

# *Gwennap Parish Council*

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## **MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015 at 7pm**

Present. Cllr Furnish (KF) Chairman, Cllr Humble (RH) Vice Chairman, Cllr Roscorla (PR), Cllr Padmore (MP),  
Cllr Lanyon (DL), Cllr Hannam (SH)

Apologies Cllr Leach

Also present: Mrs Roscorla, Cornwall Councillor Kaczmarek, PCSO Fuller, Mrs Carpenter, Mr Whipp & Son,  
Mr D'Souza, Ms MacSweeney, Cornwall Councillor Kaczmarek (from 7.45pm)

### **PUBLIC CLINIC**

1. PCSO Fuller attended the meeting for the first time and gave his monthly report, with figures for the whole of his area .....and more detailed explanation for Gwennap .....parish specific. He was thanked by the Chairman and left.
2. Prior to the meeting, the Clerk had received eight letters of objection to a planning application for 2, Carn View .....Gwennap. Their objections mainly centred on the current parking problems and the social cohesion conflict that would .....arise between householders if this application was approved.  
.....Mrs Carpenter, Mr D-Souza and Ms MacSweeney spoke to confirm these fears, whilst Mr Whipp, the applicant, .....apologised for the current parking problems, caused by a short-term tenant in No 2, but which would soon disappear.  
.....He also explained that he would be creating two new parking spaces for No 2 to replace those lost with the development.  
.....The Chairman explained that all comments would be considered when the application was discussed later in the .....meeting.

### **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

**15/084**

Cllr Kaczmarek gave his report later in the meeting, informing the council:

- He had driven around the parish with the Highways Manager pointing out areas of concern including the collapsed road edge close to Cusgarne School and hedge growth at Hicks Mill
- He had written expressing concerns about announced Police Station closures
- He was involved with the drainage problems at 1, Trenbal, Crofthandy
- He outlined Housing policy changes
- The new target for house building in Cornwall was 52,000. We were eight years of the twenty already gone and two-thirds have either already been built or had received planning approval.
- He had attended a "meet and greet" for the short-listed Chief Executive applicants

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**15/085**

Cllr Padmore declared an interest in the planning application for his property and will leave the meeting when it is discussed.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE**

**15/086**

The minutes of the October 2015 meeting were approved and signed as an accurate record.

### **MATTERS ARISING.**

**15/087**

Daffodil bulbs had been sourced by Cllr Leach at a cost of £11.50 for a large sack, well below the limit set. Cllrs Humble and Hannam, along with the Clerk and his wife had planted the bulbs in Frogpool Cemetery and the area by the bus shelter opposite the Cornish Arms.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

**15/088**

1. The Minutes of Carharrack Parish Council's meeting held on 21st September 2015 were noted.
2. The Clerk had reported a large amount of fly-tipping at Pulla Bridge, on land at Bal Maiden owned by Ms Ryder. The site had previous history with the Council when travellers moved onto the site in 2009, but since then it is believed Ms Ryder moved to France to live. This makes it difficult to have the tipping removed, being on private land. A further problem of someone living in a caravan on the site is being taken up by Cornwall Council enforcement.
3. A Milestone "Penryn 5" between Comford and Burncoose has been noticed lying damaged in the hedge. The Clerk has asked the Highways Manager to recover and reposition it. Thanks to James Biscoe at Stithians for spotting it.
4. The Wheal Maid inspections for October & November were noted. The Clerk mentioned that as part of our agreement with Natural England, growth will need to be cut away from some of the mine features recently restored, and he will liaise with Paul Chegwiddden to get the work carried out.
5. The litter report for November was noted.

6. The paperwork for setting our Precept for 2016/17 had been received, and the Clerk gave each Councillor a copy of current year-end projections as a guide. The matter will be discussed in full at our December meeting.
7. A letter had been received from the ladies craft group that were making a collage to be hung in the Parish Rooms. As it has been ongoing for many months, the letter was by way of an update as it was now reaching completion. The group were currently obtaining prices for the framing of the collage.
8. Our Insurance premium reminder letter had been received. The price was in line with our three year agreement, although IPT has risen from 6% to 9.5%. The cheque will be presented for signing later in the meeting.
10. A letter has been received from a parishioner in response to our newsletter proposed projects. The contents were noted for future reference.

## **PLANNING**

### **15/089**

#### **Plans for discussion at the meeting:**

- PA15/09405 Mr Bedford, Annexe at Magpie Cottage, Goongumpas - lifting of occupancy condition SUPPORT  
 PA15/09551 Mr R Freeborn, Mount Wellington, Fernsplatt change of use, Car Park to rental storage units OBJECT  
 PA15/09749 Mr G Whipp, land adj. to 2 Carn View, Gwennap - erection of dwelling SUPPORT (with conditions)  
 PA15/09984 Mr M Padmore, Cherry Cottage, Tresamble Hill - alteration and extension to dwelling SUPPORT  
 PA15/10202 Mr M Pascoe, Tolgullo Vean, Tolgullo, St Day - garage conversion to residential annexe SUPPORT

#### **Decision notices received back from Cornwall Council**

- PA15/08631 Mr H Cornish, Pine Trees, Trewelm Lane, Crofthandy - fell pines due to size and maturity REFUSED  
 PA15/08016 Mr M Stone, Homeleigh, Comford - roof extension APPROVED  
 PA15/08008 Mr Huxley, Chapel View Farm, Hicks Mill - solar panel array APPROVED

## **PAPERLESS PLANNING PROPOSALS**

### **15/090**

The £700 'contribution' from Cornwall Council to cover the cost of equipment needed to cope with receiving planning application electronically has been received. RH & PR had attended the seminar run by Cornwall Council and reported back to the Chairman who has now put together a priced shopping list of requirements. DL suggested we ask locally from a computer supplier to see if the prices quoted (from PC World) could be bettered. The Clerk will check this. The itemised equipment was approved. Proposed RH, seconded PR agreed by all.

To avoid increasing the Clerk's workload, a sub-committee of councillors on a three month rotation would download applications prior to the meeting. The Clerk would inform which applications were for consideration and report back to Cornwall Council, as now.

## **DEFIBRILLATORS**

### **15/091**

RH spoke to papers he had provided for discussion, outlining the possibility of purchasing three defibrillators for siting at Frogpool, Gwennap and Crofthandy. The general view was that it was a worthwhile plan, whilst DL questioned whether we should spend public money before knowing if the public wanted it.

It was agreed to use the forthcoming newsletter to find out if anyone had objections to the proposal, and also to ascertain whether there were sufficient volunteers who would be prepared to attend a training event. Without enough trained parishioners the scheme wouldn't work.

## **GWENNAP PHONE KIOSK**

### **15/092**

One of the defibrillators could potentially be sited in the phone kiosk at Gwennap. It was AGREED to purchase the kiosk from BT for £1 then draw up an agreement with Mr Stevens who would refurbish and maintain it, using it as a book-swap. (Proposed RH, seconded MP)

Again, RH had drawn up costings for items required to bring it up to a standard. These totalled £130-£150.

## **EXTERNAL MEETING ATTENDED**

### **15/093**

1. RH and the Clerk attended the recent SITA/SUEZ Liaison meeting that included a site walk to inspect reinstatement progress. SITA are still at odds with Cornwall Council over the precise route that some of the new bridleways should take, but pointed out that they had until September 2016 to complete the work. The overall site reinstatement must finish by the end of 2016.
2. PR, RH DL and the Clerk had attended recent planning conferences held by Cornwall Council. DL spoke of the importance in future of the pre-app.
3. PR & RH attended the Mining Villages Group and subsequent Community Network meeting held at Stithians. Neighbourhood Plans had not been undertaken in 125 of the 213 parishes. Following RH's querying of the large number of bronze paths in Gwennap parish, Toby Lowe from Cornwall Council agreed to undertake a review of them to see if any should be re-graded to silver or bronze.
4. KF attended Cornwall Council's finance meeting. Cornwall Council has already saved £90m of the £190m they needed to achieve. If devolved powers were agreed by the government, it could lead to substantial amounts of European funding for Cornwall. The Clerk was asked to obtain a list of Cornwall Council assets in our parish.

## ENVIRONMENTAL & PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

### 15/094

1. The Clerk outlined two applications for additional waste bins (that are also used for dog waste). After much discussion, it was AGREED that the Clerk orders a new bin for the Hicks Mill area but checks on the usage of the current ones to see if one can be re-located to Bargus.
2. The occupants of 1, Pencantol would be asked again to cut back their overhanging hedge growth.
3. The quarterly safety inspection report on the play area was received shortly after our last meeting. Some of the issues were flagged as urgent, and RH repaired them immediately. He has also dealt with all the other items raised although the Clerk has to re-paint some equipment with anti-slip where it has worn.

## FOOTPATHS

### 15/095

1. Following discussions with our Countryside Officer, it has been agreed that footpath 50/1 from the Crofthandy-Carharrack road into Poldice can be trimmed twice a year. It is a narrow path that grows in quickly.
2. All footpaths have now been trimmed by our contractors, Greens Grounds & Trees and the Clerk has submitted our invoice for reimbursement. The shortfall between payments made and reimbursement should only be £58 – a marked improvement from previously where the shortfall has exceeded £1k.

## FINANCE

### 15/096

1. Cheques were signed for :

101410	Greenstick Ltd	footpath trimming	£662.50
101411	Came & Company	annual insurance premium	£1,517.00
101412	Cormac Solutions Ltd	P.Field grass Q2	£163.90
101413	R Cook	litter clearing	£177.30
101414	A Blamey	reimbursement for payments made	£666.74
101415	BT Global Services	newsletter printing Autumn '15	£274.60
101416	M P Chegwidden	contract grass cutting	£1,119.60
101417	A Gazzard	Playing Field duties	£161.54

2. Income has been received since the last meeting for : £1328.83 Street Sweeping grant : £220.00 Rooms hire : £300.00 burial fees : £21.00 advert : £3,321.00 Natural England Wheal Maid grant

## NEXT AGENDA

### 15/097

Items for the next agenda would include:

- Precept for 2016/17
- Defibrillators

Signed.....Chairman

17<sup>th</sup> December 2015