

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON
21ST MARCH 2019 at 7.15pm



Present: Cllr Furnish (Chair), Cllr Lanyon, Cllr Patton, Cllr Forrest, Cllr Hallett, Cllr Pascoe
Apologies: Cllr Leach, Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek
Also present: Clerk, Mr & Mrs Smith

PUBLIC CLINIC

- Mr Smith advised the Parish Council that they had finally succeeded in obtaining planning permission.

18/207 APOLOGIES were received and accepted from Cllr Leach and Cornwall Councillor Kaczmarek.

18/208 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING Cllr Hallett declared an interest in Agenda item 16.5 (Parish Litter Picker).

18/209 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR KACZMAREK'S REPORT

Cllr Kaczmarek has kept the Clerk informed on various matters over the month. No urgent matters for discussion.

18/210 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

18/211 MATTERS ARISING – REPORT BY THE CLERK

Public clinic The Clerk had responded to Mr Henderson with the Councillors comments on his proposed pre-apps.

18/186.4 The Clerk reported that the total number of long term empty homes in the parish is currently 8 (data received from Cornwall Council 19/03/19)

18/180.1 Wire fencing has been erected at Frogpool Cemetery to protect the new planting.

18/181.4 The acoustic panels for the parish rooms have been ordered.

18/191.6 Following the tour of the MVRG parishes, Cornwall Council have circulated the 2017/18 Enforcement Report.

18/196.1 Eight warning signs and two information boards have now been installed at Wheal Maid, replacing damaged, weathered or missing signs. The Clerk has advised the Environment Agency of the location of the signs.

18/196.5 Replacement of the footpath sign on PROW 307/17/1 is outstanding while the Clerk gathers information on any other signs that require replacement.

18/198.1 13 hawthorn trees have been planted in the top section of Frogpool Cemetery, with tree guards.

18/199.4 Mr Chegwiddden had provided the Council with a full written quote for £4,131.62 + VAT for replacement of the playing field fence. This quote was approved by Councillors on 25/02/19.

18/199.5 A meeting is planned for 1st April, to discuss the formation of a Make & Mend Group.

18/212 PLANNING

a) To receive and comment on planning applications:

PA19/02061 Gwella Barn, Crofthandy Proposed domestic garage - amendment to garage previously approved PA18/01694. **OBJECT** on the grounds of the proposed roof ridge height, lack of evidence to support size and scale of garage and impact on the visual amenity of the WHS landscape given its prominent position. Support objections of WHS Planning Advice team.

For info only (i.e. not for consultation):

PA19/00505/PREAPP Burncoose Nurseries, Burncoose Historic Building pre-application advice for erection of glazed extension to the existing nursery building.

PA19/01704 Land east of Hillside, Trehaddle Prior approval – details for proposed road (unsealed track crossing farmland)

PA19/01868 Penventon Quarry, Treviskey, Lanner Submission of details to discharge conditions 2, 6 and 8 in respect of decision notice PA15/02995.

A proposed development at Mount Wellington Mines to create increased manufacturing spaces and offices was discussed. The Clerk will invite the applicant to attend April's meeting to discuss the proposal.

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

PA19/01634 Chy An Areth, Point Mills Demolition of porch, removing flat roof to kitchen and bed3 and replacing with pitched roof; removing glazed conservatory and replacing with pitched tile roof. *Deferred to April.*

c) To note planning decisions

PA19/00601 Tremont, Cusgarne Request for Min. Energy Efficiency Standards exemption evidence *ADVICE GIVEN.*
PA19/00081 Cusgarne House, Cusgarne Listed Building Consent for a chimney to be rebuilt & new lead flashing
APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

d) Update on any ongoing planning enforcements

EN18/01533 Wood Yard, Poldory, St Day Alleged siting of 1-2 caravans for residential use. *Stage 4 ongoing*
EN17/01005 Land north of Lower Tolgullow Vean Farm, Poldice Land being used as a landfill site. *Stage 4 ongoing*
EN18/01056 Land Adj To White Cottage Wheal Clifford Alleged siting of caravans for residential use and groundworks. *Stage 4 ongoing.*
EN18/01376 Chenhale Farm, Carharrack Alleged large quantities of material being deposited for construction of an outdoor sand school for equestrian use. *Stage 4 ongoing.*
EN18/02150 Land south of Unity House, Little Beside Alleged tipping of soil and rubble in field and causing surface water drainage issue. *Stage 4 ongoing.*
EN19/00106 The Coach House, Gwennap Operational development to construct a block built garden shed with dual pitched slate roof. *Stage 8 - breach identified, not expedient for the Local Planning Authority to take formal enforcement action.*

e) To note planning appeals or inquiries None

f) To report any planning problems or possible breaches

- The Clerk had received a copy of a complaint to the public protection department, by a resident of Pound Lane regarding noise from Poldice Valley Equestrian Centre. The Clerk has contacted the Planning department to check if the Equestrian Centre had the necessary consent to carry out dog agility and training classes on site.
- The Clerk was asked to contact Planning Enforcement to enquire/confirm if the development taking place on land on the Bissoe to Twelveheads road is permitted.

18/213 CORRESPONDENCE

- 213.1 Notice from Mr Cook, resigning from his parish litter picking duties was noted. *The Clerk advertised the position in the Spring 2019 Newsletter and has received two expressions of interest. See Minute Ref 18/220.5.*
- 213.2 An email re. proposed work by Cornish Lithium at Wheal Clifford was discussed.
- 213.3 An email received from local resident dated 01/03/19, including a copy of a group objection submitted to the Neighbourhood Planning Department at Cornwall Council regarding the proposed Cusgarne development boundary was discussed. *No objection to the Cusgarne boundary was received during the 6 week public consultation 23/06/18-06/08/18; the Council agreed that it is not required to email Agendas or notifications to parishioners since Agendas are easily accessed online or on the parish noticeboards, the Council resolved to post a copy of the Agenda on the Cusgarne noticeboard; planning application alerts can be set up via CC's planning website so members of the public can keep fully abreast of proposed developments in their local area if they have a keen interest; the Parish Council's tree wardens are volunteers so their contact details are not published on the parish council's website, however concerns/queries about trees can be sent to the Clerk who will forward them to the tree wardens. The Spring 2019 Newsletter featured a piece about trees in the parish and invited members of the public to contact the Clerk with details of trees they believe should be protected.*
- 213.4 Rural Payments Agency Higher Level Stewardship Agreement Claim 2019 form was noted. *Clerk to action.*
- 213.5 A copy of letter sent by local resident to Cornwall Council Public Protection re noise complaint was noted. *See 18/212f.*
- 213.6 Notice of Polling Districts & Polling Places Review, consultation commenced 04/03/19 was noted.
- 213.7 Email communications from lady concerning Wheal Maid were discussed. *It was agreed that the Parish Council has already answered the lady's questions and that it will respond to her further enquiries at a proposed site meeting with the Environment Agency. The Council maintains that it complies with the conditions placed upon it and its duty of care, this has been confirmed by the Environment Agency.*
- 213.8 Information re. Rural Services Network's campaign calling for Government to develop a Rural Strategy was discussed. *The MVRG is already preparing a Rural Status Report, in conjunction with the CPIR so this matter is in hand.*
- 213.9 A copy of letter sent to Mr Phillips-Jones (CC Service Manager) re light pollution complaint and subsequent communications was noted. *Mr Phillips-Jones has already responded to say it will be actioned.*
- 213.10 An update ref. Blackmans site and United Downs Raceway was discussed. *CC are in discussion with Autospeed ref the new tender, which will be responded to by 3rd May. The Clerk was asked to advise CC that it would not wish to see an increase to the current 15 race events per year; and that it wishes to be consulted on any potential development on the site at an early stage, in accordance with the NDP.*
- 213.11 Information regarding CIL Allocation and Spend was discussed by Cllr Furnish. *More CIL money will be available if the NDP is adopted (15% without NDP / 25% if NDP adopted). Gwennap Parish Council can bid for money from the collated CIL funds from May 2019. Cllr Lanyon believes that legislation is in place that allows local authorities to pool CIL money. Cllr Furnish will investigate.*

18/214 REPORTS ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

- 214.1 Cllr Pascoe & Cllr Hallett attended an Environment Climate Change Conference. Cllrs support the document

- later circulated by Cllr Pascoe, entitled “Sustainable Energy Advice” and agreed to adopt a similar guide for developers, and possible inclusion in the Parish Newsletter. *Clerk to obtain permission from Chacewater PC.*
- 214.2 Cllrs Patton, Forrest & the Clerk attended a Meet The Planners conference on 4th March. They discussed departmental changes and CC’s intention to work more closely with Town and Parish Councils. *The Clerk will forward details when received.*
- 214.3 Cllr Hallett & the Clerk attended a meeting with the tree wardens to plan surveying trees in the parish. The Council agreed to appoint Cllr Hallett as a tree warden. The tree wardens plan to meet with Steve Kempthorne (CC). A piece was included in the Spring 2019 Newsletter, inviting members of the public to notify the Clerk about trees they believe should be protected. One parishioner would like the trees at Unity Woods to be protected. The Council RESOLVED to be more focused on the impact proposed development will have on trees in the landscape.
- 214.4 Cllr Furnish attended an MVRG meeting at which funding for flood and emergency plans was discussed. Applications for grants from the 2019/20 Community Chest are now invited.
- 214.5 Cllrs Furnish, Leach & Hallett attended a site meeting on 5th March at Gwennap Churchyard with Jon Mitchell (CC), David Stone (Church Warden) & Paul Chegwiddden (grass cutting contractor) to discuss the handover of maintenance. The meeting was productive and CC agreed to prepare a grass cutting SLA for the Parish Council. Cormac should be able to make some volunteers available each year to carry out additional works.
- 214.6 Cllr Furnish attended an Offroad Vehicles meeting regarding the four-point plan which has been presented to CPR who are now writing to Cornwall Council to insist they take appropriate action.
- 214.7 Cllr Furnish attended the United Downs Geothermal Community Fund Panel meeting at which four or five applications were approved. The UD-1 well fund is now empty. The next round of funding will open when drilling of UD-2 commences.
- 214.8 Cllr Furnish and the Clerk met with representative from Lanner & Stithians Parish Councils on 20th March to discuss the joint purchase of 3 mobile speed activated road side signs (at a cost of approximately £2,000 per Council) to be shared between the parishes. The Council APPROVED the purchase.

18/215 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

- 215.1 The NDP was formally submitted to Cornwall Council and the Planning Inspector on 5th March. Cornwall Council had requested a copy of the Equality Impact Assessment which Cllr Furnish had forwarded to them. The NDP Submission has passed the Legal Review and is going through the statutory process which will include a 6 week public consultation. Submission documents will be available online via CC’s planning register, and hard copies will be available at the Parish Rooms & the Cornish Arms.

18/216 UNITED DOWNS DEEP GEOTHERMAL ENERGY PROJECT UPDATE

- 216.1 The Clerk read a progress update dated 21st March reporting that Geothermal Engineering Ltd (GEL) reached a depth of 4,000m on 14th March on UD-1. Progress has halted while they await repair of one of the drill rig’s generators. GEL have re-issued the transport route map to their suppliers following a recent incident in Carharrack, reported to them by the Clerk.

18/217 COMMUNITY LAND TRUST HOUSING WORKING GROUP

- 217.1 Cllr Furnish provided an update on the status of work by the Housing Working Group.
- 217.2 Councillors agreed that Councillors and the Housing Working Group members should speak to local landowners direct about the need for land for truly affordable housing.
- 217.3 The Council APPROVED the cost of renewing its membership of the National CLT Network for £75.

18/218 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME

- 218.1 Cllr Furnish advised that a few volunteers come forward, following an appeal on social media. They will be required to attend training and have a DBS check, this can be arranged through Age Concern. Cllr Furnish proposes that Cllr Leach lead this project.

18/219 TO AGREE AND ACCEPT ANNUAL CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

- 219.1 The Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the Parish Agency Street Cleansing Agreement 2019/20.
- 219.2 The Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the PROW Local Maintenance Partnership Agreement 2019/20.
- 219.3 The Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the Grounds Maintenance Contract 2019/20.

18/220 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY(PROW) / OPEN SPACES / ENVIRONMENT

- 220.1 The monthly Wheal Maid Inspection report was noted. Two ‘Tailings history’ and eight warning signs have been replaced. The Council discussed a request by a member of the public to erect location grid reference signs at points around the valley and change the access gate locks to coded locks to allow quick access by the emergency services. Councillors agreed that if down-hill bikers have sufficient signal to call emergency services then they can find their exact location using mapping apps. Cormac have advised the Clerk that the ambulance service do not have a database of codes and simply cut padlocks if necessary. Cormac have also failed to find a coded lock that doesn’t seize up if not used frequently. The Clerk was asked to discuss the matter with the PC’s contact within the biking community and will look into emergency service access to restricted access sites.
- 220.2 Continued enquires regarding Wheal Maid – see Minute Ref. 18/213.7.

- 220.3 Campaign to Protect Rural England – nothing to report.
- 220.4 Feedback from the Conference for Climate Change, attended by Cllrs Hallett & Pascoe, see Minute Ref 18/214.1. Cornwall Council have declared a state of Climate Change Emergency and are encouraging Town and Parish Councils to do the same. At the conference representatives of CC admitted that they do not know exactly what that means, but by declaring one must aim to be carbon neutral by 2030. The Parish Council agreed that it is not ready to commit to declaring a state of Climate Change emergency until it understands what that means fully. Councillors agreed to read up on the subject and to discuss again at April's meeting. All agreed that the Parish Council wishes to reduce its carbon footprint as much as possible, and to lead by example; it will create a Sustainable Energy Advice guide to circulate to parishioners and developers to encourage greener homes, the Parish Council also resolved at February's meeting, to write a Sustainability Policy that will set out the Parish Council's aims and objectives on the subject. The Sustainability Policy will give more weight to the NDP and will link in to the Design Guide.
- 220.5 The Council discussed two candidates that had expressed an interest in the role of Parish Litter Picker. Cllr Furnish proposed the Parish Council take up the services of both individuals on a 6 month trial, and to extend the boundary that is currently picked. The Parish Council has already previously resolved to install two additional litter bins in the layby on Cusgarne Hill and at Pulla Cross bus shelter - the Clerk asked for permission to also install one at the carpark at Gwennap Churchyard – this was APPROVED. It is anticipated that both individuals would carry out approximately 13/15 hours per month. Cllr Forrest seconded the proposal, & all present agreed. *Clerk to arrange a meeting with both candidates to see if this proposal is acceptable to them.*
- 220.6 The Council decided to defer discussion about parish weed control (ahead of the end of the 12-month trial of the environmentally friendly weed control system) to April's meeting.

18/221 HIGHWAYS

- 222.1 Changes have been made to the A393 Burncoose scheme, to widen the area at the edge of the highway to increase safety for pedestrians, cyclists and horseriders. No changes have been made to the hatching in the centre of the highway, Cllr Lanyon still has concerns about this.
- 222.2 The Parish Council APPROVED the joint purchase of 3 mobile speed activated signs, with Stithians and Lanner Parish Councils, at a cost of approximately £2000 per Council (see Minute Ref. 18/214.8).

18/222 GWENNAP CHURCHYARD / FROGPOOL CEMETERY

- 222.1 Gwennap Church has received an offer of volunteers to clear brambles in the Churchyard. APPROVED.
- 222.2 Moss on the paths at Frogpool Cemetery had been treated and cleared, in response to a complaint received.

18/223 PARISH ROOMS AND PLAYING FIELD

- 223.1 Play Park Project – work commenced on 26th February as planned, with volunteers and Mr Chegwidden removing the old equipment and matting. A significant amount of the play equipment has already been redistributed to the Teyluva Centre and local families, for donations to the playpark fund. Once it is clearer that the contractors will meet the completion date, the Clerk will plan a 'grand opening' event for Sunday 7th April, to coincide with the first car boot sale of the season. The event will include live music from Double Bounce (tbc) and an easter egg hunt; children of Cusgarne Primary School will be invited to cut the ribbon. The Council agreed that subsoil spoils from the project will be transported to Greensplatt where it can be used in the wild flower project, and that any remaining rubble, mats and equipment will be removed by a skip. *Clerk to action.*
- 223.2 The Council discussed the proposed garage store at the rear of the parish rooms, and the deterioration of the football club's container. Cllr Furnish will arrange for some simple drawings to be done for builders to base a quote on, and that the Council will endeavour to move forward with this project as soon as possible. In the meantime the football club is encouraged to make temporary repairs to the storage container to extend its use, rather than purchase a new container.
- 223.3 Cllr Lanyon apologised for not managing to obtain quotes for additional parking at the parish rooms, he will action this as soon as possible.
- 223.4 Cllr Furnish and the Clerk met with Mr David of Naturally Green to discuss cutting back branches of a playing field tree that are currently overhanging a neighbour's garden. *The Clerk awaits a quote.*

18/224 FINANCE

- 224.1 Income received since the last meeting: Room hire £130, Burials £540, Advertising £126, Interest £18.74, Playpark donations £330, SITA Cornwall Trust grant £35,000 (total £36,144.74)
- 224.2 March's petty cash spend of £339.47 was noted. Transfer of £200 to the petty cash account was approved.
- 224.3 The following payments were authorised:

21/03/2019	BACS	Young People Cornwall	Youth Group provision Oct - Dec	£2,092.44
21/03/2019	BACS	Mr R Cook	Litter picking rounds Feb & March	£253.50
21/03/2019	BACS	A Gazzard	Playing field duties March	£152.10
21/03/2019	BACS	Mrs F Barnard	Salary & expenses	£1,064.48
21/03/2019	BACS	M P Chegwidden	Contract cutting March 2019	£1,083.84
25/03/2019	DD	Good Energy	Electricity charges (08/12/18-10/03/19)	£314.85

01/04/2019	DD	South West Water	Water services Cemetery (08/09/18-31/12/18)	£23.52
01/04/2019	DD	South West Water	Water services Cemetery (01/01/19-11/03/19)	£33.99
01/04/2019	DD	South West Water	Water services Parish Rooms (11/09/18-13/03/19)	£65.80
<i>Total BACS/DD authorised</i>				<u>£5,084.52</u>

18/225 ANY OTHER BUSINESS / MATTERS TO CARRY FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING

- 225.1 Climate Change Emergency
- 225.2 Parish weed control

The meeting closed at 10.00pm

Signed.......... Chairman (18th April 2019)