

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 19th MAY 2016 at 7pm

Present. Cllr Furnish (Chairman)(KF), Cllr Humble (Vice Chairman)(RH), Cllr Roscorla (PR), Cllr Padmore (MP), Cllr Leach (GL), Cllr Stumbles(TS), Cllr Lanyon (DL)

Apologies none

Also present: A. Blamey Clerk (retiring), F. Barnard Clerk (new), Cornwall Councillor Kaczmarek, Mrs Roscorla

PUBLIC CLINIC nil

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMAN

16/016

It was proposed by PR, seconded by RH that Cllr Furnish continues as Chairman. Agreed by all with no other proposals.

It was proposed by PR, seconded by MP that Cllr Humble continues as Vice Chairman. Agreed by all, no other proposals.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING

16/017 none

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

16/018

Cornwall Councillor Kaczmarek reported that:

- Cornwall Council has voted an increase in the member's allowances, rising from £12,500 to £13,910 from May 2017, in line with inflation. This increase is based on a calculated 13.51 hours/week.
- From information passed to him by a dog walker, he had reported the fly tipping and Taylor's grate damage at Wheal Maid.
- The appeal against the opening of a Day Lewis pharmacy at St Day had been turned down, but the company would not be able to dispense for a six month period after opening, which could create a problem for them while the local surgeries continued to dispense to their patients
- He wished the Clerk all the best in the future, as this would be his last meeting before retiring..

COUNCILLOR'S ATTENDANCE FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR

16/019

The Clerk presented a list of Councillor attendances for the past year, showing the following:- Cllrs Furnish 12/13, Humble 12/13, Roscorla 13/13, Padmore 12/13, Lanyon 6/13, Leach 7/10, Stumbles 2/4 and our Cornwall Councillor Kaczmarek 9/12.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

16/020

The minutes of the April 2016 meeting were approved and signed as an accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING

16/021

1. The Clerk had sent a reminder a week ago to Ms Ryder regarding the fly tipping on her land at Pulla Bridge, but no reply has been forthcoming. A lengthy discussion took place on the next steps, and it was agreed that the Chairman drafts a letter to the Environment Agency in an attempt to get their support for clearing the site. An alternative, to write to Ms Ryder giving her thirty days notice before we cleared the tipping and charged her was deferred.
2. Our Insurers have now confirmed that defibrillators are considered as part of our cover and there will be no additional premium for all risks.
3. Nothing further has been received regarding the pre-app for the extension of time for the restoration of the Landfill Site at United.
4. The wall-hanging has now been finished by the ladies group and was ready to be fixed on the wall of the Parish Rooms as soon as we could arrange it. Councillors thought the work was excellent and hoped to have it erected before the Fete.
5. The year end accounts were still with the auditors awaiting sign-off.
6. The Clerk is due to meet with the electrician (Mr Kemp) regarding installation of PIR lights on the side of the Parish rooms.
7. The Cllrs are still awaiting an update from the Environmental Agency regarding fly tipping at Goongumpas, although Cllr Lanyon reported that the site appears to have been cleared.

CORRESPONDENCE

16/022

1. Taylor's Shaft grate had been damaged by vandalism and required immediate action. As a temporary measure the Chairman has covered the hole, and the Clerk has arranged with In-Steel from the United Industrial Estate to carry out the repairs. The Chairman will provide the 4x4 transport for the employee and his equipment, as access to the site is difficult. The police have been informed of the incident.
2. The Wheal Maid inspection report for May was noted.
3. An agenda for the CPIR Community Network meeting of 15th June has been received. The Chairman hoped to attend.
4. The litter clearing report for May was noted, also Mr Cook has continued with his seat refurbishment at various parish sites.
5. The C4C group had sent a "Call to Action" letter, urging attendance at the Government Planning Inspector's examination of the Local Plan on 17th May. (previously circulated)
6. The Communities & Devolution Newsletter for May has been circulated to Councillors.
7. Attention was drawn to a poster promoting a meeting on Community Led Local Development at St Day on 27th May.
8. A letter has been received regarding dog fouling in Gwennap Churchyard. The suggestion of signs on the entrance gates has been passed to the Parochial Church Council for consideration as we only had responsibility for the grass cutting in the churchyard.
9. A special bulletin on the forthcoming Cornwall Electoral Review had been received, drawing attention to the process.
10. DL had reported a noise nuisance emanating from Wheal Jewel and brought along the reply received from Environmental Health who were looking into the matter. Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek was aware of the case.

PLANNING

16/023

Plans for discussion at the meeting :

PA16/04070 Mr Michell, Chapel Farm, Consols Road, Carharrack - Agricultural Housing As this was within permitted development rights, we could not object. However, the proposal seemed to be reasonable. The Chairman agreed to confirm that the proposed development does not fall within the World Heritage boundary, and if it does to report it to Planning.

Decision Notices received from Cornwall Council:

PA15/02995 Rhos Construction, Penventon Quarry, Treviskey – create residential dwelling APPROVED

PA16/00598 J Matthews, Cascadden Cottage, Trewithen Moor - porch construction APPROVED

The subject of Neighbourhood Plans was discussed with no real conclusion, but the Chairman would bring additional information to the next meeting to foster a more in-depth debate. Concerns were expressed about the overall cost and of the future relevance of such plans.

The Clerk read a letter regarding an enforcement case at Sunny Corner that contained comments on the planning and enforcement system that were at odds with our understanding. MK agreed to look into the matter and report back.

REPORTS ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

16/024

RH and PR had attended the recent Mining Villages meeting held on 12th May at Chacewater where the Lengthsman's Scheme was discussed and Councils compared their current arrangements for maintenance. In future, there could be a pooling of resources, but as our current arrangements seemed to work well, we needed to be careful about the information given.

A future visit to Cornwall Council's bunker was also mentioned.

There seemed to be little progress in obtaining a comprehensive list of Cornwall Council assets in our parish. The Chairman felt that perhaps we needed to create our own version based on our knowledge of what we thought they had.

DL had attended the review of the Cornwall Local Plan held at Newquay by a Government Planning Inspector. This followed last year's review where the Inspector asked for more information on what had been submitted. The decision to raise the number of new houses by 5,000 was felt to ignore the needs of those local people seeking affordable housing.

GL had attended two fete committee meetings. He proposed the Parish Council pay half the cost (£127.70, advised by Mrs Roscorla) of a marquee recently purchased by the fete committee. GL proposed, DL seconded, and agreed by all. The Clerk will confirm the amount and make the payment.

REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE GROUPS/ORGANISATIONS

16/025

Councillors who would attend meetings held by outside bodies/organisations were agreed as follows:

Geothermal Liaison Group (currently dormant) - DL

Cornwall for Change - DL

Mining Villages Regeneration Group (MVRG) - RH, PR and the Clerk

CPIR Community Network - KF with DL & GL as reserves

Gwennap Parish Playing Field Association (GPPA) - MP, TS & RH

Fete Committee - GL with the Clerk as a deputy as she would be in attendance representing the School

SUEZ United Mines Steering Group - RH with the Clerk as reserve

Internal financial audit checks - MP

MAINTENANCE

16/026

1. A request from Gwennap Church to repair the car park adjacent to the churchyard was not agreed. Our remit was for the maintenance of the churchyard – i.e. grass cutting and associated works, and did not extend to the car park.
2. It was AGREED that Mr Cook be asked to refurbish the bus shelter at Pulla Cross, and wash/clean the one at Trelawney Estate.
3. It was AGREED that Mr Chegwidden be asked to carry out his annual kerb spraying on the previously agreed sites, but details of the sprays he would use were requested as they should be environmentally friendly.
4. Retrospective approval was given to the Clerk for the purchase of a replacement shredder. The old shredder did not work and was in the office should inspection be required.

FROGPOOL CEMETERY

16/027

The Clerk explained that because the current section for burials was likely to be filled in the coming year burials would move to the top section. The paths around this area will require serious capital investment to make them useable and a site visit was suggested.

It was AGREED to meet at 6.40pm (later changed to 6.30pm) before the next meeting on 16th June.

ENVIRONMENTAL & PLAYING FIELD

16/028

1. DL will forward photos to support a letter we will write to Cornwall Housing pressing for the removal of fly-tipping on the Wheal Jewel boundary, originating from the site itself.
2. A sign will be made to put on the kissing gate entrance to Wheal Maid informing dog walkers where the nearest multi-purpose waste bin is.

FINANCE

16/029

1. Income has been received since the last meeting for : Burial fees £565.00 : Rooms hire £64.00 : Car Boots £66.30
2. The Clerk had prepared a revised schedule of fees for Frogpool Cemetery applicable from 1st June 2016 that was AGREED. The fees have remained unchanged for two years.
3. The rate paid for casual labour was increased from £7.88 per hour to £8.00 with effect from 1st June. Proposed DL, seconded MP agreed by all.
4. The charges for the hire of the Parish Rooms remained unchanged.
5. The charge for the use of the football facilities remained unchanged.
6. The Council signed a letter to HSBC Bank authorising the change of address for the receipt of correspondence and statements following the change of Clerk.
7. The NALC had advised of changes to Clerk's salaries w.e.f. 1st April 2016 and 2017 which would be applied to the Clerk's salary.
8. Cheques were signed in respect of :

101454	Cornwall Council	newsletter printing	£290.00
101455	A Blamey	salary, expenses & reimbursements	£1,570.25
101456	Post Office Ltd	income tax to 31/05/16	£205.27
101457	F Barnard	salary/expenses May	£533.70
101458	EDF Energy	electric a/c P. Field	£148.56
101459	R Cook	litter collection & d.i.y. work	£283.68
101459	T Stevens	contribution to Book Kiosk, Gwennap	£72.03
101460	Martin Luck Group	envelopes	£17.99
101461	A Gazzard	Playing Field duties	£126.08
101462	R Nile	repairs to gate and toilet, P. Field	£7.88
101463	M P Chegwidden	contract cutting	£1,370.40

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

16/030

1. Neighbourhood Plans
2. Devolution
3. Frogpool Cemetery

Signed.....Chairman

16th June 2016