

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 19th FEBRUARY 2015

Present. Cllr Furnish (KF), Cllr Roscorla[PR], Cllr Lanyon(DL), Cllr Padmore (MP), Cllr Hannam(SH)
Apologies The Clerk , Cllr Humble, Cllr Saunders, PCSO Braddon
Also present: Cornwall Councillor Kaczmarek, Mrs Roscorla

The Clerk was still unwell, so at the request of the Chairman, Mrs Roscorla stood in to take the minutes.

PUBLIC CLINIC nil

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

14/111

1. Cllr Kaczmarek reported he had had discussions with Highways over the road signs in the area, and that whilst some still need attention, a substantial number of the signs in the area have either been cleaned, or removed and replaced. The potholes reported (with photographic evidence) by a Parish Councillor to Highways had been attended to, and a nasty pothole in the Mount Wellington area reported today has been repaired. He felt it only reasonable to note that Cormac have been efficient in dealing with these issues over the past month.

2. Although not strictly part of his duties as a County Councillor he had contacted Highways concerning the closure of two local roads within 30 minutes of one another. One case involved a fatality.

Cllr Kaczmarek advised that Planning Appeals cost the County Council some £40,000 a year at least, and that each time the Council lose, as they did in relation to the scrapyard at United Downs, they are often called upon to cover the other parties' costs. Following a short discussion it was agreed that Cornwall Council should have dealt with the planning application more effectively and efficiently as it was quite obvious the demand for industrial units so far off the main roads would be extremely low.

3. He confirmed Council rates will be rising by 1.97% during the coming financial year. Some Parish Councils will see steep rises in their Precepts as they will be taking on more responsibilities.

4. He had undertaken a litter inspection on Saturday around Little Beside, and Cox Hill and reported to Cory the extent of fly tipping and litter in general, and understands that Cory came out today and cleared the area. He confirms that there has been considerably more fly tipping and littering in the area over the past months and that this is being consistently reported to the appropriate authorities.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

14/ 112 none.

The Clerk had previously advised the Chairman that he did not feel there was a conflict of interest under agenda item 9c.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

14/113 The minutes of the January 2015 meeting were approved and signed as an accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING.

14/114 none.

CORRESPONDENCE

14/115

1. Cornwall Council's Draft Renewable Energy Supplementary Planning Document Consultation had already been circulated to Councillors. DL felt it meant little in practical terms.
2. A document from the Ombudsman's Office on planning complaints had also been circulated for information.
3. The Wheal Maid Inspection report for February was noted, along with the need for a wooden sign to be repaired. AGREED that Mr Chegwiddden would be asked to carry out the repair.
4. The ICO had sent confirmation of our data protection registration for the coming year.
5. A letter and donation from Playing Field "user" had been received and a letter of thanks sent.
6. The Minutes of Carharrack Parish Council's meeting held on 15th December 2014 were noted.
7. The litter picking report for February was noted. The amount of litter collected was increasing.
8. Cornwall Council's information advice following restructuring of Community Link Officers confirmed that Charlotte Chadwick was still our representative.

9. The Police & Crime Panel update had already been circulated. Cllr Kaczmarek confirmed that the Police Authority is using its' reserves quite extensively, it does seem probable that in 2016 staffing levels will start to be cut. Also there are now rumours that Devon & Cornwall Police will merge with Dorset Police

As part of this item, Mr Furnish advised he had received the normal monthly Police Report. This year there were 2 crimes (Burglaries) reported and 17 incidents. This compares with 4 crimes and 22 incidents in 2014.

10 Bartlett Refrigeration had sent a contract renewal letter for the water boiler in the kitchen. It was AGREED to renew.

11...Cornwall for Change Study. The dossier is on the website, and David Lanyon confirmed it was the intention to get the views of Parish Councils across the county on various issues, collate these and then report to John Pollard at a meeting on the 3rd March. It was agreed that the Councillors will familiarise themselves with the issues, and will consult by e-mail on the various points we as a Council wish to comment upon and that this was to take place no later than next Wednesday. It may be that different Councillors will actually submit our overall views

PLANNING

14/116

Planning applications received to date:

Dealt with between meetings

PA15/00524 Mr D Martyn, Glebe Cottage, Comford - erection of two storey extension SUPPORTED

(Mr Martyn had earlier attended the meeting, but was informed that the Council had dealt with it between meetings and gave its support.)

For consideration at this meeting:

PA14/11285 Mrs J Heathcote, 6 Carn View, Gwennap - variation of condition 5 attached to decision notice PA13/03124 to allow a minor material amendment to the dwelling design SUPPORTED

PA15/00907 Mr R Freeborn, Mount Wellington Mine - proposed extension to Industrial Unit SUPPORTED

(DL mentioned that whilst he had objected to the original Industrial Site application, he had no objection to this proposal)

WHEAL MAID

14/117

1. Natural England was reviewing their payment dates for 2015 onwards. We would still receive the same total but at different dates and now had to make a claim each time.
2. Riventa had sent their report on the culvert repair. The Chairman considered they had carried out a good job.
3. A proposal had been made by Riventa to use water from the culvert outfall to produce Hydro power. This would mean an outlay of £250,000 to them and an income to the Parish Council of £1,080 per annum.

Considerable discussion took place on this item. The Chairman made it clear his potential conflict of interest lay in the realm of the noise which might be generated by the equipment. No one felt this has any relevance at this time.

DL supports renewable energy, and knows the individuals at Riventa, however he does feel this warrants both more examination, detail and potentially discussion with other Companies.

It was agreed this concept would be explored further, and also that DL would obtain information etc from other quarters.

EXTERNAL MEETING ATTENDED inc GPPA

14/118

1. The Clerk and Cllr Humble had attended the recent CALC AGM at County Hall. Little to report as it was the usual AGM agenda and a speaker from NALC.
2. Councillor Lanyon reported attending the Cornwall for Change meeting at which there were 50 to 60 from Parish Councils, 5 speakers who were well received by those present.
3. The AGM of the GPPA was held on 12th February and attended by Councillors Roscorla, Humble and Saunders. PR reported that it was agreed to maintain the car boot fee at £3.50 for 2015. Overall net revenue was £1,211 for 2014. It had been agreed to ask the Clerk to ask the Parish Council to arrange for the spreading of fertiliser on the playing area to improve the surface. MP confirmed that simply walking across the field was not at present a pleasant matter. KF proposed and PR seconded that the Parish Council should provide sufficient fertiliser to improve the condition of the grass in general up to a cost of £200.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE & PLAYING FIELD

14/119

A further six tonnes of road planings had been supplied by Cormac to complete the repairs to the byway beside the Playing Field. This part load was shared with Trewelm at Crofthandy, and Cllr Kaczmarek initiated the deliveries.

FOOTPATHS

14/120

1. Cornwall Council had offered a maximum reimbursement of £2,117 for the trimming of footpaths in 2015, the same level as 2014. It was AGREED to accept this offer.
2. Greens had written to confirm acceptance of the trimming contract from April 2015 and the Chairman countersigned the contract agreement form.

FINANCE

14/121

1. Cheques were authorised for signature for :

<i>Cheque number</i>	<i>payee</i>	<i>payment details</i>	<i>value</i>
101347	Cormac Solutions	grass contract Q4	£240.70
101348	Riventa Ltd	culvert repairs, Wheal Maid	£846.00
101349	R Cook	litter clearing	£149.72
101350	M P Chegwidde	contract cutting	£854.88
101351	Bartlett Refrigeration	annual boiler service contract	£105.60
101352	A Gazzard	Playing Field duties	£157.60

(where VAT is included in the total paid, it is recoverable)

- Income had been received since the last meeting for : Natural England £1,683.24 final part of 2014 maintenance payment : Hire of Rooms £122.00 : Donation £10.00 : Burial fees £85.00 : C.Council footpath reimbursement £2,117.00
- Cllr Padmore confirmed that he had carried out the internal audit to 31st January and found everything to be satisfactory.

OTHER BUSINESS

14/122

Cllr Hannam mentioned that the County Gipsy Liaison Officer has invited anyone interested to view the new facilities at Wheal Jewell.

E-mail Cllr Hannam if interested.

Signed.....Chairman

19th March 2015