

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 19th DECEMBER 2013

Present. Cllr Furnish (Chairman), Cllr Roscorla, Cllr Humble, Cllr Saunders, Cllr Lanyon, Cllr Padmore, Cllr Hannam

Apologies Cornwall Councillor Kaczmarek

Also present : PCSO Braddon, Mr Wilson, Mr Rowe, Mrs Chase, Mrs Smith

PUBLIC CLINIC

1. PCSO Braddon gave a report covering the last two months. Reported crime has remained the same as the previous year at five.
2. All the other members of the public came from Trelawney Estate and spoke of the problems with parking. The number of allocated parking spaces fell way short of the vehicles actually trying to park, and this leads to problems of cars being blocked in.
Residents made several proposals to improve the situation including marking parking bays to avoid indiscriminate parking and using a matting product to allow vehicles to park on the grass area. A drain which was flooding near numbers 16/17 was also making parking difficult.
The Chairman explained that we had asked Cornwall Housing to attend this evening, but they had written instead to confirm they will be visiting the Estate in the New Year to assess the situation, although budget restrictions meant they couldn't promise anything. They would then attend a future Council meeting to discuss the outcome with us.
It would be useful for them to visit the Estate in the evening as well, to see the problems when most residents were at home.
3. PCSO Braddon agreed to take up the matter raised by Mr Wilson of large articulated vehicles using the narrow local roads. He would ask Highways to make a site visit to check if signage was adequate.

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

13/110

Cllr Kaczmarek was unable to attend the meeting but sent the Clerk a report. During the past month he had

- Supported a grant to Crofthandy Village Hall from his Community Chest for outdoor patio furniture
- Agreed with Cornwall Housing to create a parking area outside of 1, Trenbal, Crofthandy
- Continued to press Enforcement in the removal of a caravan at Sparry Lane, Carharrack
- Reported fly-tipping in the Mount Wellington area (now removed)
- Still talking to highways about flood problems on the Bissoe – Twelveheads road.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

13/ 111 none

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

13/112

The minutes of the November meeting were approved and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING.

13/113

1. The Clerk had fitted a new chain and lock to the Taylor's entrance opposite the Industrial Estate.
2. The Mountain Bike organiser of the Regional event had asked for the use of the valley on Sunday 23th March. This was agreed, as was the 'fee' of £1 per entrant. As it was a one-day event, there was no requirement for camping, and parking was likely to be light as entries were normally around 60-100.
3. The Clerk would ask the Fly-Tipping department whether checks were made to see if there was anything in the rubbish to identify the 'dumpers'.

CORRESPONDENCE

13/114

1. The Minutes of Carharrack Parish Council's meeting dated 18th November were noted.
2. Highways were reducing weed treatment by herbicide spraying in many areas. They will continue to treat Japanese Knotweed, Ragwort and areas where highway safety are at risk. It was AGREED that we do not take up the offer to have this work continue at a cost of £529 per annum. The areas affected would be roads in Frogpool/Cusgarne .
3. Precept confirmation had been received following Council Tax Support Grant details. Our grant for 2014/15 will be £2,467.73 which means we have requested a precept of £23,408.
4. Cornwall Council's letter of confirmation for Community Assets has agreed to the acceptance of the Fox & Hounds at Comford, the Cornish Arms at Frogpool, our Playing Field at Pulla Cross and the Crofthandy Village

Hall. They will be placed on a register that will give notice should any of the premises come up for sale in the next five years.

5. The street sweeping report for December was noted.
6. The Wheal Maid Valley report for December was noted.
7. The Clerk had previously circulated Cornwall Council's Localism & Devolution Information Bulletin via e-mail to Councillors.
8. 'First' bus services had sent details of a new fares/tickets system being introduced in January. The Clerk will put the details on our Noticeboards.

PLANNING

13/115

1. PA13/10567 Mrs C Gumma, Trewelm, Crofthandy - tree works (referred to C.Council Tree Officer)
2. PA13/10613 Mr T Richards, Rietfontein, Perranwell Station - crown lift to 4m, various trees (under TPO) OBJECT
3. PA13/10251 Mr French, Glenview Farm, Gwennap - barn conversion to dwelling SUPPORT

Decision Notices received back from Cornwall Council:

1. PA13/08064 Mr Gajardo, Oakfield, Wheal Clifford - new access track APPROVED

The Chairman and Clerk had met with Business owners at United regarding the appeal lodged by EMR, following which the Chairman had re-drafted and updated our response which had been sent to the Appeals Inspector. We now awaited the details of when the hearing will be held, probably not until March/April 2014.

Despite further representation by the Parish Council and Cllr Kaczmarek, the Planning Department were still going to approve the application for a new access at the bottom of Crofthandy hill as part of a barn conversion at Wheal Maiden. Cllr Kaczmarek reported that he would not recommend it be taken to Committee because even if it was turned down at that stage, any appeal would be successful because Highways supported it, and that process would be costly.

The Clerk was asked to write to request that no works commence until the new access is made, and that no vehicles use the existing byway as an alternative.

WHEAL MAID UPDATE

13/116

1. The information signs for Taylor's should be ready in the next month.
2. The Competent Person's report had been partially received today, and would be placed on the next agenda.

REPORTS ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

13/117

The Clerk had attended a SITA Liaison meeting on 3rd December. There had been a slight delay with the creation of the Bridleways across the Landfill Site, but work was expected to start early in the New Year.

However, the Clerk asked where the gated entrances were and was told that they were not part of the plan. He contacted SITA and Cornwall Council to point out that they were part of the approved planning application and were needed to prevent open access for motorcycles.

SITA were looking into it and would get back to us.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE / PLAYING FIELD

13/118

1. The Clerk had received three quotes for the works to the play surface. They were for different approaches to the work and varied from £14,500 to £21,166. It was agreed to delay a decision for a month to allow Cllr Lanyon to follow up another line of enquiry locally.
2. Cllr Humble and the Clerk had visited the play area to look into the remarks made at the recent safety inspection. Works to the treads on the small steps would be carried out in the near future, but the bar at the start of the climbing net would have to wait until the safety matting had been replaced.

FOOTPATHS/ENVIRONMENTAL

13/119

1. Cllr Lanyon asked the Clerk to check what recycling bags and boxes were available as there seemed to be differences between localities.
2. Cllr Humble urged Councillors to remove fly posters which were put up illegally on posts and poles. They were increasing in number and spoilt the rural area.

FINANCE

13/120

1. Cheques were authorised for signature for :

Cheque number	payee	payment details	value
101258	R Cook	litter clearing	£122.40
101259	Cormac Solutions	Q3 grass cutting	£163.90
101260	A Blamey	Q3 salary & reimbursements	£1,841.93
101261	Post Office Ltd	income tax	£298.94
101262	M P Chegwidden	contract cutting	£2,366.80
101263	A Gazzard	Playing Field duties	£223.57
100036	Cornwall Council	Taylor's project consultancy	£1,050.00

2. Income has been received since the last meeting in respect of: Burial fees £140 : Rooms hire £36 : Adverts £215.50

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

13/121

1. Play area matting
2. Wheal Maid report

Signed.....Chairman

16th January 2014