

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 21st AUGUST 2014

Present. Cllr Furnish (Chairman)[KF], Cllr Humble (Vice Chairman)[RH], Cllr Roscorla[PR], Cllr Lanyon[DL],
Cllr Padmore[MP], Cllr Hannam[SH], Cllr Saunders[CS]
Apologies Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek (MK), PCSO Braddon
Also present: Mrs Roscorla and briefly during the meeting, Sue Waters

PUBLIC CLINIC

Following agenda item "correspondence", Sue Waters from planning consultancy Situ8 outlined her client's likely application for a dwelling in Penventon Quarry. She had discussed the previous pre-application advice given in 2012 with Mr Broomhead at Cornwall Council and felt that there could be grounds to overcome some of the negative advice given at that time, although she had not sought fresh pre-application advice.

Apparently highways were satisfied with the proposal, although councillors were sceptical about increasing the traffic onto the actual highway access. The Chairman explained that we would not be giving an opinion until we had a planning application before the council, but thanked Ms Waters for her detailed presentation.

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

14/043 As Cllr Kaczmarek was on holiday, most of his items are picked up under correspondence.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

14/044 none

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

14/045

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

MATTERS ARISING.

14/046

1. KF reported that he and Cllr Kaczmarek attended and spoke at the Cornwall Council hearing into the proposed HWRC charges. Despite both speaking out against the plan and emphasising the likely increase in fly-tipping, the charges will be introduced from September and the impact reviewed after six months.
2. As a result of the recent site meeting at Cusgarne called by MK following yet another house damaged by a 'lost' large vehicle, a new sign will be erected by Cormac at Point Mills warning of the narrow road ahead.
3. The cemetery gates had been painted by Mr Cook and had already received several positive comments.
4. CALC had replied explaining how a Councillor could become elected to their Executive Committee. The Clerk has asked that the matter be placed on the next MVRG agenda with perhaps someone from that group representing all member councils.
5. Following the MVRG letter to Cormac raising issues of service delivery, a reply had been received to the matters raised. It also offered a regular meeting with a small number from the MVRG to discuss concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE

14/047

1. A CALC notification of new Openness and Transparency Regulations highlighted that in future our meetings could be recorded by a member of the public. When the final version was available the Clerk will send it round to Councillors.
2. A Cornwall Council press release reported that a Geothermal fact-finding mission had been to Germany.
3. The Minutes from the meeting of Carharrack Parish Council of 16th June 2014 were noted.
4. A CALC briefing on website addresses explained how we could obtain a ".gov" website address. Cllr Padmore felt there were no advantages in pursuing a change from our existing arrangement and this was agreed.
5. Places on Cornwall Council training workshops on planning were being offered in various locations at £10 per attendee.
6. A Mobile Library press release explained that in future, there would be one mobile library retained, carrying out a reduced monthly service to those stops used the most. For us, this meant retaining Frogpool but losing Crofthandy and Coombe. It should be pointed out to those that used Crofthandy that Carharrack was now the nearest stop.
7. Following more reminders from us, Cornwall Council had now replied regarding new bridleways on Landfill Site. Apparently, SITA have pegged out the routes and were awaiting a visit from Cornwall Council's Right's of Way officer. As this process had now taken over a year with little action, we will continue to pursue regularly.
8. The litter report for August was noted.
9. The Wheal Maid inspection report for August was noted. Cllr Hannam had accompanied the Clerk to gain a fuller understanding of our ownership and responsibilities.
10. The Fete Committee had sent a financial summary and cheque for £253.32 as a donation to the Council.
11. The Police Report for the month showed a decrease in reported crime and calls to the 101 centre. Operation Speed was the focus of the police here and in Europe during August. Information gathered would be shared.

PLANNING

14/048

Planning applications received to date:

PA14/07019 W F Gluyas & Son, Pencoose Farm, Stithians - application for a solar farm, associated equipment and works (*this is in Stithians Parish, but our parish boundary runs alongside the proposed site, so we are invited to comment as a neighbouring parish*) OBJECT

Dealt with between meetings through time constraints:

PA14/06749 K Hambly, Fairways Farm, Wheal Clifford - barn conversion and extension SUPPORTED

PA14/05883 Mrs M Spencer-Jones, Wheal Clifford Farm, United Downs - barn conversion SUPPORTED

Decision Notices received back from Cornwall Council:

PA14/05064 S Ansell, Henley, Consols Road, Carharrack - construct new two-bed bungalow APPROVED

PA14/05126 R Poulter, Fernsplatt Farm, Bissoe - replace extension, new garage with occasional room. APPROVED

WHEAL MAID

14/049

At the last meeting it was resolved that, subject to enquiries being made by Cllr Lanyon, we try to negotiate the Riventa quote down before confirming that we would like them to carry out the culvert survey.

The Chairman had been successful in getting their quote reduced by 40% and following confirmation, Riventa replied that they were available to do the survey at the end of July.

This has now been carried out, and we await their full report, although early indications suggest no major problems.

REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE & PLAYING FIELD ISSUES

14/050

1. The new safety surface had been laid in early August by Matta Products. The Clerk has now completed paperwork to claim the Cory grant, and the Lottery funding has been received.
2. RH pointed out that the fence separating the play area from the football pitch was in poor condition. Some of the other equipment was also getting close to replacement, and it was agreed to review the whole area in a years' time.
3. Our request to Cornwall Council for road scalplings for the flooding problem on Byway 24 behind the Playing Field had received confirmation that they would be made available. The Clerk and Cllr Saunders would agree the arrangements and the spreading of the scalplings.
4. RH would check any potential knock-on effect of replacing the swing shackles with more durable stainless steel ones. Subject to this being satisfactory, the approximate cost of £50 was agreed.
5. DL asked for the re-decoration of the Bus Shelter at Crofthandy and the tidying up of the amenity area near the seat. The Clerk would get an approximate cost for the work
6. SH asked for the Cheallean Vean sign to re-painted. The Clerk would make arrangements for this.

FOOTPATHS/ENVIRONMENTAL

14/051

1. Earlier in the year we had been advised by Cornwall Council that weed treatment would no longer be carried out unless we were prepared to pay for it. We declined their offer. It has recently been pointed out that weed growth on pavement edges at Trelawney Estate and Treneglos was bad, making the areas very untidy.

The Clerk was asked to prepare a schedule of places requiring attention and to get an estimate from our contractor for the spraying work.

FINANCE

14/052

1. Cheques were authorised for signature for :

<i>Cheque number</i>	<i>payee</i>	<i>payment details</i>	<i>value</i>
101306	Matta Products	new safety surface	£18,366.36
101307	Greenham	cleaning sundries	£126.25
101308	BT Global Services	newsletter printing x 3 quarters	£1,136.55
101309	R Cook	litter clearance and painting	£193.06
101310	A Blamey	reimbursement of payments made	£344.09
101311	M P Chegwiddden	contract cutting	£1,255.30
101312	A Gazzard	Playing Field duties	£141.84

2. Cllr Padmore confirmed he had carried out the internal audit of the Council's books to the end of June 2014 and found everything to be in order.
3. Income had been received since the last meeting in respect of : Car Boot Sales £378.12 : Adverts £102.50 : Lottery grant £5,000.00 : Rooms hire £12.00 : Burial fees £235.00 : Fete Committee donation £253.32
4. It was AGREED that following the demise of our solicitors, Follett Stock, we now use the services of Walsh & Company of Devoran. Our various Deeds will be lodged with them for safe keeping. The Clerk is to look into registering the Playing Field with the Land Registry.

Signed.....Chairman

18th September 2014

