

# *Gwennap Parish Council*

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## **MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015**

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

### **PUBLIC CLINIC nil**

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

#### **14/123**

Cllr Kaczmarek reported that:-

- He had reported potholes in Frogpool that had been repaired and ditching at United
- He was querying figures provided regarding fly tipping in advance of the six-month review next week
- He was a part of the very long planning meeting the previous week regarding the development of the Truro corridor from the Chiverton direction
- His St Piran's Day quiz at the Cornish Arms had raised £185 for the Merlin MS Centre
- He had given a talk at Cusgarne School on Mining

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**14/ 124** none.

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

**14/125** The minutes of the February 2015 meeting were approved and signed as an accurate record.

### **MATTERS ARISING.**

#### **14/126**

KF had provided additional technical data from the URS report to Riventa regarding the Hydro proposal. DL had sent word that he had nothing new to report at this stage.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **14/127**

1. The Notice of Annual Audit had been received from Grant Thornton, our appointed external auditors. The Clerk will prepare the necessary documents for presentation at our April meeting before sending to Grant Thornton.
2. The Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities required much additional information to be put on Councils' websites, but as our Income/Expenditure exceeds £25k, we were exempt as we still had external auditors.
3. Cornwall Council had published suggested ways in which they could work with Parishes on Civil Parking Enforcement. This was a service that we didn't require at present.
4. BT Payphones were still trying to get Councils to "adopt a kiosk" for a £1. RH warned of the future maintenance costs, but SH wanted to look into the matter and asked for it to be on the next agenda..
5. The litter clearing report for March was noted.
6. The Wheal Maid inspection for March was noted.
7. PCSO Braddon had forwarded his Police report. Compared with the same period last year, reported crimes were down from five to one, whilst calls logged to the incident centre remained much the same.
8. DL had forwarded updated information from the Cornwall for Charge (C4C) forum. A meeting had taken place with Cornwall Council where assurances were given of measures in place to improve services. At the end, C4C left a list of eighteen questions that they would like answered.

### **PLANNING**

#### **14/128**

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

PA15/01781 Mr P Dalton, Gilly Penrose, Gilly Farm, Gwennap - 1st floor studio extension SUPPORTED

Decision Notices received from Cornwall Council:

PA15/00524/5 Mr Martyn, Glebe Cottage, Comford - two storey extension APPROVED

PA14/10663 Mrs V DeLabat, land South East of Hillside Cottage, Trehaddle - erection of temporary agricultural accommodation in connection with Alpaca farm. REFUSED

## **ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS to MEETINGS**

### **14/129**

Since January 2015, the Local Government Act 1972 has been amended to allow Councillors' summons to a meeting to be sent electronically instead of by post. The Councillor has to give his/her consent. All Councillors present were in agreement for their 'summons' and previous minutes to be sent by e-mail in future. The Clerk would check with DL to confirm his agreement.

## **ETHICAL STANDARDS TRAINING**

### **14/130**

Cornwall Council is keen to ensure that all Councillors undertake Code of Conduct training, and three upcoming dates/venues were proposed.

RH, SH and PR wanted to attend the session on 14<sup>th</sup> May at Camborne from 2-4pm. The Clerk would confirm with Cornwall Council.

## **EXTERNAL MEETING ATTENDED**

### **14/131**

RH and PR attended the recent Mining Villages Group meeting. Proposed plans for a Pharmacy at St Day raised concerns as to the viability of the branch surgery currently operating in the village. If the pharmacy opened, the branch surgery would lose their dispensing payments and threaten their viability to operate. The Clerk was asked to write to NHS England objecting to the proposal.

The meeting also covered the Parking Enforcement with a speaker attending.

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

### **14/132**

1. The hot water boiler had been serviced on 18<sup>th</sup> March as part of our maintenance agreement.
2. The Clerk and RH had pressure-washed areas around the Parish Rooms and toilets.
3. RH had also carried out repairs to a leak in the Gents and replaced a toilet seat. He had also replaced the spring on the gate to the children's play area, as requested in the last safety inspection.
4. The building needed exterior re-painting, and it was agreed that a Councillor (and any volunteers!) working party would attack the problem on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> from 9.30 – noon.
5. Two new taps and the lagging of the water tank in the loft were AGREED to be carried out by a plumber, with the Clerk having authority to engage if the total cost did not exceed £200.

## **FOOTPATHS**

### **14/133**

The Parish Council were appreciative of the efforts of the residents of Wheal Fortune Farm in improving the cycle trail from Twelveheads to Hale Mills with road planings. The works had improved the surface greatly.

## **FINANCE**

### **14/134**

1. Cheques were signed for :

Cheque No.	Name	Service	Value
101353	R Cook	litter clearing	£193.65
101354	M P Chegwidde	contract cutting	£546.30
101355	BT Global Services	newsletter printing	£378.85
101356	A Blamey	Clerks salary/exp Q4	£2,015.28
101357	Post Office Ltd	Income Tax	£307.90
101358	R J Turner	Safety Inspection	£90.00
101359	A Gazzard	Playing Field duties	£133.96

2. Income had been received since the last meeting for : Rooms hire £144 : Newsletter adverts £42 : Burial fees £370

## **OTHER MATTERS**

### **14/135**

CS asked for Cormac to jet the drains at Crowsmennegus, suggesting Stithians Show day would be ideal as the road was closed on that day. The Clerk will suggest this to them.

Signed.....Chairman

16<sup>th</sup> April 2015

