

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 18th JUNE 2015

Present. Cllr Furnish (KF), Cllr Humble (RH), Cllr Roscorla[PR], Cllr Lanyon (DL), Cllr Hannam (SH)
Apologies Cllr Padmore, PCSO Fuller
Also present: Cornwall Councillor Kaczmarek (MK), Mrs Roscorla

PUBLIC CLINIC nil

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

15/030

Cllr Kaczmarek reported that :-

- Along with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk, he had attended a site meeting with SITA, Cormac and Cornwall Council Officers at the closed Landfill Site at United. The purpose was to see progress on the reinstatement of bridleways across the site, and to look at a particular problem where it would be easier for the reinstated path to be made a few metres from the line indicated on the plan. All were agreed that it would be sensible for the path to be moved slightly, and this message would be taken back to Cornwall Council, who had already indicated that they were not in favour.
- He had drawn Enforcement's notice to the occupant of a caravan and land at Higher Goongumpas.
- He had attended the NHS England Hearing into the proposal for a pharmacy at St Day (see meetings attended later in minutes)
- DL asked about progress with the sharing of Non Material Amendments to plans with Parish Councils. MK said that it had the support of the planning committee and would be going to the Cabinet shortly, hopefully for approval.
- The Inspector's view of the Local Plan was that was still not enough housing provision and that the levels of required affordable housing were too high.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

15/031 none.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

15/032

The minutes of the May 2015 meeting were approved and signed as an accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING.

15/033

1. Byway 307/53/1 off Triplet road into Little Beside was flooding badly, and the Clerk has received confirmation from the Countryside Access team that it will be investigated. The pipe under the road may need jetting again.
2. The Traveller had returned again to the Triplet lay-by but had been moved on again by Cornwall Council.
3. PA15/04237 at Homefield, Crofthandy was deferred at the last meeting for additional information. This has since been provided and the application was supported by the Parish Council.
4. The damaged post boxes have still not been repaired. RH had confirmed with Royal Mail that they were on order but because of the large quantity it was taking time. Those mounted in walls would take even longer than the pedestal type because of their Victorian origin.

CORRESPONDENCE

15/034

1. The litter clearing report for June was noted, including the number of fly-tipping incidents reported.
2. The Wheal Maid inspection report for June was noted. The Clerk reported that in the autumn some vegetation clearance would be necessary under our agreement with Natural England, especially around the restored mine buildings. Some of the grill bolts were missing from the shaft cover at Taylor's and would need replacing. KF and the Clerk would make the grill secure.
3. The Play Equipment quarterly safety inspection report mentioned the need for the backrest in the 'meeting place' to be re-fixed (RH has done this) and for the renewal of the anti-slip paint on the agility trail. The Clerk will do this. It was agreed that RH could spend up to £20 on treated timber to repair the slide that had been mentioned in the report.
4. The Police report had been received from PCSO Fuller, with detail on local crime trends and those specifically applicable to our parish.
5. A letter thanking the Council for the recent grant has been received from the secretary of Crofthandy Village Hall
6. Grant Thornton had written confirming the sign-off of the 2014-2015 accounts.
7. A letter from Cornwall Housing confirmed that action was currently being taken regarding the sewage problem at Trenbal, Crofthandy. This should resolve the seepage currently being experienced on the nearby byway.

8. A reply had been received from Mr Critch, the Corporate Director for the Environment at Cornwall Council, relating to the Chairman's letter highlighting the problems being faced locally through increased fly-tipping. It was agreed that KF would draft a reply and circulate it for approval.
9. Comments were studied and appreciated from Ashley Wood, the MVRG Chairman on the Inspector's recommendations on the Draft Local Plan and Cornwall Planning Forum.

PLANNING

15/035

Planning applications received to date: *(dealt with between meetings)*

PA15/03788 Mr Freeborn, Mount Wellington Mine - portable offices & night watchman's caravan for Devon & Cornwall Police SUPPORT

PA15/04237 Mr Wicks - land at Homefield, Crofthandy - stables & associated storage SUPPORT

Plans discussed at the meeting:

PA15/04916 Mr & Mrs Headland, 7 Chellean Vean, Frogpool - flat roof sun room with large lantern roof light NOT SUPPORTED – On a vote of 2 for (SH & RH), 2 against (PR & KF) and 1 abstention (DL) THE Chairman exercised his casting vote against the application. The Clerk is to raise concerns about the overall size in relation to the property and the proposal of a flat roof.

Decision notices received back from Cornwall Council:

PA15/03509 Mr Pryor, Rosemerryn, Coldwind Cross - sun room extension APPROVED

PA15/02808 Mr Matthews, Cascadden Barn, Trewithen - change of use for agricultural field to horsiculture APPROVED

PA15/03337 Mr Bray, barn conversion at Chycoose House, Coombe APPROVED

PA15/01812 Ms Chadwick, 4 Chellean Vean, Frogpool - erection of garden building APPROVED

Consultation on the Local Validation List was discussed. RH asked for more emphasis on the World Heritage Site and the Clerk is also to request full measurements and scales to remove guesswork when examining plans.

EXTERNAL MEETING ATTENDED

15/036

1. DL and the Clerk covered the Hearing at Crofthandy Hall into the proposal from Day Lewis to open a pharmacy at St. Day. All the local parish councils were at the hearing and had objected, as had several local GP surgeries. A decision would be made in the near future.
2. DL had attended the Case for Cornwall meeting at County Hall. The opinion of the majority of the public attending was that Cornwall Council was not capable of having increased power because of the significant failings of the current administration. The Clerk would ask for an update of the CfC following the public meetings being held.
3. SH had attended the Fete meeting the previous evening and reported that everything was under control, with the final meeting to be held the following Wednesday before the Fete on the Saturday.

SITA TRUST SCOPING

15/037

The Clerk had confirmed with the SITA Trust manager that the funding "pot" would not reduce significantly for a few years yet. This gave us time to work up a detailed plan for Playing Field improvements.

KF would compile a list of items as a start position, and the Council could then discuss the practicality and need.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

15/038

The morning service bus was often over-full at Crofthandy, travelling to Truro and Richard Lander School. The Clerk will write to First Kernow after DL had provided some input.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE & PLAYING FIELD

15/039

1. The car park and entrance to Gwennap Churchyard needed work to overcome the large pools of water. Councillors felt that the maintenance of the car park fell outside of their responsibilities, but Cllr Kaczmarek would look at the problem when visiting other parish problem spots with the Divisional Surveyor.
2. Another incident of a large lorry driving past signs at Point Mills and getting stuck between Coombe and Cusgarne had been experienced, despite additional warning signs recently being erected. KF felt we should monitor the number of cases before re-addressing the warning signs as the number of such incidents has reduced since the signage improvements.
3. The Chairman and Clerk had re-fixed the post and chain across the access track to Taylor's. It is now cemented in, and should prevent access from 4 x 4 vehicles.

PHONE BOX – PULLA CROSS

15/040

The idea of adopting the phone box at Pulla Cross from BT for £1 and then moving it to a more central position for other uses by the community was discussed again. RH had prepared a refurbishment list for the kiosk, which, because of its' poor condition, exceeded £2,000. KF felt that it may not be seen as representing good value to spend such a large part of our precept on the item. Councillors would give the matter further thought.

FOOTPATHS

15/041

1. The new contractor has started trimming, and the Clerk is satisfied so far with the standard of work.

FINANCE

15/042

1. Cheques were signed for :

Cheque No.	Name	Service	Value
101375	R Cook	litter clearing	£141.84
101376	Grant Thornton	Audit fee	£360.00
101377	PJ & A Raymond	fete children's rides	£475.00
101378	Greenstick Ltd	footpath trimming	£175.00
101379	Cormac Solutions Ltd	P.Field grass Q1	£163.90
101380	A Blamey	salary & expenses Q1	£1,650.81
101381	Post Office Ltd	income tax Q1	£307.90
101382	M P Chegwidden	contract cutting	£1,389.60
101383	A Gazzard	Playing Field duties	£133.96

2. Income has been received since the last meeting for : newsletter adverts £111 : Rooms hire £51 : Car Boots £141.17 : Football Club rent £310.92
3. It was proposed by DL, agreed by all, that the rent for the football matches should remain at £10 per game, with a review next year after a full year of water charges.

Signed.....Chairman

16th July 2015