

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT CROFTHANDY VILLAGE HALL ON 24th August 2006

Those Present	Cllr. M.I.T. Herbert (Chairman) Cllr J. Wharton (Vice Chairman) Cllr. R. Snell Cllr M Ivey Cllr. D. Lanyon Cllr. N. Nicholls
In attendance	District Councillor Whiteley Alan Blamey - Clerk
Apologies	Cllr Langley, District Cllr Banks
Also present :	P. Millett, Mr & Mrs Webb, Mr Macdonald-Smith, J. Ward, J. Wharton

PARISHIONERS' DISCUSSION

1. Mr Macdonald-Smith and Mr & Mrs Webb had come along to be updated regarding the unlawful occupation of land at Trehaddle.
The Clerk had received a communication from Carrick's Enforcement Officer explaining that they were prepared to limit the time before a planning application was submitted, following which the enforcement route would be pursued. A flood risk assessment had taken place and the results were awaited.
Fears were expressed that the site could potentially be sold off in parcels attracting other travellers, although what actually defined a traveller / nomad wasn't known.
The adjacent Lanner River was being used by the site children, and this was considered unhealthy given the polluted state of the water.
2. Complaints had been received regarding the frequency of banger racing meetings at United Downs. They were increasing, as was the level of noise and events were also being held in the evenings. The Clerk would write to Cornwall County Council, as landowners, drawing their attention to the matter.
3. Paul Millett asked whether the Council would arrange a visit to the recycling plant at Newham to see how the various items were treated. There was no planned visit by the Parish Council but apparently any member of the public can go along as it is encouraged. There is a covered public viewing area.
4. More problems have been experienced in different parts of the parish with limbs of trees being broken off by large vehicles.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

06/78

Councillor Lanyon declared his interest as Chairman of the GPRA and GPPA.

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

MATTERS ARISING

06/79

1. The gates at the Playing Field had now been re-aligned by Paul Chegwidan. Councillors will take a look before the next meeting.

POLICING CHANGES

06/80

Inspector Scott had written to outline changes to local policing.

The Falmouth area was experiencing a reduction of neighbourhood beat managers from six to four, with the Mylor ward sharing with Penryn. There would be the additional resource of two community support officers but they would not have the powers of a normal policeman.

Our new neighbourhood police officer is Andy Filkins.

Councillors were extremely unhappy at this reduction in an already 'thin' service, and have made this clear in a letter to Inspector Scott.

WHEAL MAID UPDATE

06/81

In the public clinic concerns were expressed about the lack of progress in stopping the nuisance being caused by motorcycles in the valley.

It was explained that on 20th September, the Parish Council would be meeting with the Environment Agency and Carrick to discuss the long-awaited report, following which the Council would have a better idea of what next steps were advised.

Although the pace of progress was painfully slow, it was essential that the Parish Council heeded the advice from the Environmental Agency and Carrick, as eventually, when remediation of the area could commence, the funding for it would come from agencies that relied totally on the evidence gathered from the E.A. reports. Nothing could happen on the site without their agreement.

As an interim measure, assuming the report will confirm some contamination of the tailings dams, the Clerk was asked to write to the County Council to ascertain whether fencing of the tailings dams could take place since the valley was now part of the World Heritage Site.

CORRESPONDENCE

06/82

1. CCC Environment & Heritage - Cornish Way permissive path. It was confirmed that there was no legal agreement between the Parish and County Councils. The Clerk is to reply, agreeing with the suggestion of the Environment and Heritage section that one be drawn up as the Heritage Lottery Fund could well require sight of it. It was stressed that the agreement must contain the right of the Parish Council to be able to close the path if it became necessary.
2. M Kaczmarek copy letter to CCC re Wheal Jewel. Noted.
3. CDC - Business Plan 2007 – 2010 - the Clerk to formulate our reply.
4. CCC Surveyor - B3298 Crossroads. The Area Surveyor had ruled out the possibility of using CES road improvement funding to improve this dangerous crossroads. The Clerk is to write to the Police for an accident history record.
5. C Stoltz copy letter to CDC Environmental Section with 'nuisance log' attached. Noted.
6. Rural Development Service - environmental monitoring of heathlands. Permission granted to enter Wheal Maid to take samples of heath.
7. Cusgarne & Frogpool WI - request to plant bulbs on the verges of Frogpool. The Parish Council were in favour of the idea but as they did not own the land, could not actually give 'permission'. It would be suggested that before any planting, the ground should be properly prepared/cleared.
8. Penwith DC - Health Service march. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of support to the main identified organisations / individuals.
9. British Telecom - Kiosk at Pulla Cross. The kiosk had been vandalised and the internal mechanisms removed with a hole appearing in the back of the kiosk. BT were not aware of this and will look into it.
10. Z Nelson - Little Beside footpath. A letter of thanks had been received for the works carried out to the lane surface.
11. Devon & Cornwall Constabulary - cover changes. Noted.
12. CCC Environment & Heritage - Mineral Tramways Partnership agenda for 8th September. Noted.
13. D Dyer - monumental mason quote for war memorial. As the deadline for quotes had passed and Mr Dyer had submitted the only reply, it was RESOLVED that he be asked to carry out the works for the agreed sum of £295. Works should be completed before November. As the quote was below £500, there was no further point in applying to the war graves commission for grant aid.
14. CAPTC - British Toilet Association speech. Noted.
15. CDC Legal Services - Gambling Act 2005 – consultation on draft statement of licensing principles. Noted.
16. CCC Environment. & Heritage - LMP meeting 25th September 7.00 p.m. The Chairman and Cllr Snell would attend, along with the Clerk if he could rearrange other commitments.

FOOTPATHS
06/83

1. Footpath 25 at Higher Chellean / Trehaddle had been trimmed and cut back harder than usual as it had become difficult for horses to use. Councillors were appreciative of the works carried out but requested the removal of the remaining trimmings to complete the work.
2. Cllr Wharton had arranged to meet with Dan Thomas at Chapel Lane to try to resolve the surface problems. The Surveyors department had passed the matter on to Countryside Access, so Mr Phipps was no longer involved.

PLANNING MATTERS
06/84

NEW APPLICATIONS

Appn Ref PA12/1511/06/R
Applicant Mr Darlington
Location 3, Coombe Lane, Bissoe
Development barn conversion with extension (removal of unstable ground floor & front wall)
Grid Ref 176240/41040
SUPPORT.

Appn Ref PA12/1563/06/R
Applicant Mr & Mrs T Timms
Location The Cottage, Coombe Lane, Bissoe
Development retention of garden shed
Grid Ref 176530/41120
SUPPORT

Appn Ref LC12/1031/06/B
Applicant M Rowe
Location Truro Auction Centre, Triplet Business Park, Poldice
Development change of use from car spare business to auction rooms, offices and storage facilities without complying with condition 2 of PA/12/2156/01/B (relating to cessation of use by 10/02/05).
Grid Ref 173690/43020
SUPPORT, BUT ASK FOR PARKING IMPROVEMENTS

Appn Ref LB12/1443/06/R
Applicant Mr & Mrs Buhagiar
Location Cascadden House, Trewithen Moor, Stithians
Development extension and alterations and refurbishment of farmhouse
Grid Ref 172560/38180
SUPPORT

Appn Ref PA12/1069/06/B
Applicant Mr & Mrs Grubb
Location Penventon Farm Nursery, Treviskey
Development erection of horticultural store
Grid Ref 173190/39640

SUPPORT

Appn Ref RP12/1562/06/R
Applicant C F R Evans
Location 1, Poldice Terrace, Todpool
Development retention of caravan
Grid Ref 173840/43000
SUPPORT

DECISION NOTICES..

1. Mr R Vowles, Kimberley Cottage, United Mines, St Day - extension to domestic dwelling

APPROVED

2. Mr & Mrs Hannam, 2 Chellean Vean, Frogpool - conservatory to rear

APPROVED

3. Mr & Mrs Fisher, Coombe Hill, Bissoe - garage alterations.

APPROVED

Mr & Mrs G Pascoe, Cusgarne Wollas - barn conversions etc.

APPROVED

OTHER PLANNING.

The Chairman, Vice Chairman and District Councillor Whiteley had visited many parts of the parish recently and noticed several potential breaches of planning / building regulations which Cllr Whiteley will take up with Carrick's officers.

Two cases of desired highway improvements were also identified, at Rose Hill, Comford where the 50mph limit should be continued to beyond Burncoose Nurseries and at Merrymeeting where the give way sign should be replaced by a one-way system.

The Clerk would write to the Area Surveyor.

FINANCE

06/85

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

CHEQUE NO.	TO WHOM	DETAIL	AMOUNT (£)
100654	Cornwall & Devon Media	adverts	£ 56.40
100655	M P Chegwidden	trimming & grassworks	£1,305.42
100656	L Moody	cleaning	£ 293.44
100657	D L Martyn	digger hire	£ 94.58

The Clerk had received the certificate from the external auditor to confirm that the accounts for 2005/06 were in order, and had placed the statement on the notice board to this effect, as specified by the Audit Commission.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

06/86

The Clerk will write to the Cornwall Road Safety Unit of the County Council in an attempt to get the "School" sign repositioned at Cusgarne. All previous letters / attempts have brought no action over a considerable period.

CHAIRMANS URGENT BUSINESS

06/87

The Chairman produced a leaflet that had been prepared by an unknown resident of Carharrack, objecting to the proposed planning application in Carharrack village for a drug rehabilitation house.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Clerk at Carharrack to see what comments they were returning to Kerrier, and if objecting, then we would lend our support in writing as the development had implications for our residents.

Signed.....
Chairman

28th September 2006