

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 16th MAY 2013

Present. Cllr Furnish (Chairman), Cllr Humble, Cllr Roscorla, Cllr Padmore, Cllr Lanyon
Apologies Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek, PCSO Braddon
Also present : Mrs C Roscorla, Ms S Hannam

PUBLIC CLINIC nil

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

13/015

Cllr Kaczmarek was unable to attend our meeting but had sent a report which the Clerk read.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

13/016

Cllr Humble proposed Cllr Furnish remains as Chairman, seconded by Cllr Roscorla. There was no other proposal. He agreed to continue in this role.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

13/017

Cllr Roscorla proposed that Cllr Humble continues as Vice Chairman, seconded by Cllr Padmore. There being no other proposal, he accepted the position.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE REGISTER

13/018

Each Councillor was required to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office register again as this was a new four-year term.

REGISTER OF INTERESTS FORM

13/019

Abbreviated Register of Interests forms had been previously sent out by the Clerk for signature and return. As all five Councillors had completed the Interests forms in the latter part of their previous term of office, only amendments needed to be recorded along with their signatures. All were returned at the meeting.

The Clerk was required to return the forms to Cornwall Council within 28 days of taking office.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

13/020

Cllr Furnish declared an interest for item 21(viii) on the agenda.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

13/021

It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the April 2013 meeting as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING.

13/022

1. The debris on the western culvert grill had been removed by Paul Chegwiddden.
2. The matter of hedge removal at Todpool raised by Cllr Lanyon previously was now with Cornwall Council Enforcement section.
3. The Chairman spoke at the strategic planning meeting on behalf of the Parish Council against the application by EMR for a change of use to scrapyard at United Downs Industrial Park. Strategic Planning then refused permission. We must now wait to see if EMR appeal the decision. Cllrs Kaczmarek and Plummer also spoke against the application.
4. The Chairman confirmed that the Voluntary Mining Organisation had BCA Insurance and were prepared to recover scaffolding items from Taylor's shaft at the appropriate time.
5. The Clerk was asked to enquire from planning whether any lessons could be learnt following the initial omission of our comments to the EMR application documentation.

CURRENT CO-OPTION PROCESS

13/023

We were two Councillors short of a full Council and needed to co-opt. The Clerk had placed notices on boards throughout the parish on 5th May asking for interested persons to make application before 31st May.

CORRESPONDENCE

13/024

1. The Minutes of Carharrack Parish Council meeting held on 18th March 2013 were noted.
2. The Wheal Maid Inspection report for May was noted.
3. The Notes from the Taylor's site meeting held on 8th May were discussed and accepted.
4. A letter from FullySussed Mountain Bike organisation following the recent events was discussed. The Chairman would visit Nigel Andrews in the next week to discuss the event and see if a similar event could be held next year.
5. A letter from Cornwall Council regarding the Stock Car Track at United Downs had been received. This followed complaints from local residents regarding the frequency and noise levels of meetings. Following a lengthy discussion, the Clerk was asked to contact the complainants to get them to put their concerns in writing. It was also thought we could contact the lease holders to explain our position.
6. The litter clearing report for May was noted.
7. PCSO Braddon was on holiday, but had sent the Police report for May. Crime for the past year was down from 53 to 42 reported incidents. There had been 3 reported in the last month.

PLANNING

13/025

Planning applications received:

1. PA13/02981 Mr Leach, Rose Farm, Crowsmennegus - minor changes to approved plans SUPPORT
2. Mr A Reeve, (Truro Granite), Unite 1E United Downs Ind. Park - Industrial Unit, mobile office & canteen + external works SUPPORT

(both dealt with between meetings for time reasons)

Decision Notice received back from Cornwall Council:

- PA13/02262 Mrs Pettigrew-Jolly, Tailings End, Goongumpas - two storey extension APPROVED
- PA13/02005 Mr Matthews, Cascadden Barn, Trewithen - erection of stables WITHDRAWN
- PA12/09416 Mrs Rundle, Ivmar, Trehaddle - change of use from garage to dwelling WITHDRAWN
- PA13/02140 Mr S Paull, The Meadows, Chapel Lane, Crofthandy - erection of extension APPROVED
- PA13/00594 Mr Chapman, The Yard, Trehaddle - extensions to live/work unit & associated works APPROVED

TREE WARDENS

13/026

The Clerk would advertise the vacancy for a Tree Warden caused by Robert Cook's resignation in the next Newsletter. Mr Cook was to be thanked for his several years of good work.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

13/027

1. The Clerk had attended the Taylor's monthly site meeting. Good progress was being made, and only one incident of minor vandalism had occurred in the last month. The Clerk was now liaising with Cornwall Council and Natural England to form a better track up to Taylor's from the cycle trail, and also to design information panels.

PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON OTHER GROUPS

13/028

With the exception of Cllr Padmore continuing as the internal check on the Council's financial records, all other representation was left until we had a full Council.

FOOTPATHS / ENVIRONMENTAL

13/029

1. Cllr Lanyon had received a complaint regarding access to the Wheal Maid Valley from the Crofthandy/Goongumpas direction. The kissing gate did not allow access for a push chair. The Clerk would find the criteria for footpath entry and report back.
2. Cllr Lanyon had tried to contact the owner of trees whose branches were impeding pedestrians using the pavement from Crofthandy to St Day. He would continue to try to make contact to get the protruding branches removed.
3. The Clerk had removed a large tree that had fallen across the footpath alongside the cemetery.
4. The Chairman mentioned to Cllr Lanyon that the Poldice Valley Trust signboard at Twelveheads was broken. He suggested he should remove it, and as a Trustee of the Trust, Cllr Lanyon agreed this was a good idea.

PARISH FETE UPDATE

13/030

Cllr Roscorla reported that things were coming together nicely. Monthly meetings would shortly be held weekly as Fete day came closer.

PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

13/031

1. The Clerk would make further enquiries regarding the acoustics in the meeting room.
2. It was RESOLVED to accept the quote of £150 for the fixing and decoration of a de-do rail around the meeting room. The Council would supply the wood.
3. It was RESOLVED to accept the quote of £450 for the ceiling repairs in the changing rooms.

FINANCE

13/032

1. It was RESOLVED to keep the Cemetery fees at the same level.
2. There would be no increase in the Clerk's salary/expenses or the Casual Labour rate.
3. The charge for the Parish Rooms would remain at the same level
4. The rent charged to the Football Club for use of the ground and facilities would remain the same.
5. Income had been received since the last meeting of : £3,269 HLS Agreement 50% payment : £18,018.65 3rd project claim reimbursement from Natural England : £6,252.03 HMRC vat refund
6. Cheques were authorised for signature for :

Cheque number	payee	payment details
101210	Greenham	salt bin & cleaning sundries
101211	Local World Ltd	car boot advert
101212	R Cook	street litter clearing
101213	M P Chegwiddden	contract cutting
101214	A Gazzard	Playing Field duties
101215	Post Office Ltd	EDF a/c P.Field
101216	Martin Luck Group	envelopes
101217	K Furnish	expenses reimbursement
100025	Darrock & Brown	valuation no. 6
100026	pdp Green Consultancy	tasks 8&9 part 3

7. The Chairman explained why he had submitted an invoice for unforeseen expenses whilst attending the recent Strategic Planning meeting on behalf of the Council. Because the meeting ran for the whole day, he was unable to make flights previously arranged to get to his Munich workplace. He then left the room while Councillors debated the issue.

Following a lengthy discussion, there were two proposals. Cllr Roscorla proposed we met the costs in full, seconded by Cllr Humble. The vote was 2 for – 0 against. Cllr Padmore proposed we met all costs except the first two listed on the invoice, as he felt Cllr Furnish should cover these. Cllr Lanyon seconded the proposal and on a vote there were 2 for and 2 against.

As vice-chairman, Cllr Humble exercised his casting vote in favour of payment and the Clerk was instructed to draw a cheque.

When the Chairman returned to the room, Cllr Humble explained to the Council that there were lessons to learn from this. It was very rare that a Parish Council paid expenses to Councillors, and where such a request was made, it must be flagged up in advance for Council approval. If it arose at the last minute, the Clerk should be notified and contact other Councillors for a decision.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

13/033 nil