



GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the regular Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Wednesday 16th October 2024, 7pm

In attendance: Cllr Richard Williams {Chair} (RW), Cllr Greg Foxwell (GF) {Vice Chair}, Cllr Andi Freeman (AF), Cllr Julian Hughes (JH), Cllr Veryan Pascoe-Edward, Cllr Lynn Begley (LB) Chris Ring {Parish Clerk} (PC). Cornwall councillor John Thomas MBE.

A members of the Public was in attendance.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Steve Trelease, and were accepted by the Council.

2. No declarations of interest were received.

3. Public Session:

A member of the public spoke regarding their planning application PA24/07260 and answered questions from Councillors.

4. Cornwall Councillor John Thomas MBE raised planning application PA24/06261 and gave details of his visit to the property and his meeting with the Planning Officer. Cllr Thomas also provided a written report to the PC. This will be attached to the minutes published on the Council Website.

5. It was PROPOSED by RW, SECONDED by GF and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 11th September 2024 be approved as a correct record. The Chair signed the approved minutes of that meeting.

6. Correspondence had been received regarding vehicles using a track near the cemetery. The PC had reported this to Cornwall Council. Correspondence had also been received regarding vehicle access to the Poldice Valley and Wheal Maid. The PC had advised the resident to contact Cllr John Thomas MBE and also report any issues to Cornwall Council. The PC had received correspondence regarding some issues in the cemetery. A letter had been received regarding the proposed Affordable Housing site in Frogpool. RW had replied. (more information under item 7)

7. Affordable Housing: RW reported that he had spoken to Coastline Housing re the Trelyn site in Frogpool. The public consultation has been put back until November before a full planning application is submitted, where there will be further opportunity for public comment.

RW reported that he has spoken to Cornwall Community Land Trust (CCLT) regarding the proposed site in Gwennap. CCLT have been in discussions with Homes England (HE) regarding the financing of this project. A formal bid will be submitted to HE by the end of the calendar year.

8. To consider membership of CALC, Cornwall Association of Local Councils: It was RESOLVED not to rejoin at this time and to reconsider this on an annual basis.

9. Highways and public rights of way: In addition to the matters reported under item 6, there had been reports of an issue on a public right of way adjacent to the Richard Jory Play Area. GF had visited this site and saw no evidence to cause concern.

10. Wheal Maid:

RW reported that the next meeting of the Wheal Maid Solutions Group would be held on the 12th November. A new member will be invited to join this group who is a representative of the Poldice Valley Trust. AF mentioned that Cornwall Wildlife Trust had now sent their report from their surveys at Wheal Maid. This would be shared with and debated by the members of the Group. It was suggested that JH be a link to the United Downs Environment Group.

11. Parish rooms and Playing Field:

The PC reported that the redecoration of the exterior of the Parish Rooms, toilets and changing rooms was now complete and that some plumbing work had taken place.

The PC reported that there had been some issues noticed at an inspection of the play equipment and these were now in the process of being repaired.

The Council will discuss the schedule of repairs and replacements at a future meeting after the PC had more information and an Accessibility Assessment Survey had been completed. LB mentioned that the small gates were not closing correctly. The PC was working on a solution with our contractor.

12. The PC reported that the website had now been rewritten to make it fully accessible and that he was now ready to proceed with the application for a .GOV.UK domain. It was RESOLVED to proceed with this application.

13. FINANCE:

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

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

13.3 GF reported that the meeting of the Finance Committee had reviewed the budgets for 2025/26 and have agreed in principle to recommend an increase in the Precept of 2.5%. This would be presented to the Council for a decision at the November meeting.



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

PA24/06261

A letter had been received from the planning officer recommending that this application be refused. In view of the contents of that letter and the comments of Cornwall Councillor John Thomas MBE, it was PROPOSED by GF, SECONDED by RW and RESOLVED that the Council agree with the decision to refuse the application.

PA24/07260

Proposal: Proposed extension of dwelling, construction of garage and associated works

Location: Trevarth House Gwennap Redruth Cornwall

It was PROPOSED by JH, SECONDED by AF and RESOLVED that the Council have no objection to this application.

PA24/07232

Proposal: Siting of a Lithium Demonstration Plant for the purposes of testing and producing lithium recovered from geothermal brine in quantities up to 100

tonnes per annum on land adjacent to the United Downs Geothermal Power Plant. Location : Geothermal Engineering Unit 2 United Downs Industrial Park St Day

It was PROPOSED by RW, SECONDED by AF and RESOLVED that the Council have no objection to this application.

15. The following Planning decisions were noted:

PA24/01183 APPROVED

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

Proposal: Retention of buildings and associated hardstanding.

PA23/06523 APPROVED

Location: Land Adj Magpies Cottage Road From Crofthandy To Winter Cottage Goongumpas St Day TR16 5JL.

Proposal: Outline planning application with some matters reserved for the construction of two dwellings (layout and access)

PA24/05397 APPROVED

Location: Unity Workshop Little Beside St Day Redruth Cornwall TR16 5PX

Proposal: Removal of Roof and Construction of new Roof with increased Eaves and Ridge Level. Addition of a first floor office and storage mezzanine.

15. To receive Councillors reports and items for future agenda:

GF had attended a meeting of the Geothermal Community Liaison Group. He reported that the power plant should be fully operational soon. Information from Geothermal is shared on social media.

RW and the PC had attended a meeting to review the North Kerrier & East Penwith Community Area Partnership process for dealing with the Community Levelling Up Programme application process. This had been the funding used for the proposed transformation of the Parish Rooms.

AF and JH had attended a meeting of the United Downs Environment Group regarding the United Downs Raceway. It was reported that this was a successful meeting.

AF confirmed there would be a tree planting day at the Richard Jory Playing field on Sunday 8th December. More information will be shared via the newsletter and social-media.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13th November at Gwennap Parish Rooms, Richard Jory Playing Fields.

The Meeting was closed at 8.30pm

Future meeting dates, 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.



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Gwennap Parish Council PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST

15 October 2024 (2024-2025 This Year)

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
147	Playing Field other costs	01/10/2024	Oct 24	Current Account	BACS	Signs	Contract Signs	S	66.31	13.26	79.57
139	Parish Rooms Maintenance	17/10/2024	Oct 24	Current Account	BACS	Shower Heads	Amazon EU	S	33.03	6.61	39.64
140	Playing Field other costs	17/10/2024	Oct 24	Current Account	BACS	Signs	Amazon EU	S	19.50	3.90	23.40
151	Play Area Inspections	17/10/2024	Oct 24	Current Account	BACS	Play Area Inspection	Southwest Playground Safe	S	48.33	9.67	58.00
148	Parish Rooms Maintenance	17/10/2024	Oct 24	Current Account	BACS	plumbing	Little Plumbing Jobs	Z	296.00		296.00
163	Parish Rooms Caretaker	17/10/2024	Oct 24	Current Account	BACS	Caretaker	Ann G	Z	568.25		568.25
144	Stationery and postage	17/10/2024	Oct 24	Current Account	BACS	Printer Ink	HP Smart	S	9.99	2.00	11.99
156	Subscriptions	17/10/2024	Oct 24	Current Account	BACS	MVRG Subs	MVRG	X	100.00		100.00
141	Wheal Maid Inspections	17/10/2024	Oct 24	Current Account	BACS	Wheal Maid Inspection	Wheal Jane Services	S	145.00	29.00	174.00
145	Office Equipment	17/10/2024	Oct 24	Current Account	BACS	Remote for projector	Amazon EU	S	8.20	1.64	9.84
142	Office Equipment	17/10/2024	Oct 24	Current Account	BACS	Cd Drive	Amazon EU	S	20.89	4.18	25.07
150	Litter Picking	17/10/2024	Oct 24	Current Account	BACS	Litter Pick	Robert Hallett	X	34.32		34.32
155	Litter Picking	17/10/2024	Oct 24	Current Account	BACS	Litter Pick	Clare Wicks	X	45.76		45.76
149	Payroll costs	17/10/2024	Oct 24	Current Account	BACS	Payroll	Jayne Angove	X	10.00		10.00
143	Clerk's Expenses	17/10/2024	Oct 24	Current Account	BACS	Clerk Expenses	Chris Ring	X	39.50		39.50
154	Frogpool Cemetery Grounds	18/10/2024	Oct 24	Current Account	BACS	Ground Works	Chegwidden	S	385.00	77.00	462.00
154	Playing Field cutting & grounds	18/10/2024	Oct 24	Current Account	BACS	Ground Works	Chegwidden	S	661.00	132.20	793.20
164	Subscriptions	18/10/2024	Oct 24	Current Account	BACS	ICCM Sub	ICCM	Z	42.00		42.00
153	Parish Rooms Project	18/10/2024	Oct 24	Current Account	BACS	Tree Survey for Project	Evolve Tree	S	670.00	134.00	804.00
159	Subscriptions	24/10/2024	Oct 24	Current Account	BACS	SLCC	SLCC	Z	188.00		188.00
157	NI & PAYE cost	24/10/2024	Oct 24	Current Account	BACS	HMRC P32	HMRC	Z	115.66		115.66
158	Pension costs	24/10/2024	Oct 24	Current Account	BACS	Clerk Pension	Cornwall Pension Fund	Z	388.31		388.31
160	Clerk's Salary	24/10/2024	Oct 24	Current Account	BACS	Clerk Salary	Chris Ring	Z	1,324.47		1,324.47
reenshot	Scribe Package	31/10/2024	Oct 24	Current Account	BACS	Scribe Package	Scribe: Starboard Systems	S	1,108.80	221.76	1,330.56
Total									6,328.32	635.22	6,963.54

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	Bank Reconciliation at 01/10/2024			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2024			111,846.94
	ADD			
	Receipts 01/04/2024 - 01/10/2024			80,820.82
				192,667.76
	SUBTRACT			
	Payments 01/04/2024 - 01/10/2024			52,229.24
A	Cash in Hand 01/10/2024			140,438.52
	(per Cash Book)			
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements			
	Petty Cash	01/10/2024	0.00	
	Current Account	30/09/2024	42,646.59	
	Savings Account	30/09/2024	98,164.88	
				140,811.47
	Less unrepresented payments			372.95
				140,438.52
	Plus unrepresented receipts			
B	Adjusted Bank Balance			140,438.52
	A = B Checks out OK			

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