

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 21st APRIL 2016 at 7pm

Present. Cllr Humble (Acting Chairman)(RH), Cllr Roscorla (PR), Cllr Padmore (MP), Cllr Leach (GL), Cllr Stumbles(TS)

Apologies Cllr Furnish, Cllr Lanyon, Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek

Also present: Mrs Barnard, Mrs Roscorla, Mr & Mrs Dickson, Mr Kitto +1

PUBLIC CLINIC

Mr Dickson came to speak against the proposed planning application at Penventon Nursery to use part of their land for ten rural workshops. He spoke of the unsuitability of the site for such a development, listing security, alarms, the visual blot on the landscape, the unsuitable access track, site traffic noise/pollution, the gated access, light pollution and the fact that it was not in keeping with the rural setting.

Mr Kitto was in agreement with these views.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING

16/001 none

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

16/002 The minutes of the March 2016 meeting were approved and signed as an accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING.

16/003

1. A reply has been received from Ms Ryder regarding the fly tipping on her land at Pulla Bridge. She has been living abroad for some time but agrees it is a mess and a solution needs to be found. She will be in touch, but no time scale was mentioned. RH proposed that we re-visit the matter in a month to see if anything had changed, if not we needed to discuss how we took the matter further.
2. We still await the fuller list of Cornwall Council assets in the parish, following last month's summary of environmental service standards.

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

16/004

The Clerk presented Section 1 of the Annual Return – the Annual Governance Statement – for Councillors approval. It was AGREED that the Chairman signs this statement as confirmation of the Council's approval.

UPDATE ON CLERK'S POSITION

16/005

Since the last meeting, interviews have taken place and the Clerk's position offered (and accepted) by Fiona Barnard. All unsuccessful applicants have been informed. Fiona will officially start on 1st May, overlapping by a month with the existing Clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE

16/006

1. The Wheel Maid inspection for April was noted. In future, the Chairman will carry out this monthly duty, with Paul Chegwiddden periodically inspecting the culvert grills to clear any debris.
2. Ashley Fuller, our PCSO, had sent details regarding Neighbourhood Watch Schemes. He wants to encourage the starting of new schemes and/or the revival of old ones. We would use the next newsletter to promote this message.
3. The Street sweeping report for April was noted.
4. The Communities & Devolution newsletter for March had been previously circulated to Councillors. The Clerk suggested that new Councillors Stumbles and Leach attend the Code of Conduct seminar on 13th June. AGREED.
5. The Communities & Devolution Planning newsletter had also been previously circulated to Councillors. The question of a Neighbourhood Plan would need to be addressed in the near future.
6. We have received notification of a road closure at Gwennap on 2nd May (for their annual Street Market)
7. The Environment Agency had replied regarding our concern of tipping at a site at Goongumpas
8. The play equipment quarterly safety inspection report contained no new items of concern with most items described as "low risk". The Clerk has recently applied a coat of safety paint to areas highlighted in the report.
9. CALC had sent notification of the Section 137 expenditure limit for 2016/17. The amount per head that can now be spent on non-council items that benefit the parish residents is £7.42.
10. The minutes of Carharrack Parish Council's meetings held on 22nd February & 21st March were noted.

CALC ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

16/007

The Cornwall Association of Local Councils had sent their annual subscription reminder. The renewal for the coming year would be £446.56. It was AGREED that we continue with the subscription, which the Clerk felt was an invaluable aid to carrying out the post.

CALC were also offering Induction Courses for new Clerks, and it was AGREED that Mrs Barnard attends the three modules starting next month. The cost to CALC members is £235 + vat.

DEFIBRILLATORS

16/008

RH gave an update on the current position. Defibrillators at the Cornish Arms, Frogpool and Gwennap Church are installed whilst the one at Crofthandy is awaiting their electrical installation. Following this, the Ambulance Trust will come along to check the equipment.

A discussion took place about the possibility of a further defibrillator at the Playing Field. It is possible that the British Heart Foundation could be offering some at a discounted rate to the Parish Council. If this was possible then the Football Club were prepared to make an application to Cllr Kaczmarek's Community Chest for a grant towards the cost, with the Parish Council covering the additional installation/extra costs.

Our Insurers have confirmed that public liability for the equipment is covered by our policy, and for cover against loss or damage an additional premium of £17.42 per annum will be required, although as the amount is modest, they will wait until the next renewal date before applying. It was AGREED to ask for this cover.

PLANNING

16/009

Plans for discussion at the meeting:

PA16/02346 Mr Grubb, Penventon Nursery, Treviskey, Lanner - 10 rural workshops + infrastructure OBJECT (possible Greenfield site, B1 should be the only approved use – B2 shouldn't be allowed near residential properties, site access unsuitable for potential traffic/deliveries)

PA16/00417 Ms A Bates, The Old Unity Fuse Works, Little Beside - sub division of dwelling into two SUPPORT

Decision notices received back from Cornwall Council

PA15/09405 Mr Bedford, Magpie Bungalow, Goongumpas - change of use of annexe to separate dwelling APPROVED

PA16/01020 Mr A Rippon, Jean Al Lor, Hicks Mill - demolish bungalow, replace with new dwelling APPROVED

PA16/01158 SITA UK Ltd, United Downs Landfill Site - extend temp.permission for offices to 31/12/16 APPROVED

PA16/0006 Mr R Freeborn, Mount Wellington Mine - use of land for mobile storage units APPROVED

Further advice has been received from Cornwall Council regarding the problems associated with the downloading of planning applications in readiness for meetings. The Chairman has confirmed that it is a definite improvement.

We have had our attention drawn to a Pre-App for the United Mines Landfill site for the restoration programme to be extended to December 2018. This follows a similar extension granted in late 2014 to extend it to the end of 2016. As the recent Liaison meeting at SITA was postponed, the reasons for this are not yet fully understood, although the re-opening of the bridleways across the site, promised for September this year, should not be delayed any further.

REPORTS ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

16/010

The Clerk gave a brief report on the Mineral Tramways meeting he had attended on 14th April.

REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE, ENVIRONMENTAL & PLAYING FIELD

16/011

1. It was decided to leave the discussion of broadband and telephone connections to the Parish Rooms until the new Clerk has settled in and developed her working patterns.
2. The Chairman had previously circulated his ideas for heating in the Rooms, and with no objections has acquired two small heaters for the office and toilet and will be bringing a larger one for the main room as a trial. They will be fitted in the near future.
3. Robert Cook has almost completed the refurbishment of the eleven public seats owned by the Council. Some have had to be repaired
4. The Notice Board at Cusgarne has been completely refurbished by the Funeral Director Mr Penrose and was installed by Paul Chegwidden today. It now looks like a new board, having new wood and metal legs. The Clerk was asked to express the appreciation of the Council to Mr Penrose.
5. It was AGREED that a quote be sought for the installation of PIR lights on the kitchen corner of the Rooms where it was poor at night.
6. The Clerk reported the terminal failure of the council's printer. He would remove it from the inventory. In future, Mrs Barnard would use her printer to print from our laptop, charging the council for consumables.
7. It was retrospectively AGREED to pay for 'reserved' markers for burial plots in the cemetery.
8. TS mentioned the wall-hanging that a local ladies group were making for the Rooms. He was assured that RH & KF had met with the group that week and agreed to erect it. There were still some technical matters to resolve but, that apart, anyone enquiring could be assured that it would take place.

MEETING DATES 2016/17

16/012

The Clerk has prepared a list of meeting dates for 2016/17 and will send to Councillors by e-mail. They are all on the third Thursday of each month.

FOOTPATHS

16/013

The trimming programme had yet to commence, so there was no activity to report. GL mentioned the Japanese knotweed on footpath 19/1 at Crowsmeneggas and the Clerk reassured him that the contractor knew of its presence and would not cut it, leaving the treatment to Cornwall Council, who have it included in their treatment plan.

FINANCE

16/014

1. The Clerk presented the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2016, excluding Section 1 that had been approved earlier in the meeting. It was AGREED that the Chairman should sign the Return as a true and accurate record and also sign the Cash Book where receipts, payments and the balance sheet were recorded.
2. The Clerk read the comments from the Internal Auditor which were noted. It was also noted that the internal auditor was also retiring so the Council would need to find a replacement for the function this time next year.
3. Income had been received since the last meeting for : bank interest £6.51 : adverts £132 : (both fall in the old year) : adverts £42.00 : Rooms hire £86.00 : half precept £17,315.00 : half Council Tax Support Grant £685.31 : burial fees £470.00 : vat rebate for Oct '15 – Mar '16 £1875.53
4. Cheques were signed for :

101447 Local World Ltd	adverts	£837.00
101448 A E Harris	Internal Audit fee	£90.00
101449 C A L C	annual subs. & Induction Course	£728.56
101450 M P Chegwiddden	contract cutting	£1,237.00
101451 R Cook	litter work and seat refurbishment	£524.07
101452 F J Kemp & Sons	Frogpool defibrillator electrics	£129.60
101453 A Gazzard	Playing Field duties	£157.60

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

16/015

Neighbourhood Plan
Bal Maiden site

Signed.....Chairman

19th May 2016