

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 18th FEBRUARY 2016 at 7pm

Present. Cllr Furnish (KF) Chairman, Cllr Roscorla (PR), Cllr Padmore (MP), Cllr Leach (GL), Cllr Stumbles (TS)
Apologies Cllr Humble (RH), PCSO Fuller
Also present: Cornwall Councillor Kaczmarek, Mrs Roscorla, Mr Shearer, Mr DeWaal

PUBLIC CLINIC

Mr Shearer and Mr De Waal came to speak against the planning application by Mr Freeborn at Mount Wellington Mine for container plant rentals. Concern was expressed that the application did not specify the number of vehicle movements or the daily operating hours. The increase in heavy traffic onto a road that was narrow in places was not wanted. They were disappointed that the Highways had “no comment to make”. Mr Shearer would be sending his own objections to the planning officer which would include queries on site use and a formal transport assessment from 2012/2013.

NEW COUNCILLOR

15/124

Tim Stumbles had agreed to be co-opted onto the Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office register. He also handed the Clerk his Declaration of Interests form which would be forwarded on to Cornwall Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING

15/125 none

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR’S REPORT.

15/126

Cllr Kaczmarek updated the Council on the background to Council Tax rises. He had also arranged to have the broken fingerpost sign on United Downs repaired by Cormac.

He would be attending a meeting the following week regarding the provision of HWRC’s in our area, and would report back through the Clerk.

He had attended the recent appeal into the proposed pharmacy at St Day. Along with a group of protesters he was allowed into the Room and allowed to speak. A decision would be made in a few weeks.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

15/127 The minutes of the January 2016 meeting were approved and signed as an accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING.

15/128

1. An update on the Bal Maiden fly-tipping from Cornwall Council reported that they have received a phone call from a man who says he has been told by the owner to tidy the site up, but efforts to contact him since have failed. It was agreed that the Clerk also writes to Ms Ryder, informing her that nothing has happened on the site.
2. The Chairman has forwarded his precept explanations to councillors.
3. We are still waiting for the delivery of the “no waiting” cones.
4. Cormac temporarily resolved the water in the road at Cusgarne School, but were hoping to return this week to do a proper job, as well as look into other water problems a little further up the road by the shute.

CORRESPONDENCE

15/129

1. The Deep Geothermal resource was back on the agenda again following the call for proposals by the European Structural and Investment Fund. We will have to wait and see whether the United Downs project is resurrected as a result. The Clerk will write to the local office to draw their attention to the funding.
2. The litter clearance report for February was noted.
3. The Information Commissioner’s Office has confirmed our 2016 registration
4. A Wheal Maid letter regarding illegal use by motorcycles has been received, with the promise of videos of the offending participants. It may be possible to identify some, and pass the information on to the police. Further videos will continue to be taken in the hope of a prosecution.
5. We would accept Bartlett Refrigeration’s contract renewal offer for boiler maintenance.
6. Posters of a Free Central Heating offer have been placed on notice boards.
7. A consultation draft setting out how the principal landscape assets of the World Heritage Sites should be preserved had been previously circulated, and there was nothing further to add.
8. A letter from NHS England set out how the facility at Cardrew Health Centre would be closed and replaced with a similar service at Camborne-Redruth Hospital. It was noted that Cornwall Council’s Scrutiny Committee would be looking into the transfer because of negative public feedback.

9. A schedule of further significant changes to the Cornwall Local Plan had been discussed at the MVRG and coordinated views sent back from that group.
10. The Wheal Maid inspection report for February 2016 was noted.

REVISED LEVELS OF ENGAGEMENT WITH THE POLICE

15/130

We have received notification from the Superintendent of West Cornwall Police that their level of engagement with us was changing. In future, we would only see a PCSO at our meetings once a year. A Police Liaison Group would be created and we would be expected to send a member to the meetings. Monthly reports from our PCSO will cease, instead we will have to access the Police website for crime information. Unfortunately, this data is three months behind, so will not be relevant.

HOUSING BILL

15/131

This document had been previously circulated to councillors, and there were no further comments to be made.

LOCAL DEVOLUTION FUND

15/132

This fund is intended to help Parish and Town Councils take on extra assets and services from Cornwall Council. It has been allocated to our Community Network and applications should be made via them and our Community Link Officer. The first half of funding has a deadline of 26th February, and a further half will become available in six months time. By then, we may have a better idea of what is likely to be devolved. It is anticipated that a composite application will be submitted by the Mining Villages Group.

DEFIBRILLATORS

15/133

In his absence, RH had left a summary of the current position. At this evening’s meeting a cheque would be drawn and the equipment should be with us within two weeks. Installation would then follow. Training was very encouraging, with 25 trained to date and 23 booked in the coming weeks covering all three locations of Frogpool, Gwennap and Crofthandy. He asked the Council to consider a fourth defibrillator at the Playing Field, and this will be discussed at a future meeting. The efforts of RH in driving this initiative were appreciated.

PLANNING

15/134

Plans for discussion at the meeting:

- PA16/00086 Mr R Freeborn, Mount Wellington Mine - mobile rental storage units, office and tent OBJECT on grounds of insufficient information
- PA16/01115 Mr R de Normann, Little Beside House, St Day - various tree works DEFER TO C.COUNCIL
- PA16/00773 Mr Beveridge, Primrose Cottage, Consols Road, Carharrack - erection of detached dwelling SUPPORT
- PA16/00602 Dr Lockwood, Fernleigh Farm, Hicks Mill - demolish workshop, replace with new extension SUPPORT
- PA15/09405 Mr Bedford, Magpie Bungalow, Goongumpas - change of use of annexe to separate dwelling SUPPORT
- PA16/01020 Mr A Rippon, Jean-Al-Lor, Hicks Mill demolish bungalow, replace with energy efficient dwelling SUPPORT
- PA16/01158 SITA (UK) Ltd extension of time for temporary offices at United HWRC area SUPPORT
- PA16/00766 Mrs V DeLabat, field SE of Hillside, Trehaddle - agricultural barn for livestock and machinery. SUPPORT

Decision notices received back from Cornwall Council

- PA15/10044 Mr R Forrest, Bryher Cottage, Bissoe Hill - new dwelling in grounds REFUSED
- PA15/10206 Mr E Hall, barn at Pulla Cross Farm - demolish metal barn, replace with stables APPROVED

REPORTS ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

15/135

A meeting of the GPPA had taken place on 4th February, attended by PR, RH and the Clerk, when it was agreed that the Car Boot Sales would continue as in previous years on the first and third Sunday’s on the month from April to September. The fee will remain the same at £3.50 per Boot to maintain its importance as a community event, yet still raising around £1,000 each year towards the maintenance of the playing field.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

15/136

1. A new multi-purpose litter bin has been installed at Hicks Mill following public requests.

ENVIRONMENTAL & PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

15/137

1. The Clerk has had to stop football on the field for ten of the last eleven weeks because of the heavy rain that always seems to fall on Fridays and Saturdays. He hopes that the spreading of sand in the goalmouths might lead to an improvement.
2. Both bins in the field required attention following recent gales. Paul Chegwidden had re-fixed one and the Clerk the other.

FOOTPATHS

15/138

It was AGREED to accept the LMP offer from Cornwall Council for footpath trimming in 2016. The offer reflects an increase of £287 on the 2015 amount and under our existing trimming contract should mean minimal financial input from the Parish Council. The Chairman and Clerk signed the offer acceptance.

FINANCE

15/139

1. Cheques were signed for :

101432	R Humble	defibrillator cabinet	£206.71
101438	Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity	defibrillators and equipment	£4,094.71
101434	K F Bartlett	boiler maintenance contract	£105.60
101435	R Cook	litter removal	£206.86
101436	M P Chegwidden	contract cutting	£255.60
101437	A Blamey	reimbursement of payments	£938.94
101439	A Gazzard	Playing Field duties	£133.96

2. Income has been received since the last meeting for : Adverts £42.00 : Rooms hire £88.00 : Burial fees £115.00 : Natural England grant £3,321.00 :

3. Councillors Leach and Stumbles signed the bank mandate to allow them to sign matters on behalf of the Council. The Clerk will hand this in to HSBC at Redruth, and inform the Councillors what proofs they will have to take to the bank for confirmation of identity.

CLERK’S RETIREMENT

15/140

A proposed advert and job description had been previously circulated, and with a few suggested amendments, was agreed. The advert should appear in the West Briton and the next parish newsletter, with a closing date for applications of 31st March.

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Signed.....Chairman

17th March 2016