



GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA

The Annual Meeting of the Council Parish Minutes

held on Wednesday 13th May 2024, 6.30pm

In attendance: Cllr Richard Williams {Chair} (RW), Cllr Greg Foxwell {Vice Chair} (GF),
Cllr Steve Trelease {ST}, Cllr Andi Freeman{AF}, Cllr Veryan Pascoe-Edward {VPE}, Cllr Julian Hughes {JH}
Chris Ring {Parish Clerk} (PC).

- A1. Cllr Richard Williams, being the only nominee for Chair of the Parish Council, was unanimously re-elected. RW signed and the PC countersigned his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- A2. Cllr Greg Foxwell being the only nominee for Vice Chair of the Parish Council was unanimously re-elected. GF signed and the PC countersigned his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- A3. No apologies for absence were received.
- A4. No declarations of interest were received from the Members.
- A5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held 23rd April 2024: This was deferred to item 5 of the Ordinary meeting.
- A6. It was RESOLVED to re appoint Aalgaard Renshaw as Internal Auditors for 2024/2025.
- A7. The minutes of the last meeting of the Staffing Committee held on 26 March 2024 were circulated to the members and it was resolved that they be approved.
- A8. To consider any recommendations of the Staffing Committee: The members had, at the previous meeting of the Parish Council, received and resolved to accept the recommendations of the Staffing Committee.
- A9. To Review the delegation arrangements of the Staffing and Appeals Committees: It was resolved to retain the existing delegation arrangements for both Committees.
- A10. To Review the Terms of reference of the Staffing and Appeals Committees: These had been circulated to the members and it was resolved that they be accepted.
- A11. To Appoint members to the Staffing, Appeals and Finance Committees:
Staffing Committee: Cllrs {RW}, {GF} and {LB}
Appeals Committee: Cllrs {ST}, {JH}, {AF} and {VPE}
Finance committee: Cllrs {GF}, {RW} and {JH}
- A12. No new committees were appointed:
It was resolved that Cllrs {RW}, {GF}, {AF} and {VPE} be appointed as members of the Parish Rooms Improvement Working Group
- A13 The updated Standing orders, the financial regulations and financial risk assessments, had been circulated to the members and it was resolved that they all be adopted.
- A14. There were no current arrangements with other local authorities and not for profit businesses.
- A15. To review the representation on work with other external bodies and arrangements for reporting back to the Council.
North Kerrier and East Penwith Community Area Partnership: Cllr {RW} will continue as the representative and report back to regular Parish Council meetings.
MINING VILLAGES REGENERATION GROUP (MVRG): Cllr {RW} will continue as the representative and report back to regular Parish Council meetings.
United Downs Environment Group: Cllrs {AF} and {JH} will be the representatives and report back to regular Parish Council meetings.
Travellers Forum: Cllr {ST} will continue as the representative and report back to regular Parish Council meetings.
Fete Committee: Cllr {LB} will continue as the representative and report back to regular Parish Council meetings.
School Liaison: Cllr {JH} will be the representative and report back to regular Parish Council meetings.
- A16. The Council inventory of land and asset register had been circulated to the members and it was resolved that they be noted and accepted.

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A17. To confirm the arrangements for insurance: The Clerk confirmed that the General Policy for the Parish Council had previously been procured and approved for a three-year term with Clear Insurance Management Limited. This will be reviewed in October 2025. The Policy for Wheal Maid had been renewed with Arthur J. Gallagher Insurance in January 2025. This will be reviewed in December 2024

A18. The Council's and Clerk's subscriptions to the following bodies were reviewed and accepted:
The Clerk is a Member of the SLCC. The cost of this is paid for by the Council.
The Council pays an annual subscription of £100 to the MVRG.
The Council uses the Scribe software for its Accounting, Hall hire and Cemetery records.
The Council has an annual subscription with Microsoft for the Clerk's computer.

A19. The following policies and procedures had been amended. These had been reviewed by the Councillors and it was resolved that they be accepted.

1. Complaints policy
2. Freedom of Information requests and data protection Policies
3. Press and Media Policy
4. Employment Policy
5. Grievance Policy

A20. The following dates of meetings were decided.

19th June 2024, 29th July 2024, 11th September 2024, 16th October 2024, 12th November 2024, 10th December 2024, 11th February 2025, 12th March 2025, 9th April 2025 and the Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on 12th May 2025.

The Annual Parish Council meeting was closed at 7pm



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The regular Meeting of the Council Parish Minutes

held on Wednesday 13th May 2024, 7pm

In attendance: Cllr Richard Williams {Chair} (RW), Cllr Greg Foxwell {Vice Chair} (GF), Cllr Steve Trelease {ST}, Cllr Andi Freeman{AF}, Cllr Veryan Pascoe-Edward {VPE}, Cllr Julian Hughes {JH} Chris Ring {Parish Clerk} (PC).

1. No apologies for absence were received
2. No declarations of interest were received from the Members.
3. Public Session: No Members of the public were in attendance.
4. To receive the monthly report from Cornwall Councillor John Thomas MBE: No report was received.
5. It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 23rd April 2024 be approved as a correct record. The Chair signed the approved minutes of that meeting.
6. Any matters arising from the minutes would be dealt with as substantive agenda items in this meeting.
7. Correspondence: There were no items for discussion.
8. Highways and public rights of way. {AF} asked if there had been any progress on the planned works on the A393. The Clerk will investigate and report at a future meeting
9. To discuss the future of Wheal Maid:
It was RESOLVED that the Wheal Maid site should be considered for disposal. The Clerk will identify suitable Land Agents and report back to the Council.
10. Parish rooms and Playing Field.
10.1 To discuss the Parish Rooms project and decide on next steps: The Councillors reviewed the feedback from the consultation event. It was noted that an objection had been raised on behalf of the football club but that other representations were supportive of both options that had been presented. The Working Group will meet with Marraum to finalise the design for submission for planning permission.

11. FINANCE:

11.1 To approve payments for approval:

It was PROPOSED by RW, SECONDED by GF and RESOLVED that the payments set out at Appendix 1, be approved.

11.2 To receive and note the Bank Reconciliations and balances as checked by Cllr RW:

It was RESOLVED that the Bank Reconciliations as checked by {RW} and set out at Appendix 2, be accepted.

11.3 To approve quote received for inspection of the culvert at Wheal Maid:

It was RESOLVED that the quote received from Wheal Jane Services be accepted.

12. Planning: to consider the following planning applications and to resolve whether to submit any objections on the following applications:

PA24/01611

Proposal Application for Permission in Principle for the construction of one dwelling (minimum of 1; maximum of 1). Location Land At Little Beside St Day TR16 5PZ.

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council OBJECT to this application.

It was noted that the development was opposed by the World Heritage Site and it also appeared to be contrary to the Gwennap NDP in that it will be outside the defined Crofthandy settlement boundary and siting one large residential property in an agricultural field would be out of character for the area.

PA24/03237

Proposal Works to trees within a Conservation Area - pruning works to T1 Sycamore and to coppice a multi stemmed Ash tree suffering from ADB disease. Location The Old Vicarage Gwennap Redruth Cornwall TR16 6BD

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council do NOT OBJECT to this application.

13. To note the following Planning decisions:

Decisions

PA24/00016 APPROVED

Location:- Bissoe Valley Touring Park Fernsplatt Bissoe Truro Cornwall TR4 8RJ

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14. To receive Councillors reports and items for future agenda

Each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to report matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas. Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making:

Cllr {AF} provided a plan of the rewilding areas intended for the Richard Jory Playing Field which had been discussed with UDEG members. This included areas for wildflower and tree planting. The Clerk would assist the Environment group in finding and applying for grants for this work which was endorsed by Councillors.

Cllrs {AF} and {J} had attended a meeting of UDEG which including a very positive visit to the United Downs Raceway. The Group are discussing ways of improving the biodiversity of the Raceway site with the full co-operation of the site owners.

Cllr {GF} had attended a meeting at Geothermal. The minutes would be circulated to the members in due course. {GF} confirmed that the Geothermal power plant would be completed and be generating electricity by the end of the year.

Cllr (RAW) had attended a meeting of the Mining Villages where the Cornwall Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing had spoken about the housing crisis and steps being taken by Cornwall Council to address this. Cllr RAW had taken the opportunity to lobby the Cabinet Member for financial support for the proposed Gwennap Affordable Housing scheme.

The Meeting was closed at 9pm