

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 20th OCTOBER 2016 at 7pm

Present: Cllr Furnish (Chair), Cllr Leach (Vice Chair), Cllr Roscorla, Cllr Padmore, Cllr Lanyon, Cllr Stumbles
Apologies: None, all Councillors present
Also present: Mrs F. Barnard (Clerk), Cornwall Cllr M Kaczmarek, Mrs Tyson, Mr Erin Hassett, Mrs Roscorla

PUBLIC CLINIC

Mrs Tyson spoke about concerns about historic and current developments at K9 Krusaders in Bissoe, which shares a boundary with the Tyson's property. The Councillors had received an overview of Mr & Mrs Tyson's complaints and case prior to the meeting which includes the erection of kennels and a 2.25m high metal fence without planning permission, their failure to obtain a licence to house dogs, their inappropriate use of agricultural land, highways issues, and safety concerns for their children should the dogs with behavioural issues escape. They are further frustrated that the Tregothen Estate, the landowners, have taken no action. Mr & Mrs Tyson are seeking letters of support from their own parish council (Kea), as well as Gwennap and Chacewater parish councils.

Mr Erin Hassett spoke in support of planning application PA16/07973 and offered to answer any questions the council had.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Tyson and Mr Hassett.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING

16/098 None

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

16/099

Cornwall Councillor Kaczmarek reported that:

- He is still pursuing increased measures on the tenancy contract of the stock car track at United Downs, following the repeated incidents of tyre burning and continued dumping of tyres around the site.
- He is awaiting a response from Cornwall Council regarding action that could be taken regarding HGV's in Cusgarne, following complaints received from a resident, who's property has been damaged in the past by HGVs.
- He had reported several incidents of fly tipping within the parish. Fly tipping is increasing across Cornwall, and unfortunately there are very few prosecutions in mid/south Cornwall.
- The finger post from the Mount Wellington junction should be reinstated in two weeks.
- White lining within the parish continues.
- Cornwall Council oppose the proposed 'Devonwall' boundary changes for MP's. Cornwall currently has 123 councillors and is 5th top ref MP/per head of population. Despite evidence supporting the existing number of MPs, the proposal is to reduce it to 105-115 MPs. This will be voted on by MP's soon.
- The residents of Treviskey are grateful to the Parish Council for supporting their objections to proposed developments at Penventon Nursery.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

16/100

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

MATTERS ARISING

16/101

- 74.2 The staggered barrier on the footpath between Treneglos and Frogpool Chapel has been removed.
- 90.1 The Clerk has established the land owner of the tree overhanging the bus shelter at Pulla Cross. She will make contact and request that they remove the tree.
- 90.3 The fingerpost from the Mount Wellington junction will be reinstated within 2 weeks.
- 90.4 The Clerk has sourced a parish owned dog waste bin for Wheal Maid Valley.
- 90.5 The Clerk has received confirmation of the rates of the replacement playground inspector, which remain unchanged. The Clerk was instructed to contact the new inspector to confirm the contract status.
- 92.2 Strengthening work to Taylor's shaft was carried out on 10th October, and the entrance barrier opposite Tony Craze is due to be installed week commencing 24th October. The remedial repairs to the wooden mine shaft cover at the eastern end of Wheal Maid have been carried out by Councillor Furnish.

93.1 A speed survey has been conducted by the Highways department on the road between Pulla Cross and Frogpool. The Clerk will follow up the results.

16/095 Cllr Stumbles met with the residents of Carn View Estate with regards to their community garden project. He is making enquiries about picnic benches. He reported that a very large tree in adjoining land requires tree surgery. The Clerk was instructed to contact Cornwall Housing about this.

CORRESPONDENCE

16/102

- 102.1 The Wheal Maid inspection report for October 2016 was noted.
- 102.2 The Street Litter Clearing Reports for Sep & Oct 2016 were noted.
- 102.3 The parish council have received a letter regarding the Local Maintenance Partnership 2017/18. The Clerk will respond before 14th November.
- 102.4 Remittance advice from the Rural Payments Agency, dated 04/10/16 was noted.
- 102.5 Invitation to take part in Truro Day 2017, received from Mr P Caruana by email 02/10/16. The Clerk was requested to thank Mr Caruana for the invitation but to decline on this occasion.
- 102.6 Subscription renewal advice from Clerks & Councils Direct. The Parish Council AGREED to renew the subscription.
- 102.7 It was AGREED to decline a donation appeal from Cornwall Air Ambulance.
- 102.8 It was AGREED to decline a donation appeal from Victim Support.
- 102.9 The Clerk had received two emails from a resident of Wheal Maid regarding recent incidents of illegal off road bikes in the Wheal Maid valley, both of which they had reported to the police. The Clerk had sent a reply to the resident on behalf of Cllr Furnish, updating them on actions that the parish council and police are taking to try to reduce the incidents of illegal bikes.
- 102.10 Email correspondence was received from Mr & Mrs Tyson regarding developments at K9 Crusaders, which had been previously circulated to Councillors.
- 102.11 The Clerk had received a letter from Cornwall Council regarding a bus shelter maintenance responsibility audit. The Clerk will respond accordingly.
- 102.12 The Clerk had been contacted regarding overgrown hedges on Cusgarne Hill and the Cusgarne to Bissoe road.

PLANNING

16/103

Plans for discussion at the meeting:

- PA16/07536 Mr & Mrs Porter, The Granary, Point Mills, Bissoe; new garage with storage over. SUPPORT
- PA16/07973 Mr & Mrs Hawker, Carn View, Lower Goongumpas Lane, proposed change of use & extension of residential garage to form ancillary accommodation. SUPPORT
- PA16/08562 Mr Avent, Primrose Cottage, Consols Road, Carharrack; proposed new dwelling and associated works. SUPPORT but propose more parking and turning space, and greater use of natural materials.
- PA16/07138 Mr Barratt, Jasmyn Rose, Trewelm Lane, Crofthandy; erection of small porch to front of bungalow. SUPPORT
- PA16/08760 Mr Harford, Badgers Folly, Hicks Mill; replace conservatory with single storey extension. SUPPORT
- PA16/09471 Mr & Mrs Webster, Greenstone Cottage, Frogpool; prop. side & rear extensions including roof lights SUPPORT
- PA16/09138 SUEZ, United Mines Landfill Site; Variations to Conditions 1&2; OBJECT (paragraph 4.4.10 conflicts with prior agreement about early opening of the bridleways)

Decision Notices received from Cornwall Council:

- PA16/07302 Holly Tree Farm, Fernsplatt, Bissoe; erection of agricultural building APPROVED
- PA16/06096 Redundant Barn Gilly Farm Gwennap; conversion & extension of existing barn to form new dwelling APPROVED
- PA16/07715 Crofthandy Methodist Church, Crofthandy; minor amendments and alterations to PA16/04143 APPROVED
- PA16/06962 Chapel Farm, Consols Road, Carharrack; proposed agricultural building; APPROVED
- PA16/06271 Caravan, Poldory, Carharrack; Certificate of lawfulness, stationing of static caravan for residential use; GRANTED
- PA16/02346 Penventon Nursery, Trebursej, Lanner; erection of 10 rural workshops units; REFUSED

K9 CRUSADERS

16/104

The Cllrs discussed the case put forward by Mrs Tyson in the public clinic and sympathised with some of their concerns and complaints. It was AGREED that since the land involved falls within Kea Parish, the Clerk will contact Kea's Clerk to offer our support. Gwennap Parish Council would not seek to object to something another parish supports, or support something they object to.

REPORTS ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

16/105

- 105.1. Cllr Stumbles met with residents of Carn View Estate regarding their community garden project.
- 105.2. Cllr Furnish & the Clerk met with S. Crocker regarding the Parish Agency Agreement (street cleansing).
- 105.3. The Clerk, Cllr Furnish, Cllr Leach, Cllr Lanyon and Cllr Stumbles met at Frogpool Cemetery to agree tree works.

COUNCILLOR VACANCY & REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE GROUPS

16/106

- 106.1 It was AGREED that the Councillors would prepare a list of possible candidates before the next meeting.
- 106.2 Cllr Padmore AGREED to take over the monthly play equipment inspection; Cllr Furnish and Cllr Lanyon AGREED to attend SUEZ United Mines Steering Group meetings and Cllr Roscorla and the Clerk AGREED to attend MVRG meetings (previously carried out by the former Cllr Humble).

MAINTENANCE, ENVIRONMENTAL & PLAYING FIELD

16/107

- 107.1. The Clerk had established who owns the land alongside Pulla Cross bus shelter. The Clerk agreed to ask the land owner to remove the tree or cut it back to stop it from causing damage to the bus shelter.
- 107.2. The Clerk read through the key matters raised in the recent safety inspection of the play equipment. She will seek to obtain up to two quotes for the remedial work, and to liaise with Ms Rose re a contract.
- 107.3. The Council discussed the request to site a storage unit at the playing field, by a regular hirer of the rooms. The Council AGREED to permit it, providing they agree to five conditions which the Clerk will email to them.
- 107.4. The Councillors AGREED that the two marquees currently stored in the boiler room could be moved to the parish rooms office, to prevent further damp penetrating them. A longer-term storage location will be considered.
- 107.5. The pedestrian gate at the bottom of the park doesn't open all the way. The clerk will action this.
- 107.6. Cllr Lanyon raised safety concerns for people walking to and/or using the play park during football matches and several safety measures were discussed for consideration. The Clerk will draft a sign on the fence warning people to be mindful of footballs entering the play area.
- 107.7. Revisions to the terms & conditions on the room hire booking form were discussed and AGREED.

FOOTPATHS

16/108

- 108.1. The Clerk will consult with the footpaths contractor and former Clerk, and reply to Cornwall Council's letter regarding the Local Maintenance Partnership 2017/18, before the 14th November deadline.

FROGPOOL CEMETERY

16/109

- 109.1 Following a meeting of the Clerk and some Councillors at Frogpool Cemetery a plan of required tree works was AGREED. Cllr Leach circulated the agreed plan to all Councillors and obtained a second quote for the work from Naturally Green, which the Council RESOLVED to accept. The Clerk will instruct the contractor.
- 109.1 The Council AGREED to arrange a volunteer day to clear the top end of the cemetery and clear out the tool shed.

WHEAL MAID

16/110

- 110.1. Cllr Furnish reported of the Police's intentions to erect a sign in the Wheal Maid valley warning that off-road vehicles are prohibited. The Council AGREED to permit the erection of the sign on the interpretation board at the Crofthandy end of Wheal Maid Valley.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

16/111

- 111.1. It was agreed that the first Neighbourhood Development Plan meeting on 18th October had been successful. The Clerk will email the contact list to all involved, and the Cllrs were requested to contact their working groups as soon as possible to start reviewing their associated objectives and policies.
- 111.2. The devolution of assets is a key element of the NDP that will be agreed at the next Parish meeting.
- 111.3. Cllr Furnish confirmed that the grant application had been successfully submitted.

DEVONWALL

16/112

- 112.1. The Council discussed the proposed boundary changes. Four Councillors object to the proposals, two Councillors had no strong opinion. The Council RESOLVED to write to Sarah Newton MP, Cornwall Council and the Boundary Commission stating their objections.

FINANCE

16/113

- 113.1. Income has been received since the last meeting for: Rooms hire £326, Car Boot £115.61, Burial £930, Street Cleansing agreement £1,461.70, Adverts £10.50, Wheal Maid Rural Payments £3,321.
- 113.2. Cheques were signed in respect of:

101502	The Royal British Legion	Wreath with ribbon	£19.50
101503	Mr R Cook	Street litter clearing September & October	£353.89

The following BACS/direct debit payments were authorised:

EDF	Electricity usage	£115.26
South West Water	Water charges Parish Rooms	£69.05
South West Water	Water charges Frogpool Cemetery	£19.64
Cormac Solutions Limited	Quarterly grounds maintenance	£163.90
Elizabeth Rose Inspections	Play equipment safety inspection	£90.00
Mr K Furnish	Gift	£38.00
Mr K Furnish	Wheal Maid welding sundries	£19.00
Greenstick Limited	Contract footpath trimming Oct 2016	£287.50
Greenstick Limited	Contract footpath trimming 2nd cuts	£162.50
Cornwall Council County Fund	Parish newsletter printing Summer 2016	£290.00
Tony Craze	Welding repairs to Taylors Shaft	£285.32
Mr M P Chegwiddden	Contract grass cutting Oct 2016	£823.20
Mrs F Barnard	Salary & expenses Oct 2016	£638.56
A Gazzard	Playing field duties	£164.00

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

16/114

1. The August meeting of the Parish Council
2. Devolution of assets
3. Councillor vacancy

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed..... Chairman (17th November 2016)