

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 18th SEPTEMBER 2014

Present. Cllr Roscorla[PR], Cllr Padmore[MP], Cllr Hannam[SH], Cllr Saunders[CS]
Apologies Cllr Furnish (KF), Cllr Humble (RH), Cllr Lanyon, PCSO Braddon
Also present: Mrs Roscorla, Cornwall Councillor Kaczmarek (MK), Mr Reynolds

ELECT CHAIRMAN

14/053

Because both the Chairman and Vice Chairman had tendered their apologies, it was necessary to elect a Chairman for this meeting.

The Clerk invited proposals and Cllr Hannam proposed Cllr Roscorla, seconded by Cllr Padmore. Cllr Roscorla took the Chair.

PUBLIC CLINIC nil

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

14/054

Cllr Kaczmarek reported on the following :

- He has attended the Budget meetings at County Hall and warned that there would be as many as 1300 job losses in the next four years. Hard decisions had to be made.
- Fly tipping had increased in neighbouring parishes
- A press release is being sent out shortly explaining to Blue Badge users how the new online road fund licence will affect them.
- He has contacted Cornwall Council regarding a query from a Gwennap resident relating to a warning sign of spraying in a footpath field.
- Cormac were looking into the safety of trees opposite Cusgarne School where a limb had recently fallen onto a vehicle.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

14/055 none

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

14/056 The minutes of the August 2014 meeting were approved and signed as an accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING.

14/057

1. Two further vehicle incidents had occurred since the last meeting. Cllr Kaczmarek has made C.C officers aware of this.
2. Cornwall Council had arranged for a load of scalplings to be delivered to Byway 24 at the bottom end of the Playing Field. Cllr Saunders and the Clerk had spread the 10 tonnes by hand, but we were still short of half a load. The Clerk will have to start the process over again to see if they will deliver part loads or seek alternatives. The Chairman thanked Cllr Saunders and the Clerk for their efforts, and this was supported by all.
3. The query of the swing shackles will be deferred to next month when RH will be present.
4. Mr Cook had re-painted and re-fixed the Chellean Veian sign to a very satisfactory standard.

STANDING ORDER CHANGES

14/058

Because of the new Openness regulations that allow for the filming or recording of Council Meetings, our Standing Orders need amending. The Clerk has inserted the CALC suggested wording and would forward it to all Councillors for their information before adding the new version to our website.

CORNWALL COUNCIL BUDGET 2014-2018

14/059

Cornwall Council has drawn attention to their website where a 160 page document outlines their proposals for savings over the next four years. The Clerk will forward the points raised by the Chairman to other Councillors, and invite other comments before the next meeting when a comprehensive reply can be agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE

14/060

1. Cornwall Council had sent an advice confirming the final part of this years' precept payment
2. A letter from Chacewater Parish Council relating to earlier correspondence regarding Cornwall Council confirmed that a meeting would take place on next week on 23rd September to discuss matters further. Cllr Lanyon had confirmed that he would attend.

3. The Quarterly Safety Inspection report on play equipment had been received. There were no significant new issues to address.
4. A copy letter from Cllr Kaczmarek from a Crofthandy resident spoke of speeding in the Trenbal area of Crofthandy. As this was the location of the Speedcheck last year, and there was little evidence of speeding, it was difficult to ask for a repeat of the exercise. PCSO Braddon had confirmed that if residents formed a group then he would consider a speed-gun exercise at the location.
5. The litter picking report for September was noted.
6. The Wheal Maid inspection report for September was noted.
7. Cory Environmental Trust had confirmed our grant payment had been sent in relation to the safety play matting.
8. Cornwall Council had issued some Precept budgeting advice for 2015-16, but would confirm their assumptions shortly.
9. We had received confirmation from our new Solicitors that storage of our documents would be free of charge.
10. The Clerk had requested Fly Tipping data for our parish for the past year. It was far too low, suggesting that not all incidents reported were being recorded correctly.
11. A CPRE letter regarding Housing in Cornwall challenged Cornwall Council's numbers for new housing requirements. Cornwall Councillors are to be asked to commission more research into the requirements.
12. The Minutes of the MVRG meeting held on 3rd July were noted.
13. Posters promoting the proposed changes to the Cornwall Local Plan, Strategic Policies would be put on notice boards.
14. It was RESOLVED that we continue with our subscription to "Clerk's & Councils Direct" at £12 per annum. Proposed CS seconded PR.
15. The Police Report had been received. Attention was drawn to various 'scams' that were currently topical. The number of incidents logged was 32 compared with 8 for the same period last year, whilst crimes were down from 5 to 4.

PLANNING

14/061 PA14/08286 SITA Cornwall Ltd - temporary time extension to HWRC (including the area used for container storage/vehicle parking) SUPPORT (with weighbridge query)

WHEAL MAID

14/062

The Clerk had e-mailed the full copy of the Culvert Survey to Councillors. Generally, the culvert was reported as being in good condition, but there were three recommendations that needed attention. It was RESOLVED that Paul Chegwidden be asked to clear the bank growth at the culvert entrance to allow an easier flow. Further discussion would take place next month when KF was present regarding his proposal to clear the downstream sediment and also the repairs required to Ring 435.

REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE & PLAYING FIELD ISSUES

14/063

1. The refurbishment of the Crofthandy Bus Shelter would be deferred to the next meeting
2. The Clerk had fixed two small plaques to the play equipment provided by Cory and the Lottery Fund to recognise their funding contributions.
3. A request for a new litter bin in the lower Cusgarne area was agreed. Proposed SH, seconded MP

FOOTPATHS/ENVIRONMENTAL

14/064

1. The spraying quote of £120 per spray was accepted, but the twice yearly requirement would be built into the grass cutting tenders being prepared for 2015 onwards. The need to ensure it was safe for all animals was paramount.
2. It was noted with regret that there would be no National Mountain Bike event in 2015 in the Wheal Maid Valley. The organisers were holding it in Plymouth instead, but hoped to return in the future.

FINANCE

14/065

1. Cheques were authorised for signature for :

<i>Cheque number</i>	<i>payee</i>	<i>payment details</i>	<i>value</i>
101313	Riventa Ltd	culvert survey	£3,408.00
101314	Cormac Solutions Ltd	Qtr 2 grass cutting	£163.90
101315	A Blamey	Qtr 2 salary/expenses	£1,473.03
101316	Post Office Ltd	income tax	£307.91
101317	R Cook	litter / painting	£159.57
101318	Communicorp	annual subscription	£12.00
101319	S.W. Water	cemetery a/c	£14.21
101320	M P Chegwidden	contract cutting	£1,125.85
101321	A Gazzard	Playing Field duties	£118.20

2. Income had been received since the last meeting for : Cory grant £5837.37 : Precept & CTS grant £12,937.86 : Rooms hire £12 : Burial Fee £150