

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 21st SEPTEMBER 2017 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Furnish (Chair), Cllr Leach (Vice Chair), Cllr Lanyon, Cllr Patton, Cllr Forrest, Cllr Hallett
Apologies: Cllr Pascoe
Also present: Clerk, Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek, Mr Jarman & Mr Fitzpatrick (Cornwall Housing), Mr Mitchell (Influence Planning Agency), Mr Freeman, Mr & Mrs Smith +2, Mr Orchard + 1

PUBLIC CLINIC

- Mr Mitchell (agent for the applicants) attended to outline the reasons for planning applications PA17/07748 and PA17/07762 (Penventon Nursery) and to answer any questions. No questions were asked.
- Mr Freeman spoke against planning application PA17/07219 (South Tresamble Farm) outlining his objections to the application, including the significant impact the increased passing traffic would have on his family and the extent it would devalue their property. He also cited the absence of passing places on the drive which would result in traffic having to reverse back onto the highway to allow exiting vehicles to leave, and also the increased amount of refuse that would be left at the end of the driveway causing possible environmental health concerns.
- Mr Smith attended to answer any questions about the proposed new access on PA17/06744. The Council discussed with Mr Smith the different access options.
- Mr Orchard spoke of his complaints about loud music and speeding on site at Wheal Jewel. At a meeting on 30th July Cornwall Housing advised him that they would consider installing speed bumps, however no action has been taken and they have now retracted that promise. The Parish Council agreed to look into the matter.
- Mr Jarman (Cornwall Housing) introduced himself and Mr Fitzpatrick. He gave a brief outline of the history of Wheal Jewel and confirmed that Cornwall Housing were aware of the various issues and complaints about anti-social behaviour (including loud music, fires, dog breeding and speeding). The site meeting on 30th July highlighted the seriousness of some of the complaints. Mr Fitzpatrick (former Enforcement Manager at Cornwall Housing) has been appointed as the dedicated project manager of a Gypsy and Traveller Project that will oversee all gypsy and traveller sites across Cornwall, including Wheal Jewel. He will be responsible for addressing and resolving the problems at Wheal Jewel. Mr Fitzpatrick discussed the complexity of the problems and the multi-agency approach to tackling them, with an implemented target group including Environmental Health, Trading Standards, RSPCA, Educational Welfare, the Police, Cornwall Council (Mr Lloyd-Owen, Service Director, Housing), as well as Cornwall Housing. Mr Jarman confirmed they are currently working with lawyers on a review of the pitch rental agreements, carrying out a consultation with tenants, investigating the installation of CCTV on site and considering reducing the number of pitches.

The Parish Council asked Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek if things have improved since the 30th July meeting, in his opinion. He confirmed that the number of fires has reduced but that he is still receiving 2-3 complaints per week about loud music and anti-social behaviour in the nearby villages. He urged Mr Jarman and Mr Fitzpatrick to ensure that the new tenancy agreements are robust, that they implement effective debt collection, and that they action their proposal to reduce the number of pitches on site. He also noted that some refurbishment works have been carried out to a poor standard and that this should be addressed in future. The Chairman Cllr Furnish invited Mr Jarman and Mr Fitzpatrick to attend the next Mining Villages Regeneration Group meeting on 23rd November to give an update to the group. The Clerk will forward details of the meeting.

Cllr Furnish thanked members of the public for their comments. Mr Jarman, Mr Fitzpatrick and Mr Orchard (+1) left the meeting.

17/090 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING

None.

17/091 CORRESPONDENCE

- 091.1 The Clerk read a note of a phone call received from a parishioner complaining about the Parish Council's support of a recent outline planning application. The caller advised that several local people objected to the application.
- 091.2 A copy of Mr Freeman's objections to PA17/07219 was noted and had been previously circulated to all Councillors.
- 091.3 The Clerk summarised a copy of an email sent to Cornwall Council's planning department by a parishioner regarding the recently approved PA17/04671. The parishioner commented on the absence of public notices and on particular environmental and heritage aspects of the site concerned. Cllr Furnish to investigate the habitat survey.
- 091.4 Correspondence from the applicant of PA17/05814 regarding a condition imposed on the planning permission. The Council discussed the condition and agreed that Cornwall Council had misinterpreted the Parish Council's consultee comments. The Parish Council AGREED that the condition should be removed and RESOLVED to contact the planning officer to see if this can be done.

- 091.5 An update report from Inspector Thompson regarding a collaborative multi-agency operation tackling the illegal use of footpaths in the area by illegal off-road bikes and 4x4 vehicles was noted.
- 091.6 A letter from Natural England regarding changes in the way Environmental Stewardship Grant payments are made was noted. No action is required.
- 091.7 The Wheal Maid Inspection Report for September was noted.

17/092 PLANNING

- PA17/07219 South Tresamble Farm, Tresamble, Conversion of barn complex to provide 4 dwellings *OBJECT on the grounds of Impact to Neighbours Amenity (Noise, Disturbance and Nuisance) and Highway Safety.*
- PA17/07748 Penventon Nursery, Gwennap, Application for removal of conditions 2 & 3 on decision notice for retention of tea room, office and store and associated parking. *SUPPORT*
- PA17/07762 Penventon Nursery, Gwennap, Application for removal of conditions 2 & 3 on decision notice for conversion of store area into part retail shop. *SUPPORT*
- PA17/07453 Harmony Cottage, Lower Goongumpas Lane, Proposed erection of single storey building to be used as ancillary accommodation, and the extension of garden. *OBJECT on grounds of Negative/Adverse Visual Impact on the landscape/World Heritage Site, Detrimental effect of proposed development on the character of the local area and Design (Detailing and Materials)*
- PA17/06744 Britannia Farm, Sunny Corner, Change of use to create a dwelling house from redundant farm building (barns). *OBJECT on the grounds of poor design/highway safety and damage to historical Cornish hedging.*
- PA17/08373 The Old Coach House, Little Beside, Conversion of hay barn into stables. *SUPPORT*

Decision Notices received from Cornwall Council:

- PA17/06731 Pine Trees, Trewelm Lane, Monetary Pines T1&T2 fell due to damage to property/danger to residents *APPROVED*
- PA17/04686 Land adjacent to Bryher Cottage, Bissoe, Alteration to PA15/10044 regarding change to roof design *APPROVED*
- PA17/03874 Land north of Crossways, Crofthandy, Formation of dwelling following grant of outline permission *APPROVED*
- PA17/06686 The Firs, Trehaddle, Cusgarne, Demolition of existing workshop & erection of replacement garage/store *APPROVED*
- PA17/05814 Brodowell, United Road, Carharrack, siting of a mobile home for residential use for security purposes *APPROVED*
- PA17/05102 Cusgarne CP School, Rear extension to existing school building to provide hygiene room *APPLICATION DISPOSED OF*
- PA17/04629 Land south of Grey Stones, Cusgarne, Outline planning permission: formation of detached dwelling *WITHDRAWN*

17/093 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek reported that:

- The number of complaints about Wheal Jewel have reduced slightly since the 30th July site meeting, however he has still received a number of complaints about loud music, intimidation of residents and children playing on private land.
- He is doing a highways survey of the parish on 26th September with Mr A Drake of Cornwall Council. The Clerk will email Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek a list of locations requiring inspection.
- Work on upgrading the painted lines and signage outside of the school has been completed and now meets the new regulations. Parking on the lines is now an enforceable offence.
- Illegal use of the footpaths in the local parishes by illegal off-road bikes continues to be a regular weekly event.
- The Charity Harvest Auction at the Cornish Arms was a huge success and was very well supported by the community. He thanked the Councillors and Clerk for attending (those that were able to).

17/094 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

17/095 MATTERS ARISING

- 17/Public The Clerk has emailed PCSO Fuller a contact list of Community Speedwatch volunteers.
- 17/052.1 Mr Chegwidan has been asked to cut the grass at Greensplatt, NOT to spray it, and then to level it out with top soil and wild flower seeds.
- 17/066.1 The Clerk has received confirmation from Chacewater Parish Council that they support our efforts to seek action regarding safety around the Carnon and Bissoe Valley river. Other Parish Councils are yet to respond.
- 082.1 The Clerk is awaiting a quote for the installation of a tap at the top end of Frogpool Cemetery.
- 083.1 The Chairman Cllr Furnish and the Clerk are due to meet with the Head of Cusgarne CP School on 26th September to discuss possible development of the void space below the school.
- 085.2 The meeting with Geothermal Engineering Ltd on 6th September went well. See meetings attended.
- 086.2 No response has been received from Environmental Health regarding the alleged shooting hide near Gwennap.
- 087.1 Two kitchen wall cupboards have been installed for use by regular users.
- 087.2 Coffee facilities have been purchased for use by the Parish Council.
- 087.3 The energy survey will be tabled for discussion once completed.
- 088.2 The Clerk confirmed the Section 137 expenditure limit for 2017/18 financial year is £7.57 per registered elector (1,243 electors).

17/096 REPORTS ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

- 096.1 Cllrs Leach, Hallett, Patton, and the Clerk, attended a Community Transport Meeting on 12th September, organised by Feock Parish Council. It was a very useful meeting which discussed two different models of Community Transport schemes currently operating in nearby parishes. The Parish Council **AGREED** that it is a concept that they would like to investigate further, by first conducting a feasibility study. The Clerk will forward a copy of the presentation and associated documents to all Councillors.
- 096.2 Cllr Leach attended a fete committee meeting. It had been another successful fete. The Fete Committee

Treasurer has resigned so the fete committee are seeking a replacement. Cllr Leach passed on the Committee's thanks to the Parish Council for its contribution towards the purchase of a second gazebo, and also advised the Council that the cost of the children's entertainments will increase from £500 to £600 in June 2018.

- 096.3 Chairman Cllr Furnish and the Clerk attended a meeting with Mr Ledingham and Ms Cotton of Geothermal Engineering Ltd on 6th September regarding how the Community Liaison Group will operate. Mr Ledingham invites Gwennap Parish Council to Chair the Liaison Group meetings. The Council discussed this proposal and RESOLVED to accept.
- 096.4 Chairman Cllr Furnish attended a United Downs Liaison Group meeting on 19th September. He advised that the restoration programme continues to plan with renovation to the heathland going well (a 4-5 year process). Work continues on the bridleways and they hope to open the east-west bridleway in mid-October (to be confirmed by SUEZ). Plans are in place to expand the existing woodland with willow and oak, two mine shafts have been capped, pipes are being buried, a timeframe for when the Parish Council will resume responsibility for the maintenance of the bridleways needs to be discussed, but SUEZ are working towards a handover back to Cornwall Council in Spring 2018 (although they will continue to draw gas until approximately 2030). Requests have been received for the opening times of the recycling centre to be extended to 6pm. The Parish Council AGREED that this would be beneficial and will raise this with SUEZ.
- 096.5 Chairman Cllr Furnish and the Clerk attended a meeting with Mr D Edwards of Cornwall Council on 18th August regarding the roll out of one integrated transport system across Cornwall. The Clerk distributed a copy of the presentation to all Councillors. No action is required at this stage.
- 096.6 Chairman Cllr Furnish attended a CPIR Network meeting on 20th September. Of interest was the level of service and support that Cornwall Council can offer to vulnerable people, and that funding is available. Cllr Furnish proposed that the speaker (Bev Wilson of Inclusion Cornwall) be invited to attend a future Parish Council meeting to discuss this further. The Council agreed to arrange this.
- 096.7 Chairman Cllr Furnish attended a MVRG meeting on 21st September which included discussions about the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), the Trails and Graveyards website and Section 215 notices (following the recent success within Gwennap parish). Cllr Furnish will forward 'Delivering the Cornwall Local Plan' to Cllr Lanyon for his review and comments. The Community Land Trust have been invited to attend the MVRG's November meeting.

17/097 WHEAL JEWEL

- 097.1 The Council agreed that it is encouraging to see positive steps towards action being taken by Cornwall Housing and that numbers of complaints have reduced slightly. The Clerk will contact Mr Fitzpatrick regarding the installation of speed bumps, following his assurances that he would look into it. The Council agreed that it is important that Cornwall Housing share anticipated dates and progress updates with Gwennap Parish Council.

17/098 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

- 098.1. Chairman Cllr Furnish reported that:
- the LLCA group have revised how they will operate their assessments with an agreed deadline of end October.
 - the next meeting of the NDP Steering Group is on 28th September.

17/099 FROGPOOL CEMETERY & GWENNAP CHURCHYARD

- 099.1 The Clerk is awaiting a quote for the installation of a tap at the top end of the Cemetery.
- 099.2 The Clerk has obtained a quote to remove some tree roots and reset a toppled headstone at the Cemetery. The Council APPROVED the quote and authorised the Clerk to have the work carried out.
- 099.3 The Clerk reported that a recent meeting with the Gwennap Church Warden had highlighted various works that the Church would like the Council to carry out. The Council AGREED that it would consider the request but asks that it be put in writing, detailing what work is required.

17/100 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY(PROW)/HIGHWAYS/ENVIRONMENT

- 100.1 Following an inspection by Cllr Leach, it was AGREED that no remedial works will be carried out on the bus shelter at Pulla Cross, at present.
- 100.2 The Clerk has reviewed possible additional maintenance works to the PROW and has arranged to have a site walk with the contractor later in the year to review requirements.
- 100.3 The Clerk presented a quote for the printing of 10 no. A3 'No Motorcycling' signs for use around Wheal Maid and other hot spots of illegal cycling. The Parish Council APPROVED the quote.

17/101 SHARED LENGTHSMAN CONCEPT

- 101.1 A copy of the Shared Lengthsman Concept Working Group Terms of Reference had been previously circulated to all Councillors. Councillors were asked to forward comments to Cllr Furnish who will feed back to MVRG.

17/102 COUNCILLOR ID CARDS & EMAIL ADDRESSES

- 102.1 The Council discussed the proposal for all Councillors to have Parish Council email addresses for Parish Council business; the proposed format of email addresses was also discussed and AGREED. The Clerk will action this.
- 102.2 The Clerk circulated details and pricing for photo ID cards which the Council APPROVED. The Clerk requested that all Councillors email her a suitable photograph.

17/103 PARISH NEWSLETTER

103.1 The Clerk asked that the Council consider printing the newsletter on better grade paper and/or using C4 envelopes rather than C5. She reported the costings for those items, including associated increased postage costs. The Council APPROVED the cost of using C4 envelopes, and the associated postage, but RESOLVED to continue to use the 80gsm paper.

17/104 PARISH ROOMS AND PLAYING FIELD

104.1 Cllr Lanyon confirmed he is expecting a quote for a new glass fronted lockable wood noticeboard for the parish rooms car park. The Council APPROVED spend of up to £250 for the noticeboard and authorised the Clerk to have the noticeboard made if she is satisfied with the quote and specification.

104.2 The Clerk reported that she had acquired a post box free of charge and asked permission to install it at the parish rooms. The Council APPROVED this request.

17/105 FINANCE

105.1 Income has been received since the last meeting for: Room hire £356.00, Interest £4.57, Burial £315.00, Adverts £42.00, Community Fete £245.52, Precept £17,429.92 (total £18,393.01)

105.2 No cheques were signed. The following BACS/direct debit payments were authorised.

BACS	M P Chegwidden	Contract cutting Sep 2017	1034.40
BACS	Grant Thornton	2017 Annual Return fees	360.00
BACS	Mr R Cook	Litter clearing September	181.68
BACS	Mrs J Hallett	Parish Council catering sundries	50.00
BACS	Martin Luck Group	Office & parish rooms sundries	75.91
BACS	Mining Villages Regeneration Group	MVRG Grant Fund (website)	100.00
BACS	Greens (Cornwall) Ltd	Footpath trimming September	675.00
BACS	CommuniCorp	Clerks & Councils subscription	12.00
BACS	A Gazzard	Playing field duties Sep 2017	181.68
BACS	Mrs F Barnard	Salary & expenses Sep 2017	852.50
TRANSFER	Current a/c to petty cash a/c	Petty cash	100.00
<i>Total BACS/DD payments authorised</i>			£3,623.17

17/106 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

106.1 Community Land Trust (including attendance by Helen Downing, Development Manager of Cornwall CLT Ltd)

106.2 Community Transport Scheme

The meeting closed at 10.10pm

Signed.......... Chairman (19th October 2017)