

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 20th JULY 2017 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Furnish (Chair), Cllr Leach (Vice Chair), Cllr Lanyon, Cllr Patton, Cllr Forrest, Cllr Hallett, Cllr Pascoe
Apologies: None, all present
Also present: Clerk; Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek; PCSO Fuller; Mr Ledingham, Ms Gibson & Ms Cotton (re Geothermal Engineering Ltd); Mr Evans (Evans Planning) & Mr Almond; Mr & Mrs Withey; Mr & Mrs Smith + 1; Mr Humble; Mrs Hunt

PUBLIC CLINIC

- Mr Withey gave details of their outline planning permission application PA17/04629. They have received planning advice from Cornwall Council and are receptive to ideas on the design of the dwelling, but are hoping that it will be timber, low rise, environmentally friendly house that is discrete and fitting in its setting. The site is not agricultural land, and they are trying to bring the fields back into use. The Parish Council asked a few questions clarifying the positioning of the proposed dwelling, its purpose/intended use, and its design, which Mr & Mrs Withey answered, they had also brought with them some examples of the design concept.
- Mr Evans and Mr Almond provided an account for planning application PA17/05814. The applicant wants to live there to be a deterrent for crime (theft & damage to property) which is a frequent problem on the site which consists of a number of commercial units. Prior residential permission had been granted to the applicant's mother who lived there between 1945-1975. The Parish Council proposed that if planning permission was granted a renewable time limit should be imposed. Mr Almond agreed to consider this.
- Mr & Mrs Smith provided the Parish Council with a set of revised proposed plans for the conversion of redundant farm buildings at Britannia Farm, Sunny Corner. They have received further advice from the planning case officer and have made some adjustments to the original design. The Parish Council asked about an alternative access point that might be more suitable than their proposed access. Mr & Mrs Smith explained why they have proposed the access point they have. The Parish Council confirmed that they would discuss the plans when their application is received for consultation from Cornwall Council.
- PCSO Fuller gave the Annual Parish report, reading out two sets of crime statistics – the first set being the cumulative local area, the second set being for Gwennap Parish. The Clerk asked for a copy of the Parish statistics which PCSO Fuller agreed to provide. He confirmed that fewer crimes were reported than the previous year, and that a high number of the anti-social behaviour reports related to complaints about off-road scramble bikes and 4-wheel drive vehicles at Wheal Maid in particular. PCSO Fuller encourages people to secure their property since a high proportion of reported thefts from/houses, vehicles and bikes was in cases when they had been left unsecured. The Parish Council asked PCSO Fuller if he was able to provide any conviction statistics to demonstrate how effective the Police had been over the year. PCSO Fuller explained that while the Police have access to such data it is not information that they would include in an Annual Parish Report. Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek asked PCSO Fuller about the introduction of an extra 100 police officers across the County, but also the reduction in the number of PCSOs (Police Community Support Officers). PCSO Fuller explained that the additional 100 police officers would be deployed to towns where they are needed most, and that although the number of PCSOs may fall there will still be a police presence in all parishes so it should not have a significant impact. PCSO Fuller was asked for an update on the proposed Community Speed Watch for Gwennap Parish, he explained that he has not been contacted by enough volunteers. The Clerk will forward contact details for the Speed Watch volunteers to PCSO Fuller.
- Mr Ledingham (Geothermal Engineering Ltd) provided a background and explanation of the United Downs Geothermal project. They have now successfully secured £10.6m European funding, £2.4m from Cornwall Council and £5m private investment. This will be an exploratory 2-hole pilot project to explore and demonstrate the effectiveness and viability of Geothermal energy in Cornwall which is ideal because of the natural fractures in the rock which have good enough permeability to access and extract heat from the rocks. Mr Ledingham gave the proposed timeline, with the site being prepared by the end of 2017 and drilling to commence Jan/Feb 2018 for 6-7 months. He confirmed that conditions will be in place to minimise noise and light pollution and that they expect very few micro seismic tremors to be felt. Mr Ledingham introduced Ms Gibson & Ms Cotton who will be carrying out Plymouth University research projects and an education programme with local schools and public information events respectively. They are holding a public information event on 25th July 3-8pm at Mills Hall, Carharrack, and will be holding other events in the future. The Chairman advised Mr Ledingham that their proposed transport routes are unsuitable and that Cornwall Council will be seeking to get this amended in the Traffic Management Plan. The Parish Council suggested the Parish would benefit if the transport route was one way. Mr Ledingham agreed to consider it. The Clerk will forward a copy of the Parish Council's letter to Cornwall Council about this matter. Mr Humble asked about the volume and size of traffic travelling to and from the site while drilling is taking place – minimal traffic is anticipated during this time. A member of the public questioned the disparity between the level of public funding and the output generated. Mr Ledingham reminded those present that this is a pilot scheme to demonstrate the process and effectiveness rather than a full-scale plant. If successful an alternative location would be identified for a larger plant, while the small-scale plant would remain at United Downs. Other queries were discussed, including the potential benefits for the local community/businesses, jobs and the possibility of a local grant fund.

17/056 NEW COUNCILLOR TO SIGN DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Pascoe signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk, who also signed the declaration as Proper Officer of the Council.

17/057 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING

None.

17/058 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek reported:

- Road improvements will be carried out in United Downs over the coming week.
- Continued problems at Wheal Jewel, including the return of a previously evicted family. A site meeting with Cornwall Housing was held in July which demonstrated further the poor state of the site, in Cllr Kaczmarek's opinion. Conversations with some of the residents had been interesting and shown that many of the residents are also unhappy with the management of the site. Of the 37 children who live on site only 4 attend school, the relevant agencies are aware of this. The forthcoming reopening of a bridleway near Wheal Jewel could cause further problems. He thanked Gwennap Parish Council for the letter it sent to Cornwall Housing and Cornwall Council regarding the longstanding problems and lack of action. Cllr Kaczmarek is trying to arrange a site meeting with the CEO of Cornwall Council, and will forward details of this meeting to the Clerk.
- The reopening of the permissive bridleways at United Downs has been successful and are being well used during the permitted times.
- The planning application appeal by Penventon Nursery has been successful and permission has been granted for the erection of 10 rural workshop units and associated infrastructure to secure the units.
- He attended a joint meeting with representatives from Kea, Chacewater, Carharrack, and Gwennap Parish Councils, as well as representatives from Cornwall Council and the Police department regarding the common problem of illegal use of footpaths by scramble bikes and 4-wheel drive vehicles.
- He encouraged those present to support the charity auction at the Cornish Arms at Frogpool on 2nd September, for which he has been invited to be the auctioneer.
- He gave his apologies for August's meeting which he will be unable to attend.

17/059 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of June's Parish Council meeting were approved and signed as an accurate record.

17/060 MATTERS ARISING

- 17/040 The Chairman and Clerk have sent a letter to senior officials at Cornwall Housing and Cornwall Council regarding the longstanding problems and lack of action at the Wheal Jewel site. An unsatisfactory reply had been received from Cornwall Housing.
- 16/184.3 Installation of broadband at the Parish rooms has been completed and the Clerk provided the Councillors with the Wi-Fi code.
- 17/035.2 Cormac have repositioned the Frogpool village sign at Trelawney Estate so it is no longer obscured by parked vehicles.
- 17/049.2 The Council discussed parking problems outside LTC at United Downs. It was AGREED that Cllr Lanyon will draft a letter to Cornwall Council enforcement department regarding this matter, although the Clerk advised the Council that planning application PA17/05506, for discussion later, may resolve the problem anyway.
- 17/050.1 The Clerk is awaiting a quote from Cormac for block work around an exposed shaft at Wheal Maid. The Clerk was advised that the Suez Trust is still active so may be a source of funding for this project. She will make enquiries.
- 17/051.2 The Clerk has not yet purchased signs warning against leaving dog waste along Bissoe cycle trail.
- 17/052.1 The site at Greensplatt is not suitable for ploughing and an alternative suggestion to cut then spray the area before seeding was objected by the Council. It was AGREED to instruct Mr Chegwiddden to cut the area but NOT spray it. At the appropriate time, the Council will then level the area out with topsoil and wild flower seeds.
- 053.1 Cllr Furnish has purchased the loft ladder and other sundries for the works in the Parish Rooms store room. The Clerk offered to help Cllr Furnish if required.

17/061 PLANNING

- PA17/04953 Bay Tree Barn, Cusgarne, Amendments to PA13/07776 – footprint extended, erect shed, add canopy and omit approved first floor extension. *SUPPORT.*
- PA17/05506 LTC, Unit 1 United Downs Ind Est, New site access road onto United Road. *SUPPORT but propose that parking be made available on site to eliminate parking problems on the road. Also propose that the trees be replanted along new boundary line, to maximise the visibility splay.*
- PA17/04629 Land south of Grey Stones, Cusgarne, Outline planning permission: formation for a detached dwelling. *SUPPORT.*
- PA17/05102 Cusgarne CP School, Rear extension to existing school building to provide hygiene room. *OBJECT on the grounds of unsuitable designs that are not fit for purpose.*
- PA17/00016/NDP Feock, Feock Parish Council, Plan proposal for the designated Feock Parish Neighbourhood Area. *SUPPORT.*
- PA17/05814 Brodowell, United Road, Carharrack, siting of a mobile home for residential use for security purposes. *SUPPORT but ask that a renewable time limit be included in the conditions.*
- PA17/06731 Pine Trees, Trewelm Lane, Crofthandy, Monterey Pines T1 and T2 fell due to damage to property & danger to residents. *DELEGATE TO CC TREE WARDEN*
- PA17/01660/PREAPP Bissoe Cottage, Bissoe Hill, TR4 8SX, Erection of a single dwelling in garden of cottage. *SUPPORT.*

Decision Notices received from Cornwall Council:

- PA17/04375 Britannia Farm, Sunny Corner, Prior notification for a proposed traditional barn. *PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED*
- PA17/04977 United Mines Landfill Site, Variation of Cond 1 and 5 attached to PA16/10352. *APPROVED*
- PA17/04649 Cusgarne Manor, Listed building consent for insertion of doorway linking two existing extensions. *APPROVED*
- PA17/04176, Land adj Ruby's Retreat, Trehaddle, Reserved matters for construction of dwelling inc associated works. *APPROVED*
- PA17/03483, Mount Wellington Mine, Construction of a single storey plant, equipment repair unit & wash down bay. *APPROVED*
- PA17/00138, Cusgarne House, Cusgarne, Listed building consent for roof and guttering works. *APPROVED*

The Clerk advised that she had contacted the enforcement department regarding a suspected breach of planning regulations re a new entrance created at Chelean Farm, Frogpool. She will report back to the Council once the investigation has been completed.

The Clerk also advised that she and the Chairman had contacted Cornwall Council regarding the unacceptable transport routes that had been approved for the Geothermal project at United Downs. The Clerk has received a response confirming that the Highways Development Officer agrees and will look to get this addressed. The Clerk will monitor this.

17/062 CORRESPONDENCE

- 062.1 Various emails between Gwennap Parish Council, the owner of the land at Bal Maiden, Pulla Bridge and Phil Eaton the CC Gypsy & Traveller Liaison Officer, re section 215 notice. A deadline of end of August has been agreed for suitable action to be made.
- 062.2 Emails from a local resident regarding foul smells coming from the abattoir. The Clerk has spoken to the owner of the abattoir who is looking into it and the Clerk will continue to monitor it.
- 062.3 The litter clearing report for July was noted and a request for new boots and a litter picking tool was APPROVED.
- 062.4 An email was received from Cornwall Council re surveillance camera operation at Wheal Clifford.
- 062.5 The Clerk read a letter received from Cornwall Housing in response to a letter sent by the Parish Council regarding anti-social behaviour at Wheal Jewel. The Council agreed that the tone was dismissive.
- 062.6 The Wheal Maid Inspection Report for July was noted.
- 062.7 2017 Off-Street Consolidation Order consultation notice – the Clerk summarised points of interest.

17/063 REPORTS ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

- 063.1 Cllrs Patton & Hallett attended the How to be a Good Councillor induction training which they had both found to be very useful.
- 063.2 Cllr Furnish and the Clerk attended the Community Land Trust Annual Review which was informative.
- 063.3 Cllr Furnish and the Clerk attended a joint meeting with representatives from Kea, Chacewater and Carharrack Parish Councils, as well as representatives from Cornwall Council and the Police department and Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek regarding the common problem of illegal use of footpaths by scramble bikes and 4-wheel drive vehicles. Cornwall Council were asked to delegate powers to Parish Councils for them to take effective action. The Police have offered to assist educational community projects to raise awareness about the rules and regulations of footpath use. A follow up meeting will be held in August/September.
- 063.4 Cllr Furnish and the Clerk attended a recent MVRG meeting. Speakers included Mr Ledingham of Geothermal Engineering and Mr Edmundson of Cornwall Council's Strategic Development Management Team (who spoke about the pre-application protocol). The MVRG group noted Gwennap Parish Council's interest in pursuing talks about a possible Shared Lengthsman Scheme.

17/064 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP) UPDATE

- 064.1 Cllr Furnish gave an update on developments on the NDP. The Design Group have met and formulated an action plan; progress on the Local Landscape Character Assessment is ongoing albeit slow; the Big Survey should be published over the coming weeks.
- 064.2 A Steering Group meeting will be confirmed for 27th July at 7pm.

17/065 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

- 065.1 It was AGREED that the Community Land Trust should be invited to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss possible opportunities, in connection with the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

17/066 BISSOE VALLEY SAFETY

- 066.1 Cllr Furnish advised that he had recently assisted in the recovery of another dead dog trapped in the eroding stream in the Bissoe valley. It was AGREED that the Chairman will write to local Parish Councils and propose writing to Cornwall Council to insist that something be done to prevent further, and possibly worse, accidents happening.

17/067 SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE

- 067.1 It was AGREED to defer this discussion to August's meeting. All Councillors were asked to think about possible ideas for S137 expenditure.

17/068 ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICIES

The Chairman has reviewed the Code of Conduct, Financial Regulations, Standing Orders and Risk Assessment policies and highlighted various proposed revisions. The Chairman proposed that the Council adopt the revised Policies; the Council AGREED and RESOLVED to adopt the Policies dated July 2017.

17/069 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY/HIGHWAYS/ENVIRONMENT

- 069.1 The Clerk is in discussions with the footpaths contractor regarding possible additional work on the public rights of way in the parish; she will report back to the Council with an update in due course.
- 069.2 A request has been received for the installation of lighting at Frogpool Chapel. It was agreed that a bat survey may be required. The Chairman and Clerk will investigate.
- 069.3 The Clerk was advised of Japanese Knotweed on the footpath at Hicks Mill, she will report it to Cornwall Council.

17/070 PARISH ROOMS AND PLAYING FIELD

070.1 The Council discussed the idea of extending the Parish Rooms to incorporate additional space/an additional room. Opinions were mixed and it was agreed that the Council must first assess the demand. The Clerk will publish a piece in the Autumn newsletter asking for public opinion on this matter, and the item will be tabled for discussion again.

17/071 FINANCE

071.1 The Clerk will present the Quarterly Financial Report in August

071.2 Income has been received since the last meeting for: Room hire £194, Car boot £250.35, Adverts £232.50, Burial £185, Miscellaneous £5 (total £866.85)

071.3 No cheques were signed. The following BACS/direct debit payments were authorised.

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| DD | South West Water | Water charges - cemetery | 14.64 |
| DD | South West Water | Water charges - parish rooms | 32.25 |
| DD | EDF Energy | Electricity usage - parish rooms | 61.15 |
| DD | BT | Installation of phone line & broadband+ line rental etc | 267.72 |
| BACS | A Gazzard | Playing field duties July 2017 | 194.35 |
| BACS | Greens (Cornwall) Ltd | Footpath trimming contract June & July | 870.00 |
| BACS | M P Chegwidden | Contract cutting July 2017 | 1,186.80 |
| BACS | Day-Light Group | Donation for community project | 100.00 |
| BACS | Cornwall Council | Printing - newsletter summer 2017 | 399.64 |
| BACS | Cornwall Council | Printing - community fete posters | 4.99 |
| BACS | Cornwall Council | Printing - community fete posters A3 | 3.83 |
| BACS | Cornwall Council | Printing - community fete flyers | 13.42 |
| BACS | R Cook | Litter clearing July 2017 | 207.03 |
| BACS | Cornwall ALC Ltd | Training - Being a Better Councillor x2 | 156.00 |
| BACS | Naturally Green | Emergency tree work - cemetery | 96.00 |
| BACS | Bernard Kemp & Son | Bitmac work to seating area - cemetery | 1,800.00 |
| BACS | Cornwall ALC Ltd | Finance training (Clerk) | 30.00 |
| BACS | Martin Luck Group | Office supplies | 92.11 |
| BACS | Mrs F Barnard | Salary & expenses July 2017 | 834.50 |
| <i>Total BACS/DD payments authorised</i> | | | £6,364.43 |

17/072 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

17/072.1 Cllr Lanyon reported concerns about fire risks at a commercial unit's store at United Downs. The Clerk will report this to Cornwall Council.

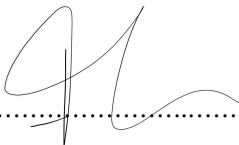
17/073 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

073.1 Wheal Jewel

073.2 S137 ideas (all)

073.3 Financial Report (Clerk)

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

Signed.......... Chairman (17th August 2017)