

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 18th OCTOBER 2012

Present. Cllr Furnish (Chairman), Cllr Humble, Cllr Roscorla, Cllr Evans, Cllr Padmore, Cllr Lanyon
Apologies Cllr Barton
Also present : Mrs C Roscorla, Mrs H Rowe

PUBLIC CLINIC

Helen Rowe came to ask whether the Parish Council would support the 2013 Fete financially as they did this year. It was hoped to make it a Coronation Fete, but dates were proving difficult. The Chairman said we would discuss it at the appropriate agenda item later in the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

12/081 none

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

12/082

It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the September meeting as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING.

12/083

1. The GPRA had yet to meet so there was no proposition to consider as yet.
2. The take-up of spare Jubilee Mugs had been good, with Crofthandy Village Hall and Frogpool Methodist Church receiving them. The small surplus was in the Playing Field kitchen for general use.
3. Cllr Lanyon's Register of Interests had been received.

CORRESPONDENCE

12/084

1. Cornwall Council Localism Letter for October had previously been circulated to Councillors.
2. The Mining Villages Regeneration Group minutes from meeting held on 4th October were noted.
3. The Mining Villages Network notes of the meeting held on 4th October were noted.
4. A letter of thanks had been received from Frogpool Methodist Church regarding the Jubilee Mugs
5. TMA safety inspection report for play equipment at Playing Field had been received. Cllr Humble had already replaced a missing shackle noted in the report.
6. A notice informing of a temporary road closure from Crofthandy – Pulla Cross from 15th – 29th October had been received from Cornwall Council.
7. A letter and cheque from the Fete Committee regarding the purchase of a new picnic table had been received. The Council were very appreciative of this donation and the table had already been purchased and was in place in the children's play area.
8. Cornwall Council had invited Councillors to their Budget event on 12th November.
9. Cornwall Council list of Planning "Friendly Link Officers" informed the Clerk who to contact in cases of planning queries.
10. Cornwall Council Planning Forum had sent an invitation to their meeting of 15th November. Unfortunately, this clashed with our own council meeting.
11. The Wheal Maid Inspection report for October was noted.
12. The Street Sweeping report for October was noted.
13. Came & Company had sent their proposal for the renewal of our Insurance cover, due from 1st December 2012. The Clerk was asked to clarify future years' payments and the matter would be discussed at the next meeting.
14. PCSO Braddon had sent the Police report for the past month. Crime figures of two were reported for the month.

PLANNING

12/085

Planning applications received for comment:

1. PA12/07736 Mr J Van Den Heuvel, land adj. Wheal Andrew Counthouse - conversion and extension of buildings for holiday
2. PA12/09027 Mrs A Osborne, Primrose Cottage, Fernsplat - erection of agricultural building
3. PA12/08703 Mr M Bray, Chycoose House, Coombe - conversion and extension of barn
4. PA12/08862 Mr M Smith, Robins Hill, Gwennap - felling of 3 semi-mature cypress trees
(all four plans have been dealt with by sub-committee because of time restraints. All were SUPPORTED.)
5. PA12/08937 Mrs D Burrell, Fairways Farm, Wheal Clifford - change of use of existing stone block barn to residential dwelling, conversion of barn "b" into stable block and conversion of existing structure "c" into double car port. SUPPORT
6. PA12/08518 Mrs H Bearham, Wheal Unity Bungalow, Todpool - erection of a conservatory SUPPORT
7. PA12/08168 Mr P Carter, 17 Trewelm Lane, Crofthandy - tree surgery DEFER TO C.COUNCIL

Decision notices received back from Cornwall Council:

PA12/07516 Mr Leach, Rose Farm, Crowsmennegus, Ponsanooth - extensions and renovations to holiday cottages

PA12/07413 Narrowband Wayleave Office re. Little Beside Exchange - installation of two cabinets

PA12/06495 Mr N Richards, Point Mills Garage - change of use from office to retail shop

PA12/07179 Mr S Goodwin, Loam Cottage, Gwennap - felling of sycamore tree

(all decisions were APPROVED by Cornwall Council)

It was noted that pre-application advice had been given by Cornwall Council to EMR who were looking to re-submit their plans for a scrapyard at the United Downs Industrial Park. It had been confirmed by Cornwall Enforcement that there was no breach taking place on the site at the moment. Cllr Lanyon asked what the small green fence around the site was for. The Clerk will try to find out.

COUNCILLORS REPORT ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS**12/086**

1. Cllr Humble and the Clerk had attended the recent Mining Villages meetings on 4th October, but there was nothing material to report back.
2. Cllr Roscorla reported that the first Fete meeting had been held but attendance was poor. It was hoped to attract other organisations to future meetings.
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WHEAL MAID**12/087**

1. Recent discussions with Datson Consulting did not resolve the Competent Person vacancy for the valley. Mr Datson had written to explain that insurance cover would be prohibitive for his company, but he had suggested an alternative. SLR Consulting from Bristol were familiar with the area, being currently used at the Landfill Site for gas migration problems. A discussion with Ian Uglow, their technical director confirmed they would be prepared to take on the Competent Person role. They would carry out a report and survey following which they would give their recommendation of future frequency of visits. The Clerk was asked to obtain a formal quote from SLR and this would be considered at the next meeting.
2. The Chairman updated the Council on progress for the two Mountain Biking events to be held on 7th and 27th/28th of April 2013. He had met the adjacent landowner who was very receptive to the use of his fields for parking and camping. There would be some fencing issues to overcome, but the Chairman was confident this could be managed. His proposal for a charge per rider of £2 was supported. £1 of this was to cover the landowner for any making-good and the minor alterations needed to gateways.
A request would be made to Cornwall Council to close the Cornish Way on these dates as it was a Permissive Path. Cllr Lanyon pointed out that there were other public paths to be considered that couldn't be closed. The Chairman would factor these into the discussions when the actual course was known.
A local directory of accommodation, food and camping had been sent to Fully Sussed for inclusion in their information packs.
The newsletter could be used to draw attention to the event for any local providers of refreshments.
3. A further progress meeting with the Project Consultants for the Taylor's project was due to take place on 26th October. They were currently drawing up the documents to go out to tender for a main contractor.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE**12/088**

Cllr Lanyon realised he had an interest in Item 2 and took no further part in the discussion or decisions..

1. Paul Chegwidden had replaced the two broken sign boards at Wheal Maid. He would now be asked to repair another one. If the vandalism continued, alternative sign materials would be looked in to.
2. The quote received for the painting and cleaning at the Parish Rooms was accepted, and some extra work would be asked for within a £50 additional limit.
3. The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote for the replacement of the ceilings in the 'away' changing room and boiler room.
4. The Clerk had contacted Outdoor Play People regarding the split in the head of one rocker. He was awaiting a reply.
5. Problems were being experienced with the hot water boiler. The Chairman would check if it was still in warranty, if it was not we would need to call on an engineer if the fault continued.

PLAYING FIELD**12/089**

1. The Grant of Premises Licence had been approved, and a copy was on display in the main Room.
2. The Clerk tabled a summary of the Car Boot Sale's finances for 2012. They showed a net profit of £579, the lowest level for four years and £468 lower than last year. Income from actual "Boots" was down by £317 whilst the kitchen was £126 lower. Payments to stewards remained level at around £1,040.
3. A discussion took place on what support the Council could provide to next years' Fete. Without being specific, it was agreed we should support it as much as possible and also try to get the school involved more.

BETTERMENT PROJECTS

12/090

Cllr Lanyon raised two items that he had brought up before, being Paynter’s Pool at Crofthandy, where some excavation and a pond liner would benefit wildlife, and the Pump and Pond at Lowertown.

The Chairman suggested Councillors take a look at both sites before the next meeting when a fuller discussion could take place.

CODE OF CONDUCT

12/091

The final version was now available, but as it had only been received a few days before the meeting, the Clerk will put it on the next agenda for adoption after Councillors had had the opportunity to read it thoroughly.

FINANCE

12/092

1. Income had been received since the last meeting in respect of : Burial matters £270 ; Fete donation £234 ; Rooms hire £66 ; Rural Payments Agency £3,373 ; HM Customs & Excise £2,377.74 ; Car Boot sales £237.92 ; Natural England £7,729.83

2. The Clerk had previously circulated a paper outlining the need for a loan from the Public Works Loans Board to cover bridging finance on the Taylor’s consolidation project. There would be several months where contractor’s payments were in excess of funds held, and whilst reimbursement from Natural England would be forthcoming, there would likely be a shortfall period. After an exchange of views, a proposition that we explore with Cornwall Council and Natural England if they would be prepared to cover our loan interest payments, but nevertheless continue with the loan application was put to the vote. It was carried 5 – 0 with Cllr Roscorla abstaining.

It was also RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts Cornwall Council finance department to accept their offer of a £25k interest free loan.

3. Cheques were authorised for signature in respect of:

Cheque number	payee	service	value
101163	Cormac Solutions Ltd	grass cutting Q2	£158.96
101164	A&N Media Finance Services	car boot advert	£25.50
101165	R Jarvis	skirting boards	£43.75
101166	R Cook	litter picking	£107.10
101167	A Blamey	sundry reimbursements	£399.25
101168	M P Chegwidden	contract cutting	£1,455.60
101169	A Gazzard	Playing Field duties	£174.05
101170	Post Office Ltd	P.Field electric a/c	£101.84
100012	pdp Green Consultancy	Taylor’s task 3	£5,245.80
100013	Nationwide Surveys	topographical survey	£624.00
100014	Tretec Ltd	ground clearance work	£1200.00

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

12/093

1. Betterment
2. Insurance
3. new ceilings
4. Competent Person formal quote

Signed.....Chairman

15th November 2012