

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON 18th JANUARY 2018 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Leach, Cllr Lanyon, Cllr Patton, Cllr Forrest, Cllr Hallett, Cllr Pascoe
Apologies: Cllr Furnish
Also present: Clerk, Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek, Mr Galligan (Enviro Weed Control), A Gazzard

PUBLIC CLINIC

Following a demonstration outside of his weed control equipment, Mr Galligan gave a short presentation about the process and product which is a herbicide free, biodegradable natural weed control system with Soil Association Accreditation that is widely used in other countries but has only recently been explored in the UK. His presentation explained the benefits of the product and application system, which apart from the environmental credentials include accuracy of application and no drift so it is effective in any weather conditions. Mr Galligan answered some questions about the various application opportunities, its effectiveness when treating invasive plants and Japanese Knotweed, and the effect on the water temperature if using a longer hose. Cllr Leach thanked Mr Galligan for attending.

17/154 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING

No interests were declared for this meeting.

17/155 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek reported that:

- 155.1 He thanked Cllr Lanyon and the Clerk for attending a site visit at Wheal Jewel on 2nd January, which was also attended by St Day and Carharrack Parish Councils, Cornwall Housing & Cornwall Council, including Kate Kennally. The number of incidents and complaints has reduced since Cornwall Housing appointed a project manager to oversee the site. The Clerk will email the new pitch agreements and the out-of-hours contact number that Cornwall Housing have supplied to the Councillors.
- 155.2 Cornwall Council are holding a budget meeting in February. The Government have recommended a 1% increase on the already proposed 4.97% increase in Council Tax, meaning a total increase of 5.97%. The further 1% increase will equate to an additional £2.7m for Cornwall Council. Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek believes that adult social care should be paid for by Government, not the tax payer. He will support a 4.97% increase not a 5.97%.
- 155.3 Boundary Review: the proposal has changed, and it is now being suggested that Gwennap, Stithians and Lanner form one area, with St Day & Carharrack being grouped with part of Redruth. This would have a significant impact on the number of electorate. Changes, once agreed, will come into effect at the next election. Cllr Kaczmarek supports the original proposal for a Gwennap, Carharrack & St Day division, with the possible addition of Stithians.
- 155.4 The consultation on the proposed double roundabout at Scorrier has proved unpopular. Other ideas are being considered.
- 155.5 Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek will be supporting the motion that any decisions on healthcare provision/privatisation should be decided by full Council.
- 155.6 A consultation on the proposal to move radiotherapy services out of Cornwall is drawing to a close. He fiercely objects to this proposal and urged the Parish Council to complete the public consultation survey.
- 155.7 The Camborne Community Network has £50,000 to spend on highways schemes. He gave the Clerk a map and asked the Parish Council to mark any highways problems on the map.
- 155.8 Cllr Lanyon asked Cornwall Cllr to ensure Cornwall Council investigate health & safety concerns about stockpiled glass storage at United Downs Industrial Estate, especially at the bottom of phase 2. Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek said this should be reported to the Environment Agency and Public Health.

17/156 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

17/157 MATTERS ARISING

- PA17/11146 The applicant has agreed to change the external cladding, in line with the Parish Council's request.
- 119.1 A meeting has been planned for GL, DL & JH to meet with Cllr Knill of Chacewater PC re the shared lengthsman concept on 25th January.
 - 130.1 Cllr Pascoe has not yet met with Mr Moore of the CWT.
 - 143.3 The Clerk is still awaiting a draft code of conduct and signage for Wheal Maid from Gavin Henderson, Cormac.
 - 144.2 Cllr Pascoe still intends to visit the Mylor Churchyard group to learn about their experiences.
 - 149.3 The Gwennap Church Working Group have been unable to meet this month, but will do in the near future.

17/158 CORRESPONDENCE

- 158.1 Email from the Cornwall Orienteering Club seeking permission to use Wheal Maid for their orienteering event on 11th February – approved.
- 158.2 An email from PCSO Fuller advising of his attendance at the February meeting of the Parish Council to give his annual report for the parish was noted.
- 158.3 A contract and terms & conditions from Good Energy for 12-month fixed rate electricity supply - noted.
- 158.4 An email from a resident of Gwennap village requesting the Parish Council assist in getting a bus shelter installed at Carn View, Gwennap was discussed. See Minute ref 17/165.1 for more information.
- 158.5 An email from Matthew Stokes of Cornwall Council re the emerging CC division proposals (circulated to Cllrs on 12th January) was noted.
- 158.6 The Council discussed an update regarding Battle's Over, A Nation's Tribute 11th November 2018 event and agreed that the Council will need to plan this event in the coming months.
- 158.7 The Council noted the external auditor appointment for 2017/18 financial year for smaller authorities.
- 158.8 Notification from HMRC regarding changes to the VAT claims system. No action required at present.

17/159 PLANNING

PA17/11314 Whitmoor, Consols Road, Carharrack, TR16 5RA, Erection of new conservatory to rear of property – *already Approved by Cornwall Council, the planning officer apologises for submitting his recommendation before receiving the Parish Council's comments.*

PA17/12169 Cusgarne Manor, Sunny Corner, TR4 8SE, Construction of livery stables, tractor shed and sand school *Cllrs attended site visit on 17th Jan. Request further information including classification of agricultural land, flood risk assessment, low pollution lighting, impact on biodiversity and highways consultation.*

PA18/00263 Engine House, Point Mills, Bissoe, Demolish existing timber storage shed and replace with storage shed. *Agreed to defer to February's meeting, to allow a sufficient public consultation period. Clerk to clarify address with planning officer.*

Decision Notices received from Cornwall Council:

PA17/11002 Land North West of Kimberly Cottage United Mines, TR16 5HX, Overhead lines exemption for the erection of an additional pole leg to create an H pole *NO OBJECTIONS*

PA17/11012 1 Rose Cottage, Frogpool, Construction of first floor Juliet balcony to front & associated works *APPROVED*

PA17/09891 Harmony Cottage, Lower Goongumpas Lane, Proposed erection of a single storey building to be used as a garage/workshop and the extension of the garden *APPROVED*

PA17/11453 Lockley Concrete Ltd, Unit 1E United Downs Ind Estate, Proposed use within class B2 inc installation of silo for bulk cement storage *APPROVED*

PA17/11136 South Tresamble Farm, Tresamble, Submission of details to discharge conditions 3, 4 and 5 in respect of decision PA17/07219. *S52/S106 AND DISCHARGE OF CONDITION APPS*

PA17/10737 The Old Vicarage, Gwennap, Construction of garden lodge for holiday letting *APPROVED*

PA17/09424 Tremont, Cusgarne, Attachment of a POD point and cable to charge electric car. *APPROVED*

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

PA17/11146 2 Higher Chelean, Frogpool, Proposed rear first floor extension forming en-suite & dressing room *APPROVED*

PA17/10897 Brodowell, United Road, Carharrack, Removal of Condition 2 (temporary period) of PA17/05814 *APPROVED*

PA17/10449 Penventon Mill, A393, Construction of double garage with workshop, wood store, storage facilities *WITHDRAWN*

17/160 REPORTS ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

- 160.1 Cllr Lanyon and the Clerk attended a Wheal Jewel site visit on 2nd January. They were appalled at the current state of one section of the site, and advised that urgent attention must be given to improving fire safety on site, installing CCTV, and installing a gated entrance. Many other lower priority problems also need resolving.
- 160.2 Cllrs Lanyon, Forrest and Pascoe and the Clerk attended the first meeting of the Gwennap Parish Community Land Trust Steering Group on 11th January. See Minute ref 17/163 for more information.
- 160.3 Cllrs Patton and Hallett and the Clerk met with Cath Hendy of Young People Cornwall on 12th January. See Minute ref 17/164 for further information.
- 160.4 Cllrs Forrest and Lanyon attended the MVRG meeting on 18th January which was also attended by Cornwall For Change who spoke about the in-balance of the housing target, CC pension deficit and their concept that Cornwall should seek to become a national park. Chacewater PC are interested to hear how our youth group set up goes, since they might consider setting one up themselves. The MVRG group also discussed the possibility of forming a Community Network Parish Group primarily for the mining villages; the Clerk questioned the necessity of such a group since that is the purpose of the MVRG. Composite Agency Agreements were also discussed. Cllr Forrest gave the Clerk some literature from Reed In Partnership who support people back into work.

17/161 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

- 161.1 The Clerk advised that the current version of the NDP had been submitted to Cornwall Council for internal consultation and SEA screening (Strategic Environmental Assessment) in December.
- 161.2 Cllr Leach needs to input his sections into the Design Guide. The Clerk will email the latest version to Cllrs Leach & Patton.
- 161.3 There is no further update on the LLCA, the Clerk will follow this up.
- 161.4 Cllr Patton asked if the proposed boundary changes will affect the NDP, the Council advised her that it should not, since it is the division boundaries that might change, not the parish boundary.

17/162 GWENNAP CHURCHYARD & FROGPOOL CEMETERY

- 162.1 The Church Warden has received offers of help from two local volunteers. The Gwennap Churchyard Working Group (Cllrs Leach, Hallett and Pascoe) to meet in the coming days to review the archive files re ownership and management of the different sections of the churchyard and to formulate a plan for the future. The Clerk will advise the Church Warden that the Working Group will contact him to discuss possible jobs for the volunteers.
- 162.2 The contractor has advised the Clerk that the trees need reducing significantly to avoid them hanging too low in bad weather. The Clerk will invite their tree surgeon contractor and tree wardens to assess the need.

17/163 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST (CLT)

- 163.1 Five volunteers from the community have now registered their interest in joining the Gwennap Parish Community Land Trust (GPCLT) Steering Group.
- 163.2 Cllrs Lanyon, Forrest and Pascoe and the Clerk attended the first meeting of the GPCLT Steering Group on 11th January. It was also attended by three of the community volunteers and Andrew George and Jennifer Hawkins of Cornwall CLT. It was a positive meeting and Cornwall CLT were able to advise on the basic process and next steps. The Clerk was left with paperwork including information on legal formats and grant application forms.
- 163.3 The Council discussed this and RESOLVED to proceed with setting up a CLT with the goal of providing truly affordable housing in Gwennap parish, for its community, in perpetuity.
- 163.4 The GPCLT will meet again in February to determine its' primary objectives, agree a timeline and strategy for setting up the CLT and delivering its objectives and to agree a mission statement and action plan.

17/164 PROVISION OF ACTIVITIES/FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

- 164.1 Cllrs Patton and Hallett and the Clerk met with Cath Hendy of Young People Cornwall on 12th January. YPC can set up, run and fund a weekly youth group until September 2018, providing two youth workers. After September the community can continue to run the youth group itself with the help of volunteers, or if it wishes it can buy in one youth worker to continue to run the weekly group alongside volunteers.
- 164.2 The Clerk has received a very positive response to the 'feelers' she put on social media.
- 164.3 Cllr Patton spoke with a representative of Blackwater's youth group who gave excellent feedback on their experience and of YPC. They currently spend £62.50/week for one youth worker to run their club. The Council agreed that funding might be available for this.
- 164.4 The Council RESOLVED to set up the youth group with a launch event on 16th February and then a weekly session on Friday evenings, year-round. It also AGREED that the group should be free of charge to attend (to be reviewed in the future), AND that the use of parish rooms would be free of charge for the youth group.

17/165 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY(PROW)/HIGHWAYS/ENVIRONMENT

- 165.1 The Council discussed the presentation given by Mr Galligan of Enviro Weed Control. All agreed that the treatment seems excellent with superb environmental credentials. The Clerk was asked to look at what areas are currently treated and to ask Mr Galligan to provide a quote on that basis. It was agreed that additional jobs could be considered, such as treatment of headstones and road signs. The Clerk will invite the existing contractor to quote for a more environmentally friendly weed control product if he wishes.
- 165.1 The Council discussed the request by a parishioner to assist in getting a bus shelter installed opposite Carn View, Gwennap. The Clerk advised that an application must be submitted to Cornwall Council, providing a map of the location and detailed information about the potential usage of the shelter, i.e the approximate number of passengers that would travel from the location and the frequency of the service bus serving the stop. The Clerk showed the Council an image of the type of shelter recommended (but not enforced) by Cornwall Council. It was agreed that this is not necessarily suitable for the location. The Clerk also advised that grants of up to £3,000 are available from Cornwall Council. The Council discussed a possible conflict in doing this if Cornwall Council intend to take over all bus shelters, but asked the Clerk to investigate the idea and report back.
- 165.2 The Council RESOLVED to cease staining the parish noticeboards, to allow the wood to weather naturally. The Clerk will instruct the contractor.

165.3 The Council discussed the concept of registering the Wheal Maid valley as Right To Roam open access land, with 'zones' for walkers, cyclists and horse-riders. All acknowledged that this would be irrevocable. All AGREED that it would be a good move and the Council therefore RESOLVED to proceed. The Clerk and Cllr Furnish will action accordingly.

17/166 PARISH ROOMS AND PLAYING FIELD

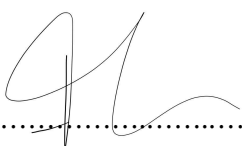
- 166.1 The annual service of the parish rooms fire extinguishers has been carried out with no matters raised.
- 166.2 Switching of the energy suppliers was completed on 09/01/18, the parish rooms now uses 100% renewable energy.
- 166.3 The parish rooms hoover requires replacement. The Council approved a spend of up to £200. Cllr Lanyon recommended a local supplier. The Clerk will shop around and purchase one.
- 166.4 The Council discussed the idea of extending the parish rooms and acknowledged that it could be well used by local groups. Further feedback on this will be sought from the community.
- 166.5 Cllr Leach is still making enquiries about the cost of a fixed timber gazebo for the playing field, since initial estimates of £16,000 + labour are too expensive. The Clerk suggested it could be a could project for local college carpentry students?
- 166.6 Cllr Lanyon agreed to resolve the problem of the entrance gates swinging in the wind with the use of sections of galvanised pipe.
- 166.7 The Clerk will obtain a quote for modernising the lighting and heating in the parish rooms so it is more efficient and environmentally friendly.

17/167 FINANCE

- 153.1 Income received since the last meeting: Room hire £610.00, Adverts £24.00, Burial £590.00, VAT rebate for 01/04/17-30/09/17 £2,385.72 (total £3,609.72)
- 153.2 The following payments were authorised:

BACS	A Gazzard	Playing field duties	173.22
BACS	M P Chegwidden	Contract cutting Jan 2018	679.20
BACS	Avalon Fire Protection Ltd	Basic annual service	36.60
BACS	Mr R Cook	Litter cleraing January 2018	181.68
BACS	Cornwall Council	Printing costs (Winter Newsletter)	289.59
BACS	Information Commissioner	Data protection registration	35.00
BACS	Mrs F Barnard	Salary & expenses Jan 2018	747.70
DD	BT	Quarterly broadband & line rental	108.84
DD	South West Water	Water supply Frogpool cemetery	15.46
DD	South West Water	Water supply Parish rooms	48.43
<i>Total BACS/DD payments authorised</i>			£2,315.72

The meeting closed at 10pm

Signed.......... Chairman (15th February 2018)