

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 20th JUNE 2013

Present. Cllr Furnish (Chairman), Cllr Humble, Cllr Roscorla, Cllr Padmore, Cllr Lanyon, Cllr Hannam
Apologies none
Also present : Mrs C Roscorla, Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek, Mr & Mrs Anthony

PUBLIC CLINIC nil

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

13/034

1. An abandoned car at United Downs lay-by has finally been removed after several weeks' chasing.
2. Site visits around the parish with Viv Bidgood (Highways Manager) has resulted in a list of points to follow up on.
3. A site visit at the school with Mr Bidgood, the Headmistress and the Clerk has led to a quote for extending the zig zag keep clear lines.
4. A wood yard at Poldory Lane, United has been reported to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) for enforcement action. They will take whatever action they see fit.
5. The name plate sign at Quakers Road has been replaced and a new one for Trelawney Estate, Frogpool ordered.
6. The Community Chest funding for Cornwall Councillors for this financial year 2013/ 14 is £3,000. Cllr Kaczmarek liked to share this amount equally between his three parishes and looked to Community Groups to make applications.
7. My committee positions on Cornwall Council are as vice-chairman of the Western Planning Committee and a member of the Strategic Planning Committee.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE REGISTER

13/035

Following our recent advertisement for Councillor vacancies, the Parish Council interviewed Sue Hannam and agreed she should fill one of the vacancies. She signed the Declaration of Acceptance Register and also gave the Clerk her Register of Interests form.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

13/036 none

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

13/037

It was RESOLVED to accept the May 2013 minutes as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING.

13/038

1. The Clerk has been liaising with Cornwall Council regarding the renewal of the lease for the Stock Car area at United. Details of dates and times of use so far this year have been given and attention drawn to the dumping of hundreds of tyres in the undergrowth behind the track. This matter is with Cornwall Council's Environmental department.
2. The Clerk has had a reply from Andy Burton regarding the acoustics in the meeting room. He didn't think there was a lot that could be done to dampen noise generation, but made reference to a firm specialising in suspended panel. They were very expensive though. It was felt that we should consider curtains as a first approach. The Clerk will look into curtain costs.
3. Cllr Roscorla challenged Cornwall Council's account of the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee regarding the EMR application. The absence of any reference to Gwennap Parish and their opposition to the application was missing. As he had complained as an individual, the Chairman suggested he pursues a reply.

CURRENT CO-OPTION POSITION

13/039

We were still one Councillor short, and a new advert has appeared in the recent newsletter with a deadline of 10th July.

CORRESPONDENCE

13/040

1. Cornwall Council Local Enforcement Plan had been received and the Clerk would e-mail a copy to each Councillor/
2. A proposed modification of definitive map regarding bridleways at Wheal Jewel had been received and invited comment from anyone that had knowledge or had used the paths previously. Cllr Lanyon would inform individuals that he felt could comment. Cllr Kaczmarek was against the paths becoming public as were the Police, from a security viewpoint.
3. Cornwall Housing were holding an open day at Carharrack tomorrow (21st June) on their new affordable development at Carharrack. Those with links to Carharrack parish would have first claim but then those with links to Gwennap Lanner & St Day parishes would be a second consideration. The Clerk had advertised the event on the notice boards.

4. Carharrack Parish Council minutes of meeting of 22nd April were noted.
5. The temporary road closure at Tresamble Hill on 15th July (Stithians Show) was noted.
6. The litter picking report for June was received and noted.
7. The Wheal Maid inspection report for June was noted. One of the information signs about the Tailings Lagoons had been removed. The Clerk would look into alternatives.
8. A letter from Cormac regarding safety markings at Cusgarne School was discussed at length. They spoke of a £300 cost of extending the zig-zag lines from gate to gate, but it was felt that this only moved the problem further along the road. The Road Safety Officer should be asked to visit the site to offer opinions on suitable and safe parking arrangements.
9. A letter received regarding land occupation at Gwennap was read. The Clerk also read a reply he had received from Cornwall Council Enforcement to say that they were actively investigating the matter.
10. The Football Club had written to seek our views on the building of a concrete wall for practicing. Whilst the Parish Council were supportive of improving facilities, they couldn't see how this would work or look sympathetic in the rural environment.

PLANNING

13/041

Planning applications received to date:

PA13/03124 Mr S Matthews, 6 Carn View, Gwennap - extension of time to erect dwelling SUPORT

PA13/03925 Mrs C Gumma, Aysgarth, Trewelm Lane, Crofthandy - works to tree DEFER TO C.COUNCIL

(both dealt with as replies required before next meeting)

PA13/04378 Mrs M Rundle Ivmar, Trehaddle - change of use from garage to C3 dwelling house NOT SUPPORT

Decision Notice received back from Cornwall Council:

PA13/02638 Mr A Reeve, land adj. to Unit 1E, United Downs Ind Park - mobile office & canteen APPROVED

PA13/02981 Mr Leach, Rose Farm, Ponsanooth - minor changes to approved plans APPROVED

WHEAL MAID UPDATE

13/042

1. The Clerk and Chairman had met on site with SLR Consulting, our new "Competent Person". A report would follow, but he seemed generally happy with what he saw. It was agreed to await the report before discussing his other comments further.
2. Works on the Taylor's project continued, and there had been no new cases of vandalism reported.
3. We had received a cheque from Fully Sussed for £1196 in respect of the Mountain Biking events held in April. It was agreed amongst Councillors since our last meeting that the landowner who lent his fields for camping, parking and part of the course should receive £600, but he has refused to take anything, and at the same time agreed that another event could be held next year. Fully Sussed want to see Cornwall Council drop their £1 per rider charge because the course doesn't use very much of their land, and a water supply needs to be available on site next time. The provision of water was discussed, and the Chairman would investigate a temporary connection from the mains to a standpipe. It was felt to be inappropriate at this stage to connect permanently whilst the event was in its infancy.
The £600 should be ring fenced until such time as a decision on the water is made.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

13/043

Cllr Roscorla gave an update from the recent Fete Committee meeting.

FOOTPATHS / ENVIRONMENTAL

13/044

1. Cllr Lanyon was concerned about the permissions being given by the Environment Agency for tipping to take place within the World Heritage Site. Recent cases at Unity Woods and Wheal Maid had detrimentally changed the landscape. It was agreed that the Clerk writes to the E.A. asking for the Parish Council to be allowed to make comment on any future cases.
2. The Clerk had received clarification from Cornwall Council regarding the kissing gate access to Wheal Maid from Crofthandy. There was no requirement for a gate, but on the other hand, we did not have to provide access for pushchairs – it was left to the Parish Council as to what it felt was necessary. Cllr Lanyon will report back to the parishioner who raised the matter.
3. Cllr Humble raised the problem of water cascading down the path on footpath 34 at Coombe Weir and also the repairs needed to the footbridge over the river at Trehaddle on path 24. Both items had been reported to Cornwall Council by the Clerk.
4. Gavin Henderson at Cormac had been informed that the lightening conductor was missing from the Arsenic Stack at Point Mills. There were also loose bricks at the top that could be a danger to those using the Mineral Tramways route.

PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

13/045

1. Councillors and members of the Football Club met one evening to reduce the gaps in the safety matting. Although there was further works to do, considerable progress had been made. Paul Chegwiddden has since re-turfed areas where matting was now missing.

FINANCE**13/046**

1. Income had been received since the last meeting of : £265.88 Car Boots April & May : £1196.00 Fully Sussed Mountain Biking : £341.76 Football Club annual rent : £24 Rooms hire : £52.50 newsletter adverts : £1328.83 Street Sweeping grant

2. Cheques were authorised for signature for :

Cheque number	payee	payment details	value
101219	Cornwall Council	Spring newsletter printing	£329.44
101220	Cormac Solutions	Q1 grasscutting	£163.90
101221	Local World Ltd	car boot adverts	£56.09
101222	R Cook	litter clearing	£114.75
101223	Gwennap Parish Comm. Projects	fete donation	£675.00
101224	A Blamey	Q1 salary & reimbursements	£1,770.72
101225	Post Office Ltd	income tax	£298.94
101226	M P Chegwidden	contract cutting	£1,799.14
101227	A Gazzard	Playing Field duties	£125.70
100027	pdpGreen Consulting	tasks 8 & 9 part 4	£1,215.36
100028	Darrock & Brown	valuation no.7	£10,129.24

Signed.....Chairman

18th July 2013