

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 17th DECEMBER 2015 at 7pm

Present. Cllr Furnish (KF) Chairman, Cllr Humble (RH) Vice Chairman, Cllr Roscorla (PR), Cllr Padmore (MP),
Cllr Leach (GL)

Apologies Cllr Lanyon, Cornwall Councillor Kaczmarek, PCSO Fuller

Also present: Mr Forrest, Ms Champion, Mr & Mrs Needham, Mrs Roscorla,

PUBLIC CLINIC

Mr Forrest came to speak about his planning application the Council were considering later in the evening. He outlined the proposal and would be happy to answer any questions when the application was discussed in the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

15/098

Cllr Furnish declared an interest in agenda item 16(iii) – cheque authorisation and signing

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

15/099

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

MATTERS ARISING.

15/100

1. The milestone at Comford has been moved by Highways and is currently safe from traffic in the entrance to the Gwennap footpath on Rose Hill. It is anticipated it will be repainted and then repositioned.
2. All litter bins are being used regularly therefore it would not be possible to re-site one to another location. The new bin for Hicks Mill was on order.

CORRESPONDENCE

15/101

1. The Minutes of Carharrack Parish Council's meeting held on 23rd November were noted
2. A Fire Extinguisher Service Report was received following the annual visit on 27th November 2015
3. The Street sweeping report for December was noted.
4. The Wheal Maid Inspection report for December was noted.
5. A Letter from a Goongumpas resident spoke of the lack of interest from the police regarding off-road motorcycles at Wheal Maid. She had been told it was not their priority and that the landowner should be dealing with it. It was agreed that the Chairman drafts a letter that will be sent to local motorcycle clubs asking for their co-operation and the Clerk will ask PCSO Fuller to replace signs in prominent positions around the valley.
6. Cllr Kaczmarek had copied us into correspondence on the Wheal Jewel Traveller Site which had been in the media lately because of rubbish and rats on the site.
7. Our complaints regarding fly-tipping at Bal Maiden, Pulla Bridge had brought little joy from both Enforcement & Environmental departments. Because it was on private land, and the owner could not be traced, enforcement couldn't 'enforce' and the Environment Agency was not interested as it was fly tipping. Their only suggestion was to place a large boulder in front of the gate preventing further access which Cornwall Council was reluctant to do. To appreciate the extent of the fly-tipping situation, the Clerk will take interested Councillors onto the site on Sunday morning.
8. PCSO Fuller had sent his Police report covering the past month, with just one reported theft recorded.
9. Cornwall Council had notified us of the Rubbish & Recycling collections over Christmas.
10. An invitation had been received from Lanner PC to a Planning meeting with Cornwall Council officials on 12th January.
11. Cllr Kaczmarek had received a complaint from a resident at Greensplatt regarding lorry traffic at Greensplatt visiting the nearby Pryor's Farm. He had referred the problem on to Highways who agreed to contact the farmer to discuss actions that could alleviate the situation.

PLANNING

15/102

Plans for discussion at the meeting:

PA15/10044 Mr R Forrest, Bryher Cottage, Bissoe Hill - new dwelling SUPPORT

PA15/10999 Mr S Wicks, The Chalet, Homefield, Crofthandy - replacement dwelling and annex retention SUPPORT

PA15/11050 Mrs Coombes, 18, Pencantol, Frogpool - works to oak and holly trees DEFER TO C.COUNCIL

Decision notices received back from Cornwall Council

PA15/10202 Mr Pascoe, Tolgullow Vean, St Day - garage conversion APPROVED

PAPERLESS PLANNING PROPOSALS

15/103

Since getting approval at the previous meeting, the Chairman had purchased the agreed computer and associated items and along with PR had installed them in the Parish Rooms. Although we do not have to use the paperless method for studying plans until 1st April, it was tested on the applications at this meeting and found to be easy to use and clearly reproduced on the screen.

The Chairman had given the Clerk details of suggested changes that would improve the downloading process and these would be forwarded on to Cornwall Council for consideration.

DEFIBRILLATORS

15/104

It has now been confirmed that it will be in order to install defibrillators at the Cornish Arms outside wall and the porch of Gwennap Church, and along with a previously agreed one at Crofthandy Village Hall, all three could now be ordered. Meanwhile, the Clerk was still awaiting a response from BHF on a grant application which could allow a fourth to be installed.

RH was happy to co-ordinate and the next step was to canvas for individuals to attend training sessions that would be taken by Dr Gripper, with the Council covering the costs. There had been no negative comments following publication in the newsletter, only wholly positive responses.

It was proposed by GL, seconded by all present that, subject to a good response for training, we go ahead and purchase three defibrillators, cover the costs of installation and training plus any ongoing electricity costs and future support costs.

GWENNAP PHONE KIOSK

15/105

With the defibrillator now being sited in the church entrance and the phone kiosk in the ownership of the Community Heartbeat Trust, we were not in a position to purchase it for Mr Stevens to refurbish and use as a book swap facility. However, RH would contact him and give him the details of the Trust and they would hopefully be able to pass the ownership across to him as the kiosk would not be required for a defibrillator.

ENVIRONMENTAL & PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

15/106

1. The Clerk explained that the Football Club had obtained grants for new goalposts. The Clerk had explained that they would become part of the Parish Council's inventory and property. The existing posts were still in good condition.
2. It was AGREED that a picnic table be purchased from CWT at United Downs for £270 + vat to replace one in the children's play area. Paul Chegwiddden would be asked to collect and install the table.

FOOTPATHS

15/107

The Clerk confirmed receipt from Cornwall Council of £1,779, being the full amount requested for footpath trimming in 2015.

FINANCE

15/108

1. Cheques were signed for :

101418	Cormac Solutions Ltd	P.Field grass Q3	£163.90
101419	Fire Crest First Protection	extinguisher service	£57.60
101420	R Cook	litter clearing	£149.72
101421	F J Kemp & Sons	electrical work, Rooms	£57.60
101422	A Blamey	salary & expenses Q3	£1,329.49
101423	Post Office Ltd	income tax Q3	£307.90
101424	K Furnish	computer equipment reimbursement	£1,281.46
101425	A Gazzard	Playing Field duties	£118.20

2. Income has been received since the last meeting for : Burial fees £150.00 : advert £10.50 : C.Council footpath reimbursement £1,779.00 : Rooms hire £51.00
3. The Precept for 2016/2017 was then discussed, using an outline of past and current spending provided by the Clerk. There were concerns regarding the cost of additional functions likely to be passed down from Cornwall Council, especially the Lengthsman's scheme, and also internal cost increases as some of the tasks currently being carried out voluntarily may have to be contracted out, although both were impossible to quantify at this stage. After much discussion it was proposed by PR, seconded by GL that we increase our precept by 40% for 2016-17, and should this additional funding prove unnecessary then it will be reversed in the following year. All in agreement (MP abstained).

VACANCY ON COUNCIL

15/109

Councillor Hannam has tendered her resignation from the Council, and the Clerk advised Cornwall Council accordingly. They have now confirmed that following a statutory advertisement, no one has come forward to demand an election therefore the Parish Council can co-opt a new member.

The Clerk was asked to prepare a vacancy advert for the notice boards in line with Cornwall Council's recommendation to publicise any vacancy locally (Prop. RH, seconded MP). However, both unsuccessful candidates from a vacancy earlier in the year would be automatically included without an interview being required, should they wish to be considered again. The Clerk would contact them.

NEXT AGENDA

15/110

Items for the next agenda would include:

- Vacancy progress
- Defibrillator update

Signed.....Chairman

21st January 2016