

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 16th APRIL 2015

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

PUBLIC CLINIC

Mr Freeborn came along to give an insight into a planning application he would be submitting in the near future. He had boards with photos showing how the old Silo could be converted into office accommodation. The Chairman thanked him for the level of detail and said that the Council would discuss the application when it arrived from Cornwall Council.

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

15/001

Cllr Kaczmarek reported that:-

- He was disappointed that the charges at HWRC will continue. This followed Cornwall Council's six-monthly review. Cllr Kaczmarek was the only Councillor who had requested fly-tipping numbers, and for the Mining Villages it showed a huge increase in the level of tipping.
- He would be asking Cornwall Council why there are no 'Mother & Baby' parking spots in their car parks.
- The Traveller in the lay-by at Triplet should be gone by 17th April.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

15/002 none.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

15/003 The minutes of the March 2015 meeting were approved and signed as an accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING.

15/004

1. An update from Riventa regarding the Hydro proposal at Wheal Maid reported that initial meetings had taken place with the Environment Agency and Western Power, but there were several challenges to overcome that may make the scheme uneconomical. DL was still waiting for replies to enquiries he had made regarding the scheme.
2. The Ethical Standards training for 14th May has been postponed. No new date has yet been set.
3. The Electronic communication of the Agenda and previous Minutes had worked, but the "read-receipt" failed in some cases. The system will continue, but if problems were experienced, the Clerk was happy to revert to posted advices. The Chairman asked Councillors to contact the Clerk if nothing had been received by the Sunday before the meeting.
4. Discussion took place on whether the phone box could be adopted and then moved to the Cornish Arms, who had expressed an interest. The Clerk will speak to RH to get more detail on the pitfalls and costs.

CORRESPONDENCE

15/005

1. The Wheal Maid inspection for April was noted.
2. The litter clearing report for April was noted.
3. Cllr Kaczmarek's Annual Report had previously been sent electronically to Councillors.
4. Cornwall Council had confirmed payment of 50% of our Precept and Support Grant had been made.
5. The Minutes of Carharrack Parish Council's meeting of 21st February were noted.
6. The MVRG were meeting today to prepare for attendance at the forthcoming examination of the Cornwall Local Plan. Our joint comments had already been submitted, so unless fresh comment was to be made, attendance may not be necessary.
7. CALC had sent a reminder to renew our annual membership. It was RESOLVED that we renew the subscription.
8. The MVRG had written regarding the poor attitude of Cornwall Council to Fly Tipping, following the recent six-month review. They sought our views for further discussion at MVRG. The Chairman was incensed that Cornwall Council seem happy to allow the increased fly-tipping and pay for its' removal as long as overall, there was a profit. This took no account of the spoiling of the local countryside and the associated hazards. He will prepare a letter to be sent to Cornwall Council and circulate it for approval, and we are to carry this message back to the Mining Villages Group.
9. A CALC letter drew attention to Government guidance on unauthorised encampments, underlining that prompt action can be taken using a broad range of powers.
10. The Police report had been sent by PCSO Braddon. Crime remained the same at 3 reported when compared with last year, whilst calls to the 999 and 101 numbers were up 4 to 20.

CASUAL VACANCY

15/006

The Clerk had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Saunders. This was reluctantly accepted and the Clerk is to write to thank him for his efforts during the past year.

Cornwall Council will now be notified, following which they will produce public posters to see if a by-election is requested by parishioners. If not, then the Parish Council will be advised to co-opt an additional member. It was agreed that we can delay the co-option for a few weeks to enable an advert to go in the next newsletter.

PLANNING

15/007

Planning applications received to date:

PA15/02791 Mr Thomson, Cathlowena, Cusgarne Hill - barn conversion SUPPORT

PA15/02802 Mr Smith, Little Beside Cottage, St Day - 2 storey domestic extension & re-roofing SUPPORT

Decision Notices received from Cornwall Council:

PA15/01781 Mr P Dalton, Gilly Penrose, Gilly Farm, Gwennap - 1st floor studio extension APPROVED

PA15/00907 Mr Freeborn, Mount Wellington - proposed extension to industrial unit APPROVED

EXTERNAL MEETING ATTENDED

15/008

1. DL, as part of the Cornwall for Change steering group, had met with Cornwall Council members recently, and an update letter from this will be coming to Parish Council's soon. There had been no written reply to the CfC letter of eighteen questions.
2. SH had attended the One Stop Shop/Library consultation and spoke of the further cuts that somehow had to be made to the service. One idea suggested volunteers could help run the service, but there were problems to overcome if it was to happen. The Clerk had previously circulated the details to Councillors.
3. The Clerk had that day attended the Mineral Tramways meeting. An update from Gavin Henderson on the works being carried out on the trails mentioned the good work at Twelveheads/Hale Mills that residents had done, and in the near future the gravel being washed down the byway at Twelveheads corner would be dealt with.

GRANT REQUEST FROM CROFTHANDY VILLAGE HALL

15/009

The Clerk explained that he had been approached by the Village Hall Committee to see if the Parish Council would consider a grant towards new 5-a-side goalposts for their field or the creating of a secure store cupboard following the loss of existing equipment.

It was proposed by PR, seconded by SH that we give the Village Hall Committee £400 - the sum mentioned as the cost of the goalposts, and suggest they approach Cllr Kaczmarek for funding for the cupboard from his Community Chest.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE & PLAYING FIELD

15/010

1. It was AGREED that Mr Cook be asked to remove the old notice board outside the Fox & Hounds at Comford. It has not been used since the new one was erected outside Gwennap Church car park. and was in a poor state. A request for an additional tap in the cemetery at Frogpool was discussed. It was decided that the current arrangement was not overly inconvenient and should remain.
2. The Crofthandy bus shelter painting, already approved, would take place soon.
3. The Pulla Cross shelter was also in need of redecorating, and also the fascia was rotten in places – to be discussed at the next meeting.
4. The Clerk had received a quote for the tap replacement and water tank insulation in the toilet block at the Playing Field. As it was below the £200 limit previously set by the Council, he has agreed for the work to take place in the near future.
5. A reminder that we agreed at the last meeting to spend Saturday morning on 16th May painting the exterior of the Parish Rooms. The Clerk will send e-mails before the event.
6. It was RESOLVED that the quote from Cormac for the gang-mowing of the Playing Field be accepted – it remained at £546.32 for the third year.
7. It was RESOLVED that Paul Chegwiddden replaces the wooden post recently broken at the Playing Field. It holds the chain preventing vehicles from driving on to the grass. (retrospective approval).

FOOTPATHS

15/011

The Clerk had been in touch with the new contractor to set out a programme of trimming for the new season. As it was the first year for Greens contractors, the Clerk would need to visit each footpath before and after trimming.

FINANCE

15/012

1. Cheques were signed for :

Cheque No.	Name	Service	Value
101360	A E Harris	Internal Audit	£90.00
101361	BT Global	Newsletter printing	£378.85
101362	Bartlett Ltd	Boiler parts	£8.40
101363	CALC	Annual subscription	£427.33
101364	Local World	Car Boot advert	£33.00
101365	Greenham	Cleaning materials	£64.78
101366	R Cook	Litter clearing	£149.72
101367	M P Chegwidde	Contract cutting	£1,208.40
101368	A Gazzard	Playing Field duties	£133.96
101369	Croft handy Village Hall	grant towards posts	£400.00

2 Income had been received since the last meeting a) to the end of March Burial fees £60 : Interest £5.59 : Rooms hire £12 : Advert £10.50 and b) in April to date :advert £42 : Rooms hire £25 : Precept £12,076.50 : Support Grant £861.52

3 The comments of the Internal Audit were discussed and noted

4 The Clerk had completed the Annual Accounts for 2014-15 and presented them to the Council for discussion and signing off, following which he would send them to Grant Thornton, the appointed External Auditors.

It was RESOLVED to approve the Accounting statements and Annual governance statement for 2014/15. The Chairman signed the statements and the Cash Book.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

15/013

Pulla Cross Bus Shelter

Case for Cornwall

Black Alerts at RCH Treliske

Phone Box acquisition

Signed.....Chairman

21st May 2015