

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 17th OCTOBER 2013

Present. Cllr Furnish (Chairman), Cllr Roscorla, Cllr Hannam, Cllr Humble, Cllr Saunders
Apologies PCSO Braddon, Cllr Lanyon
Also present : Mrs C Roscorla, Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek, Mr & Mrs Cockcroft

PUBLIC CLINIC

Nil

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

13/086

Cllr Kaczmarek reported that:

- He had reported fly tipping at Poldory on land at the base of the landfill site
- A reply from Cornwall Council indicated that they were considering a five year extension to the HWRC
- He explained the problems of having the parish council's planning decided by Central and West Committees
- His recent charity walk had raised £254 for Cornwall Hospice Care. Over forty people attended

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

13/087 none

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

13/088

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

MATTERS ARISING.

13/089

1. The Clerk and some Councillors had visited Crofthandy Village Hall and met with their committee to look at the patio area that our grant had helped create. The teamwork and efforts of their committee stood out as an example of what can be achieved when a community gets together. It was a very convivial evening, appreciated by both parties.
2. The HWRC at United Downs would now be reconsidered by Cornwall Council's PAC when Mr Teale took a revised HWRC strategy to them. It would incorporate a five year extension proposal for United Downs.

CORRESPONDENCE

13/090

1. PCSO Braddon had sent the Police report for the month. With just one reported crime for the month a decrease of three was noted from the same period last year.
2. The Conservation Volunteers have an offer of free trees for planting in public open spaces. We could not identify any areas in our ownership that could accommodate such a number.
3. Cornwall Council had replied regarding our request for listing of assets of community value. They acknowledged our request and would make a decision within eight weeks. However, the request for Cusgarne School was not possible as it fell in an exempt category.
4. The litter report for October was received. In addition, it was noted that several fly tipping incidents had been reported
5. The Wheal Maid inspection had been carried out by the Clerk for October, with no change reported.
6. Cornwall Council had written regarding an Electoral Division split over two Area Planning Committees. They were asking the Council if it would agree to have all planning applications decided by the West Area Committee rather than straddle two areas (we also had applications considered by the Central Committee). It would make things easier for our Cornwall Councillor, who sat on the West Committee. RESOLVED to agree to the request.
7. A letter had been received from a resident at Hale Mills regarding the behaviour of off road cyclists. She had encountered cyclists on footpaths whilst walking her dogs to land she owned adjoining Wheal Maid. After establishing where her land was, the Clerk considered that one path was a bridleway whilst the other was not on our land, and was not on the official definitive map. It did however raise the problems that off road cyclists can cause if they do not use the area responsibly, and the Clerk would contact local biking organisations explaining the need for care to be taken when using public rights of way.
8. The Clerk had received the Cornwall Council Historic Environment Progress Report and offered it to Councillors to circulate.
9. Posters highlighting the forthcoming Fire Brigade strike on Saturday 19th October would be displayed on notice boards.

PLANNING

13/091

1. PA13/08475 Mr & Mrs Cockcroft, The Coach House, Gwennap - extensions and new garage SUPPORT
2. PA13/08064 Mr Gajardo, Oakfield, Wheal Clifford - retrospective permission for the formation of a new access and track to an agricultural field SUPPORT
3. PA13/05894 Mr Masters, Wheal Maiden Barn, Crofthandy - barn conversion and formation of new access OBJECT ON ACCESS GROUNDS
4. PA13/07942 Cornish Concrete Products Ltd - yard extension (ALREADY DEALT WITH BECAUSE OF TIME RESTRAINTS. This was a neighbouring parish consultation) SUPPORTED

The Clerk also mentioned that the Geothermal project on United Downs Industrial Estate that had previously received permission subject to conditions, had now submitted further information that Cornwall Council had agreed on to discharge some of the conditions. However, these documents do not have to be shared with parish councils so we are not routinely invited to comment.

In this particular case the map of the proposed vehicle routes agreed leading to the site was full of errors which the Clerk had pointed out but no reply had been received back.

WHEAL MAID UPDATE

13/092

1. The SLR report was supposed to arrive electronically today, with the hard copy coming by post. The invoice has also been received. The Clerk would make the report available electronically to any Councillor that requested it, but it was a large document. The payment would not be sent until the reports had been received and read.
2. As the contractors had now finished and the scheme was complete except for the signage and payment of the retention, the Parish Council was now in a position to repay Cornwall Council with the £25,000 loan. We could now manage the remaining payments from our own resources whilst awaiting reimbursement from Natural England. RESOLVED to repay the loan.
3. The Chairman was awaiting a reply from South West Water on the supply of water to the National Mountain Biking event next year.
4. The Chairman had attended a final meeting on site with representatives of UNESCO, Cornwall Council and other international representatives.

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

13/093

Now the Council were up to full strength, the appointment of Councillors to represent the Parish Council on other organisations could take place.

The following was agreed:

Geothermal Liaison Group - Cllr Furnish with Cllr Lanyon as deputy

Mining Villages Group and Community Network - Cllr Humble & the Clerk

GPPA - Cllrs Roscorla, Humble and Saunders

Sita Liaison - now defunct

Internal Audit - Cllr Padmore

Fete Committee - Cllr Hannam would give the matter consideration

GPRA - Cllrs Furnish, Roscorla and Padmore

Mineral Tramways Partnership Steering Group - the Clerk and Cllr Saunders

REPORTS ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

13/094

1. The Clerk had attended the recent Mineral Tramways meeting held at Carharrack. They would be carrying out works on Bridleway 29 at Sparry Bottom in the near future where flooding was a problem. Otherwise, the Group would continue to meet bi-annually even though there was no funding available for new projects, and maintenance was becoming harder as financial cuts were introduced. The use of volunteers was becoming more and more important.
2. Cllr Roscorla had attended the recent Fete meeting and reported that plans had started for next years' event.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE / PLAYING FIELD

13/095

1. The Clerk had instructed Paul Chegwidden to make safe a post supporting the cradle swings, which had worked loose below the surface. It was RESOLVED that this retrospective action be approved.
2. It was agreed we had to find a solution to the safety surface in the play area, and Cllr Humble and the Clerk would look into the cost of suitable replacement surfaces. Cllr Kaczmarek mentioned Cory Environmental and his own Community Chest as possible sources of financial help.

FOOTPATHS

13/096

1. Cllr Hannam mentioned the footpath sign at Greensplatt leading to Lanner Farm was missing. The Clerk believed it was on the inside of the stile and would get Paul Chegwidden to re-fix it.
2. An idea from Cllr Saunders to purchase a flail mower was deferred until the trimming contracts came up for renewal.

3. Cllr Hannam spoke of the overgrown hedges at Coombe Lane, where driving was becoming dangerous. The Clerk will approach Cornwall Council to see if they will cut the area.

FINANCE

13/096

1. Cheques were authorised for signature for :

Cheque number	payee	payment details	value
101248	Cormac Solutions	grass cutting Q2	£163.90
101249	Local World Ltd	car boot advert	£28.04
101250	Fire Crest	appliance check	£128.04
101251	R Cook	litter clearing	£122.40
101252	M P Chegwidden	contract cutting	£1,512.08
101253	A Gazzard	Playing Field duties	£78.75
101254	RBL Poppy Appeal	wreath	£19.50
101255	SLR Consulting Ltd	W.Maid Inspection report	£4,200.00
100034	Cornwall Council	loan repayment	£25,000.00

2. Income has been received since the last meeting in respect of: newsletter advert £10.50 : Car Boot income 71p : VAT rebate £18,353.65 : Natural England claim reimbursement £24,864.12
3. The Clerk had prepared a financial summary for the 2013 Car Boot season. It showed a net profit of £626, slightly up on the previous year. The GPPA committee would meet in February to discuss the 2014 arrangements.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

13/ 097

Safety play surfaces.

Signed.....Chairman

21st November 2013