the three documents – the Community Infrastructure Levy, The Local Plan Strategic Policies and the Gypsy & Travelling Community Strategy. They have submitted a reply on behalf of all Mining Parishes which is a very reasonable document.

Further comments from Cllr Lanyon regarding the Gypsy policy would be sent separately.

WHEAL MAID**13/011**

1. The Clerk attended the monthly progress meeting held on site on 10th April. Good progress is being made despite frequent vandalism occurring. The chimney is nearing completion and scaffold surrounds the Engine House as the next phase.
2. The Chairman would approach organisations with a view to recovering the scaffolding poles and boards from the shaft. This would be very welcome, but the Clerk asked him to check the insurance cover for such an exercise.
3. The Regional Mountain Biking event was held in early April and ran very smoothly with over 100 competitors. The National event will be taking place on 27th/28th April over the same course when several hundred competitors are anticipated and many local businesses feeling the benefits. Paul Chegwiddden removed fencing before the first event and will replace it after the 28th. Nigel Andrews has kindly loaned the use of his fields and the Chairman suggested that we write to him after the events to thank him. It was agreed that the financial contribution from the organisers will go towards the fencing work and also a donation to Mr Andrews for his support.
4. The Chairman felt that we should look into alternatives to using the farmer's fields in the longer term, and a future agenda would discuss the possibilities.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE / PLAYING FIELD**13/012**

A date of Wednesday 15th May, 6pm was agreed for the works on the safety matting.

FINANCE

13/013

1. Income had been received since the last meeting for: £80 burial fees : £23,181 Precept : £2,693.79 grant in lieu of precept : £26,065.24 Natural England 2nd project reimbursement

2. Cheques were authorised for signature in respect of:

Cheque number	payee	service	value
101205	A E Harris	annual internal audit	£90.00
101206	R Cook	street sweeping	£107.10
101207	CALC	annual subscription	£373.25
101208	M P Chegwiddden	contract cutting	£864.68
101209	A Gazzard	P.Field duties	£102.75
100024	pdp Green Consulting	Taylor's tasks 8 & 9 v2	£1,215.36
100023	Darrock & Brown	valuations 4 & 5	£20,407.02

3. The Clerk presented the Annual Accounts for signature. The comments of the Internal Auditor were read and noted. It was RESOLVED that the Chairman signs the Accounting Statement and Annual governance statement on behalf of the Council. The Clerk confirmed he had placed the appropriate notices on Noticeboards as specified. The cash book would be signed at the next meeting.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

13/014

An agenda item for Cornwall Councillor's report was to be added to all future agendas.

Signed.....Chairman

16th May 2013