

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 16th MARCH 2017 at 7pm

Present: Cllr Furnish (Chair), Cllr Leach (Vice Chair), Cllr Padmore, Cllr Lanyon, Cllr Patton, Cllr Forrest
Apologies: Cllr Stumbles
Also present: Mrs Barnard (Clerk), Mr & Mrs Wilson, Mr Humble, Mr Bailey

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

16/164 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the parish council to the members of public.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2016/17

16/165 The Chairman gave his report on the activities of the Parish Council for the year April 2016-March 2017. He highlighted various achievements and failings, including:

- Fly tipping on a parcel of privately owned land continues to be a problem which to date the Parish Council have been unable to get resolved.
- The Parish Council receive regular complaints about illegal motorbiking on local footpaths and in the Wheal Maid valley. The Council are working with the Police on this issue but gaining sufficient evidence is difficult.
- Fly tipping in the parish is a continued problem which gets reported regularly to Cornwall Council. The Parish Council have been coordinating with Cornwall Council with regards to the erection of signs and covert cameras.
- The re-opening of the bridleways at United Downs has been delayed by two years and they still remain closed at present. The Parish Council attend liaison meetings on this matter and will continue to negotiate their reopening at the earliest opportunity.
- The Parish Council successfully filled the vacancy for a new Clerk, following the retirement of the former Clerk.
- Two Parish Councillors have stepped down from the Council for personal reasons over the last year. The Parish Council received an excellent response to advertising of the vacancies and interviewed six good candidates, two of whom were chosen to be co-opted onto the Council.
- The Parish Council were pleased to be able to reduce the Precept by nearly 4% for the year 2017/18, at a time when Cornwall Council and the Police have raised theirs by 4%.
- The Parish Council were delighted to frame and erect the beautiful hand crafted collage of scenes from around the parish, hand made by a local group of parishioners. The collage will be preserved and available for all to see and enjoy over the years.
- The Parish Council have carried out work in Frogpool Cemetery, the Richard Jory Playing Field and Wheal Maid Valley and were also pleased to be able to support a community garden project.
- The Parish Council have received excellent feedback about the 'new look' Gwennap Parish Newsletter.
- Preliminary work on the Gwennap Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan started during summer 2016, with the first surveys going out to all households in December. The five roadshow meetings that were held in February were very successful and well attended and received a positive response. One unexpected benefit that became apparent was that those that attended gained a much greater awareness of the work that the Parish Council do, and a better understanding of who the Councillors are.

QUESTIONS ON THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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OPEN FORUM

16/167 Nil

CLOSE

16/168 The Chairman thanked those in attendance and closed the meeting at 7.10pm

Signed..... Chairman (20th April 2017)