

# Gwennap Parish Council

## MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Furnish (Chair), Cllr Leach (Vice Chair), Cllr Forrest, Cllr Pascoe  
Apologies: Cllr Lanyon, Cllr Patton, Cllr Hallett, Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek  
Also present: Clerk; Ms Sherriff & Mr G Knight, Mr C Penna

### PUBLIC CLINIC

- Ms Sherriff gave a short presentation on proposed development plans at Cusgarne Manor, including renovation of existing barns and outbuildings into holiday let units, and a new stable block to provide livery services. These plans are at present draft and have not yet been submitted to Cornwall Council. Ms Sherriff invited and answered questions. It was agreed that the Clerk will arrange a site visit when the plans have been submitted.
- Mr Penna spoke about his application PA17/07219 for conversion of a barn complex. Mr Penna explained their reasons for the development, their intentions and also their design principles. Mr Penna invited and answered questions from the Council. Mr Penna agreed to a site visit week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> August.

### 17/074 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING

None.

### 17/075 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek's absence, the Clerk provided the following update on his behalf:

- A meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> August at Wheal Jewel with Cornwall Housing and the CEO of Cornwall Council had been very positive and an action plan was agreed that should improve management of the site and the living conditions for its neighbours.
- He has been contacted by a research group at the University of Exeter regarding the removal of contaminants caused from leaching from mines, in connection with Wheal Maid and Wheal Jane. He has agreed to discuss this with them.
- He will be the auctioneer at the Harvest Charity Auction at the Cornish Arms on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The Clerk encouraged all present to put the date in their diaries and support the event, in aid of the Mount Edgcumbe Hospice.

### 17/076 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

### 17/077 MATTERS ARISING

- 17/Public The Clerk has not yet emailed the Speedwatch volunteer list to PCSO Fuller, but will do shortly.
- 17/058 Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek attended a Wheal Jewel site meeting with Kate Kennally (Chief Executive, Cornwall Council) and Peter Jarman (Director of Landlord Services, Cornwall Housing) on 4<sup>th</sup> August. It was a positive meeting and Peter Jarman has contacted the Clerk to arrange attending a Parish Council meeting to discuss matters.
- 17/052.1 Mr Chegwiddden has been asked to cut the area of grass at Greensplatt, but instructed not to spray it. The Clerk will ask Mr Chegwiddden to level the area out with topsoil and wild flower seed.
- 17/Planning The enforcement department have completed their investigation into the new entrance at Chelean Farm at Frogpool and are satisfied that it is permitted development, providing works are completed as agreed.
- 17/062.2 No further complaints about foul smells coming from the abattoir have been received.
- 17/063.3 A follow up meeting regarding the illegal use of footpaths by motorbikes and 4x4 vehicles is planned for 21<sup>st</sup> August.
- 17/064.2 The Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> July was cancelled.
- 17/066.1 The Chairman and Clerk have contacted Kea, Chacewater, Perranarworthal and Feock Parish Councils regarding safety around Carnon River, through the Bissoe valley, and will report back with their responses in due course.
- 17/069.3 The Clerk has reported the Japanese Knotweed at Hicks Mill to Cornwall Council.
- 17/072.1 The Clerk has reported concerns about fire risks at a commercial store at United Downs to Cornwall Council.

### 17/078 PLANNING

PA17/07219 South Tresamble Farm, Tresamble, Conversion of barn complex to provide 4 dwellings. *Decision deferred until site meeting carried out and September meeting of the Parish Council to allow public consultation period.*

PA17/06686 The Firs, Trehaddle, Proposed demolition of existing workshop and erection of replacement garage/store  
SUPPORT

Decision Notices received from Cornwall Council:

PA17/04953 Bay Tree Barn, Cusgarne, Amendments to PA13/07776 – footprint extended, erect shed, add canopy and omit approved first floor extension. *APPROVED*.

PA17/04671 Land west of The Mill, Trehaddle, Demolition of two garages & erection of dwelling & amenities *APPROVED*

**17/079 CORRESPONDENCE**

079.1 The litter clearing report for August was noted.

079.2 The Wheal Maid inspection report for August was noted. Water levels are very low and the culvert grills clear.

079.3 An email from a representative of the Wheal Maid biking community was read to the Council and noted.

079.4 The Council discussed an email (previously circulated to Cllrs) from the Strategic Policy Team, attaching housing statement guidance re Neighbourhood Development Plans. It was noted that the Cornwall Local Plan's Target for Gwennap Parish (32 houses over 12 years) is below our current rate of housing development.

079.5 Retrospective BACS Payment Advice from Cornwall Council for payment of Precept & CTS Grant April 2017 was noted.

**17/080 REPORTS ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED**

080.1 Cllr Furnish attended the Wheal Jewel site meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> August. Despite a defensive start, the meeting had gone well and a positive action plan had been agreed, including a site investment appraisal by end Nov 2017, the installation of CCTV by Dec 2017 and the creation of a telephone number for local residents to call to report problems. It was also agreed that Gwennap Parish Council will be included on the lease renewal panel in future.

**17/081 WHEAL JEWEL**

081.1 This item was deferred to the September meeting, when it is hoped that Peter Jarman, Director of Landlord Services at Cornwall Housing will attend to discuss the ongoing problems and proposed action plan at Wheal Jewel.

**17/082 FROGPOOL CEMETERY**

082.1 The Parish Council discussed the proposal to install a tap at the top of the cemetery. The Clerk will obtain a quote for the necessary works.

**17/083 SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE**

083.1 The Council discussed the nature and purpose of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) funding. The Clerk advised that the Section 137 expenditure limit for 2017-18 is £7.57 per registered elector and that the current number of registered electors is 1,243. Several suggestions were discussed including virtual footpaths, youth club facilities/resources, and the Greensplatt 'triangle'. Cllr Forrest proposed allocating £5,000 to investigate possibilities for developing the empty void under Cusgarne CP School to create a dual-purpose community space. This was seconded by Cllr Pascoe and *APPROVED* by the Council. The Clerk will arrange a meeting with the school.

**17/084 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

084.1 The 'Big Survey' has been launched and circulated to approximately 300 people, as well as being posted online. It has been completed by approximately 54 people to date. The Clerk will put a piece about it in the next newsletter.

084.1 The Local Landscape Character Assessment group have been issued with a map of their allocated area for assessment.

084.1 The next NDP Steering Group meeting is planned for 24/08/17, with a LLCA meeting on 07/09/17.

**17/085 GEOTHERMAL PROJECT, UNITED DOWNS**

085.1 The Community Liaison Group is due to start meeting mid-September. Geothermal Engineering Ltd (GEL) have sought advice from the SUEZ/SITA Community Liaison Officer on best practices.

085.2 Cllr Furnish and the Clerk have a meeting with Mr P Ledingham of GEL on 6<sup>th</sup> September.

**17/086 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY/HIGHWAYS/ENVIRONMENT**

086.1 The Council discussed an estimate for making patch repairs to the damaged roof and facias on the bus shelter at Pulla Cross. It was *AGREED* that Cllr Leach will carry out a site inspection and report back to the Council.

086.2 The Clerk advised that a complaint had been received about a shooting hide near Gwennap village. The local Police officer has confirmed that since the shooting is taking place on private land it is permitted activity. The Clerk agreed to forward the correspondence to Environmental Health for their consideration.

**17/087 PARISH ROOMS AND PLAYING FIELD**

087.1 The Council has obtained some donated kitchen wall units. The Council *AGREED* to fit two of these cupboards to provide additional storage space for the groups that regularly use the parish rooms.

087.2 The Council *APPROVED* the purchase of tea and coffee facilities for the Parish Council's use. Cllr Leach will action.

087.3 The Council discussed possibilities for making the Parish Rooms more energy efficient and environmentally friendly. Cllr Pascoe *AGREED* to conduct an energy survey of Parish assets & the Clerk will report its' current electricity spend & usage.

**17/088 FINANCE**

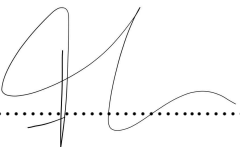
- 088.1 The Certified Annual Return for Gwennap Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2017 was noted. The Clerk advised that new external auditors would be appointed from 2017/18.
- 088.2 The Clerk presented the Quarterly Financial Report for Q1 of 2017-18 (previously circulated to all Councillors). The Council discussed the report and items that might benefit some extra expenditure, such as maintenance of PROW.
- 088.3 Income has been received since the last meeting for: Room hire £146, Car boot £156.80, Burial £465, Miscellaneous £5.50 (total £773.30)
- 088.4 No cheques were signed. The following BACS/direct debit payments were authorised.

|          |                           |                                                                  |                         |
|----------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| BACS     | M P Chegwidden            | Contract cutting August 2017                                     | 817.20                  |
|          |                           | Litter clearing August + replacement boots & litter picking tool | 225.21                  |
| BACS     | R Cook                    |                                                                  |                         |
| BACS     | Greens (Cornwall) Ltd     | Footpath trimming contract August                                | 600.00                  |
| BACS     | A Gazzard                 | Playing field duties Aug 2017                                    | 139.43                  |
| BACS     | Mrs F Barnard             | Salary & expenses Aug 2017                                       | 762.79                  |
|          | Current a/c to petty cash |                                                                  |                         |
| TRANSFER | a/c                       | Petty cash                                                       | 100.00                  |
|          |                           | <i>Total BACS/DD payments authorised</i>                         | <u><u>£2,644.63</u></u> |

**17/089 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

- 089.1 Wheal Jewel
- 089.2 Public Rights of Way maintenance
- 089.3 Shared Lengthsman Concept

*The meeting closed at 9.40pm*

Signed.......... Chairman (21<sup>st</sup> September 2017)