

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 17th APRIL 2014

Present. Cllr Humble (Acting Chairman), Cllr Roscorla, Cllr Saunders, Cllr Hannam, Cllr Lanyon
Apologies Cllrs Furnish & Padmore, PCSO Braddon
Also present: Mrs Roscorla, Cornwall Councillor Kaczmarek

PUBLIC CLINIC - nil

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

14/001

1. Cllr Kaczmarek handed the Clerk a copy of the February Ofsted report relating to Cusgarne School. It showed that all elements were recorded as "Good". The Council were pleased to see this positive account of the School.
2. Poppins, at Gwennap Churchtown, had been refurbished by Cornwall Council and was now re-opened as a respite centre for disabled children.
3. He had reported fly tipping and potholes in the parish over the past month. All had been dealt with now.
4. Bridleway 29 from Sparry to the Gwennap Church road was still suffering from flooding problems, and he was taking this up with Cornwall Council to get it resolved.
5. He was also still pressing for the HWRC Centre at United to be extended beyond its closure date of November 2014.
6. His recent charity walk at St Agnes had raised in excess of £200 for the Seafarers UK charity.
7. He would take up the question raised by Cllr Lanyon regarding the outcome of the removal of hedges at Todpool. It was almost a year since this matter was raised and nothing seemed to be happening to restore the hedges.
8. The Clerk will forward him details of road surface problems at Crowsmenegus and the road towards Cusgarne School

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

14/002 none

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

14/003

The minutes of the March 2014 meeting were approved and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING.

14/004

1. Planning application PA14/02034 for sand/cement render to Penty-an-Vre at Race Hill was not supported by us. The planning officer agreed with our comments and a revised plan with reduced level of render will be supported by the planning officer and the Parish Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

14/005

1. The minutes of Carharrack Parish Council meeting of 17th February were noted.
2. Came & Company, our insurers, had sent their latest newsletter for Spring 2014
3. The Cornwall Countryside Access Forum was looking for new members. The Clerk will put their posters on our Boards
4. Also, notices drawing attention to the forthcoming European Parliamentary Election would be displayed.
5. The litter picking report for April was noted.
6. Natural England had advised of changes regarding payment dates for our HLS Agreement with them. The same amount of money would be paid over the term of the contract.
7. The Wheal Maid inspection report for April was noted.
8. Cornwall Housing had sent a copy of the plan to improve Trelawney Estate parking. Cllr Saunders has shared this with residents who had attended earlier meetings asking for help, and they were in agreement with the changes. Work was anticipated to start next week.
9. The Cornwall Council Local Plan had been circulated to Councillors along with a draft of the MVRG proposed comments. The Mining Villages had met the previous day to formulate a response, and it was agreed that this would also represent our views.
10. The National Mountain Biking Event will be held in the Wheal Maid Valley on the 3rd/4th May – a full risk assessment, map of course & insurance cover details had been sent by the organisers, Fully Sussed.
11. Letters had been received following the Regional Mountain Biking Event held in April. This was a much smaller event than the National, but had been well run with all the necessary paperwork in place. However, the Parish Council had received a letter from a dog-walking parishioner regarding the inconvenience caused by the event, and also a letter from the organiser regarding an abusive dog-walking resident. The Clerk had forwarded copies of both letters to PCSO Braddon for information purposes, as he was looking into problems of aggressive dogs in the valley.
12. Cornwall Association of Local Councils newsletter had been received.

13. It was RESOLVED to agree to Cornwall Association of Local Councils request for the renewal of our annual membership subscription. The Clerk is to clarify their remit.
14. Cornwall Council have notified us of a temporary road closure for the Gwennap Street Market on 5th May, 10am – 2pm
15. Cornwall Council is seeking our views on how satisfactory the polling stations are in the parish. It was agreed that both the Crofthandy Village Hall and Frogpool Chapel are good venues.
16. The Police Report for the month had been received from PCSO Braddon. There had been two reported crimes and fifteen incident calls logged, down from six and twenty-four respectively from last year's figures.

PLANNING

14/006

Planning applications received for comment.

PA14/02633 Miss J Curnow, Chy an Areth, Point Mills - single storey side extension SUPPORT

PA14/02279 Miss J Kitto, Trevarth Cottage, Trevarth Farm, Gwennap - demolish & replace cottage SUPPORT

(Both dealt with between meetings due to time restraints)

Decision Notices received from Cornwall Council:

PA14/00549 Mr D J White, Unit 14, Triplet Business Park - change of use APPROVED

PA14/01450 Mr S Grant, Clifford House, Race Hill, Bissoe - utility & bathroom reconfiguration APPROVED

PA14/02034 Mr S Grant, Clifford House, Race Hill, Bissoe - sand/cement render to Penty-an-Vre APPROVED

REPORT ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED.

14/007

Cllr Humble and the Clerk attended the MVRG meeting held to discuss the Cornwall Plan as mentioned previously.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE / PLAYING FIELD

14/008

It would not now be necessary to get a carpenter to adapt the play area central gate as Cllr Humble has carried out the work, along with the improvements to the treads on the larger slide.

FOOTPATH / ENVIRONMENTAL

14/009

Cllr Saunders had reported fly tipping at the entrance to The Stamps at Pulla Hill.

FINANCE

14/010

1. The end of year Internal Audit had taken place and the auditor had signed off the accounts prior to them being sent to the external auditors. His recommendations regarding the Asset Register and Tendering for grass cutting were both discussed. The tender documents would be drawn up by the Clerk towards the end of this year in readiness for a 2015/16 start. The Asset Register would be looked at by the Vice Chairman to check we were representing an accurate value against our assets.

The Council were satisfied that the way the Clerk accounted for the Playing Field upkeep and the income set-off against the monthly invoices was represented satisfactorily in the Cash Book and the Balance Sheet, but when Cllr Padmore does his next internal check he would be asked to confirm the system was satisfactory.

2. The Clerk presented a Balance Sheet to Councillors showing how the income and expenditure had been attributed for the previous year. After the correction of an error pointed out by Cllr Roscorla, the Vice Chairman signed the Accounts Book and the statement for the external auditors confirming the Council were satisfied with the accounts and their presentation, and the internal auditor's report.

3. The Clerk will now advertise that the annual accounts are completed (prior to audit) and will be available for inspection at the times specified.

4. Income had been received since the last meeting in respect of : £3,321.00 Natural England 50% maintenance for 2014 : £64.50 adverts : £15.00 Rooms hire : £165.00 burial fees : £11,704.00 50% Precept : £1,233.87 Council Tax Support Grant : £2,929.10 vat refund for Oct – March 13/14.

5. Cheques were authorised for signature for :

<i>Cheque number</i>	<i>payee</i>	<i>payment details</i>	<i>value</i>
101281	A Harris	internal audit fee	£90.00
101282	R Cook	litter collecting	£110.93
101283	Local World	car boot advert	£33.00
101284	CALC	annual membership	£399.38
101285	M P Chegwidden	contract cutting	£1,043.08
101286	A Gazzard	Playing Field duties	£110.40

Signed.....Chairman

15th May 2014