

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON
21ST FEBRUARY 2019 at 7.00pm



Present: Cllr Leach (Vice Chair), Cllr Patton, Cllr Forrest, Cllr Hallett, Cllr Pascoe
Apologies: Cllr Furnish, Cllr Lanyon
Also present: Clerk; Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek; Mr Haydney (Poppins Respite Centre) + 2; Mr Smith (Gwennap Residents Association); Mr & Mrs Burton; Ms Harris + 1; Mr Davies; Mr Henderson; Ms Harrod (Gwennap Riding Club)

PUBLIC CLINIC

- Mr Davies voiced concerns about PA19/00497 and the impact an access track could have on the parcel of land which already suffers with regular occurrences of flooding. He requests that the Parish Council consider that if a full application is submitted.
- Mr Haydney (Manager of Poppins Respite Centre) spoke about their recently approved application PA18/10672 to extend the centre to create an independent access annexe and additional parking on site, and how they intend to reduce disruption to local residents. Mr Haydney confirmed that work cannot commence until the centre has been connected to mains drains – planning for this work is underway. Cllr Leach suggested the centre provides a point of contact that local residents can contact in the event that driveways are blocked, or works are causing undue disruption.
- Mr Smith (Chair of Gwennap Residents Association) circulated a copy of an email he had sent to Mr Haydney, and photos, to the Councillors, showing multiple incidents of contractor's vehicles obstructing neighbour's access to their properties and/or parked on private land. Mr Haydney apologised for this and assured Mr Smith that he will contact Cornwall Council's Property Services Team who are responsible for contractors, to ensure that that does not happen in the future. Mr Smith has already contacted the contractors direct but the problem persists on a daily basis. Mr Smith requests that visitors to Poppins be able to park on site at the centre, or elsewhere, but not on the narrow access lane.
- Mr Henderson spoke briefly about a development of 8 dormer-style open market bungalows for over 55s on land he owns. He would welcome comments from the Parish Council, prior to him submitting a pre-application advice application. The Clerk advised Mr Henderson that the parcel of land concerned is outside the development boundary. Mr Henderson to provide plans to the Clerk to circulate to the Council.
- Ms Harris asked the Council about plans for a large affordable housing development behind Carn View. Cllr Leach advised that no land has been designated, but that there is a proven need for affordable housing in the parish and that the Gwennap Parish Housing Working Group are working with Cornwall Community Land Trust to try to source some land in the parish for a small scale development of truly affordable housing. Any possible developments would be required to go through the normal process of public consultation. Mr Burton commented that the area does not have sufficient services, transport or school spaces to support additional housing stock.
- Ms Harrod (Gwennap Riding Club) attended to answer any questions concerning their grant application.

18/184 APOLOGIES Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Furnish and Lanyon.

18/185 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING No interests were declared for this meeting.

18/186 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR KACZMAREK'S REPORT

- 186.1 Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek had supported Poppins' planning application and he noted that he's received no complaints about Poppins visitors' parking inconsiderately, instead he receives complaints about problems relating to parking when there are special events at Gwennap Church, such as weddings or funerals.
- 186.2 He has received very few complaints over recent months about Wheal Jewel. There was an incident of a fire recently, when a caravan set alight accidentally. No one was injured in the incident.
- 186.3 Cormac are to re-instate a roll top that was removed in the recent resurfacing works on the United Downs to Mount Wellington road. The original roll top was removed, causing flooding down a private access lane.
- 186.4 Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek discussed the increase to the Police precept (+12.75%) and Council Tax (+3.9%) due to continued cuts to government funding each year. The Parish Council discussed rates, second homes and empty units. Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek said he should be able to provide data on how many empty units are in Gwennap parish. He said there is a distinct lack of affordable housing in Gwennap parish compared to other neighbouring parishes.
- 186.5 He will be quiz master at the St Piran's quiz at the Cornish Arms on 6th March.

18/187 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of January's meeting of the Parish Council were approved and signed as an accurate record.

18/188 MATTERS ARISING – REPORT BY THE CLERK

18/142.1 Quotes for work required at Wheal Maid received – see Minute Ref 18/196.3.

18/144.1 Handover of responsibility for the maintenance of Gwennap Churchyard to Cornwall Council – a meeting is scheduled for 5th March.

18/171.3 The Clerk advised that amending parish boundaries is not a simple process and would require extensive public consultation so it may be worth reconsidering the idea or discussing an alternative solution with St Day PC.

18/178.1 Replacement warning signs and information boards are currently being printed.

18/178.5 The Clerk has not yet contacted the tree wardens about carrying out a survey of parish trees.

18/180.1 The top walled bed and six hawthorn trees have been planted at Frogpool Cemetery, but sadly some specimens have already been targeted by rabbits. Mr Chegwiddden will erect some wire netting.

18/181.4 The Clerk has succeeded in getting the quote for acoustic panels reduced by £328.47. The Council instructed her to place the order.

Cllr Pascoe noted that she had bagged up a quantity of litter from the long layby on Cusgarne Hill, the bag was later collected by the bin men. The Clerk still intends to purchase a litter bin for that layby.

18/189 PLANNING

a) To receive and comment on planning applications:

PA19/00081 Cusgarne House, Cusgarne Listed Building Consent for a chimney to be rebuilt & new lead flashing. SUPPORT but refer to Listed Building Officer

PA19/00489 Cusgarne House, Cusgarne Chimney to be rebuilt & installation of new lead flashing. SUPPORT.

PA19/00164 Burncoose Nurseries, Burncoose, Gwennap Erection of glazed extension to the existing nursery buildings. SUPPORT - local business trying to be sustainable, sympathetic design, but note comments made by Historic Environment Planning. (votes cast: 2 objected, 3 supported)

For info only (i.e. not for consultation):

PA19/00601 Tremont, Cusgarne Request for Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards exemption evidence

PA18/03338/PREAPP Sun Villa, Sunny Corner, Cusgarne Request for pre-app advice for a single detached dwelling

b) To receive and comment on planning applications received too late to be included on agenda N/A

c) To note planning decisions

PA18/11668 5 Trewelm Lane, Crofthandy Proposed single storey side extension *APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS*

PA18/10916 Land west of Hillside Cottage, Trehaddle Reserved matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout & scale following outline approval PA15/03961 for a two storey building. *APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS*

PA18/09444 Hillside, Trehaddle Change of orientation East to West to barn re approval PA16/00766.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

PA18/08813 Penventon Mill, Gwennap Widening access, creation of additional parking & associated works.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

PA18/10672 Poppins Respite Centre, Church Lane, Gwennap Single storey extension to form additional living accommodation. *APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS*

PA18/05755 Cascadden Barn, Trewithen, Stithians; Proposed change of use of land for the stationing of static caravan for equine use. *APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS*

PA18/02928/PREAPP Rosswyn, Frogpool, TR4 8RS, Pre-application advice for proposed dwelling. *Advice given, proposal not supported by policy.*

PA19/00497 Land east of Hillside, Cusgarne Prior notification for proposed road (unsealed track crossing the farmland) *Prior approval required*

PA18/10440 Land adj to The Cottage, Trewelm Lane, Crofthandy Reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout & scale) for outline approval PA17/00751 for self-build dwelling & associated works. *APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS*

d) Update on any ongoing planning enforcements

EN18/01533 Wood Yard, Poldory, St Day Alleged siting of 1-2 caravans for residential use. *Ongoing.*

EN17/01005 Land north of Lower Tolgullow Vean Farm, Poldice Land being used as a landfill site. *Ongoing.*

EN18/01056 Land Adj To White Cottage Wheal Clifford Alleged siting of caravans for residential use and groundworks. *Ongoing.*

EN18/01376 Chenhale Farm, Carharrack Alleged large quantities of material being deposited for construction of an outdoor sand school for equestrian use. *Ongoing.*

EN18/02150 Land south of Unity House, Little Beside Alleged tipping of soil and rubble in field and causing surface water drainage issue. *Ongoing.*

e) To note planning appeals or inquiries None

f) To report any planning problems or possible breaches None

18/190 CORRESPONDENCE

- 190.1 An email on 28/01/19 from local resident following on from FOI request was noted. A meeting is to be arranged.
- 190.2 A permission request for annual orienteering event in Wheal Maid & Poldice valleys was approved.
- 190.3 Confirmation of direct debit instruction from the Information Commissioner's Office & Certificate of Data Protection was noted.
- 190.4 Details of the Conference for Climate Change and Neighbourhood Planning, 9th March. Cllrs Hallett & Pascoe to attend. Councillors RESOLVED to generate a Sustainability Policy for Gwennap Parish Council. Cllr Patton volunteered to draft the policy after Cllrs Hallett and Pascoe have attended the conference.
- 190.5 Advance notice of the Polling District & Polling Places Review, beginning 4th March, was noted. No action necessary.
- 190.6 An invitation for Cllr Furnish to attend a meeting with Sarah Newton MP and Housing Minister responsible for Neighbourhood Planning, 8th March was noted. Cllr Furnish to attend.
- 190.7 A letter from HSBC re Business Telephone Banking form was noted – Clerk actioning.
- 190.8 Details from Images By Hand re parish maps was discussed. It was agreed the Parish Council could produce its own map if required.
- 190.9 A permission request from SRK Consulting to take a sample from Wheal Maid was discussed and approved, providing SRK provide the study results to the Parish Council and keep disturbance to the area to a minimum.
- 190.10 An update report from Autospeed ref United Downs Raceway was noted. The Clerk will contact Cornwall Council to enquire as to the status of the tender, since she nor Autospeed have received any information.
- 190.11 A copy of an email sent by Mr Smith (Gwennap Residents Association) to Mr Haydney (Poppins Respite Centre) regarding complaints about parking by visiting contractors was noted.

18/191 REPORTS ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

- 191.1 Cllr Pascoe attended a meeting at Falmouth Town Council regarding their support of Cornwall Council's pledge to be carbon neutral by 2030. Councillors discussed this at length, agreeing that it supports becoming more sustainable and to have a better carbon footprint, but that its targets must be realistic and achievable. This links with the Sustainability Policy discussed at Minute Ref. 18/190.4. The Council RESOLVED to form a Sustainability Working Group (Cllrs Leach, Patton, Hallett & Pascoe) to form a policy and subsequent implementation plan.
- 191.2 Cllrs Forrest, Furnish and the Clerk attended a Housing Working Group meeting with Cornwall Community Land Trust. The meeting was positive and Cornwall CLT are making enquiries.
- 191.3 Cllrs Leach, Furnish & the Clerk attended a meeting with the volunteer drivers of Feock Parish Council's Community Transport Scheme. It was a positive meeting and it seems likely that a similar scheme in Gwennap parish could link up with Feock's scheme. The first step is to appeal for voluntary drivers who can undertake short training and DBS check. It will also be necessary to recruit a voluntary administrator.
- 191.4 The Clerk attended a meeting with Cllr Furnish and Mr Drake (Area Highways Manager) to discuss various highways matters raised by the NDP Delivery Strategy Plan. Mr Drake was supportive of some of the ideas discussed, Cllr Furnish & the Clerk to collate further information to forward to Mr Drake.
- 191.5 The Clerk attended a Planning Committee meeting on 11th February to speak against PA18/10672 on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 191.6 The Clerk provided a parish tour of the fly tipping and anti social hotspots in the area to some senior representatives of Cornwall Council. The meeting was useful in highlighting the scale of the problem to the CC reps. who are hopeful that they will be able to help the Parish Council tackle at least some of the problems.
- 191.7 Cllrs Patton, Hallett & the Clerk attended the annual meeting of the Gwennap Parish Playing Field Association. The football club urgently need to replace their storage container. Since the Parish Council are not close to building a garage store at the rear of the parish rooms, the football club may have to purchase a new container in the interim. The Clerk proposed that the Parish Council could purchase the container from the football club once the garage store is built, for additional storage on site. Cllrs present supported the idea but it was agreed to defer making a formal decision on this until March's meeting. It was agreed that the Parish Council will pay for the car-boot advert in the West Briton (approximate cost of £30).

18/192 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

- 192.1 The Clerk reported that Cllr Furnish was making final amendments to the Consultation Statement prior to submitting the NDP to Cornwall Council.

18/193 UNITED DOWNS DEEP GEOTHERMAL ENERGY PROJECT UPDATE

- 193.1 The Clerk read a progress update dated 19th February reporting that Geothermal Engineering Ltd (GEL) have drilled the first well to 3,040m, surpassing the 2,660m well of the Hot Rocks project in the 1980's. They anticipate starting to drill the second well in April. The microseismic monitoring system is working well, and their education programme reached more than 2000 local students during 2018. Public drop-in sessions continue to be very well attended, with more planned for March and April.

- 193.2 Cllr Pascoe discussed the possibility of using the hot water from the UDDG site to heat glass flower-growing houses on the old landfill site at United Downs.

18/194 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST HOUSING WORKING GROUP

- 194.1 Cornwall Community Land Trust continue to make enquires about suitable land for an affordable housing scheme in the parish. Cornwall CLT submitted a confidential pre-app about a possible scheme at the end of January, they await Cornwall Council's response and comments.

18/195 GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- 195.1 The Council REFUSED a grant application received from Gwennap Riding Club for £500 for replacement jumps. The club is located outside of the parish and Councillors felt that it does not directly benefit residents of the parish sufficiently well to support the grant application. It was also felt that members of the club could cover the cost of the jumps for a nominal cost per member.

18/196 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (PROW) / OPEN SPACES / ENVIRONMENT

- 196.1 The monthly Wheal Maid Inspection report was noted. Two 'Tailings history' and eight warning signs have been ordered and will be installed as soon as possible. In the meantime, some temporary signs have been erected around the site.
- 196.2 Campaign to Protect Rural England – Cllr Hallett reported that a key topic this month was the Social Housing Crisis across the country and the reported figure that it would take 130 years to house those people currently on the Rural Housing List with the current stock of social housing.
- 196.3 The Council discussed two quotes received for securing a shaft at Wheal Maid. The Council approved a quote from Mr Ely dated 27/01/19 for £2,750, with discretion for possible additional increased costs if sourcing local stone is more labour and time consuming than anticipated.
- 196.4 Mr Chegwidden has been instructed to proceed with the wild flower project at Greensplatt. He will source sub-soil to level over the area and sow mixed wild flower seed.
- 196.5 Cllr Leach asked the Clerk to replace the footpath sign on footpath 307/17/1.

18/197 HIGHWAYS

- 197.1 The Clerk will ask Kea Parish Council for an update on the flooding problem at the bottom of Bissoe Hill.
- 197.2 The Clerk reported that a meeting is being arranged with Lanner and Stithians Parish Councils to discuss the possibility of jointly purchasing some mobile speed activated signs for shared ownership.
- 197.3 The Clerk reported that SLOW markings have now been painted on the Pulla Cross road between the play park and Trelawney Estate.

18/198 GWENNAP CHURCHYARD / FROGPOOL CEMETERY

- 198.1 Cllr Leach asked for approval to plant a further 13 hawthorn trees in the top section of Frogpool Cemetery. This was APPROVED by the Council.
- 198.2 A local resident has complained to the Clerk about dog faeces in the Cemetery. The Council believe that current signage is adequate and is not aware of repeated occurrences of dogs entering the Cemetery. The Clerk will monitor, and the Council will review in the future if the Clerk receives continued complaints.
- 198.3 A site meeting at Gwennap Churchyard is planned for 1st or 5th March. Clerk to confirm.

18/199 PARISH ROOMS AND PLAYING FIELD

- 199.1 Play Park Project – Work is commencing on 26th February, with volunteers and Mr Chegwidden attending on 26th to move the old equipment and matting. It is hoped that the project will be completed in time for the school Easter holidays. The Council discussed details for a 'grand opening' event during the morning of Sunday 7th April, to coincide with the first car boot sale of the season. Clerk to look into plans and ideas and report back to the Parish Council at March's meeting. The event will only be publicised once the Council has a firmer idea of the completion date of the work.
- 199.2 The monthly playpark inspection for January and February were noted. No inspection will be carried out in March because of the installation of the new equipment.
- 199.3 The Clerk read a quarterly report from Young People Cornwall (Oct-Dec 2018) on the youth group. The Clerk reported that attendance numbers have dropped a little during winter and following a change of staffing.
- 199.4 The Parish Council discussed new quotes received from Mr Chegwidden and Cornwall Wood Treatment for a replacement fence across the playing field, using hardwood posts. Cllrs APPROVED Mr Chegwidden's price but asked for him to provide a full written quote for the Council's records.
- 199.5 Cllr Leach and the Clerk to arrange a meeting ref starting up a Make & Mend group.

18/200 FINANCE

- 200.1 The Quarterly Internal Audit Report Sep-Dec 2018 (Q3) was noted.
- 200.2 Income received since the last meeting: Room hire £187, Burials £240, LMP 2018/19 £2,877.67 (total £3,304.67)
- 200.3 February's petty cash spend of £152.20 was noted. Transfer of £150 to the petty cash account was approved.


200.4 The following payments were authorised:

01/02/19	BACS	Travellers Space	Grant Ref 18/GPCGRANT 001	£454.99
14/02/19	BACS	Cusgarne School	Grant Ref 18/GPCGRANT 002	£1,000.00
21/02/2019	CHEQUE	Cornwall Council	Lotteries Licence annual renewal	£20.00
21/02/2019	BACS	M P Chegwidden	Contract cutting February 2019	£1,440.00
21/02/2019	BACS	JJ Smith & Co Joinery	Noticeboard, parish rooms car park	£307.20
21/02/2019	BACS	Tony Stevens	Noticeboards x2, Gwennap	£52.04
21/02/2019	BACS	Cormac Solutions Ltd	Grounds Maintenance Jan-Mar	£188.40
21/02/2019	BACS	F J Kemp & Sons	Electrical works (lights & faulty switch)	£72.00
21/02/2019	BACS	Greens Grounds & Trees	Monthly Play Inspection January	£72.00
21/02/2019	BACS	Greens Grounds & Trees	Play Inspection Feb & cut 307/32/1	£162.00
21/02/2019	BACS	Cornwall Trophies	Brass plaques, engraved x 2	£70.00
21/02/2019	BACS	Viking	Ink cartridge x 1	£24.59
21/02/2019	BACS	A Gazzard	Playing field duties February	£177.45
21/02/2019	BACS	Mrs F Barnard	Salary & expenses February	£934.13
<i>Total BACS/DD authorised</i>				<u>£4,974.80</u>

18/201 ANY OTHER BUSINESS / MATTERS TO CARRY FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING

201.1 Football Club storage

The meeting closed at 10.15pm

Signed.......... Chairman (21st March 2019)