

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON
13TH DECEMBER 2018 at 7.00pm



Present: Cllr Furnish (Chair), Cllr Leach, Cllr Lanyon, Cllr Patton, Cllr Forrest, Cllr Hallett, Cllr Pascoe
Apologies: Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek
Also present: Clerk; Mr C Rosevear (United Downs Raceway); Mr D Cole (MTAB); Ms A Davies & Ms N Rochford (Penwith Community Development Trust); Mrs De Labat (PA18/10916 & PA18/09444), Ms Orchard + I (PA18/10705); Mr Davies

PUBLIC CLINIC

- Mr Rosevear (United Downs Raceway) updated the Parish Council on events since the last meeting, and further ideas about additional users. He still awaits a response to his letter emailed to Cornwall Council on 21st November. Mr Rosevear introduced Ms A Davies & Ms N Rochford (Penwith Community Development Trust) who have discussed various youth outreach ideas/uses for the site. He provided the Councillors with a hard copy of the update, as well as an information sheet about South Culture Club who would like to use the Raceway as a meeting point for their members to meet to look at, compare and discuss each other's cars. They don't race.
- Mr Cole spoke about his community interest company MTAB Events which would like to hold a test day at the Raceway to ascertain the success and popularity of the venue with a view to holding regular drifting race events at the site in the future. He explained the research carried out evidencing demand, and measures taken to reduce noise and disruption. A proportion of the profits from the test day would be given to the community to support community projects.
- Mrs De Labat spoke about her applications (PA18/10916 & PA18/09444) and answered questions from the Cllrs.
- Ms Orchard spoke about her application PA18/10705 and answered questions from the Cllrs.

18/148 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek.

18/149 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING No interests were declared for this meeting.

18/150 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR KACZMAREK'S REPORT, delivered by the Clerk

- 150.1 Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek and Lanner's Cornwall Cllr are arranging a meeting with the Police and Cornwall Council to discuss speeding on the A393 Lanner to Comford road. The meeting will take place once the Police have completed the report on the recent RTA fatality.
- 150.2 He is disappointed with the Electoral Review's boundary review decision that ignored the alternative proposal he made that was supported by Carharrack, Gwennap and St Day Parish Councils.
- 150.3 A £400 fine was recently issued for an incident of flytipping in Gwennap Parish.
- 150.4 People responsible for abandoning two caravans on site at Wheal Jewel will be charged by Cornwall Housing for the cost of removing them.

18/151 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

18/152 MATTERS ARISING – REPORT BY THE CLERK

- 18/142.1 Cllr Lanyon and the Clerk met with a local builder to discuss getting a quote for work required at Wheal Maid.
- 18/144.1 Cornwall Council have confirmed they do have a responsibility to take on the management of Gwennap Churchyard following notice being served on them by the Parish Council. They have requested information on historic maintenance and surveys prior to meeting to discuss next steps/maintenance SLA. Clerk to action.
- 18/146.1 The Chairman and Clerk will meet to discuss and resolve outstanding matters raised by the Independent Audit.

18/153 PLANNING

a) To receive and comment on planning applications:

PA18/10672 Poppins Respite Centre, Church Lane, Gwennap Single storey extension to form additional living accommodation which can be used as an independent annexe to the main building. Increase parking area to front of building and widen site entrance. *OBJECT on grounds of overdevelopment of the site in WHS, breach of original conditions to not change character or scale of residential dwelling & highways concerns re access & safety.*

PA18/10588 Sues Field, Sparry Lane, Carharrack Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of a caravan as a self-contained residential unit. *OBJECT on grounds that applicant has failed to provide credible evidence of use and applicant's history of disregarding planning regulations.*

PA18/10705 Land & buildings adj. to Poldice Cottages, Poldice Conversion & extension of stables to form dwelling. *SUPPORT.*

PA18/10847 Rosemerryn, Coldwind Cross Proposed replacement of garage/carport with home office & gym. Change of use of land from paddock to domestic curtilage & construction of ancillary domestic garage. *SUPPORT*

PA18/10916 Land west of Hillside Cottage, Trehaddle Reserved matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout & scale following outline approval PA15/03961 for a two storey building. *SUPPORT.*

PA18/10440 Land adj to The Cottage, Trewelm Lane, Crofthandy Reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout & scale) for outline approval PA17/00751 for self-build dwelling & associated works. *SUPPORT*

PA18/10408 Elmsford, Cusgarne Installation of photovoltaic panels, ground-mounted. *SUPPORT.*

b) To receive and comment on planning applications received too late to be included on agenda

PA18/09444 Hillside, Trehaddle Change of orientation East to West to barn re approval PA16/00766. *SUPPORT.*

c) To note planning decisions

PA18/09915 Framor, 6 Trewelm Lane, Crofthandy Installation of an LPG tank in the front garden *APPROVED*

PA18/09678 Ryecroft, Trehaddle Outline application for up to two dwellings with all matters reserved *APPROVED*

PA18/02734/PREAPP Cornish Concrete Products site, Bissoe, Pre-app advice for proposed residential development. *Site not suitable for housing development under current planning policies.*

d) Update on any ongoing planning enforcements

EN18/01533 Wood Yard, Poldory, St Day Alleged siting of 1-2 caravans for residential use. *No update.*

EN17/01005 Land north of Lower Tolgullow Vein Farm, Poldice Land being used as a landfill site. *No update.*

EN18/01056 Land Adj To White Cottage Wheal Clifford Alleged siting of caravans for residential use and groundworks. *No update.*

EN18/01376 Chenhale Farm, Carharrack Alleged large quantities of material being deposited for construction of an outdoor sand school for equestrian use at. *No update.*

EN18/01998 Land at Lower Goongumpas Lane, Crofthandy Alleged stationing of caravan being used for residential purposes.

e) To note planning appeals or inquiries The Chairman reported that MVRG still await a response to their letter to Cornwall Council regarding GDPR preventing Council's being updated on enforcement cases. The Parish Council RESOLVED for the Chairman to draft a letter for the Clerk to send to Cornwall Council about the matter.

f) To report any planning problems or possible breaches None

18/154 CORRESPONDENCE

154.1 A letter from Cornwall Council advising estimated 2019/20 Local Maintenance Partnership grant of £2,877.67 was noted. No action necessary.

154.2 A letter from the Rural Payments Agency regarding administrative changes to Environmental Stewardship Agreements was noted. No action necessary.

154.3 An email regarding the Parish Council's response to a Freedom of Information request was noted and discussed. The Parish Council followed advice at the time. The Parish Council will consider its options if the sender makes further contact.

154.4 An email from MP Sarah Newton responding to Cllr Furnish's email to her re the Bissoe pre-app was noted. The Council expressed disappointment with her response.

154.5 An email regarding Rural Exception Sites and EVAs (*circulated to Cllrs on 29/11/18*) was discussed and noted. The NDP has already mitigated some of the issues by clearly defining "local need" in the Plan.

154.6 An invitation to a coffee morning at the Teyluva Centre on 19th December was noted.

154.7 A letter from the Local Government Boundary Commission dated 04/12/18 advising its final recommendations was noted. The proposal is for a Gwennap/Lanner/Stithians ward.

154.8 An update from Mr Rosevear of United Downs Raceway, information regarding MTAB Events & South Culture (as discussed in the public clinic) was discussed. The Clerk was asked to report back to Mr Rosevear that the Council supports youth outreach projects and the South Culture Club using the Raceway for events, but that it would only support MTAB drifting events if its race events were included in the current number of races currently permitted each year (approx 15). Permissions would need to be obtained from Cornwall Council.

18/155 REPORTS ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

155.1 Cllr Pascoe attended a Energy Innovation Zone meeting regarding possibilities for community energy projects. Further meetings will be held.

155.2 Some members attended a Geothermal Project site visit on 19th November, which was very informative.

- 155.3 Cllr Furnish and the Clerk attended the Geothermal Community Liaison Group meeting on 5th December, which was well attended. Geothermal Engineering Ltd confirmed that drilling is progressing well now, despite a slow start when they hit hard rock followed by clay. Only a few minor complaints have been received, all of which have been quickly resolved. All present agreed that the project has been well managed and is causing little disturbance.
- 155.4 Cllrs Leach, Furnish, Forrest & the Clerk attended a Gwennap Parish CLT meeting on 29th November to discuss a possible site that might be suitable for affordable housing that has come forward. It was agreed that two/three members (one/two Cllrs and one non Council member) would attend a site visit to be arranged by Cornwall CLT.
- 155.5 Cllr Furnish attended a MVRG (Mining Villages Regeneration Group) meeting on 13th December at which representatives from Cornwall Council attended to discuss economic development. Cllr Furnish +1 to meet with David Rodda (CC's Regeneration Management Team) to discuss an economic development strategy for United Downs. One idea proposed is to create a community transport scheme similar to Uber using green power generated from the Geothermal site. The MVRG are currently working on a Rural Issues document that is being reviewed by Cornwall Council.

18/156 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

- 156.1 The Council and NDP Steering Group have stalled submitting the NDP to Cornwall Council temporarily while they keep a close eye on the Crantock NDP appeal for a Judicial Review in case the result has wider spreading implications for other NPD's, especially with regards to defining "local need".
- 156.2 Cllr Furnish is finalising the NDP's maps.

18/157 UNITED DOWNS DEEP GEOTHERMAL ENERGY PROJECT UPDATE

- 157.1 See Minute ref. 18/155.3.
- 157.2 The Clerk read a progress update dated 13th December reporting that GEL have drilled the first well to 900m. Progress has been slowed due to part of a wellhead needing to be repaired before casing can be run.

18/158 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

- 158.1 Cllr Leach updated the Council on the Gwennap Parish CLT group's decision to form a Gwennap Parish Housing Working Group rather than a formal Community Land Trust in its own right. This means Cornwall CLT take the majority of risk, cost and liability, while the Housing Working Group work with them on strategy and steering the project(s).
- 158.2 Acting on advice from CALC, Cllr Leach proposed that the Housing Working Group (HWG) form as a committee of the Parish Council so that all members must comply with the Parish Council's regulations and Code of Conduct. This motion was seconded by Cllr Forrest with no objections and so the Parish Council RESOLVED to form a Gwennap Parish Housing Working Group committee.
- 158.3 See Minute ref. 155.4.

18/159 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY(PROW) / OPEN SPACES / ENVIRONMENT

- 159.1 The monthly Wheal Maid Inspection report was noted. A few vandalised/missing signs need replacing. Clerk to action.
- 159.2 Cllr Hallett gave a report on the Campaign to Protect Rural England, mostly concerning national concerns related to sizeable housing developments proposed for greenbelt land, and the Draft National Planning Framework. She noted that the CPRE Cornwall was opposed to the building of 770 houses at Bodmin.
- 159.3 Cllr Furnish circulated a list of assets within the Parish that are currently owned by Cornwall Council, with supporting reasons for devolution and a proposed priority rating for each one. Cllrs AGREED to proceed with items marked as priority 1, these assets will need to be self-funding in some way rather than burden the Parish Council/tax payer with cost. Cllr Furnish will add more detail after which the Clerk will email the list of assets that the Parish Council wishes to take on to Cornwall Council's Community Link Officer to open up devolution discussions with CC.
- 159.4 The Clerk advised that the Police are following up photographic and video evidence of a scramble biker riding on land at Poldice, provided to the Clerk by a parishioner.

18/160 HIGHWAYS

- 160.1 Cllr Lanyon reported a collapsed pipe flooding water at Crofthandy. The Clerk advised that this had already been reported.
- 160.2 Cllr Forrest reported that water is still flooding across the bottom of Bissoe Hill. The Clerk advised that she had reported this to Kea Parish Council who are investigating.

18/161 GWENNAP CHURCHYARD / FROGPOOL CEMETERY

- 161.1 Cornwall Council have confirmed they do have a responsibility to take on the management of Gwennap Churchyard following notice being served on them by the Parish Council. They have requested information on historic maintenance and surveys prior to meeting to discuss next steps/maintenance SLA. Clerk to action.
- 161.2 The Parish Council AGREED to try to have a meeting with Cornwall Council with regards to maintenance

prior to approving Mr Chegwidde's quote for clearance work at the top end of the churchyard. This work will need to be carried out January/February, otherwise it will have to wait until winter 2019. The Clerk will try to arrange a meeting for the new year.

- 161.3 Cusgarne & Frogpool WI have asked to plant and maintain the raised box planter at the top of Frogpool Cemetery. The Parish Council APPROVED this request and thank the WI for their community service. The Council asked the Clerk to obtain a quote from Mr Chegwidde for planting out the top walled bed, and 6 hawthorn trees (3 on either side of the top section, along the paths).

18/162 PARISH ROOMS AND PLAYING FIELD

- 162.1 Play Park Project – Cllr Furnish and Clerk had been unable to reduce Quote ref. CD021376v3 any further, but have agreed a payment plan with Schoolscapes, to allow additional time to source further funds. The Parish Council APPROVED Quote ref. CD021376v3 and subsequent Sales Order 11019 for £81,788.04 exc VAT. The project will be funded by the Parish Council and grants (grants already awarded by SITA Cornwall Trust and the Geothermal Community Fund, further funding to be obtained if possible to reduce Parish Council spend). Removal of the existing ground-mats and equipment is due to commence on 26th February 2019, with a project completion deadline of 5th April, in time for the school Easter holidays. The Council agreed to leave the roofs blank (i.e. not engraved with a name) and chose green and sand for the ground surfacing colours.
- 162.2 The Parish Council discussed a quote for a replacement fence (161049) . Cllrs AGREED to include a pair of wooden farm gates in the fence to allow a tractor with mower attachment to drive between the playing field and playpark. Cllrs asked the Clerk to get a further quote to include met-posts to increase the lifespan of the fence, and to compare with chestnut or Douglas Fir. Clerk to also obtain a quote from another contractor to compare.
- 162.3 The monthly playpark inspection for November was noted.
- 162.4 Acoustic panels - the Clerk is still awaiting a comparative quote.
- 162.5 The Council APPROVED a quote to supply and fit a replacement Lincat EB6FX water boiler, £554.88.
- 162.6 The Council support Cllr Leach's idea for creating a Make & Mend group for local Veterans and others in the community. Cllr Leach to make enquiries and report back to the Council.

18/163 FINANCE

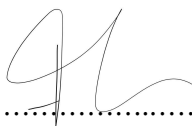
- 163.1 The Council discussed the Quarterly Financial Report for Q3 (to 31/12/18) and 2019/20 budget. The Council committed to reduce its cash reserves through projects including the Play Park Project, replacement fencing and securing an exposed shaft at Wheal Maid. It also has plans to build a garage store at the rear of the parish rooms, and to extend the parish rooms to offer improved facilities/flexible space. Plans might also include refurbishing the football club's changing rooms.
- 163.2 The Council RESOLVED to maintain its Precept request at £33,260 for the third consecutive year.
- 163.3 Income received since the last meeting: Room hire £134, Advertising £25, Burials £225, Geothermal Community Fund Grant £10,000, Interest £32.14 and VAT to 30/09/18 £3,055.43 (total £13,471.57)
- 163.4 December's petty cash spend of £433.71 was noted. Transfer of £150 to the petty cash account was approved.
- 163.5 The following payments were authorised:

13/12/2018	CHEQUE	Schoolscapes Ltd	50% pro-forma invoice for play equipment	49,072.82
13/12/2018	BACS	Greens Grounds & Trees	Play park inspection 21.11.18	72.00
13/12/2018	BACS	Cormac Solutions Ltd	Salt grit bin, Cusgarne	186.78
13/12/2018	BACS	Cormac Solutions Ltd	Salt grit bin fill	10.18
13/12/2018	BACS	Cormac Solutions Ltd	Grounds Maintenance Oct-Dec 2018	188.40
13/12/2018	BACS	M P Chegwidde	Contract cutting Nov & Dec 2018	1,552.80
13/12/2018	BACS	A Gazzard	Playing field duties Dec 2018	160.55
13/12/2018	BACS	Mrs F Barnard	Salary & expenses Dec 2018	1,054.63
13/12/2018	BACS	David Lester	Miscellaneous maintenance jobs	42.25
13/12/2018	BACS	Enviro Weed Control	Weed control treatment around the parish	107.25
24/12/2018	DD	Good Energy	Electricity Charges 08/09/18-09/12/18	261.86
<i>Total BACS/DD authorised</i>				<u><u>£52,709.52</u></u>

18/164 ANY OTHER BUSINESS / MATTERS TO CARRY FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING

- 164.1 Cllr Leach gave his apologies for January's meeting

The meeting closed at 10.00pm

Signed.....  Chairman (17th January 2019)