

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 15th JUNE 2017 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Furnish (Chair), Cllr Leach (Vice Chair), Cllr Lanyon, Cllr Patton, Cllr Forrest, Cllr Hallett
Apologies: None, all present
Also present: Clerk, Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek, Ms Sims + 2, Mr Wills (3HW Architecture)

PUBLIC CLINIC

- Mr Wills, representing the applicant of PA17/04266 (for the creation of 6 dwellings on land off Consols Rd, Carharrack) provided a background of work done to date with regards to searches and pre-application advice (for 3 dwellings) that was obtained in November 2016. He attended to answer any questions on the application.
- Ms Simms, also speaking on behalf of two neighbours, spoke to object to planning application PA17/04266. She contested that the proposed development is infill or rounding off since the site has always been open grazing land and does not fall in any curtilage (citing Policy 3 of the Local Plan), it also falls outside of the existing developed area. She also voiced concerns about overdevelopment of the site, the proposed removal of a Cornish hedge, highways concerns and the detrimental impact it would have on the residents on the opposite side of the road.

17/039 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING

Cllr Forrest declared an interest in planning application PA17/04686.

17/040 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek reported that:

- He has asked Cormac to move the 'Frogpool – please drive carefully' sign by Trelawney Estate to somewhere where it will not be obstructed by parked vehicles. Cormac agreed to carry out the work if the Parish Council are happy to pay. Cllr Kaczmarek will obtain a quote and advise the Clerk.
- He has spoken to the local PCSO regarding an increase in the number of motorcycles without licence plates riding through Carharrack, St Day and Wheal Maid. The Clerk will forward details of a joint Parish meeting on 10th July at which representatives from both the Police and Cornwall Council will be attending, regarding this matter.
- He is now the Chairman of the West Sub-Area Planning Committee
- Regarding the Electoral Review, there is still no confirmation of the number of Cornwall Councillors, or the new boundaries.
- He has had another meeting with senior officials of Cornwall Housing regarding the continued anti-social behaviour at Wheal Jewel. Cornwall Council have refitted new amenity facilities and cleared some of the fly tipping but are still taking no action on stopping the repeated fires and dog breeding on site or on reducing the number of pitches and putting in a permanent site manager. To date the Parish Council have let Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek pursue this problem on behalf of Gwennap, Carharrack and St Day parishes, but they RESOLVED to give Cllr Kaczmarek greater support by writing to senior officials at Cornwall Housing and Cornwall Council regarding this issue.
- Regarding the proposed Speedwatch campaign neither Cllr Kaczmarek or the Clerk have heard any more from PCSO Fuller.
- A press release regarding the Geothermal project at United Downs is due to be published on 16th July.
- He noted his objections to application PA17/04266 (overdevelopment of open grazing land within a World Heritage Site).

17/041 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of May's Parish Council meeting were approved and signed as an accurate record.

17/042 MATTERS ARISING

- 16/184.3 The Clerk advised that work on the installation of a phoneline and broadband at the parish rooms commenced on 7th June and would be completed over the coming week(s).
- 17/011.1 The PIR sensor light at the rear of the parish rooms has been installed.
- 17/011.5 A trial treatment of the moss and weeds using a 100% natural solution had not produced satisfactory results.
- 17/011.6 The pedestrian gate on the entrance gate has been replaced and the Parish Council are satisfied.
- 17/025.1 A second collaborative meeting regarding the illegal use of footpaths has been scheduled for 10th July. Representatives from the Police and Cornwall Council will be attending. The Clerk will forward details to Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek.
- 17/032 Bitmac work around the seating at the top of Frogpool cemetery is due to be carried out week commencing 26th June.
- 17/035.1 Cornwall Housing have painted white lines at Trelawney Estate. The Clerk understands that this has improved parking, but the problem still remains that there is not sufficient parking for the number of vehicles on the estate.
- 17/035.2 Cllr Kaczmarek will get a quote from Cormac for the re-siting of the Frogpool sign at Trelawney Estate & cc the Clerk.
- 17/037.6 The Clerk has now received the business debit and deposit cards.

The Council discussed the withdrawal of planning application PA17/01898 (Britannia Farm, Sunny Corner). The Councillors AGREED that the proposed new access point is still hazardous and that the site would be better accessed from the Sunny Corner to Gwennap village road. The Clerk will contact the planning case officer to advise him of the Council's comments.

17/043 CORRESPONDENCE

- 043.1 Planning Policy Consultation advice was noted (circulated to Cllrs 26/05/17)
- 043.2 A confirmed written quote from Bernard Kemp & Son for work at Frogpool Cemetery had been received.
- 043.3 Confirmation of the Grounds Maintenance contract with Cormac for 2017/18 had been received and accepted.

- 043.4 A request for funding from the Day-LIGHT Community Group for a "Signs and Wonders" Light Spectacular was discussed. The Parish Council AGREED to make a £100 donation to this community project that will celebrate the history and heritage across the parishes, including Gwennap.
- 043.5 An email from Life Saver Technology regarding defibrillator services was noted. The Clerk will discuss this with Mr Humble (designated defib lead). She will keep the details on file should they be required in the future.
- 043.6 The Parish Council received an invitation to the Cornwall Community Land Trust Annual Review on 21/06/17. Cllr Furnish and the Clerk will be attending.
- 043.7 An email from Mr Morford requesting a letter of support (sent to Cllrs 06/06/17) was discussed. It was AGREED that the Parish Council cannot involve itself in commercial agreements between two private parties. The Clerk will respond to Mr Morford to advise him.
- 043.8 a) Information received re Electoral Review of Cornwall
b) Email regarding the Local Government Boundary Commission, forwarded by Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek.
Both items were discussed and Councillors were reminded to submit their views on the matter via the link in the email.
- 043.9 CALC Training dates for 2017 were received and circulated to Cllrs on 5th June. Cllr Patton and Cllr Hallett are booked to attend a 2-part Induction course in July.
- 043.10 The Wheal Maid Inspection Report for June 2017 was noted
- 043.11 A letter from Cornwall Community Flood Forum was discussed and it was AGREED not to join at present.

17/044 PLANNING

PA17/04266 Land off Consols Road, Carharrack, Outline application for creation of 6 dwellings with associated amenities
OBJECT (over development of open grazing land for commercial gain, not infill or rounding off; access concerns; destruction of visual amenity and detrimental impact on neighbouring properties; contrary to emerging NDP).

PA17/04649 Cusgarne Manor, Listed building consent for insertion of doorway linking two existing extensions. Refer to Listed Buildings Officer and English Heritage, but Support in Principle.

PA17/04686 Land adjacent to Bryher Cottage, Bissoe, Alteration to PA15/10044 re change to roof design. *SUPPORT. (Following his Declaration of Interest Cllr Forrest left the room while the Council discussed PA17/04686)*

PA17/04671 Land west of The Mill, Trehaddle, Demolition of two garages & erection of dwelling and amenities. *SUPPORT but request condition be put in place to protect the Cornish hedge.*

PA17/01520/PREAPP Woodgrove House, Race Hill Bissoe, TR4 8RH Pre-application advice for conversion of garage and store to detached dwelling. *The Parish Council are not being consulted on this Preapp and so the Clerk did not have the related documents to hand, however, the Councillors agreed to look at the documents and email the Clerk within 24 hours with their views on the application.*

PA17/04977 United Mines Landfill Site, Variation of cond 1 and 5 attached to planning permission PA16/10352, associated with the operation & use, part removal of site offices & restoration of the land located at United Mines Closed Landfill site. *SUPPORT. Decision Notices received from Cornwall Council:*

PA17/01898 Britannia Farm, Sunny Corner, Cusgarne, Change of use to convert redundant farm buildings into a 3-bedroom dwelling. *WITHDRAWN Clerk to advise Planning case officer of concerns over proposed new access.*

PA17/03275 Land & buildings adj to Poldice Cottages, Outline planning permission for construction of dwelling. **REFUSED**

17/045 REPORTS ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

045.1 Cllrs Leach, Hallett and Patton attended Code of Conduct training on 19th May.

045.2 Cllrs Furnish, Leach, Patton and the Clerk met with David Matthews of Cormac Environment and two representatives from the mountain biking community at Wheal Maid regarding their activity. It was a positive meeting and it was agreed that the group would need to form an identifiable group with necessary insurances and that a code of conduct/terms of agreement would be drawn up between Gwennap PC/Cormac and the biking group to ensure that users and the environment are protected. The Clerk will follow this up.

045.3 Cllr Furnish attended the Suez Liaison Group meeting on 15th June, he provided the Council with an update on the restoration work ahead of the anticipated re-opening of permissive paths on 1st July. Cormac are treating Knotweed in the area, Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek will ensure this is done by 1st July. Closure of the Recycling Centre has been rescheduled to Dec 2019 but Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek and the Parish Council hope it will stay open.

045.4 Cllr Furnish attended a public meeting at St Day regarding their Neighbourhood Development Plan which went well.

045.5 Cllr Furnish and the Clerk met two contractors at Wheal Maid ref work to a shaft grill. To be discussed at agenda 14.

045.6 Cllr Leach attended Fete Committee meetings. He proposed that the Parish Council pay 50% of the purchase price of a new gazebo purchased by the fete committee. The Parish Council AGREED and proposed that the cost be offset against the monies due to the Parish Council. The Clerk will advise Helen Rowe. Cllr Leach also suggested that the two gazebos could be hired out to generate a little income. The Parish Council decided AGAINST this idea.

17/046 REVIEW OF POLICES

Review of the Code of Conduct, Financial Regulations, Standing Orders and Risk Assessment policies is ongoing. Cllr Furnish will review the policies and advise the Clerk of any revisions after which the Clerk will present them at a future meeting to be formally adopted by the Parish Council.

17/047 CO-OPTION OF SEVENTH COUNCILLOR

The Clerk had received no expressions of interest following advertising the vacancy for a Councillor. It was proposed by Cllr Furnish, seconded by Cllr Leach and RESOLVED by the Parish Council that Mrs T Pascoe should be co-opted to the Parish Council. The Clerk will make the necessary arrangements.

17/048 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP) UPDATE

048.1 Cllr Furnish confirmed that the Housing Needs Analysis results had been received which demonstrated a need for 50-60 houses in the Parish over the next 3/4 years.

048.2 Cllr Patton hopes to start work on cross-referencing the NDP to the Local Plan soon.

048.3 Cllr Leach & Cllr Patton had had a very positive meeting regarding Good Design and sustainable development. Cllr

Patton agreed to draft a piece explaining what sustainable development is and what it means for the NDP.

- 048.4 Cllr Furnish advised that Mrs L Richards has volunteered to write up the Local Landscape Character Assessment report.
048.5 The LLCA team are due to meet on 29th June to review assessments done to date.

17/049 UNITED DOWNS

- 049.1 Cllr Patton gave a short presentation on Geothermal energy. The United Downs Geothermal project is due to start at the end of 2017 and will be an exploratory project to demonstrate the viability of the concept. The Clerk advised the Parish Council that Mr Peter Ledingham of Geothermal Engineering had been in contact with her and had agreed to attend the July meeting to discuss the project and answer questions.
049.2 It was decided to defer discussion about parking problems at United Downs (in particular the road leading to Tony Craze and Cornwall Wood Treatment).

17/50 WHEAL MAID VALLEY

- 050.1 The Council discussed two quotes for block work and a galvanised steel grill for a shaft at Wheal Maid. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact a local builder and Cormac to ask them to quote for the blockwork element of the job.
050.2 A positive meeting was held on 14th June with representatives from the mountain biking community and arrangements made for a way forward, see Minute ref 17/045.2. It was agreed that it was good to now have a point of contact for the bikers with whom the Parish Council and Cornwall Council can have a dialogue with.

17/051 FOOTPATHS, BRIDLEWAYS AND ENVIRONMENT

- 051.1 Regarding the proposed concept of a shared Lengthsman scheme, the Parish Council AGREED that they support the idea in principle and agreed that Cllr Furnish should discuss the idea further at the next Mining Villages meeting.
051.2 A complaint had been received about dog waste on the Bissoe cycle trail. It was AGREED that the Clerk will purchase 10 signs to be put up along the path reminding people to use the waste bins or take waste home. The Clerk will contact Kea Parish Clerk about this matter.

17/052 GREEN AND OPEN SPACES

- 052.1 The Councillors discussed the triangle of land at Greensplatt. It was AGREED that the Parish Council should sow wild flowers to create a nice space that requires little maintenance. The Clerk will get a quote from Mr Chegwidden to plough the land and sow wild flower seed.

17/053 PARISH ROOMS AND PLAYING FIELD

- 053.1 The Parish Council APPROVED a spend of up to £250 for the installation of a loft ladder, insulation, and improvements to the light switch in the Parish Rooms store room. Cllr Furnish to action this.
053.2 It was agreed to defer discussion about parking problems at the playing field to July's meeting.

17/054 FINANCE

- 054.1 The Parish Council discussed the hourly rate of pay for casual labour. It RESOLVED to increase the rate from £8.00/hour to £8.45/hour with effect from 1st July 2017. This is the amount recommended by the Living Wage Foundation and is well above the national minimum wage of £7.50. The Clerk will advise those concerned.
054.2 The Independent Internal Audit highlighted that the current rate of mileage paid to the Clerk falls below the figure recommended by HM Revenue & Customs. The Parish Council AGREED to increase the mileage rate from 39p/mile to 45p/mile with effect from 1st July 2017.
054.3 Confirmation of the direct debit for BT for line rental and broadband was noted.
054.4 Income has been received since the last meeting for: Room hire £12, Wheal Maid Rural Payments £3,321, Car boot £166.93, Interest £3.55, Football club rent £316.20 (total £3,819.68)
054.5 No cheques were signed. The following BACS/direct debit payments were authorised.

DD	EDF	Electricity charges	121.94
BACS	M P Chegwidden	Cutting contract June 2017	1,402.80
BACS	F.J. Kemp & Sons	Installation of PIR light	93.60
BACS	Mr R Cook	Litter clearing round June 2017	168.00
BACS	In Steel	Emergency repairs Taylors Shaft	336.00
BACS	A Gazzard	Playing field duties June 2017	148.00
BACS	Mrs F Barnard	Salary & expenses June 2017	744.79
BACS	Gwennap Parish Council Project/petty cash account	Transfer to petty cash account	100.00

Total BACS/DD payments authorised £3,115.13

17/055 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- 055.1 Financial Report (Clerk)
055.2 S137 ideas (all)

The meeting closed at 9.46pm

Signed.......... Chairman (20th July 2017)