

# *Gwennap Parish Council*

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## **MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2016 at 7pm**

Present. Cllr Furnish (KF) Chairman, Cllr Humble (RH) Vice Chairman, Cllr Roscorla (PR), Cllr Padmore (MP),  
Cllr Leach (GL), Cllr Lanyon (DL)  
Apologies PCSO Fuller  
Also present: Cornwall Councillor Kaczmarek, Mrs Roscorla, Mrs F Sherriff

### **PUBLIC CLINIC**

1. Mrs Roscorla, speaking as the Treasurer of the Fete Committee asked whether the Parish Council would be prepared to fund the children's entertainment again this year. The cost would be £500, a slight increase from last year. She also asked whether the Council would be appointing someone to sit on the Committee now that Mrs Hannam had left. The Chairman said that both items would be discussed later in the meeting.
2. Mrs Sherriff came along to introduce herself as the new owner of Cusgarne Manor and explained how she and her husband would be working with experts to restore the listed building to its former glory. They were currently living in Perranwell and intended to make the Manor their permanent home. It was not a building project to move on from.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

15/111 none

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

15/112

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

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

15/113

1. Cllr Kaczmarek was unhappy that neither he nor the parish council had been invited to the Oral Hearing into the proposed pharmacy at St Day. He would still turn up and hope to be allowed to speak.
2. He updated the Council on the new appointment of a Chief Executive at Cornwall Council.
3. He had reported litter along the road to Carharrack from United, and this had been cleared, and a pothole on the Mount Wellington road.
4. He would be holding a St Piran's Quiz at the Cornish Arms on 3<sup>rd</sup> March in aid of the Air Ambulance.

### **MATTERS ARISING.**

15/114

1. The Chairman's draft proposed letter to Motorcycle Clubs was approved and will be sent out.
2. The fly-tipping situation at Bal Maiden remains unresolved, with Cornwall Council being unable to contact the owner of the site. The Clerk and GL visited the site and photos taken by GL were shown to those unable to make the site meeting. Since that time, and before boulders could be placed at the entrance to the land, another habitable caravan had moved in. This will be reported to Enforcement once the Clerk has confirmed it is still there. He would visit the site the next day along with the Chairman and GL if available.
3. The Chairman's suggestions for improving the downloading of planning applications have been acknowledged by Cornwall Council.
4. The Clerk and Paul Chegwidden had collected and installed the new picnic table in the lower part of the Playing Field.
5. The Chairman will forward to all his calculations behind the precept rise.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

15/115

1. PCSO Fuller had sent his Police report for the month, reporting two crimes of burglary in the parish. He also confirmed that motorbikes in the Wheal Maid valley were a low priority, because by the time the police could respond the offenders had moved on. He would continue to visit the valley as part of his routine work, and was having some new signs printed. A further letter from a resident complained about motorcycles on the cycle trail whilst she was horse riding.
2. The Information Commissioner's Office had sent a reminder that the data protection registration fee was due.
3. Cornwall Council has offered 150 "no waiting" cones free of charge. This was a one-off distribution following which organisations would have to pay for them. The Clerk had spoken to Gwennap Church (Street Market) and Crofthandy Village Hall who would both take a supply from us.
4. An update on the Superfast Cornwall Broadband programme had been sent from our MP, Sarah Newton.
5. Cornwall for Change had issued a statement on their current position.
6. An Oral Hearing date had been fixed for the Proposed Pharmacy at St Day, but Parish Councils were not invited. Even if we were invited via a surgery, we could only observe. Cllr Lanyon would try to attend on our behalf.
7. The litter clearing report for January was received and noted.

8. The Wheal Maid inspection report for January was received and noted. It was also noted that as part of our annual payment agreement with Natural England, Paul Chegwidden had spent several days clearing growth from the restored mine features.
9. We had been copied in to correspondence relating to the removal of smallholding boundaries at Todpool, where agreement has now been reached between C. Council and the landowner on the reinstatement of the destroyed hedges.
10. The Minutes of Carharrack Parish Council's meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December were noted.
11. A reply from the Highways Manager explained what he was doing regarding the long standing problem of water in road outside Cusgarne School. He was currently liaising with the Council's property team regarding works that have been carried out within the school site that may be contributing to the problem.
12. A letter from CALC drew our attention to consultation on the Housing Bill, currently making its way through parliament. A response from the Cornwall Planning Partnership was also attached, and the Clerk would forward the details to Councillors who could bring any further comments to the next meeting.
13. The Clerk read a letter from an unhappy individual regarding article in last Newsletter. He will reply noting the concerns emphasising no offence was intended..
14. Cllr Kaczmarek had sent a press release from Cornwall Council which explained that the Local Government Boundary Commission had decided that Cornwall's electoral review would not come into effect until 2021. The timetable should, however, start now.
15. Our Community Network Panel would shortly receive Devolution Funds which have been made available to assist devolution and partnership working within the Network area. Updates will be brought back via MVRG on ways the funding could be accessed.

## **PLANNING**

### **15/116**

#### **Plans dealt with between meetings::**

PA15/10206 Mr E Hall, barn next to Pulla Cross Farm Cottage - demolish metal barn, replace with wooden stables with concrete base SUPPORT

#### **Plans for discussion at the meeting :**

None

#### **Decision notices received back from Cornwall Council**

PA15/09551 Mr Freeborn, Mount Wellington – overflow car park to storage units WITHDRAWN

## **DEFIBRILLATORS & GWENNAP KIOSK**

### **15/117**

RH updated the meeting on the progress to date. Training would take place at Cusgarne School on 2<sup>nd</sup> February with 17 volunteers, Crofthandy has 12 awaiting training and there was still work to do in the Gwennap area to encourage people to come forward.

He confirmed costs for the purchase of the three defibrillators at £3,836 with some small add-ons for ongoing electricity and battery costs. The Chairman thanked him for his work and achievements to date.

He also reported that the kiosk at Gwennap, no longer required for a defibrillator, was having its ownership transferred from the Community Heartbeat Trust to Tony Stevens, who intended refurbishing it and converting it into a book exchange. This community project was supported by the meeting and RH would support Mr Stevens with technical advice. A grant of up to £200 would be given to Mr Stevens on completion. Proposed RH, seconded all.

## **REPORTS ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED**

### **15/118**

RH and the Clerk had attended the recent Mining Villages meeting. RH gave a summary of what occurred including a talk by Cornwall Council's enforcement officer and the continuing saga of Paperless Planning and its associated costs.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL & PLAYING FIELD MATTERS**

### **15/119**

1. A fault is displaying with the boiler in the kitchen of the Parish Rooms
2. It was AGREED that Paul Chegwidden removes leaves from the car park and the gutters of the building.
3. It was AGREED to grant £500 towards the children's entertainment at the next Fete. Proposed DL seconded all
4. Councillor Leach agreed to sit on the Fete Committee as our representative.

## **FOOTPATHS**

### **15/120**

1. The bridleway post on path 21/1 had been knocked over. Paul Chegwidden has now re-fixed it.
2. The cycle path through the Wheal Maid Valley has received drainage and surface work by Cornwall Council.

## **FINANCE**

### **15/121**

1. Cheques were signed for :

101426	Information Commissioner	data protection registration	£35.00
101427	R Cook	litter clearance	£161.54
101428	BT Global Services	newsletter printing	£290.00
101429	M P Chegwidden	contract cutting	£1,476.00
101430	A Gazzard	Playing Field duties	£149.72
101431	Melba Products Ltd	Litter Bin	£84.74

2. Cllr Padmore confirmed he had recently carried out the Internal Audit to the end of December 2015 and found everything to be in order
3. Income had been received since the last meeting in respect of :bank interest £6.06 : newsletter adverts £43.00 : Rooms hire £422.00

The Clerk then read the notice excluding the public from the rest of the meeting whilst discussing the vacancy on the Council and the applications to fill the position. (Disclosure of exempt information as per Part 1 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972)

**VACANCY ON COUNCIL**

**15/122**

The Council went into private session to discuss the applications received for the vacant Councillor's position.

**NEXT AGENDA**

**15/123**

Items for the next agenda would include:

- Housing Bill
- Clerk's resignation

Signed.....Chairman

18<sup>th</sup> February 2016