

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP  
MEETING, FOLLOWED BY AN EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF  
**GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL**  
HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON  
25<sup>th</sup> JULY 2019 at 7.00pm



Present: Cllr Leach, Cllr Lanyon, Cllr Patton, Cllr Forrest, Cllr Hallett, Cllr Pascoe  
Absent: Cllr Furnish  
Also present: Clerk; Ann Gazzard & Clare Wicks (tree wardens)

**19/075 ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP**

19/075.1 The Environment & Climate Emergency Working Group lead Councillor Jan Hallett opened the meeting which had been called to clarify an action plan following the Parish Council's adoption of the Environment & Climate Emergency – Call to Action policy at the July meeting of the Parish Council (Minute Ref 19/0067.5).

**Land Acquisition**

075.2 Those present discussed at length two possible sites with potential for devolution or long term lease to the Parish Council: Paynters Pool at Crofthandy and Bostols Field at United Downs.

075.3 Bostols Field, United Downs - Cllr Leach and the Clerk updated those present with discussions held to date regarding Bostols Field, a site of approximately 10 acres. It was agreed that the site could be a good project for Cornwall Council to hand over to the Parish Council, as part of their recently publicised plan to plant woodlands across the County to tackle climate emergency. The Clerk was asked to contact Cornwall Council to follow it up discussions re Bostols Field.

075.4 Paynters Pool, Crofthandy – Council owned land surrounded by heathland. Needs a liner and filling. There was a watercourse to it which could easily be reconnected.

075.5 Sites taken on by the Parish Council would need to have a long term maintenance plan in place and the Clerk advised the Councillors that the Parish Council would need to put together a case to explain the reasons for acquiring any land and taking on the subsequent management costs.

075.6 The following action plan was agreed:

- Clerk/Cllr Hallett to arrange a meeting with the Cornwall Wildlife Trust to review and discuss both sites and their potential for improvement/development.
- Environment & Climate Emergency Working Group to form suitable maintenance plans for each site
- Clerk to arrange a meeting with members of CC Strategic Environment dept and the Portfolio Holder.

**Trees**

075.7 Cllr Leach has been offered 160 free deciduous trees, and the Woodland Trust can supply up to 400no. trees up 4 times per year (free if for public spaces or a nominal cost of £1/tree if intended for private land). Additional expenditure on rabbit and deer guards and mulch mats, plus ongoing maintenance would need to be budgeted for.

075.8 It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would like to plant one tree for every parishioner (1,622) plus every new baby by the end of 2019. Ongoing it would plant a tree for every new baby born in the parish, if a relative contacts the Parish Council to notify them of the birth.

075.9 It was agreed that in the short term, while the Parish Council try and acquire public land suitable for tree planting, the Parish Council could source the trees and hold a drop in open day at which parishioners can choose a tree to plant in their gardens providing they provide a photo of the tree (s) planted in situ (one tree per parishioner).

075.10 It was agreed that the Working Group will issue a call for land for tree planting, not acquisition. Farmers would still be able to graze the land, thereby not devaluing it.

**Other initiatives**

075.11 Further ideas discussed for consideration in future include working with Cornwall Council to rewild some of our parish verges; rewilding of Parish Council owned land (already started at Greensplatt); evening talks about wildlife and nature friendly gardening tips; nest boxes and hedgehog box making workshops; produce simple information leaflets giving advice and tips on things people can do to make changes; regular Green Tips feature in the quarterly parish newsletter; farm walks at Cusgarne Organic Farm; replace playing field floodlights with LED lamps; ensure that cleaning and toiletry products bought for the parish rooms are environmentally friendly.

**Action plan going forward**

075.12 Environment and Climate Emergency Working Group to formulate short, medium and long term aims and then report their recommendations to the Parish Council. Short term aims include some of those items discussed at 075.11.

Ann Gazzard and Clare Wicks left the meeting at 8.30pm

## EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL

### 19/076 RESIGNATION OF CLLR KEVIN FURNISH

0761.1 Cllr Leach opened the meeting. The Council noted a letter of resignation received 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 from Cllr Kevin Furnish, effective immediately. The Councillors asked for it to be Minuted how grateful they are to Kevin Furnish for his 12 years of service to the Parish Council, 10 of which he served as Chair. The Clerk will write a formal letter of acknowledgment and thanks to Kevin Furnish.

### 19/077 ELECTION OF CHAIR

077.1 Councillor Sue Patton was nominated by Cllr Forrest, the nomination was seconded by Cllr Hallett. Cllr Patton was unanimously elected as the new Chair of Gwennap Parish Council.

077.2 Cllr Leach agreed to continue as Vice Chair.

077.3 Clerk to notify Cornwall Council of Kevin Furnish's resignation and subsequent vacancy on the Parish

Council, and to publish the formal Notice of Vacancy on the parish noticeboards, website and social media pages. Clerk to also notify Cornwall Council of Cllr Patton's election to Chair.

### 19/078 REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL GROUPS

Mining Villages Regeneration Group (MVRG)	Cllr Forrest, Clerk
Antisocial behaviour/flytipping ( <i>linked to MVRG</i> )	Cllr Forrest, Clerk
Geothermal Community Liaison Group (GCLG)	Cllr Pascoe, Clerk
Cornwall For Change	Cllr Lanyon
CPIR Community Network Panel	Cllr Lanyon
Gwennap Parish Playing field Association (GPPA)	Cllrs Patton, Leach & Hallett
Community Fete Committee	Cllr Leach
Joint Parish Illegal Use of Footpaths	Cllr Leach & Hallett
NDP Steering Group	All
CLT Housing Working Group	Cllrs Leach, Lanyon, Forrest & Pascoe
Community Transport Scheme (CTS)	Cllrs Leach (lead), Patton & Hallett
Gypsy & Travellers Forum	Cllr Hallett, Clerk

All agreed to accept Kevin Furnish's offer to continue to Chair the NDP Steering Group and CLT Housing Working Group, as a community member. They are grateful to him for his continued commitment to the parish.

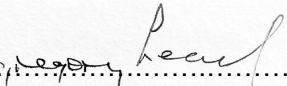
### 19/079 REPRESENTATION ON INTERNAL WORKING GROUPS

Quarterly Internal Audit	Cllr Forrest
Parish rooms, playing field & playpark	Cllrs Leach, Patton & Hallett, Clerk
Environment & Climate Emergency WG	Cllrs Hallett (lead), Patton, Leach & Pascoe
Gwennap Churchyard & Frogpool Cemetery WG	Cllrs Leach (lead), Hallett & Pascoe
Parish Public Rights of Way	Cllrs Leach & Hallett
Wheal Maid Monthly Inspection	Cllr Lanyon ( <i>written inspection report to be given to Clerk at</i>
	<i>least one day before monthly meetings</i> )

### 19/080 AUGUST MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Patton and the Clerk are both unable to attend August's meeting, but Councillors agreed that the meeting should proceed albeit with a reduced agenda of planning applications and urgent business only. Cllr Leach to Chair the meeting, Cllr Forrest to take Minutes. The Clerk will email August's invoice payment schedule to Councillors for authorisation week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> August.

*The meeting closed at 9.20pm*

Signed.......... Chairman (15<sup>th</sup> August 2019)