

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 15th MARCH 2012

Present. Cllr Furnish (Chairman), Cllr Humble (Vice Chairman), Cllr Roscorla, Cllr Padmore, Cllr Evans, Cllr Barton, Cllr Lanyon

Apologies Cllr Evans

Also present : Mr & Mrs Medlyn, Mr Bawden, Mr Reburn, Mr Withey, Mr & Mrs Gillatt, Mrs Roscorla

PUBLIC CLINIC

1. Mr & Mrs Gillatt asked if the Parish Council would make a financial contribution towards the tarmacing of Lower Goongumpas Lane. The residents were each contributing towards the upgrading of the byway, and a contribution that could pay for some speed restriction humps would be welcome. The Chairman explained that the matter would be discussed in the meeting later and the Clerk would telephone with an answer the following evening.
2. PCSO Gamble reported no crimes during the past month. She had contacted Highways regarding the lack of speed limit signage leading into Crofthandy from the St Day direction, and had also arranged for the Speedvisor to be placed on the Mount Wellington road for a period of time to establish the speed of road users.
3. This was PCSO Gamble's last appearance before her transfer to Hayle, and the Chairman thanked her for doing a fantastic job. We would be very sorry to lose her. PCSO Braddon would be taking over from her.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

11/264 nil

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

11/265

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

MATTERS ARISING.

11/266

1. The footway from Crofthandy to StDay crossroads had now been satisfactorily cleared
2. The Chairman has completed to fixing of the freezer and hot water boiler in the Room's kitchen.
3. Agreement had been reached between the Football Club and the new Youth team regarding operational issues. The Clerk attended a meeting of both organisations and the Youth representatives agreed to a £10 per match charge for the use of the facilities.
4. Two new floodlights had been delivered and the Clerk was arranging with an electrician to replace the old ones.
5. The previous minutes recorded that Cllr Lanyon would be moving a parked lorry in the Poldice area. He had apparently now changed his mind and would not be moving it.
6. The recently patched road from the Cornish Arms to Greensplatt had brought complaints from several quarters. The Clerk will write to Highways expressing these concerns.

PRECEPT FOR 2012/13

11/267

It was confirmed that the Precept for the forthcoming year would be £25,875. This represented a saving of 10% on the previous year, and was the lowest requested for eight years.

CORRESPONDENCE

11/268

1. The Minutes of Carharrack Parish Council's meeting held on 16th January 2012 were noted.
2. Community Energy Plus had sent details of their "Warm Me Up" project. Posters will be displayed on notice boards.
3. The Gwennap Branch of the Royal British Legion was holding an anniversary event at Lanner on 26th August to mark 27 years of the Branch and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. We are invited to send a representative and guest.
4. The Notes of the meeting of Mining Villages Network held on 2nd February 2012 were noted.
5. The Street litter report for March had been received. Several cases of fly tipping had also been reported to Cornwall Council.
6. The Wheal Maid inspection report for March was noted.
7. A copy of the Police letter to Highways regarding speed signage through Crofthandy was noted.

8. The Environment Agency had sent a letter of confirmation regarding our completed Remediation Statement. They requested we inform them when the new signs had been erected.
9. Notification had been received of the road closure at Gwennap on 7th May for the annual Street Market.
10. Cllr Plummer had copied the Parish Council in on an exchange of correspondence with Highways and a local resident at Cusvey regarding traffic problems.
11. A letter of concern had been received from a resident regarding the forthcoming Mountain Bike event at Wheal Maid. The Clerk had answered most of the queries to the satisfaction of the complainant.
12. A reminder to all Councillors had been received from Cornwall Council to keep their Register of Interests up to date. The Chairman read the last date when each Councillor had made their statement.
13. A quote had been received from Cornwall Council for the grass cutting in the Playing Field for 2012/2013. It was RESOLVED to accept the new quote which represented an increase of £20 per annum over last year's price.
14. An invitation had been received to attend Cornwall Council's Local Council Planning Forum on 25th April.
15. An invitation had been received from Mount Wellington to attend a lunch to mark the 5th anniversary of the site being used for renewable energy projects. The Chairman and Vice Chairman would attend.

PLANNING

11/269

Planning Applications received for comment:

PA11/08372 Wheal Jane Mine - erection of wind energy turbine SUPPORT

PA12/00563 Mount Wellington Mine Ltd - replace temporary toilet block with permanent building SUPPORT

(both these applications have been dealt with due to time constraints)

PA12/01690 Mr & Mrs Roberts, 4, Trewelm Lane, Crofthandy - roof conversion with dormer extension SUPPORT

Decision Notices received back.

PA12/1750/09/B Mr J Lee, The Glass Works, United Downs Industrial Estate - erect two units. WITHDRAWN

PA11/09241 Mr S Grant, Clifford House, Race Hill - lifting of conditions APPROVED

CONFIRMATION OF MEETING DATES FOR 2012/13

11/270

It was agreed to continue meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month for the next year, with the exception of June when we would meet on the 4th Thursday (the 28th) to accommodate the Clerk's holiday arrangements.

PARISH CREST.

11/271

Cllr Roscorla tabled drawings of a suggested Crest the Parish Council could adopt, if they decided that a Crest was necessary. It was agreed a Crest would be beneficial and one particular design was chosen. The Clerk will check with Eric Rabjohns to confirm his approval to use his sketch of Eldon's Engine House.

COUNCILLORS REPORT ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS

11/272

Cllr Roscorla had attended a Fete meeting and outlined the new ideas being explored to attract the public.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

11/273

1. The post holding the chain at the entrance to the playing field had been damaged by a vehicle. The driver had offered to pay for the repairs.
2. A discussion took place on the request to contribute funds to Lower Goongumpas Lane resurfacing. It was actually the responsibility of Cornwall Council to maintain the surface of such byways, but the standard they would work to did not include tarmac. They would maintain the surface to prevent any threat to health and safety. Apart from not having built anything into the precept for the forthcoming year for such expenditure, it would set a precedent if we did contribute to such a high standard of finish. We often received requests from residents that lived in lanes classified as byways for surface improvements, but only offered to provide material if residents filled in the potholes themselves. The recent case of self-help at Goongumpas was applauded and held up as an example to others. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to Highways asking them to help the residents in their attempt to improve the lane, but there would be no Parish Council financial contribution.

FOOTPATH/ENVIRONMENTAL

11/274

1. The Clerk confirmed we had received the maximum reimbursement of £2,117 from Cornwall Council in respect of footpath maintenance for 2011/12. Our actual expenditure on all footpath matters was £4,077.
2. Bronze footpath 13 at Trehaddle, where it exited the field stiles from Gwennap Church was causing problems. The old wooden stile structure was not being used by walkers because of the proximity of a drop into nearby gardens. An alternative was being used, but the farmer now needed to introduce some fencing to prevent his cattle from

getting out. If the Council were prepared to provide the timber, he would carry out the work to allow the new route to be used by walkers whilst also being stock-proof.

The Chairman wanted to visit the site and encouraged others to acquaint themselves with the problem before making a decision.

3. Cllr Barton had been approached by a resident who pointed out that horses were using the footpath alongside the cemetery at Frogpool. Rather than erect signs that would probably disappear in weeks, if particular horse riders could be identified then they could be approached and have it explained that it was not a bridleway.

PLAYING FIELD / DIAMOND JUBILEE COMMEMORATIVE PLANS

11/275

1. The Clerk had made considerable progress in painting the play equipment with the green preservative. A small amount left to do.
2. Cllr Padmore mentioned the acoustics in the main Room. There was an echo effect that made it difficult to hear at times. After some discussion, Cllrs Padmore and Barton agreed to look into the availability of items to combat the problem.
3. The Chairman was anxious that the Fete is a success, and outlined suggestions and financial help that he would suggest to the Fete Committee to ensure a good day. All Councillors supported this approach and the ideas suggested. It was also vital that nearer the day, distribution of advertising material reached as many parts of the parish as possible. More thought would go into this.

FINANCE

11/276

1. Income had been received since the last meeting in respect of : Newsletter adverts £67 : Burial fees £600 : Rooms Rental £10 : C.Council footpath reimbursement £2,117
2. Payments were authorised in respect of the following:

Cheque number	payee	service	value
101098	Tony Mogford Associates	play equip. inspection	£108.00
101099	Cornwall Council	printing costs	£590.57
101100	Martin Luck Group	stationery	£23.88
101101	R Cook	street sweeping	£107.10
101102	A Blamey	salary/expenses q4	£2123.01
101103	Post Office Ltd	income tax	£298.94
101104	P Corcoran	electrical works	£298.80
101105	M P Chegwidden	contract cutting	£1496.40
101106	L Moody	P.Field duties	£82.24

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

11/277

The Diamond Jubilee Fete needs to be on every agenda until the event.

Signed..... Chairman

19th April 2012