

# *Gwennap Parish Council*

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## **MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 15<sup>th</sup> MAY 2014**

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

Apologies PCSO Braddon

Also present: Mrs Roscorla, Cornwall Councillor Kaczmarek

### **PUBLIC CLINIC - nil**

### **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

**14/011**

The Clerk asked for nominations for Chairman for the coming year. Cllr Humble proposed Cllr Furnish, seconded by Cllr Roscorla. There being no other proposals, Cllr Furnish accepted the position.

### **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

**14/012**

Cllr Roscorla proposed that Cllr Humble continues as Vice Chairman, seconded by Cllr Padmore. There being no other proposals, Cllr Humble accepted the position.

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

**14/013**

Cllr Kaczmarek updated the meeting on recent matters he had been involved in, including

- Involving Cormac at Burncoose where the flooding of a property was being caused by a blocked road culvert
- Giving a grant to the Football Club for a new mower from his Community Chest
- Extracting a reply from Cornwall Council in relation to the hedgerow removal at Todpool
- Expressing his unhappiness to Cornwall Council regarding the EMR appeal decision
- Reporting pot holes, most having now been temporarily fixed. Cllr Saunders remarked that the Crowsmennegus pothole was open again – putting tarmac into a wet hole will not resolve the problem.
- Name and direction signs generally, were in poor condition, but there was no money at Cornwall Council to repair/replace them. Before the next meeting, Councillors would make a list of those they felt needed attention. The Clerk would enquire about where they are currently manufactured.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**14/014** none

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

**14/015**

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

### **MATTERS ARISING.**

**14/016**

1. The additional car parking spaces at Trelawney Estate, Frogpool had now been created, and residents felt it was a real improvement to the situation. Cllr Saunders asked whether white parking lines could be provided as it would help maximise the number of cars in the space. Cllr Kaczmarek would ask, but wasn't optimistic.
2. Cllr Kaczmarek would make enquiries regarding the HWRC extension, and the proposed planning application.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

**14/017**

1. The litter removal report for May was noted.
2. The Wheel Maid Inspection report for May was noted. Cllrs Humble and Saunders accompanied the Clerk to get a better understanding of the valley.
3. DEFRA had sent a brochure on a new Common Agricultural Policy from 2015, although it didn't really affect us as our agreement with Natural England was not of a farming nature.
4. CALC had advertised "Working with your Council training" courses for Clerks. Noted.
5. An offer of Free Remembrance trees had been made by the Woodland Trust. It was agreed that we ask for a small pack and the Clerk would circulate the offer to Councillors.
6. Cornwall Council has sent details of the recently agreed subsidised bus tendering exercise. The Clerk would circulate the accompanying details for Councillors to read.
7. Western Power had sent a free "Parish Pack" as an example of useful items people should keep handy in case of a power cut. It was agreed that the pack be offered as a prize at the Fete.

8. A letter received from parishioner regarding recent Mountain Biking event had been forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting. It was not accurate in its criticisms and offensive in places. The Clerk was asked to reply to the effect that her comments will be taken into account when planning future events.
9. Cornwall Council Information Bulletin had been previously circulated to Councillors by e-mail.
10. A reply from Cornwall Council to Cllr Kaczmarek on hedgerow enforcement at Todpool confirmed that action is being taken to have the hedgerows reinstated.
11. A report from the organisers of the National Mountain Bike event confirmed that 480 competitors took part and the event was a huge success, thanks again to Nigel Andrew for the loan of his fields. A cheque for £960 would be sent to the Parish Council covering their costs and a contribution towards the landowner's costs.  
The Chairman spoke of the water supply we hoped to provide to the Mountain Biking area, to improve the chances of retaining the event. The total cost for the connection, street-works licence, chlorination certificate and pipe-work would be in the region of £1,300. The digging and pipe-laying would be carried out free of charge by Mr Andrew.  
We still retained £600 from last year's event that Mr Andrew refused to accept, and with a further £960 coming for this year, it was RESOLVED to use this money to provide the service.
12. PCSO Braddon had sent his monthly report which was noted.

## **REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

**14/018**

A discussion took place to have parish council representation on outside organisations. It was agreed that:

- Geothermal Liaison Group – Cllr Humble, Cllr Furnish and Cllr Lanyon as reserve, although it was currently dormant
- MVRG and Community Network - Cllr Humble & the Clerk
- GPPA - Cllrs Roscorla, Humble and Saunders
- SITA Liaison Group - Cllr Humble & the Clerk
- Internal financial checking of records - Cllr Padmore
- Mineral Tramways - Cllr Hannam & the Clerk
- Fete Committee - Cllr Furnish when available

## **PLANNING**

14/019

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

1. PA14/03523 Mr Bushnell, Poldice Halt, Crofthandy proposed extensions and alterations SUPPORT  
*(Dealt with between meetings due to time restraints)*
2. PA14/03677 Mr N Hansen, Chacebrook, Frogpool - extensions and alterations SUPPORT
3. PA14/02892 Mr Waters, Noretta, Cusvey, Twelveheads - alterations & extensions to dwelling SUPPORT

### **Decision Notices received from Cornwall Council:**

1. PA14/02633 Miss J Curnow, Chy an Areth, Point Mills, Bissoe - extension APPROVED
2. PA14/01151 Miss D Evans, The Orchard Barn, Tolgullow Vean - sandschool and static caravan APPROVED
3. PA14/01576 Mrs G Fraser, Land at Coldwind Cross - stables and sandschool APPROVED
4. PA14/02279 Miss J Kitto, Trevarth Cottage, Gwennap - demolish/replace existing cottage APPROVED
5. PA14/03523 Mr Bushnell, Poldice Halt, Crofthandy - extension & alterations APPROVED

A discussion then took place regarding the successful appeal by EMR to site a scrapyard on land at the United Downs Industrial Park. Feelings were still running high that Cornwall Council's officers did not defend the case well – as borne out in the Inspector's findings.

The Chairman read out a letter he would like the Council to send to Cornwall Council – he would refine it slightly and send it to Councillors beforehand – expressing our dismay that they had failed to mount a satisfactory defence of the decision to refuse permission initially.

It was agreed that this message be conveyed to Cornwall Council..

## **REPORT ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED.**

**14/020**

1. The Clerk reported on the recent Mineral Tramways meeting.
2. Cllr Humble gave a resumé of the recent MVRG and Community Network meetings. The latter was attended by a member of the Planning department who talked about the current shortcoming in enforcement.

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

**14/021**

1. The Clerk explained that the temporary fixing of curtains in the meeting room this evening was to see if it improved the acoustics in the room. It was felt they did, so he was given permission in principle to purchase three curtain poles, but to confirm the likely cost first. It was then anticipated that the curtains would be made up without charge. They had already been provided free.
2. The Clerk was also completing a free online survey with Woolly Shepherd, and acoustic firm, to get their recommendations on what measures could be taken to improve the room's acoustics.

## **FOOTPATH / ENVIRONMENTAL**

**14/022**

1. The Clerk had reported deep pooling of water on Bridleway 29 at the Gwennap end of the path. This has since been dealt with.
2. The Wheal Maid report from SLR was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk continues with his monthly inspections, and we would have to provide some form of measurement in the two tailings lagoons to monitor changes in water height. There was also a need to measure the flow of water entering and leaving the culvert, and enquiries needed to be made to see what instrumentation was available to assist with this.
3. The culvert would need surveying again in the near future, and the Clerk would see if the School of Mines would be interested in carrying this out.

**FINANCE**

**14/023**

1. Income received since the last meeting was £67 newsletter adverts : £24 Rooms hire : £100 Regional Mountain Bike event donation

2. Cheques were authorised for signature for :

<i>Cheque number</i>	<i>payee</i>	<i>payment details</i>	<i>value</i>
101287	Greenham	cleaning sundries	£49.39
101288	R Cook	litter removal	£103.28
101289	A Blamey	various reimbursements	£434.35
101290	M P Chegwiddden	contract cutting	£1,504.24
101291	A Gazzard	Playing Field duties	£106.05

3. The Clerk presented a paper on changes to the burial fees charged at Frogpool Cemetery. It was RESOLVED that these be accepted and implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014. The last increase had been two years ago, and the overall increase was around 5%.

4. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk’s salary/expenses and the casual labour rate be increased by 3% from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014. There had been no increase for three years.

5. It was RESOLVED that the hire charges for the Parish Rooms and the charge for use of the football facilities remain unchanged.

Signed.....Chairman

19<sup>th</sup> June 2014