

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 16th OCTOBER 2014

Present. Cllr Furnish (KF), Cllr Humble (RH), Cllr Roscorla[PR], Cllr Lanyon (DL) for the latter part of the meeting
Apologies Cllr Padmore[MP], Cllr Hannam[SH], Cllr Saunders (CS) PCSO Braddon
Also present: Mrs Roscorla, Cornwall Councillor Kaczmarek (MK)

PUBLIC CLINIC nil

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

14/066

Cllr Kaczmarek reported on the following :

- The HGV sign has now been erected at Point Mills
- A "Give Way" sign has been repaired at the Fernslatt/Twelveheads junction
- Following a meeting with a Hicks Mill resident, a road narrow sign will be erected and a new directional sign will replace the worn one at Coldwind Cross. The granite post holding the bridge rail will also be repaired.
- As auctioneer, he had raised over £830 at the recent Cornish Arms Harvest Festival

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

14/067 none

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

14/068

The minutes of the September 2014 meeting were approved and signed as an accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING.

14/068

1. The new version of the Standing Orders has been put on our website.
2. The new Litter Bin for Cusgarne had arrived, but a post needed to be fixed before it could be erected. The Chairman would assist the Clerk in early November.
3. Paul Chegwidden had completed the spraying of public areas previously carried out by Cormac.
4. Cllr Humble has fixed the new shackles to the play equipment at the Playing Field
5. The Chairman will be speaking to Nigel Andrew in the near future regarding the water supply connection

CORNWALL COUNCIL BUDGET 2014-2018

14/069

Cornwall Council has drawn attention to their website where a 160 page document outlines their proposals for savings over the next four years.

The meeting discussed suggested replies that the Chairman had drafted, and the Clerk will send a reply based on those comments with some minor amendments.

CORRESPONDENCE

14/070

1. The Minutes of Carharrack Parish Council's meeting of July 21st were noted.
2. Cornwall Council had invoiced for Historic Environment input into the Taylor's project that finished ten months ago. The Clerk informed Cornwall Council that the invoice for £8,417 was almost a year too late, with the Natural England funding scheme closing last March. A reminder had been sent last December by the Clerk asking for final invoices. He had advised Cornwall Council that if Natural England couldn't reimburse us, we would not be paying. Since then, the invoice had been reduced to £1,667 and C.Council had approached N.England to agree they will reimburse us if we paid.
3. Confirmation had been received that the Street Cleansing grant monies had been paid into our account by Cornwall Council.
4. CPRE were still unhappy with the way the calculation of the Housing requirements had been made, and were pressing Cornwall Councillors to facilitate the commissioning of more research and then review the draft Local Plan.
5. The litter clearing report for October was noted.
6. A letter regarding graffiti on some of the mine buildings at Poldice had been reported by a local resident, along with photos. Since then, the Clerk has confirmed with Gavin Henderson at Cormac that they are in the process of removing it.
7. Natural England had confirmed they have paid the second HES payment for 2014/15 into our account.
8. Cornwall Council has drawn our attention to a set of Affordable Housing leaflets that were now available for those who are interested in seeking Affordable Housing.
9. Advice on the use of Red Diesel, especially in grounds maintenance had been received from C.Council.

10. A notice drawing attention to Energy Saving Week from 20th – 24th October had also been received.
11. We had received an invitation to an event promoting “Preparing for the Care Act”- bringing changes to social care.
12. The Wheal Maid inspection report for October was noted.
13. The Police report from PCSO Braddon showed no crimes reported in the past month and seventeen incidents logged.
14. BT had given notice of a 90 day consultation period following which 131 public payphone would be removed through low usage. Two were in our parish, at Pulla Cross and Gwennap. Both had been the subject of a similar exercise in 2009, but nothing had happened since.

If the Parish Council wanted, it could purchase them for £1 and be responsible for future maintenance. Because of the potential future costs of repairs, this was not seen as desirable.

15. Cycle counter figures taken on Coast to Coast Trail at Bissoe from 2011 indicated that 2014 (to the end of July) had been low in comparison with previous years. July had a daily average of 180 bicycle movements recorded against 250 in the best year.

PLANNING

14/071

Plans for comment:

PA14/08846 Cornovia Tree Services re. 14, Trewelm Lane, Crofthandy - crown reduction of Sycamore by 3 metres (*referred back to C.Council tree specialist officers for decision*)

PA14/09318 Mr Hanson, Chacebrook, Frogpool - Extensions and Alterations, amended proposals to those approved under application PA14/03677

PA14/09251 Mr Payne, Little Poldice, Poldice Lane, Crofthandy - Proposed extension to dwelling, re-application for an amended design - increase in overall height to improve internal ceiling heights and access.

It was noted that the West Planning Committee would discuss the application for Mr Hambly PA14/06749 of Fairways Farm, Wheal Clifford.

WHEAL MAID

14/072

1. 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 carry out works to the entrance grill to clear the build up of silt and stone, spending no more than £100 on the work
 - The Clerk employs the services of a digger with driver to excavate the exit to the culvert, preventing the build up of sediment in the culvert itself
 - We accept the offer from Riventa to carry out repairs to the culvert in the sum of £703.75

All the above proposed by RH , seconded PR.

2. A fallen sycamore tree adjacent to the tailings lagoons had been cleared by the Clerk.
3. The Council were in favour of the valley being used occasionally by a local orienteering group.
4. The Clerk had a phone call from a resident today reporting that whilst cycling in the valley three loose dogs harassed him. On speaking with the lady owner in a calm manner he was subjected to a tirade of abuse. The Clerk asked him to report the incident to the police as there had been several previous incidents that had occurred in the same area.

REPORT ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

14/073

1. The Clerk attended the Mineral Tramways meeting earlier in the week.. The Environmental Service Management and Maintenance Standards are still being worked up by Cornwall Council. When completed, they should specify the level of maintenance we can expect on the trails.
2. Cllr Lanyon had attended the inaugural meeting of the group formed as a result of the Chacewater letter regarding Cornwall Council standards. The Clerk had forwarded to other Councillors in advance, a draft letter the group had set out covering many of the points at issue.
Cllr Lanyon attended the latter part of the Council meeting and reported that he had come from a follow-up meeting of the “Chacewater Group”. A previously circulated draft letter had been edited and would be sent to Cornwall Council, and discussions took place on the way forward for the group.
He had made it clear that he was representing the Parish Council by attending.
The Chairman clarified with Cllr Lanyon that no decisions would be made on our behalf without first being discussed by the Parish Council.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

14/074

1. The Clerk outlined suggestions for tidying the amenity area around the Crofthandy notice board. It was AGREED by all that the seat needed re-painting, the old notice board removing, the fencing panels and posts behind the seat to be removed and the low wall around the area cleared of growth.
2. The bus shelter interior needed the ceiling and walls cleaned and repainted. AGREED by all.
3. It was AGREED to place a new salt bin at Hicks Mill.
4. It was AGREED to order a new dumpy bag of salt/grit for the Playing Field.
5. Cllr Saunders had cleared the area around the Pulla Cross bus shelter & phone kiosk. It had become very overgrown but now looked tidy. If anyone hears of a seat being available, the area would benefit from one. Cllr Saunders was thanked in his absence.

PLAYING FIELD

14/075

1. The signing up to “Real Deal” charter with Trading Standards was deferred until the Clerk had explained it at the next GPPA meeting, as the car boot workers would have to do the paperwork each time.
2. The Clerk had prepared a financial statement showing that the 2014 Car Boot Sales made a profit towards Playing Field maintenance and improvements of £1,211. When the GPPA meeting is held in the New Year to make arrangements for 2015, the organisers are to be thanked.
3. The hot water boiler was throwing the electricity trip, and a new element was required. Bartletts had been called in and had repaired it today (16th October).

FOOTPATHS/ENVIRONMENTAL

14/076

1. Confirmation has been received from the Woodland Trust that we would receive 105 small trees in early November. They would be an assortment of “year-round colour”. Sites already identified for planting included the Playing Field, Cemetery and the amenity area opposite the Cornish Arms, but these wouldn’t take all that we had so suggestions of other public sites would be welcomed, along with help to plant them. Crofthandy Village Hall would like some for their large outdoor space.
2. The Clerk is preparing tender documents for grass and footpath trimming for 2015 onwards.

FINANCE

14/077

1. Cheques were authorised for signature for :

<i>Cheque number</i>	<i>payee</i>	<i>payment details</i>	<i>value</i>
101322	Firecrest	annual appliance service	£55.20
100323	R Cook	litter clearing	£133.96
100324	HSBC Invoice Finance	litter bin	£80.04
100325	M P Chegwidden	contract cutting	£1,715.19
100326	A Gazzard	Playing Field duties	£122.14

2. Income had been received since the last meeting for : burials £230 : car boots £256.65 : adverts £35.50 : Rooms hire £48 : Natural England £3,321 : bank interest £4.63 : C.Council litter grant £1,328.83

Signed.....Chairman

20th November 2014