

# Gwennap Parish Council

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2013

Present. Cllr Furnish (Chairman), Cllr Roscorla, Cllr Humble, Cllr Saunders, Cllr Lanyon, Cllr Padmore  
Apologies Cllr Hannam  
Also present : Mrs C Roscorla, Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek

### **PUBLIC CLINIC**

Mrs Roscorla had attended the recent Fete meeting and reported that they were experiencing difficulties in re-booking some of the children's rides, although other avenues were being explored. The Fete date had been fixed for 28<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

### **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

#### **13/098**

Cllr Kaczmarek informed the Council about;

- Frogpool Cusgarne Football Club being awarded £330 for a new line marker from his Community Chest
- Bus Service cut backs were affecting all the Mining Villages
- He had just learnt that EMR were going to appeal against the decision not to grant permission to change use of land at United for scrap storage
- He had supported our request for sites to be registered as of Community Value
- He mentioned that Carharrack P.Council had raised the matter of roadside parking at Riverside Terrace, Crofthandy. He was informed by our Councillors that there was no alternative and there was no contravention occurring. He would speak to PCSO Braddon.
- He offered to take up with Cormac on our behalf any ditches that were causing highway problems.

The Chairman then asked for a brief silence in memory of our past Chairman, Irvin Herbert who had recently died.

*(Cllr Kaczmarek then left the meeting)*

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

#### **13/099**

Cllr Lanyon declared an interest in Correspondence Item 13

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

#### **13/100**

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

### **MATTERS ARISING.**

#### **13/101**

1. The Clerk had contacted both the Police and the Cornwall Mountain Bike Club regarding the complaint received last month of dangerous riding in the Wheal Maid Valley. A reply from the Club confirmed that all members would be made aware of the problem and they would also contact other local clubs.
2. We had received report appendices from SLR but still waited for the actual report. The Clerk retained the cheque drawn at the last meeting for payment of the report.
3. Coombe Lane hedgerows had now been trimmed. Requests from the Clerk had produced no action until Cllr Kaczmarek became involved.
4. The Chairman had received a "no" from South West Water for sponsorship towards a supply of water for the National Mountain Biking event. He would now try to locate the whereabouts of the water sources close to the site to assess likely cost of connecting. Otherwise, a bowser for an event would cost £100 for a weekend.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **13/102**

1. Cornwall Council's Historic Environment Conservation had sent a final report of the works at Taylor's and Davey's mine buildings in the Wheal Maid Valley.
2. The litter clearing report for November was noted.
3. The Wheal Maid inspection report for November was noted.
4. Cornwall Council had written regarding our request to have the Playing Field listed as an Assets of Community Value – this was because we are the owners of the proposal.
5. The Minutes of Carharrack Parish Council's meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013 were noted.
6. The Minutes of the Mining Villages Community Network meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> November had been received.
7. The Mining Villages Regeneration Group had written asking for an annual contribution to keep their two websites operational. The Historic Churchyards website was very well used as was the Parish Trails, which linked paths in

our parish with the Coast to Coast Trail. It was calculated that £100 from each of the six parishes involved would be sufficient. It was RESOLVED to pay this sum when requested by the MVRG.

8. Gwennap Church had written to thank us for the use of the Parish Rooms in the summer for their Coffee Mornings. They had raised £269 during the year for Shelter Box. They raised a concern about the acoustics in the Rooms and would like to donate next years' profits towards curtains or similar to absorb sounds.
9. Came & Company Insurance had sent their renewal letter. We were starting the first year of a three year agreement so the sum payable of £1,457 had been previously agreed.
10. We have received a letter from an individual regarding the possibility of staging a leg of the Southwest Mountain Biking Event in 2014. Fully Sussed ran this event and the National last year, but were concentrating on the National only in 2014. We have explained that it was unlikely that the fields of Mr Andrew would be available which meant that parking and camping needed to be resolved and that insurance and risk assessment documents had to be lodged with us before anything could take place. This was all felt to be resolvable by the applicant and the Chairman would contact Mr Hobbs to arrange a meeting on site.
11. The TMA play equipment safety quarterly report had been received. The Clerk is to query the point raised about open steps being a hazard.
12. We had been notified that EMR would be appealing against the decision of Cornwall Council to refuse them planning permission for the change of use of land on the United Downs Industrial Park for a scrapyard storage facility. We would notify the local businesses that had previously objected to make them aware and possibly arrange a small meeting to pool ideas for the Appeal. The Chairman would re-read our submission to bring it up to date before sending it in to the Inspector.
13. Cornwall Council's planning officer had written to inform us that our objection to PA13/05894 at Wheal Maiden, Crofthandy did not agree with their recommendation. We had five days to reply, either agreeing or asking for the matter to be taken to Committee. It was unanimously agreed that this should be challenged by asking the matter to go to committee. It was a dangerous situation, and one which local Councillors obviously knew better than the planners.  
Cllr Lanyon took no part in the decision making.

## **PLANNING**

### **13/103**

#### **Planning applications received to date:**

1. PA13/09934 Mr Kellam, Hilltop Barn, Race Hill, Bissoe - equipment store with access track SUPPORT
2. PA13/10108 Mr Baker, Bosky, Consols Road, Carharrack - remove conservatory, replace with extension IN  
CARHARRACK PARISH – LEAVE COMMENTS TO THEM

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

- PA13/08475 Mr Cockroft, The Coach House, Gwennap - extensions APPROVED  
PA13/07895 Mr Paull, The Meadows, Chapel Lane, Crofthandy - amendment to extension permission APPROVED  
PA13/05690 Mr S Grigg, Chapel Cottage, Crofthandy - erection of dwelling APPROVED

PA/13/08605 Mr Freeborn, Kensa House, Mount Wellington - prior notification of change of use of B1(a) (offices) to a dwelling. Notified that Planning Permission required – application now awaited.

## **WHEAL MAID UPDATE**

### **13/104**

It was AGREED that the Clerk purchases chain and a lock to replace that stolen from the entrance opposite the Industrial Park.

## **REPORTS ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED**

### **13/105**

1. The Clerk and Cllr Humble had attended the recent Mining Villages meeting with Cllr Humble then staying on for the following Community Network meeting.  
The MVRG meeting were writing to Cornwall Council about the changes to bus timetables that reduce services to routes that served the mining villages.
2. The Network meeting had invited Andy England from Cornwall Council Planning along to discuss planning issues and Cllr Humble gave a resume of the main points.
3. The Chairman had represented the Council at the Remembrance Day service at Gwennap Church, laying a wreath on our behalf.

## **REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE / PLAYING FIELD**

### **13/106**

1. The Clerk and Cllr Roscorla had met with a representative from Matta at the Playing Field regarding the replacement of the safety surface. Since then, two quotes had been received and a third was expected. When these were to hand an application could be made to Cory for grant aid and the Parish Council could decide on the way forward.
2. The Topple-Tester was now in our possession, being a joint-owned asset with the other mining villages. The intention had been to get it re-calibrated and to test the headstones in the burial ground(s), but Cllr Humble had since found a document from the Ministry of Justice that indicated that a hand test is preferable – the topple tester adding nothing to the process, in fact it had a tendency to overestimate risks.  
It was agreed that a hand test would be carried out in the Spring with a record of any unsafe headstones kept.

**FOOTPATHS/ENVIRONMENTAL**

**13/107**

Cllr Lanyon reported fly-tipping on Byway 48/2 at Crofthandy.

**FINANCE**

**13/108**

1. Cheques were authorised for signature for :

Cheque number	payee	payment details	value
101256	R Cook	litter clearing	£122.40
101257	Broker Network Ltd	annual insurance	£1,457.27
100035	pdp Green Consultancy	task 10 of contract	£910.56

- Income has been received since the last meeting in respect of: £117 Hire of Rooms : £160 burial related income : £42 newsletter adverts : £1,470 GPRA contribution to projects : £3,321 Natural England 50% of annual contract
- Cllr Padmore confirmed that he has carried out the quarterly internal audit check of the Council's financial records and found everything to be in order.
- A bank mandate was signed to allow the Clerk to transfer monies between the Council's accounts. He has had this facility previously but HSBC now required a new mandate.
- The Clerk presented a financial statement to help Councillors in setting the precept requirements for 2014 – 2015. Following a discussion, it was RESOLVED that we ask for the same amount as last year, £25,875 in total. The Clerk would wait for confirmation of the Support Grant value before submitting the request.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

**13/109** none

Signed.....Chairman

19<sup>th</sup> December 2013