

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT GWENNAP CHURCH HALL ON 29th June 2006

Those Present	Cllr. M.I.T. Herbert (Chairman) Cllr R. Snell Cllr. J. Wharton Cllr M Ivey Cllr N Nicholls Cllr C Langley Cllr D Lanyon
In attendance	County Cllr Hichens Alan Blamey - Clerk
Apologies	W P C Osborne, J. Whiteley, C Banks
Also present :	P. Millett, J Layte

PARISHIONERS' DISCUSSION

1. Trimming was required on footpath 25 at Higher Trehaddle. It was noted that several paths were now growing in fast, and may need two cuts during the year.
2. The Clerk was asked to chase Carrick for a reply on the occupation of land at Trehaddle, off Pulla Hill.
3. The island outside the cemetery was overgrown by weeds. The Clerk explained that our trimmer had it in hand, but it was decided that after it had been cleared, the Clerk should get some other ground cover plants as those currently planted were growing upwards, not across the ground.
4. Mr Layte was given an update of matters arising from the previous months' Wheal Maid discussions. It seemed that Carrick environmental department had sent their officers to the site on motorbikes. This was news to the Councillors.
5. Mr Layte also spoke of the problem in getting action from County to clear Japanese Knotweed from alongside the lane at Higher Goongumpas. The Clerk and Cllr. Hichens would separately contact James Macfarlane to try to resolve the matter.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

06/61

Cllr. Lanyon as Chairman of the GPPA & GPRA.

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

06/62

1. The County Council had agreed to place temporary SpeedVISOR equipment on the road from St Day to Crofthandy in an attempt to get motorists to adhere to the speed limit. Councillors were happy with the proposed siting.
2. County Cllr. Hichens confirmed that the footway problem at Frogpool would now be carried out using his 'allowance', although he couldn't be sure when the works would be carried out.
3. The Clerk would contact Dave Clarke at Countryside Access to point out that access had been gained via the County's gate on the Mount Wellington Road and the burning of cable had taken place. County needed to ensure their gate was secure.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS REPORT.

06/63

Cllr. Lanyon gave a report on Cusgarne School. There were currently 69 pupils and the recent Ofsted visit gave the school very high marks. Cllr. Lanyon had recently attended a course on School Travel Plans which were relevant to us in a rural setting. Parking at the school continued to be a problem although there were ongoing discussions with adjacent landowners.

Cllr. Hichens would chase a reply from the County Education department regarding the area of potential storage space beneath the school.

CORRESPONDENCE

06/64

1. CCC Mineral Tramways - survey volunteers were required for a Mineral Tramways project.
2. Frogpool Cusgarne Football Club - permission was agreed for their annual 5 a side tournament in July.
3. CAPTC - Police mergers - noted.
4. Devon & Cornwall Constabulary - a report from Community Constable Osborne explained that her Inspector felt that her attendance at Council meetings in the summer months was not best use of her time, so reports would be sent for the next few months.
There had only been one reported crime in the past two months, a vehicle theft at United. Meetings continued to be held to resolve the off-road biking problem, but she did have an access problem at Wheal Maid with fallen stones blocking the Cornish Way – the clerk would ask Paul Chegwiddden to clear the path.
5. Cornwall County Playing Fields Association - application for a grant not agreed.
6. National Childbirth Trust - application for a grant not agreed.
7. Carharrack Parish Council minutes, May 2006 - noted.
8. CRCC - leaflets “Where to get help in Cornwall” will be placed on the Council’s notice boards.
9. CDC - Balancing Housing Markets Development Plan Document - noted.
10. K Furnish - Hale Mills. It was agreed to write back to Mr Furnish confirming that we had no immediate plans for a barrier at the Hale Mills end of Wheal Maid, and before we did erect anything we would consult him.
11. South West Regional Assembly - draft consultation Spatial Strategy - noted.
12. ODPM - Local Authority Byelaws discussion paper - noted.
13. CDC - Performance Plan 2006 – 2007 - noted.
14. CCC - Hick’s Mill Bridge strengthening. Clerk to reply confirming our agreement but asking for a sympathetic approach to maintain the character.
15. Environmental Agency - desk study report. It was noted that the report was getting closer, but disappointment was expressed at the speed it was taking. The Clerk will chase the Environment Agency each month so that the Council can be appraised of the situation.
16. CDC reminder letter re. Register of Councillors interests. Noted.

FOOTPATHS

06/65

1. The works at Little Beside had been carried out satisfactorily.
2. A petition, signed by residents of Chapel Lane, Crofthandy would be sent to Carrick environmental health requesting action to the surface where windblown dust was a continual problem. Their backing would help our ongoing fight with the County Council for remedial action.

PLANNING MATTERS

06/66

Decision notices.

1. Mr & Mrs Jory, Race Hill, Bissoe - convert slaughterhouse to dwelling . APPROVED
2. D Troll-Meadows, Broomstick Cottage, Coombe – garage & fuel tank. APPROVED.
3. P Bray, 37 Trenglos - utility & conservatory. APPROVED
4. Mrs S Collins, Tailings End, Goongumpas - conservatory. APPROVED
5. Mr S Gay, 1 Chellean Vean, Frogpool - extension. APPROVED
6. Mr & Mrs Steen, Tresamble - extension. APPROVED
7. Dr Harvey, Longfield, Greensplatt - tree pruning. APPROVED
8. Mr J Fryer, Fernsplatt Farm - alterations and extension. APPROVED
9. R Vowles, Kimberley Cottage, United Mines - extension APPLICATION WITHDRAWN
10. Mr & Mrs Bourne, Caskair Cottage, Crowsmenegus - conversion / extension APPROVED

11. A Bates & G Rice, Treetops, Little Beside - barn conversion APPROVED
12. Letter from CCC Spatial Planning regarding retention of tyre shredding facility - M Drew.

New Applications

Appn Ref PA12/0293/06/M
 Applicant CLJ Ltd
 Location Plots 7,8 & 9 United Downs Industrial Estate
 Development erection of 12 industrial units
 Grid Ref 174180/41410
 SUPPORT.

Appn Ref PA12/0862/06/B
 Applicant Mr & Mrs G Pascoe
 Location Cusgarne Wollas, Cusgarne
 Development barn conversion to holiday units & outbuilding to office; erection of packing & tractor sheds ;
 conversion of dutch barn to games room
 Grid Ref 175960/40840
 DEFER FOR PARISH COUNCIL SITE VISIT.

Appn Ref PA12/0931/06/G
 Applicant Ms N Rundle
 Location Mount Pleasant Farm, Hicks Mill
 Development sand school
 Grid Ref 177320/41090
 SUPPORT.

Appn Ref PA12/1027/06/B
 Applicant Mr & Mrs Grubb
 Location Penventon, Treviskey
 Development proposed polytunnel
 Grid Ref 173140/39680
 SUPPORT.

Appn Ref PA12/1165/06/R
 Applicant Mr & Mrs Hannam
 Location 2 Chellean Vean, Frogpool
 Development conservatory to rear
 Grid Ref 176080/40190
 SUPPORT.

Appn Ref PA12/1106/06/R
 Applicant Mr R Vowles
 Location Kimberley Cottage, United Mines
 Development single storey extension, shower room and study
 Grid Ref 175170/41270
 SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE, BUT QUERY AMBIGUOUS PLANS.

FINANCE

06/67

IT WAS RESOLVED (a) to pay the following accounts: -

CHEQUE NO.	TO WHOM	DETAIL	AMOUNT (£)
100635	L Moody	cleaning	£143.50
100636	M P Chegwiddden	grass cutting / footpaths	£1001.10
100637	A Blamey	salary expenses Apl – June	£566.19
100638	HM Revenue & Customs	income tax	£314.43
100639	EDF Energy	electricity account	£31.81
100640	Cornwall & Devon Media	adverts	£56.40
100641	LexisNexis Butterworths	Administration book	£65.45
100642	J C Cox	plumbing repairs	£15.00
100643	VCWG Church Hall Fund	hire of hall	£15.00

A cheque for £249 had been received from the GPRA reimbursing the Parish Council for the purchase of a picnic table. It now needed to be moved to a permanent position.
Cllr Nicholls had paid the Council for the old playing field gates.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

06/68

1. The new Playing Field gates were not hanging correctly. One side was scraping the ground, but if corrected would make the other gate look low. The contractor would be asked to return and make good the defects at his own cost.
2. There had been a noticeable improvement in the collection of litter in the Parish since our current contractor had taken over, also the standard of cleanliness of the Playing Field toilet block.
3. The Chairman handed the Clerk photos of the Gwennap War Memorial to be used in the grant application.

CHAIRMANS URGENT BUSINESS

06/69

The Chairman had received communication from a St Day councillor regarding their Citizenship Award Scheme. After discussion, it was felt further details were needed before committing Gwennap Parish to supporting the scheme.

Signed.....
Chairman

27th July 2006