



GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th October 2023, 7pm

In attendance: Cllr Richard Williams {Chair} (RW), Cllr Greg Foxwell {Vice Chair} (GF),
Cllr Steve Trelease (ST), Cllr Lynn Begley {LB}, Chris Ring {Parish Clerk} (PC).

Members of the public were in attendance

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Andi Freeman{AF}, Cllr Veryan Pascoe-Edward {VPE}, Cornwall Councillor John Thomas

2. Declarations of interest: Cllr Steve Trelease (ST) re item 4. Cllr Lynn Begley {LB} re Planning application PA23/07592

3. Public Session:

3.1 Mr Ben Wood, planning consultant, and the applicant for Pre-Application PA23/00458 spoke briefly to inform the Council of this pre application.

3.2 The applicant for Planning Application PA23/06890 spoke to give details of this revised application.

3.3 A Planning agent for Planning Application PA23/06523 gave a detailed explanation of this application and answered questions from the Councillors and members of the public.

3.4 Numerous members of the public attended the meeting, and a substantial portion of them took the floor to express their apprehensions pertaining to Planning Application PA23/06523. The concerns raised encompassed a spectrum of issues, most notably: access difficulties, drainage and flooding concerns, the potential for increased traffic, and the perceived excessive size of the proposed development.

4. To hear from prospective candidates for co-option to the Parish Council.

Two candidates were present at the meeting, both expressing a keen interest in being co-opted onto the Parish Council. They provided concise accounts of their motivations for seeking this appointment and also answered questions posed by the Councillors.

5. A report from Cornwall Councillor John Thomas MBE was forwarded to the Parish Clerk, and subsequently, it has been circulated to the Councillors. This report, along with the minutes, will be made available to the public on the parish website.

6. It was PROPOSED by (RW), SECONDED by (GF) and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 30th August 2023 be approved as a correct record. (RW) signed the approved minutes of that meeting.

7. Matters arising from the minutes.

7.1 Banger racing at United Downs. {RW} had sent a letter to the Commercial Estate Manager at Cornwall Council, inquiring about the specifics of the proposed new lease for the banger racing track. Subsequently, the Clerk engaged in a conversation with the Commercial Estate Manager, who confirmed that the lease has not yet been finalised. He expressed his intent to gather more information, which would include consultations with the Parish Council.

7.2 A new seating bench has been successfully installed in the vicinity of the Methodist Church and the Parish Cemetery. It was noted that this bench has been crafted from recycled plastics collected from Cornwall and Devon, underlining the Parish Councils commitment to sustainability.

8. Correspondence:

8.1 A request for a Bus shelter in Gwennap had been received. In response, the Clerk explored the possibilities for fulfilling this request, engaging in consultations with Transport for Cornwall and Cornwall Council. Additionally, the Clerk has brought this matter to the attention of Councillor John Thomas, who has graciously agreed to conduct further investigations into this issue.

8.2 An email had been received regarding the illegal use of trials motorcycles in the Parish. RW had replied stating that this had been discussed at meeting he had attended and that he would raise the issue again.

8.3 Training in the use of scythes was available, details of this would be shared with all the Councillors and members of the environment group.

8.4 A request had been received from the Countryside Officer (Public Rights of Way) regarding PROW-13. Following a visit to the site by RW and GF, it has been proposed that the Clerk initiates communication with the homeowner adjacent to the path to engage in further discussions on this matter.

8.5 The Clerk had previously submitted a report to Cornwall Council regarding an alleged removal of a Cornish hedge to establish access and a track near Bissoe Hill. We have recently received a response from Cornwall Council confirming their initiation of an investigation into this matter.

8.6 Information regarding the Chacewater Energy Debate on Sat 14th Oct ad been received. This had been shared with the Councillors and posted on Social Media outlets.

8.7 The Clerk had replied to an enquiry regarding weed killer use within the Parish.



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9. Youth Club.

9.1 The Clerk had received confirmation that our additional funding requests have regrettably been declined. {LB} provided a report indicating a notable decline in recent Youth Club attendance.

Previously, the Council had passed a resolution that in the event of unsuccessful funding acquisition, the Youth Club would be compelled to cease its operations.

In accordance with this, it was **PROPOSED** by (RW), **SECONDED** by (GF) and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would cease its funding of the Youth Club after the 30th of October. The Clerk will notify the Youth Work providers, and a letter will be prepared for {LB} to distribute among the young participants.

9.2 {LB} also shared her report about attending the inaugural session of the new Youth Football teams, Dropship Youth FC. It was confirmed that the session was well-organised and well-attended.

9.3 It was **PROPOSED** by (RW), **SECONDED** by (GF) and **RESOLVED** that Cllr Lynn Begley be formally extended a vote of thanks for her dedicated work with the Youth Club.

10 Highways and Public rights of way.

10.1 Village Gateways: The Clerk submitted an expression of interest application to Cornwall Council for the installation of Village Gateways within the Parish. The Clerk extended gratitude to Lucy Richards, whose significant contributions were pivotal in the submission of this application. It was acknowledged that Cornwall Councillor John Thomas has also affirmed his support for this application.

10.2 A Virtual Footbridge at Bissoe had been suggested by Lucy Richards (Traffic Group). The Clerk had submitted an expression of interest application to Cornwall Council but this was now on hold while Kia Parish conducted their traffic consultations. The application would be re-submitted at a future date.

10.3 An enquiry had been received from St Day Parish regarding the installation of streetlights in Crofthandy. The Clerk initiated a preliminary discussion with a St Day Councillor. However, further investigations and discussions are required before any formal proposal can advance. The Clerk is currently in the process of scheduling a meeting with representatives from St Day to explore this matter in greater detail.

11. Parish rooms and Playing Field.

11.1 After a discussion regarding the prohibition of Dogs on the Richard Jory Playing Field, it was **PROPOSED** by (RW), **SECONDED** by (GF) and **RESOLVED** that the existing prohibition of Dogs on the field be continued.

11.2 RW, GF and the PC had attended a meeting with Marraum, the architect for the proposed Parish Rooms project. RW confirmed that further public consultations would begin soon.

11.3 The Clerk has received a single quote for the exterior cleaning of the Parish Rooms. To ensure a comprehensive assessment, further quotes will be sought, and a detailed report will be presented at the upcoming meeting in November.

12. FINANCE:

12.1 It was **PROPOSED** by (RW), **SECONDED** by (GF) and **RESOLVED** that the expenditure, as shown below, be approved for payment.

12.2 It was confirmed that no Councillor have any conflict-of-interest with the External Auditor BDO LLP.

12.3 It was **PROPOSED** by (RW), **SECONDED** by (GF) and **RESOLVED** to accept the External Audit as reviewed.

12.4 The Clerk gave a short report on the finances and the Budget for 2024/25, a full budget and level of precept suggestion will be sent to the Councillors to be approved at the following meeting.

13. Planning: to consider the following planning applications:

PA23/06890

Proposal 'Alterations and extensions to dwelling and erection of garage' without compliance with Condition 2 of decision notice PA23/00596 dated 18.04.23

Location Woodgrove Race Hill Bissoe Truro

Applicant Mr Michael Wigley

It was PROPOSED by (RW), SECONDED by (ST) and RESOLVED that there be NO OBJECTION to this application.

PA23/06904

Proposal Stables and sand school.

Location Sue's Field Carharrack Redruth Cornwall

Applicant Sarah Howie

It was PROPOSED by (ST), SECONDED by (LB) and RESOLVED that there be NO OBJECTION to this application.

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PA23/07407

Proposal Works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) namely T1 Holme Oak. Remove two lowest branches projecting over neighbour's property in order to improve balance and shape to tree which has been exposed after adjacent mature Holme suffered failure in a storm.

Location Trewelm Crofthandy St Day Redruth

Applicant Mr. Daryl Harber

It was PROPOSED by (RW), SECONDED by (ST) and RESOLVED that there be NO OBJECTION to this application.

PA23/07592

Proposal Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order - reduce crown of Oak casting shade over neighbouring property (2 Treneglos) and drop crotch by up to 4m over the extent of crown overhanging property, crown lift to a height of 4m above lawn area

Location Chelean Farm Frogpool Truro Cornwall

Applicant Mr Keith Hall

It was PROPOSED by (RW), SECONDED by (GF) and RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Tree Officer should be adhered to.

PA23/05326

Proposal Double Story side extension and porch

Location Manor Farmhouse Little Beside St Day Redruth

Applicant Mr & Mrs Nelson

It was PROPOSED by (ST), SECONDED by (GF) and RESOLVED that the Parish Council were unable to make a decision due to the lack of information in a design and access statement. The Council is open to providing comments once additional information is made available.

PA23/06523

Proposal Outline planning permission with some matters reserved for the construction of up to 5 dwellings, namely 'access' only.

Location Land Adj Magpies Cottage Road From Crofthandy To Winter Cottage

Goongumpas St Day

Applicant Mr & Mrs Dave & Gill Bedford

It was PROPOSED by (RW), SECONDED by (ST) and RESOLVED that the Parish Council OBJECT to this application.

The objection is based on the belief that the proposed development is excessively large, particularly when considering the Neighbourhood Development Plan's specific policy, as outlined below:

(POLICY H2 - Housing developments within the development boundary of Gwennap parish villages, as delineated on maps at Appendix 4, will be permitted where they are Small-Scale {of one or two dwellings})

The Council has also taken note of numerous concerns voiced by members of the public, particularly regarding issues related to access and drainage.

14. The following Planning decisions were noted:

PA23/05530 APPROVED

Applicant:- Mr Malcolm Shead

Location:- 2 Treneglos Frogpool Truro Cornwall TR4 8RT

Proposal Side domestic extension

A23/04988 APPROVED

Applicant:- Mr Tim Luscombe

Location:- Granny Mary's Farm Wheal Clifford St Day Cornwall TR16 5HZ

Proposal Agricultural storage shed for tractor, farming equipment and animal feed

PA22/00853 Vervan Pascoe-Edward

Location:- Land North-West Of Cusgarne Wollas Cusgarne TR4 8RL

Proposal Development of one affordable dwelling following the granting of Permission in Principle

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15. Reports from Councillors in relation to meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council:

15.1 {LB} discussed that the village fate had only reported a small profit. {LB} will attend future meetings of the Fete Committee to discuss this further.

15.2 {LB} confirmed that she had assisted in arranging a visit to the Cusgarne School from Luci Isaacson, Shaping Climate Vision CIC

16. The Council is invited to pass the following resolution "That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they be instructed to withdraw in view of the confidential nature of the business on contracts and leases about to be transacted'.

17. To discuss any candidates for co-option as item 4, to resolve if a candidate will be co-opted if approved.

17.1 After conducting interviews with two candidates, it was resolved that Mr. Julian Hughes be co-opted to the Council. It was noted that both candidates were highly qualified and eminently appointable for the position, and there is hope that the unsuccessful candidate will continue to actively engage with the Parish Council and the community. It is encouraged that they consider applying again in the event of another vacancy.

17.2 As per correspondence from Cornwall Council, the contract for the arrangements for Street Cleansing were discussed.

RW and the Clerk will maintain an ongoing correspondence with Cornwall Council to secure the seamless continuation of effective Street Cleansing arrangements within our Parish.

18. Date of next Meeting, Wednesday 8th November 2023 to be held at Gwennap Parish Rooms, Richard Jory Playing Field.

Dates and venues of following Meetings:

Wednesday 13th December 2023 at Crofthandy Village Hall

Wednesday 14th February 2024 at Gwennap Parish Rooms, Richard Jory Playing Fields

Wednesday 13th March 2024 at Crofthandy Village Hall

Wednesday 10th April 2024 at Gwennap Parish Rooms (including the Annual Parish Meeting), Richard Jory Playing Fields

Wednesday 8th May 2024 at Crofthandy Village Hall (including the Annual Parish Council Meeting),

10 October 2023 (2023-2024 THIS YEAR)

Gwennap Parish Council PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
148	11/10/2023	Oct 23 12.1	Current Account	BACS	Play Area Inspection	Southwest Playground Safety	S	48.33	9.67	58.00
151	11/10/2023	Oct 23 12.1	Current Account	BACS	SLCC	SLCC	Z	177.00		177.00
150	11/10/2023	Oct 23 12.1	Current Account	BACS	Wheal Maid Inspection	Wheal Jane Services	S	145.00	29.00	174.00
149	11/10/2023	Oct 23 12.1	Current Account	BACS	Litter Pick	Clare Wicks	X	158.38		158.38
152	11/10/2023	Oct 23 12.1	Current Account	BACS	Payroll costs	Jayne Angove	Z	10.00		10.00
156	11/10/2023	Oct 23 12.1	Current Account	BACS	Stationery and postage	Printer Ink	S	8.32	1.67	9.99
153	11/10/2023	Oct 23 12.1	Current Account	BACS	Litter Picking	Robert Hallett	X	52.29		52.29
155	11/10/2023	Oct 23 12.1	Current Account	BACS	Clerk's Expenses	Chris Ring	X	37.37		37.37
154	12/10/2023	Oct 23 12.1	Current Account	BACS	Frogpool Cemetery Grounds	Chegwidden	S	636.00	127.20	763.20
154	12/10/2023	Oct 23 12.1	Current Account	BACS	Frogpool Cemetery Other Co	Chegwidden	S	215.00	43.00	258.00
154	12/10/2023	Oct 23 12.1	Current Account	BACS	Playing Field cutting & groun	Chegwidden	S	555.00	111.00	666.00
154	12/10/2023	Oct 23 12.1	Current Account	BACS	Repairs to Highway equipme	Chegwidden	S	175.00	35.00	210.00
147	13/10/2023	Oct 23 12.1	Current Account	BACS	Scribe Package	Scribe: Starboard Systems	S	1,051.20	210.24	1,261.44
157	20/10/2023	Oct 23 12.1	Current Account	BACS	NI & PAYE cost	HMRC P32	X	36.52		36.52
158	20/10/2023	Oct 23 12.1	Current Account	BACS	Clerk's Salary	Chris Ring	X	1,129.15		1,129.15
Total								4,434.56	566.78	5,001.34