

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 19th JANUARY 2017 at 7pm

Present: Cllr Furnish (Chair), Cllr Leach (Vice Chair), Cllr Padmore, Cllr Lanyon, Cllr Stumbles, Mrs S Patton, Mr R Forrest (new co-opted Councillors)

Apologies: None

Also present: Mrs Barnard (Clerk), Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek, Mr & Mrs Wilson, Mr Mosely, Mr Clinton & partner

PUBLIC CLINIC

Cllr Furnish read a statement and circulated photographs and a location map on behalf of Mr Wilson regarding vehicle damage to bridleway 307/25/1 caused by the landowner of adjacent fields. Mr Wilson reported that the increased regular vehicular use of the section of bridleway (by the landowner and deliveries of gravel and soil), since the landowners purchased the land, has created deep rutting and mud which makes it almost impassable to pedestrians and horses. He has also noticed a deterioration in the tarmac surface of the small road from Frogpool to Trehaddle from an increase in traffic to local properties.

Mr Mosely (agent) spoke about planning application PA16/12049 for outline permission to build a single storey dwelling on curtilage of the applicant's parents' house. Mr Mosely advised that the details had not yet been finalised, but that the dwelling would be situated away from the neighbouring property to minimise the impact on them. He referred to policies 3 & 21 of Cornwall's Local Plan, regarding roundoffs of small settlements and replacing unsightly buildings, he also advised that no flood risk assessment had been carried out because historically the Environment Agency has advised that it is not necessary in that area. Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek, who had spoken to the planning officer, confirmed that the stream is not known to flood.

Mr Clinton spoke about his application PA16/12049 and explained he wishes to move back to the village and live near his elderly parents. He confirmed that he intends to use natural local materials and that he will take into consideration the near residents when finalising plans for the dwelling.

The Clerk read a letter that had been received from the owners of Ruby's Retreat, the neighbouring property, regarding PA16/12049. In the letter, they highlighted concerns about the impact of the erection of a dwelling on their privacy and light (which has already been affected by the removal of the boundary hedge between the two plots); the height of the proposed property since the land is higher than that of Ruby's Retreat; subsidence of the ground caused by the heavy machinery and building; the impact of large vehicles necessary through the build process on the road which is in questionable condition at present.

The Chairman thanked the members of the public.

NEW COUNCILLORS TO SIGN NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

16/130 Mrs Susan Patton & Mr Richard Forrest signed their Acceptance of Office forms, in the presence of the Clerk who also signed the declarations as Proper Officer of the Council. The Clerk also received Mrs Patton and Mr Forrest's completed Register of Interest forms.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING

16/131 None

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

16/132

Cornwall Councillor Kaczmarek reported that:

- The new road at Comford had been laid with an inadequate surface and would be re-laid at no cost to the tax payer.
- He has spoken to the planning officer re bridleway 307/25/1, who had confirmed that the landowner was entitled to vehicular access to their land, but that they were obliged to keep the bridleway in good order.
- He is disappointed that PA16/10417 obtained the certificate of lawfulness, despite the history of enforcement issues.
- He had met with Environmental Health officers who are installing covert cameras at various fly-tipping 'hotspots' in Gwennap and other parishes. The fly-tipping sign at the bottom of United Downs Ind Estate is to be changed to a Cornwall Council one.
- He has received requests for superfast broadband from businesses at United Downs Industrial Estate. He has referred them to the relevant department at Cornwall Council.
- He has received a request from a Crofthandy resident for speed calming measures to be installed in Crofthandy, following the death of their pet. Cllr Kaczmarek reminded the parish council that a speed survey conducted two years previously had shown no evidence of speeding.
- He has been invited to talk at Cusgarne CP School during their Cornwall Studies week in February.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE

16/133 The minutes of November and December's meetings were approved and signed as an accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING

16/134

- 16/104 A letter had been sent to Cornwall Council supporting Kea Parish Council's concerns about developments at K9 Crusaders. A reply and update has been received that reports of an ongoing enforcement investigation and of the owner's cooperation. The owner has informally agreed to change the height and location of the fence, and to stop using the field for dogs in the future.
- 16/107.6 The council approved a poster the Clerk had prepared, warning playpark users to be wary of footballs. Cllr Lanyon has not yet obtained a price for safety netting.
- 16/109 The tree work and footpath resurfacing at Frogpool cemetery has been completed.
- 16/122.3 The Clerk has received a good response to the Volunteer Group advertisement in the winter Newsletter. One resident has asked if the volunteer group would help him collect litter on the Pulla Cross to Burncoose Nurseries road. The Clerk was asked to investigate public liability for public volunteer work on a highway, and also to obtain a price for some high-visibility vests and litter pickers.
- 08/12/16 The Precept 2017/18 notification has been submitted to Cornwall Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

16/135

- 135.1 The council discussed a letter regarding 'Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute' on 11th November 2018. It was AGREED that the parish council would be interested in taking part and the Clerk was instructed to confirm this.
- 135.2 The Street Litter Clearing Reports for December & January were noted.
- 135.3 A printed copy of the Cornwall Local Plan had been received. A link to an electronic copy was circulated to Councillors on 14th January. Cllr Furnish took the Plan and agreed to forward it to Cllr Leach afterwards.
- 135.4 An email was received requesting use of Wheal Maid valley for a Cornwall Orienteering Club event on 5th February. APPROVED.
- 135.5 The minutes of Carharrack Parish Council's meetings (October & November) were noted.
- 135.6 An email from Cllr Kaczmarek confirmed clearance of tyres at United Mines racetrack by the end of January.
- 135.7 A letter dated 12th December from SUEZ, notifying a change to the Corporate Affairs team, was noted.
- 135.8 An email from a parishioner raised concerns about developments at Mount Wellington Mine. The clerk advised that an enforcement officer was investigating the matter, and that she would monitor this.
- 135.9 The council discussed an email regarding Cornwall hosting a stage of the Tour of Britain cycling race and AGREED that they would be happy for a stage to pass through the parish.
- 135.10 The council discussed a Charter4Cornwall appeal for support (previously circulated to Councillors) at length. It was AGREED that while they support the charter in principle they would like it noted that in its current form it makes assumptions that they are not comfortable with and that the language is a little inflammatory.
- 135.11 CALC news roundups had been previously circulated to Councillors.
- 135.12 Wheal Maid inspection reports for December and January were noted.

PLANNING

16/136

- PA16/11570 Land east of Little Beside Bungalow, Application for Reserved Matters for construction of a 2 storey detached dwelling and detached double garage. OBJECT on the grounds of concerns raised regarding rights of way.
- PA16/12049 Land adj. to Shaun Ro Lay, Trehaddle, Outline planning permission for demolition of a domestic outbuilding & erection of a single storey dwelling. SUPPORT but request applicant considers neighbour's concerns in design process.
- PA16/11463 The Mill, Trehaddle, Conversion and extension of studio to form ancillary accommodation. SUPPORT
- PA16/10890 Lynwood, Tresamble Hill, Proposed roof conversion, Juliet balconies, new larger porch and proposed garage. OBJECT on the grounds that the garage is not in keeping with the property and garage plans were not included in December's consultation.

Decision Notices received from Cornwall Council:

- PA16/07138 Jasmyrn Rose, Crofthandy, erection of small porch to front of bungalow, APPROVED
- PA16/11425 Red Roses, Frogpool, first floor dormer extension, new porch & Juliet doors to master bedroom. APPROVED
- PA16/11317 Devis Farm, Merrymeeting, discharge conditions 3, 4 and 5 ref decision notice PA13/10995. APPROVED
- PA16/11313 Vendee, Coombe Hill, Bissoe, Renovation and extension of 1930's bungalow. APPROVED
- PA16/10877 Holly Tree Farm, Fernsplatt, Non material amendment to change the roofing material. APPROVED.
- PA16/10417 Sues Field, Sparry Ln, Cert of lawfulness for existing use of building as dwelling. Granted (CAADs & LUs only)
- PA16/10141 Land adjacent to Rose Barn, Church Lane, Gwennap, Erection of a dwelling. APPROVED.
- PA16/09890 Renewable Energy Co-operative, The Dry, Mount Wellington Mine, Fernsplatt, Certificate of lawfulness for existing solar photovoltaic panels installed on the southern end of the building in 2011. GRANTED.
- PA16/10352 SUEZ, United Mines Landfill, Variation to cond 1: extend the use of site offices until 31/05/17. APPROVED.
- PA16/10002 Lockley Concrete, Unit 1E United Downs Ind Park, Erection of security fence, earthworks & siting of temporary storage containers. APPROVED
- PA16/11038 Lowarn Bre Farm, road from Coombe Lane to Coldwind Cross, Hicks Mill. Certificate of lawful development for occupation of dwelling in breach of Condition 2 of permission ref 16064/C. GRANTED

REPORTS ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

16/137

- 137.1. Cllr Furnish had attended a recent MVRG meeting. He had learned that Coastline Housing sell 2% of their stock every year; St Day have some display boards available to borrow, it was agreed that these could be useful for NDP consultations; Portreath PC have left the MVRG because they feel it has become too political; an Environmental Growth event at the Eden project on 8th March would be worth attending. Cllr Patton confirmed that she would be attending for work, and highlighted the Growth Funding Programme.
- 137.2. Cllr Lanyon had attended a Cornwall4Change meeting.

FOOTPATHS

16/138

- 138.1 The parish council discussed the vehicular damage to bridleway 307/25/1. It was AGREED that the Clerk will contact Cornwall Council to ask them to investigate this.
- 138.2 Cllr Lanyon reported a blocked byway adjacent to Poldice Terrace. It was AGREED that Cllr Lanyon will email a photo to the Clerk who will report it to Cornwall Council.
- 138.3 The clerk reported that she had completed and returned a form regarding SLA reviews.
- 138.4 The Clerk reported complaints about motorbikes using 307/15/3. This is a stretch of path that the parish council have requested be formally recognised as a footpath.

20 IS PLENTY

16/139

- 139.1. Cllr Lanyon reported that he has spoken to someone involved with the “20 is plenty” campaign in neighbouring parishes. It was AGREED that the Clerk will invite him to speak at the next parish meeting.
- 139.2. The Clerk read an email from the highways department, following the speed survey that was carried out on the Pulla Cross to Frogpool road. The results make it unlikely that the parish council will receive funding or that any speed calming measures will be installed by Cornwall Council.
- 139.3. The council discussed this, and acknowledged that the police can only enforce 30mph upwards, unless the speed limit is legally reduced to 20mph. Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek reported that signage is not shown to be particularly effective. It was agreed that the parish council could fund the erection of some signs appealing for people to reduce their speed, perhaps running a competition at school for a sign design. Byways in relation to traffic speed on highways with no pavements was also discussed, and Cllr Furnish agreed to look into this further.

GWENNAP PARISH NEWSLETTER/CLERK'S REMUNERATION

16/140

- 140.1. The Councillors discussed the number of hours the Clerk is currently working per week and RESOLVED to increase the number of hours paid to 16 hours per week, from 1st February 2017. It was also AGREED that the Clerk will be paid an additional 10 hours per quarter as remuneration for editing the parish newsletter.
- 140.1. The Clerk advised of a slight increase in the printing costs of the parish newsletter. APPROVED.

PENSIONS REGULATOR

16/141

- 141.1 The Clerk confirmed that she does not qualify for a pension and had completed the Declaration of Compliance accordingly.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)

16/142

- 142.1. Cllr Furnish and Cllr Lanyon are booked to attend a half day ‘Homes for Locals Forever’ seminar on 27th January.
- 142.2. Cllr Furnish gave an update on the adult and youth surveys and confirmed that the business surveys are being finalised and will be sent out shortly. The ‘roadshows’ have been postponed until February. The clerk will schedule another steering group meeting, at which members need to decide whether the survey results effect the current NDP objectives and policies, and prepare for the roadshows.
- 142.3. Cllr Furnish agreed to meet with Cllr Patton and Cllr Forrest to brief them on the NDP.

CEMETERIES & BURIAL MATTERS

16/143

- 143.1. The parish council discussed two quotes that had been obtained for paving around the island flower bed and bench at the top of Frogpool cemetery. Cllr Lanyon agreed to obtain a price for natural granite as a third alternative.
- 143.2. The parish council APPROVED the purchase of a new Register of Private Graves at a cost of £160 + VAT.
- 143.3. The parish council APPROVED proposed tree work & site clearance in Gwennap Churchyard by Mr Chegwiddden.

MAINTENANCE, ENVIRONMENTAL & PLAYING FIELD

16/144

- 144.1. The parish council APPROVED a request by the Football Club to fit a locked key safe box on the brick store.
- 144.2. The Football Club have requested that the parish council increase signage about no dogs in the playing field. The Clerk agreed to display some posters reminding dog owners of dog fouling fines.
- 144.3. The Football Club have sought permission to train inside the parish rooms on Wednesday evenings if the pitch is

too wet for training, providing the room is available. Councillors discussed concerns about damage and markings to the floor and/or walls. It was AGREED that Cllr Furnish will discuss this with the Football Club.

- 144.4. It was AGREED that the outside render of the parish rooms needs jet washing and treating. It was agreed to delay this until Spring.
- 144.5. The council discussed a quote received for electrical work at the parish rooms. The installation of a PIR sensor light on the rear of the parish rooms, and the fitting of an isolated switch on the new pump was APPROVED.
- 144.6. The Clerk reported that one of the entrance gate posts is loose which is making the gates difficult to open and close. The Clerk was instructed to obtain a quote for replacing the post.
- 144.7. The parish council discussed two quotes for an outdoor noticeboard for the parish rooms. The clerk agreed to obtain further information and quotes for a wooden noticeboard, rather than aluminium.
- 144.8. Several requests for free Wi-Fi at the parish rooms have been received and were discussed. The council RESOLVED to install Wi-Fi and instructed the Clerk to make investigations and report back.
- 144.9. The parish council AGREED that Mr Chegwidden can dispose of parish leaf waste at an agreed location in Wheal Maid, where they will rot down.

PARISH INQUIRY DAY ON FUTURE SIZE OF CORNWALL COUNCIL

16/145

- 145.1. Parish Councils were given three clear working days' notice to review the report of the Parish and Town Council Local Government Boundary Review Inquiry Panel and provide feedback. It was agreed that the short timeframe was extremely disappointing and does not allow sufficient time to consider the report fully, and respond. The parish council discussed the report at length and Councillors AGREED to email their comments to the Clerk who would combine them into one response to send back on 20th January.

FINANCE

16/146

- 146.1. Income has been received since the last meeting for:
December: Room hire £84, Burial £630, Interest £5.08 (total £719.08)
January: Room hire £278, Burial £240, Adverts £122.50 (total £640.50)
- 146.2. The following cheque was signed:
101505 Mr P Edney Purchase and delivery of sand for playing field £62.40
- 146.3. The following BACS/direct debit payments were authorised:
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| M P Chegwidden | Contract cutting January 2017 | £606.00 |
| Mr R Cook | Litter clearing round Jan | £176.00 |
| Steve Gray & Sons Ltd | Emergency plumbing work (pump) | £612.00 |
| Mr K Furnish | Envelopes for NDP | £24.80 |
| Mr T Stumbles | Picnic bench for Carn View | £213.93 |
| A Gazzard | Playing field duties Jan 2017 | £196.00 |
| F Barnard | Salary & expenses Jan 2017 | £919.00 |
| Cornwall Council | NDP Business data report | £30.00 |
| EDF | Electricity charges, parish rooms | £255.61 |
| South West Water | Water charges – cemetery | £16.66 |
| South West Water | Water charges – parish rooms | £46.10 |

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

16/147

1. "20 is plenty"
2. Frogpool Cemetery

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

Signed..... Chairman (16th February 2017)