



# GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of St Gwennap Parish Council held remotely on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors S Patton (Chair), J Hallett, L Hitchens, D Lanyon, Richard Williams

In Attendance: Tomas Hill (Clerk), Cllr M Kaczmarek CC, Richard Williams and 2 members of public

1/20 STANDING ORDERS – to resolve to adopt supplementary Standing Orders to meet the statutory requirements for the holding of remote meetings to last until 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021 or the repeal of legislation whichever is the earlier.

Cllr Hallett proposed, seconded by Cllr Hitchens and the Council **resolved** to adopt supplementary Standing Orders to meet the statutory requirements for the holding of remote meetings to last until 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021 or the repeal of legislation whichever is the earlier.

2/20 APOLOGIES – to receive, note and accept apologies

Cllr Pascoe submitted her apologies after the meeting due to work commitments.

3/20 CO-OPTION– to formally co-opt Richard Williams as a Councillor

Cllr Patten proposed, seconded by Cllr Hallett and the Council **resolved** to co-opt Richard Williams as a Councillor.

The Clerk duly noted a signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Richard Williams joined the meeting as a co-opted Councillor.

4/20 DISPENSATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPI) AND ANY OTHER SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS (OSI) – to receive and note (if any)

None.

5/20 RESIGNATION – to note the resignation of Richard Forrest and resolve a vote of thanks

Councillors conveyed sincere thanks to Richard Forrest for his time as a Councillor noting his amazing commitment.

Cllr Patten proposed, seconded by Cllr Hallett and the Council **resolved** to formally record a vote of thanks to Richard Forrest.

6/20 OUTGOING CLERK – to resolve a vote of thanks to Fiona Barnard as the outgoing Clerk

Councillors conveyed their thanks and best wishes to Fiona Barnard for her work as Clerk over the last four years.

Cllr Lanyon proposed, seconded by Cllr Hallett and the Council **resolved** a massive thanks for her hard work and dedication noting that she was a credit to the Council.



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7/20 OPEN FORUM: for members of the Parish to make representations to the Council

A member of public expressed their best wishes to the Council and another member of public confirmed that he was just listening into the meeting.

8/20 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR: to receive Cornwall Councillor report (if available)

Cllr Kaczmarek submitted the following report:

*"I have been supporting morally and financially the Carharrack and St Day Covid 19 Community Support Group who also cover some of Gwennap parish. They are doing a fantastic job delivering food and essential items like prescriptions they have phoning and talking to those self-isolating. If you need any help then please contact Sarah Hamshaw who is covering Carharrack on 07813637334 or for St Day contact Rachel McEvoy on 01209 822736 or 07790 221275.*

*Cornwall Council have been excellent in the way it has been able to co-ordinate the help and support to communities and businesses across Cornwall. They have also kept all town and parish councils fully updated on what has been happening.*

*Cornwall Council has strongly criticised the government's inability to provide enough PPE to Cornwall's NHS and its many frontline workers especially in our Care and Nursing Homes.*

## **Wheal Jewel**

*There has been a number of very concerning issues on the Wheal Jewel Travellers Site with two very large fires on Easter Sunday. This incident was the seventh call out since January and our emergency services were put under extreme intimidation from some of the travellers on this site.*

*Social distancing has not been adhered to by the travellers and people and businesses in the villages and have been subjected to a number of anti-social events ranging from crimes of violence, break ins and deliberate coughing over people queuing outside of the local shops.*

*Yesterday morning the 40 police officers raided the site to make arrests and to retrieve stolen property. In the afternoon and evening there were two more call outs which were fires on site again more resources had to be used to combat the ongoing problems.*

## **Public Rights of Way**

*One land owner saw the Covid lockdown as an excuse to illegally close off the multi-use Trail from Carharrack to Wheal Maid. The governments advice was that all rights of way should remain open for people to stay local and exercise.*

*By working with the council's rights of way enforcement and the police I was able to get this well used trail reopened.*

## **Vandalism at St Day and Carharrack Community School.**

*The school has recently suffered from a number of anti-social incidents which is very concerning.*



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*The Reception outdoor learning area (partly enclosed and so appealing) is being vandalised, there is evidence of drug use and obscene language scrawled on walls/tables - this is extremely concerning as this is the area used by our youngest children.*

*All the children's resources of paint had been squirted everywhere (in a locked outdoor room). I have been working with the Head Teacher, the police and the parish councils to get better CCTV coverage around the school and more police patrols in the area.*

## **St Day Post Office.**

*Geoff Nankivell the post master at St Day has sadly passed away. Geoff was a friend to many and helpful to all that used his post office. His wife Diane and his family have been inundated with cards and letters supporting them through these difficult times.*

## **Community Chest Funding.**

*I have received my community chest funds for the 2020/2021 year, some of this I have already used by supporting groups and volunteers working with the community who are helping people during the Covid lock down. If you do want to apply for funding then please contact me".*

Cllr Kaczmarek has also been contacted frequently regarding the HWRC closure at United Downs and was pressing for this to re-open. Garden waste and bulky waste is, however, now operating again.

The Chair thanked him for his report which was well received.

9/20 MINUTES OF AN INFORMAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE (Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020) – to confirm accuracy and approve including approval of interim decisions

For clarity, this also includes the confidential appendix.

Cllr Hallett proposed, seconded by Cllr Patton and the Council **resolved** to accept the minutes as a true and accurate account of the meeting and approve the interim decisions contained therein.

10/20 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (not on the agenda & for report only)

None.

11/20 CORRESPONDENCE (not on the agenda & for report only)

The Chair reported that the full Regulation 18 report on the Wheal Maid Tailings facility has been received from SLR, with a number of recommendations made, none of which were identified as safety critical or requiring immediate or urgent attention. The report will be forwarded to Councillors to read through and familiarise themselves with requirements and recommendations.

The Clerk highlighted that the following planning applications had been received after publication of the agenda:



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PA20/03372 Retention and Completion of Farm Access Track, Erection of Polly Tunnels & Soakaway Pond - Court Farm Church Lane Gwennap TR16 6BD (Hannah England – Planning Officer)

PA20/03488 Proposed demolition of existing stable and construction of dwelling with garage and stables - Sues Field, The Lodge Sparry Lane Carharrack TR16 5SJ

PA20/03520 - Use of land for stationing a residential caravan for family member - Coogee Poldory St Day TR16 5HS

The Clerk also highlighted that Liam Skelley has volunteered as a litter picker.

Councillors were minded to hold a meeting in two weeks to discuss the above.

12/20 PLANNING – to consider the following planning application:

PA20/02660 Replacement of redundant farm buildings with new dwelling - Britannia Farm Road From Sunny Corner To Cusgarne Hill Sunny Corner Cusgarne TR4 8SE

The Clerk had circulated an email from the applicants prior to the meeting. The Chair was concerned that the bat survey was now out of date especially as the proposal involves demolition.

Cllr Hallett proposed, seconded by Cllr Lanyon and the Council **resolved** to support in principle subject to appropriate bat surveys and contamination reports and take appropriate and up to date actions arising from the reports prior to demolition works.

13/20 PLANNING – to consider the following planning application:

PA20/02839 Demolition of existing conservatory to be replaced with a single and two storey extension and refurbishment of existing house - Badgers Folly Hicks Mill Bissoe TR4 8RE

The comments of the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site Office were noted which questioned the use of cedar cladding in this location given it is not part of the local vernacular.

Cllr Williams proposed, seconded by Cllr Hallett and the Council **resolved** to support in principle but request that the comments of the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site Office and Gwennap Neighbourhood Plan design guide are taken into account.

14/20 HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – to report issues and note updates

None. It is important to note that members of the public can report issues direct to Cornwall Council via the 'Report it' online system which is very effective.

15/20 FINANCE – to include finance report and payments for approval

The Clerk presented a budget monitoring report with payments due amounting to £7,319.03. This did not include direct debit payments. The Clerk highlighted that due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, there would be an impact upon the budget. The Chair suggested holding a specific finance meeting to discuss the implications further and this could form part of the proposed meeting in two weeks' time.



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Cllr Hallett proposed, seconded by Cllr Patton and the Council **resolved** to approve the payments schedule.

16/20 REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS – to note reports

Cllr Hallett tried to attend the 'Gipsy and Traveller Liaison Group' but was unable to join due to technical issues.

Cllr Patton attended a Microsoft Teams meeting with the Community Link Officer to discuss COVID-19 actions.

17/20 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - matters to be included as an agenda item at the next meeting

No further additional items.

TO CONFIRM INTERIM DECISIONS MADE BETWEEN MEETINGS DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

18/20 PLANNING – to formally approve the interim decision of 'no objection' concerning the following planning application:

PA20/02449 Non material amendment in relation to Decision Notice PA17/06686 - The Firs Trehaddle Cusgarne TR4 8RN

Cllr Patton proposed, seconded by Cllr Hallett and the Council **resolved** 'no objection'.

19/20 PLANNING – to formally approve the interim decision of 'objection' concerning the following planning application:

PA20/02546 Proposed demolition of the existing garage and workshop and the erection of a dwelling house in relation to decision notice PA17/09344 with variation of condition 2 - The Firs Trehaddle Cusgarne TR4 8RN

Cllr Hallett proposed, seconded by Cllr Hitchens and the Council **resolved** to object due to the mis-alignment of the property with neighbouring frontages, that the proposal is contrary to the Gwennap Neighbourhood Development Plan Policy GQD2 as it fails to contribute to the local distinctiveness and sense of place and fails to deliver on the Gwennap Parish Design Guide and the Cornwall Environmental Growth Strategy due to a lack of commitment / information as to how this development is going to deliver biodiversity net gain.

20/20 SPRING NEWSLETTER – to formally approve the interim decision to use Royal Mail to post the Spring Newsletter to all Gwennap households due to the Coronavirus pandemic

An interim decision was made to distribute the Spring Newsletter via Royal Mail. This was to ensure every household received a copy which included important Coronavirus information and did not place any distribution volunteers at risk.

Cllr Hallett proposed, seconded by Cllr Lanyon and the Council **resolved** to formally agree the distributing the Spring Newsletter to every household via Royal Mail.



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21/20 PAYROLL SERVICES – to appoint Jayne Angove of Clark Jenner Angove Accountants Ltd to provide payroll services

An interim decision was made to employ a company to process the Council's payroll as the free HMRC payroll software could not process the statutory pension provision that the Clerk was entitled to receive.

Cllr Patton proposed, seconded by Cllr Hallett and the Council **resolved** to instruct Clark Jenner Angove Accountants Ltd to provide payroll services.

22/20 ROBERT COOK – to donate £50.00 to Alzheimer's Society and provide a 'Certificate of service' in recognition of Robert Cook's 10-year service as a little picker.

An interim informal decision was made to make a donation to the Alzheimer's Society and provide a 'Certificate of service' in recognition of Robert Cook's 10-year service as a little picker in lieu of a previous offer of a small gift.

Cllr Williams proposed, seconded by Cllr Hitchens and the Council **resolved** to donate £50.00 to the Alzheimer's Society and for the Clerk to issue a 'Certificate of service' in due course.

23/20 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC - it is likely that, due to the confidential nature of the following item, the press and public will be excluded from the meeting.

All members of the public had left the meeting and no formal resolution was required.

24/20 CLERK'S CONTRACT – to amend contract to provide 'True Potential' work place pension scheme or NEST at discretion of Clerk.

The Clerk highlighted that 'True Potential' was suggested to him as an alternative work place pension.

Cllr Hallett proposed, seconded by Cllr Lanyon and the Council **resolved** to permit the Clerk discretion to use either pension scheme.

25/20 WHEAL MAID – to discuss commercially sensitive correspondence

An expression of interest has been received to enter into a dialogue to purchase the site. This matter was placed on hold due to the Coronavirus pandemic and pending due consideration of the recent SLR report.

Camborne School of Mine will be undertaking some contamination research which shall be shared with the Council.

The meeting closed at 20:41

Signed as a true record of the meeting.

Chair