

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 14th DECEMBER 2017 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Furnish (Chair), Cllr Leach, Cllr Lanyon, Cllr Patton, Cllr Forrest, Cllr Hallett, Cllr Pascoe
Apologies: None, all present
Also present: Clerk, Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek, Mr Day & Mr Mitchell

PUBLIC CLINIC

Mr Mitchell (agent) spoke on behalf of Mr Day (applicant) re PA17/10737 to outline the application and answer any questions. Considerable thought has gone into the design of the development because of its proximity to the main dwelling, which is a Listed building, and its location within a conservation area. The Councillors discussed with Mr Mitchell & Mr Day the benefits of using local and/or recycled slate. Planning can't specify that the slate must be local, but Mr Mitchell assured the Council that it would be quality slate and sympathetic to its setting, and that they would investigate local/recycled slate options. He offered to show a sample of the chosen slate if the Parish Council wish.

17/138 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING

No interests were declared for this meeting.

17/139 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek reported that:

- 139.1 PCSO Fuller is in the early stages of setting up the Community Speedwatch and has contacted volunteers.
- 139.2 The Police carried out a multi-agency operation on 3rd December in the Wheal Maid area to combat the illegal use of footpaths and bridleways by motorbikes and off-road vehicles. Activity was quieter than normal on that day because of bad weather, but the operation still produced some results including one vehicle being seized and action taken against others, as well as the opportunity to talk to any off-road vehicle users and educate them about how to use their vehicles off-road legally and to enjoy the activity responsibly and safely.
- 139.3 Cllr Kaczmarek is attending a site meeting with K Connelly (CEO of CC) at Wheal Jewel during the first week of January. He will forward the details to the Clerk.
- 139.4 There are plans for the Miracle Theatre to perform a show at the Stock Car Race Track during in June 2018, details will follow.
- 139.5 He was unable to attend the Geothermal Community Liaison Group meeting due to work commitments.
- 139.6 Cllr Kaczmarek was asked for his comments about the proposed privatisation of certain health services by Cornwall Council. Cllr Kaczmarek confirmed he does not support this move, nor cuts to the Citizens Advice Bureau.

17/140 PLANNING

Plans for discussion at the meeting:

- PA17/11012 1 Rose Cottage, Frogpool, Construction of first floor Juliet balcony to front & associated works *SUPPORT*
- PA17/10737 The Old Vicarage, Gwennap, Construction of garden lodge for holiday letting *SUPPORT but encourage use of local/recycled slate*
- PA17/09940 Geothermal Engineering, Unit 3 United Downs Ind Estate, Modification of main site entrance splay, provision of additional parking area and office accommodation and formation of temporary access track *SUPPORT*
- PA17/11690 Geothermal Engineering, Unit 3, United Downs Ind Estate, Submission to discharge conditions 5 & 7 in respect of decision number NR/10/00056/GEO *SUPPORT (Cllr Lanyon requested that it be Minuted that he objects to the two-way access route, preferring instead a one-way route)*
- PA17/10897 Brodawell, United Road, Carharrack, Removal of Condition 2 (temporary period) of PA17/05814 *SUPPORT*
- PA17/11146 2 Higher Chelean, Frogpool, Proposed rear first floor extension forming en-suite and dressing room *SUPPORT. request that the applicant reconsider the choice of external wall cladding, to be more in line with the emerging NDP.*
- PA17/10449 Penventon Mill, A393, Construction of double garage with workshop, wood store, storage facilities *SUPPORT*
- PA17/11453 Lockley Concrete Ltd, Unit 1E United Downs Ind Estate, Proposed use within class B2 inc installation of silo for bulk cement storage *SUPPORT*

Decision Notices received from Cornwall Council:

- PA17/08907 Montana, Coombe Hill, Erection of extension to SSW elevation with flat roof inc. balustrade *APPROVED*
- PA17/09344 The Firs, Trehaddle, Demolition of existing garage & workshop and erection of dwelling house *APPROVED*
- PA17/02705/PREAPP, Land and Buildings adj to Poldice Cottages, Poldice, *A dwelling in this location is not supported*

17/141 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

17/142 MATTERS ARISING

- 095 PCSO Fuller has instigated the Community Speedwatch and has emailed or written to the volunteers to provide

an update on the status and next steps regarding training etc. Councillors agreed to do the necessary training so that they can assist on Speedwatch events if needed.

- 066.1 Perranarworthal Parish Council (along with Chacewater, Kea and Feock Parish Councils) have also confirmed their support of our intention to write to the Environment Agency and Cornwall Council requesting that action be taken about safety around the Carnon & Bissoe River. Cllr Furnish and the Clerk will action.
- 087.3 Cllr Pascoe has obtained a quote from Good Energy to supply 100% renewable energy to the Parish Rooms, this will be discussed at Agenda 17.
- 104.1 Cllr Leach asked Cllr Lanyon for an update on the outdoor noticeboard for the parish rooms. Cllr Lanyon explained that he has not chased it, since it is being made at cost price.
- 117.3 Cllr Leach has not yet made enquiries about extending Frogpool Cemetery, but has received the relevant information from the Clerk.
- 118.1 The Clerk has logged faults with various PROW with the Countryside Access Team, and has updated the Report.
- 119.1 No further updates re a Shared Lengthsman. Cllrs Lanyon, Leach and Hallett agreed to meet with Cllr Knill (Chacewater Parish Council) to discuss the matter. The Clerk will make the arrangements.
- 128.2 Mr Galligan of Enviro Weed Control has been invited to attend January's meeting of the Parish Council to demonstrate his product.
- 130.1 Cllr Pascoe is meeting with a representative from the Cornwall Wildlife Trust and will try to obtain a copy of the survey carried out at Gwennap Churchyard in 2000. The Clerk has uploaded a copy of the Living Churchyards document onto OneDrive.
- 131.1 A plan of the existing basement in the void under the school has been received, and we are awaiting costings to dig it out and lay a concrete floor. Cllr Furnish has agreement from the retiring Head Teacher that the space can be used as a community space, but to safeguard any investment the Council must obtain formal agreement. The Clerk will arrange a meeting with the Acting Head of School when Cllr Furnish returns from his travels.
- 132.2 The Clerk has received an expression of interest from a member of the community who would like to join the Community Land Trust Working Group. She will await further volunteers following the article in the recent newsletter, and then arrange a meeting with Helen Downing of Cornwall CLT.
- 134.2 The Clerk has requested current copies of relevant documentation from regular hirers of the Parish Rooms.

17/143 CORRESPONDENCE

- 143.1 The litter picking report for December 2017 was noted
- 143.2 The Wheal Maid Inspection Report for December 2017 was noted, nothing significant to report.
- 143.3 A copy of the trail map and correspondence from Wheal Maid downhill mountain bikers group was discussed, following a meeting on 20th November. Cllr Furnish and Gavin Henderson of Cormac are drafting an informal Code of Conduct and designing signs to display at certain locations. The Council discussed 'Right to roam' and RESOLVED to register the Wheal Maid Valley as 'Right to Roam' land, with allowances for walkers, cyclists and horse riders in certain 'zones'. Cllr Lanyon asked if the Right to Roam is revocable, Cllr Furnish will confirm.

17/144 REPORTS ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

- 144.1 Cllr Furnish and the Clerk met with Gavin Henderson (Cormac) and three members of the downhill mountain bikers' community on 20th November. It was a useful meeting at which the bikers agreed to provide a map of their existing trails and to contact Gwennap Parish Council and Cormac before building any further new ramps/trails, and Gwennap PC and Cormac agreed to draft an informal Code of Conduct and to design signs for certain locations around the valley, alerting users of riders/walkers/horse riders.
- 144.2 Cllr Hallett and the Clerk attended a meeting with the Church Warden and Mr Chegwidden at Gwennap Churchyard on 20th November to discuss maintenance of the site and consider ways of enhancing the wildlife. Unfortunately Richard Moore (Cornwall Wildlife Trust) and Cllr Pascoe were unable to attend. The Council APPROVED the cost of £150-£200 to clear away the grass cuttings from Summer Meadow to encourage the growth of wild flowers. Cllr Pascoe offered to meet the Mylor Churchyard group to discuss their ideas/practice.
- 144.3 Cllrs Leach, Patton, Forrest, Hallett and Pascoe attended the Country House at Christmas at Trevince on 23rd November. Mr Stone discussed their plans for the house and gardens.
- 144.4 Cllr Furnish attended the MVRG meeting on 23rd November. He reminded the Council that it can bid for a grant from the MVRG Project Fund, up to £500. It funds community and regeneration projects. Cornwall Housing had attended the meeting to discuss Wheal Jewel. The new Pitch Agreement has been received, and they will be publishing the telephone number for members of the community to call to report incidents soon. Their project plan includes the installation of CCTV and various maintenance/repair/infrastructure works. Catherine Henty of You Decide (Young People Cornwall) was at the meeting discussing the work they do with youth services. She may be able to help the parish with regards to a business case for opportunities for young people (e.g. youth group). Cllr Furnish will contact Catherine to arrange a meeting.
- 144.5 Cllrs Furnish and Lanyon, and the Clerk, attended the Geothermal Community Liaison Group meeting on 6th December. It was an informative meeting at which Geothermal Engineering Ltd provided an update on the project and answered questions, and the group agreed ground rules for future meetings. Site preparation is due to commence in January, with drilling commencing in April until October. A telephone number will be provided for members of the community to call if they have any comments, questions or complaints.

17/145 BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2018/19

- 145.1 The Financial Report for year 2017/18 and budget for 2018/19 was circulated by the Clerk in advance of the meeting. The Council discussed and agreed the budget and discussed what Precept should be collected for

2018/19. The Councillors voted on three options, and RESOLVED by a vote of 4 to 3 to keep the Precept at £33,260, the same level as 2017/18. The Parish Council are pleased to be able to do this, at a time when Cornwall Council have increased Council Tax by 5%

17/146 ALLOCATION OF REMAINING S137 SPEND FOR 2017/18

- 146.1 Remaining S137 allocation for 2017/18 must be spent by 4th April 2018.
- 146.2 The Council discussed different ideas for projects that could be completed and paid for using the remaining 2017/18 S137 allocation (approx. £4,500) by April. It was AGREED that this could include reinstating the boule court at the playing field and the parish pump on Cusgarne Hill.
- 146.3 Other ideas were discussed that can be considered for 2018/19 S137 expenditure, including a youth club, film club, play equipment, parish benches, a permanent gazebo for the playing field and extension of the car park at the playing field. The Clerk will investigate the cost of a Film license, and Cllr Lanyon agreed to obtain quotes for extending the playing field parking.

17/147 LEAD COUNCILLORS FOR PROJECTS

- 147.1 This item was deferred to a future meeting.

17/148 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

- 148.1 Cllr Furnish is working on his sections of the Design Guide, and work progresses with the LLCA.
- 148.2 The timescale for the NDP has slipped a little but the Council are still confident that the current version can be submitted to S. Furlay at Cornwall Council mid-December, for SEA screening and consultation.

17/149 GWENNAP CHURCHYARD

- 149.1 The Council APPROVED the cost of £150-£200 for the contractor to clear away the grass cuttings from Summer Meadow, to encourage the growth of wildflowers.
- 149.2 The Council discussed some additional cutting back of the boundary fencing in the top right-hand section but did not approve the works to be carried out until a review of the maintenance work and costs is undertaken.
- 149.3 Cllrs Leach, Hallett and Pascoe agreed to form a Gwennap Churchyard Working Group to consider maintenance of the Churchyard and the Living Churchyards concept. They will report back the Parish Council in due course.

17/150 COMMUNITY PROJECTS (Community Transport Scheme and Community Land Trust)

- 150.1 Community Land Trust – Cllrs Leach, Forrest, Lanyon and Pascoe agreed to form a CLT Working Group, along with the community volunteers. The Clerk will arrange for them to meet with Cornwall CLT.
- 150.2 Community Transport Scheme – Cllrs Leach, Forrest and Pascoe agreed to form a CTS Working Group. The Clerk will continue consider a grant application to start the project up.

17/151 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY(PROW)/HIGHWAYS/ENVIRONMENT

- 151.1 The Clerk has reviewed the footpath survey report, updated by Cllrs Leach and Hallett and has reported relevant matters to the Countryside Access Team.

17/152 PARISH ROOMS AND PLAYING FIELD

- 152.1 The Council APPROVED the appointment of Avalon Fire Protection Ltd to carry out the annual service and check of the fire extinguishers. The Clerk will action.
- 152.2 After discussing a quote obtained by Cllr Pascoe, the Council APPROVED a proposal by Cllr Pascoe, seconded by Cllr Hallett, to switch the parish rooms’ energy supplier to Good Energy, a 100% renewable energy provider, on a 1-year fixed rate contract. The Clerk will action.

17/153 FINANCE

- 153.1 Income received since the last meeting: Room hire £66.00, Adverts £42.00, Interest £4.82 (total £112.80)
- 153.2 The following payments were authorised:

BACS	Martin Luck Group	Office sundries & toilet rolls	87.68
BACS	F.J. Kemp & Sons	Electric repairs	45.60
BACS	Cornwall Council	Uncontested Election charges	226.46
BACS	Cornwall Council	LLCA Stage 1 training workshop	240.00
BACS	Mrs F Barnard	Salary & expenses Dec 2017	864.75
BACS	A Gazzard	Playing field duties	164.78
BACS	M P Chegwiddden	Contract cutting Dec 2017	1,112.40
BACS	Mr R Cook	Litter clearing Dec 2017	177.45
			<u>£2,919.12</u>

Total BACS/DD payments authorised

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed..... Chairman (18th January 2018)