

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT GWENNAP CHURCH HALL ON 27th AUGUST 2009

Present. Cllr Furnish (Chairman), Cllr R Humble, Cllr M Padmore, Cllr P Roscorla, Cllr R Snell, and for the latter part of the meeting, Cllr Squibb

Apologies The Police

Also present : Mr Reburn, Mr Bawden, Mrs Bone, Mr Stag, Mr Barton, Cllr Plummer, and briefly during the Public Clinic, Ms J Ward, Mrs J Wharton

PUBLIC CLINIC

1. The Police had sent their apologies for not being able to attend. In their written report they confirmed that further speeding checks at Frogpool had shown three offenders receiving written warnings. They continued to have a presence in the Wheal Maid Valley, although there had been no cautions issued in the past month. A reduction in reported crime of eight was shown when compared to a similar period last year.
2. Mrs Bone spoke regarding the planning proposal at Trelise, Frogpool. She outlined her objections which were also contained in a letter which would be considered when planning was discussed in the meeting proper.
3. The Clerk was asked if an Environment Agency update on remediation at Wheal Maid had been received. He read a letter from the E.A. explaining a delay had occurred due to sickness, but the October was now the likely date for a conclusion.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

09/050

Following recent interviews, the Parish Council had invited Lee Barton of Frogpool to be co-opted onto the Council. He signed the register and duly took his place alongside the current Councillors. The Clerk would advise Cornwall Council and also return his Register of Interests.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

09/051

Cllr Padmore declared a personal interest on anything SITA related and in the accounts.

Cllr Humble declared a personal interest on anything related to the caravans at Pulla Bridge.

Cllr Furnish declared a personal interest in Wheal Maid matters.

PREVIOUS MINUTES.

09/052

It was RESOLVED that the previous minutes be signed as a correct record of events, following one spelling amendment.

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

09/053

1. Cllr Padmore confirmed that the Parish Council website now contained a link to the Police website.

WHEAL MAID

09/054

1. Tim Jenkins from the E.A. had written to apologise for the very long delay in replying to our communications. He had been ill and off work for a long time. He now anticipated a final decision on what is reasonable remediation in October.
2. Cornwall Council had written following their visit to the valley in July regarding outstanding planning requirements. Their report is not quite ready but will be with us soon.
3. The Clerk had replace two signs during his monthly inspection of the valley.
4. A letter from Gary Jago, the Mineral Tramways Heritage Project Officer confirmed that major funding to carry out conservation works at Taylor's Shaft would not now go ahead due to a funding shortfall, caused primarily by SWRDA withdrawal of finance. There was, however, some residual money left for maintenance, and it was the intention to spend some of this on making safe Davey's Shaft that is very close to the Cornish Way. This will either be better fencing or a total cap.

CORRESPONDENCE

09/055

- 1 TMA had carried out their quarterly Play equipment safety inspection at the Playing Field and sent their report.
- 2 Cornwall Council had postponed the first meeting of the Community Network Panel pending an investigation into alternative mechanisms for engaging with Parish & Town Councils.
- 3 Highways had notified the temporary road closure at Bissoe Bridge from 7th – 25th September.
- 4 Highways had notified the temporary road closure at Cox Hill, Chacewater from 17th – 25th September.
- 5 Cornwall Council had sent the draft notes of the Mineral Tramways meeting of 24th July.
- 6 Cornwall Council planning had sent a letter confirming a planning dispensation to SITA regarding the operational hours for their covering operations for an eight week period.
- 7 Cornwall Council have issued a draft planning protocol for local councils, especially where the views of the local council vary from those of the case officer.
- 8 The Cornwall County Training Partnership was organising planning training sessions throughout the County at a cost of £25 per representative. It was RESOLVED to put forward Cllr Humble for the Helston dates of 14th & 28th September, with Cllr Roscorla prepared to be a reserve.
- 9 Highways had written to confirm they were replacing broken bollards at Killigrew House and erecting extra ones at the beginning of Trehaddle Lane behind Greystones. Signage at Point Mills (to United Downs) is in hand and the poor state of the road outside the Landfill Site at United is also being looked at. A visit to Little Beside to meet with the Mineral Tramways Officer is also planned following the Parish Council's attempts to reduce the speed limit to 30 mph.
- 10 The Agenda for the Mining Villages Regeneration Meeting of 17th September had been received. Cllr Furnish hoped to accompany Cllr Snell as our representatives.

PLANNING

09/056

Planning received from Cornwall Council for Parish Council comment:

1. Mr Baxter, Fernspatt Farm, Coombe Hill - formation of dormer roof SUPPORT
2. Mr R Freeborn, Mt Wellington Mine - change of use of Mill building to Wave Buoy component manufacture SUPPORT
3. Mr Ferguson, Trelise, Frogpool - new dwelling and garage in garden of Trelise House OBJECT
4. Mr Parker-Price, Carnview, Goongumpas - alterations and first floor extension over sun lounge SUPPORT
5. Mr M Drew, Ruby Barn, Consols Road, Carharrack - change of use of land to form garden curtilage extension including swimming pool. SUPPORT
6. Cornwall Wood Treatment, 12/13 United Downs Ind. Park - cladding to side of building + new access to plot 13 SUPPORT
7. Mr K Palmer, Jasmine Cottage, Crofthandy - new detached two storey building (outline) SUPPORT
8. Mrs J Grubb, Penventon Nursery, Treviskey - retention of railings and planting OBJECT

Decision Notices received back from Cornwall Council:

1. Mr S French, Glen View Farm, Gwennap - redundant agric. Building conversion APPROVED
2. Mr J Datson, The Wood Yard, Race Hill, Point Mills - erection of dwelling. APPROVED
3. Mr Penna, Tresamble Cottage, Pulla Cross - extension and conservatory APPROVED
4. Mrs S Nile, Highlands Farm, United Downs - barn reconstruction APPROVED
5. Clear Flow Ltd, Plots 13/16, United Downs Ind. Estate - temporary office accom. APPROVED
6. Mr R Lord, land to west of Wheal Clifford Farm - erect new agricultural building APPROVED
7. Mrs J Ware, Little Beside - stables extension & alteration APPROVED

Bal Maiden, Trehaddle

Thanks to the efforts of Cllr Plummer, a reply had at last been received from Cornwall Council regarding the lack of action in applying the enforcement notice on the occupant of the land.

Because Cornwall Council, and Carrick before them were treating Ms Ryder as a Traveller, there was no hope of enforcement being served as a successful challenge against it would succeed because Cornwall Council has no alternative traveller sites to move Ms Ryder to.

The Parish Council does not agree with the traveller status afforded to Ms Ryder, and indeed, the original planning application and subsequent refusal made no mention of any special circumstance. On the basis of this, enforcement should take place.

The Clerk was asked to draft a reply, circulating it to Councillors for approval before sending it.

MINERAL TRAMWAYS MEETING

09/057

Councillor Snell and the Clerk had attended the Mineral Tramways meeting held on 24th July. The main points affecting our Parish were:

- SWRDA (the South West Regional Development Agency) were pulling back promised funding for many projects which left the programme in a poor state.

- In our parish, this could affect the major conservation works at Taylors in the Wheal Maid Valley.
- Cusvey mine completion had been delayed slightly with fencing still to be completed.
- The Mineral tramways structural engineer had recommended removal or replacement of the bridge over the Cornish Way at Hale Mills, but as it was listed, the conservation officer needed to be consulted
- Several areas of resurfacing had been completed along the Mineral Tramway and Cornish Way.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

09/058

1. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk engages the services of a carpenter to refurbish the windows of the toilet block and repair/replace the door to the electric box.
2. It was also RESOLVED that the tree surgeon carries out work to prune trees around the actual football field where they were overhanging the playing surface. It was estimated that this work could cost in the region of £350.
3. The Clerk would enquire whether Highways would refurbish the finger signposts at Crofthandy and United Downs, failing which it was suggested a heritage group could be the answer.

PLAYING FIELD PARISH ROOMS UPDATE

09/059

Andy Burton had completed the Building Control plans and the tender specification. It was RESOLVED that cheques be signed for the building fee to Cornwall Council of £224.25 and Mr Burtons fee of £500.

We now awaited the decision of the SITA Trust in October regarding grant aid.

FOOTPATHS

09/060

1. Cornwall Council had sent their revised LMP offer for the trimming of paths in 2009/10. This followed a meeting between the Councils where many paths had their status upgraded, meaning additional funding. From the initial £1,278 they were now offering £2,161 which compared favourably with 2008/09 figure of £1,990. It was still low in comparison to our overall spend which was around £4,500. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk and Chairman sign the acceptance letter.
2. Cornwall Council had also highlighted that it was not the responsibility of the Parish Council to flail trim Byways, the onus was on the landowner, where known., similar to the responsibilities for highways. Wherever possible, the Parish Council will apply this ruling in the coming trimming season.
3. It now appeared that Cornwall Council was not prepared to pay for the downgrading application of the Hale Mills Tunnel byway despite Parish Council requests. The Clerk was asked to seek out information on lockable bollards with a view to erecting one on the byway to prevent unauthorised access by 4x4 vehicles. A reshuffle of duties within Cornwall Council meant that Gwennap now had to link with different officers in other locations, removing the good links built up over several years.

FINANCE

09/061

1. Income had been received of £215.08 Car Boot sales, £90.00 from Newsletter adverts and £545.00 fees.
2. It was RESOLVED that the following cheques be signed for payment:

CHEQUE	PAYEE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
100887	A & N Media Ltd	adverts	£41.40
100888	L Moody	cleaning	£282.34
100889	EDF Energy	P.Field electric	£61.02
100890	Martin Luck Ltd	envelopes	£22.89
100891	Cornwall Council	building control fee	£224.25
100892	M P Chegwidden	grass/footpaths	£1339.75
100893	Netmeg Ltd	website hosting qtr.	£20.70
100894	A Burton	building control fees	£500.00
100895	VCGW Church Hall Fund	hire of hall	£18.00

MISCELLANEOUS/ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

09/062

1. Complaints had been received regarding slurry seeping on to the road from the Cornish Arms to Greensplatt. Councillors would look at the problem and it would be discussed at the next meeting.
2. Letters handed to the Clerk during the Public Clinic would be circulated to Councillors and added to the next agenda.
3. Parking on pavements at Treneglos would also be raised with the Police at the next meeting.

Signed.....
Chairman

24th September 2009