

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON
19th SEPTEMBER 2019 at 7.00pm



Present: Cllr Leach (Chair for the meeting), Cllr Lanyon, Cllr Forrest, Cllr Hallett, Cllr Pascoe
Also present: Applicant and Agent for PA19/06797; Mr Round & Mr Matthews (Cornish Lithium); Rev'd Wallis; + 3 members of public

19/093 APOLOGIES Apologies were received & accepted from Cllrs Patton & Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek.

19/094 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None. Cllr Leach reminded all Cllrs to read the guidance circulated by the Clerk.

19/095 PUBLIC CLINIC

- Mr Round (Operations Manager, Cornish Lithium) gave an update on their proof-of-concept project. The project start has been slightly delayed. The project will involve digging 2-3 boreholes to permeable structures at a depth of 1000m. A small amount of liquid will be taken and tested for lithium. Three sites have been identified within the parish. The project has Environment Agency support. Submission of GPDO is due to take place 20/09/19 with a 28-day turnaround. Local contractors have been identified wherever possible, and Mr Round and colleagues have attended several local community events to speak with the public. Community drop-in sessions are planned. Mr Round answered questions from Cllrs. The rig will be 12m max height and will only operate in 12 hour shifts 7am-7pm. It will only be lit during operation hours and each borehole should take approximately 50 days. Noise Assessments and Ecology surveys have been carried out, with limit conditions in place for working day and weekends. The extracted liquid will be tested for other minerals. There is increasing demand for lithium and it has Government and European support. It is not known at this stage
- The agent for PA19/06797 spoke in support of the application, giving background information for the purpose of the development and reasoning behind the design of this conversion of an existing building which is supported by NDP Policy H3. The applicant wishes to downsize; the roof height will only be increased by 2m to create 1 bedroom above the garage. The agent answered questions raised by the Council.

19/096 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

19/097 MATTERS ARISING – REPORT BY THE CLERK

19/064/f The Clerk has contacted CC to highlight the postcode discrepancy on CC's planning portal, relating to Chenhale Farm.

19/087/g The Clerk has reported suspected breaches of planning regs to CC.

19/090.1 Cornwall Landscaping have been appointed to carry out works to create additional parking at the parish rooms. Cllr Leach advised that no suitable wildflower mix could be sourced so grass seed would be used.

19/098 PLANNING

a) To receive and comment on planning applications:

PA19/06797 Land adj. to Myrtle Cottage, Trewedna Water, Proposed conversion of garage & workshop to residential dwelling. *SUPPORT*

PA19/05966 Geothermal Engineering, Unit 3 United Downs Ind Estate, Amended design of power generating plant *SUPPORT*

PA19/06179 Land opposite Poldice Cottages, Poldice Outline application, with access applied for, for the proposed development of up to two dwellings and associated works. *SUPPORT*

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

PA19/07477 20 Treneglos, Frogpool, Lawful Development Certificate for proposed use in respect of the formation of a dormer on rear elevation, insertion of windows to gable ends at first floor and insertion of windows to front elevation.

PA19/02198/PREAPP Tramroad Cottage, 1-2 Poldice Cottages, Poldice, Preapp advice for a single dwelling

PA19/02225/PREAPP The Old Mill, Hicks Mill, Preapp advice for listed building consent for an infill extension

c) **To receive and comment on planning applications received too late to be included on agenda** None

d) **To note planning decisions**

PA19/06915 Coombe Dingle, 5 Trewelm Lane, Crofthandy, Application for non-material amendment ref PA18/116688
APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

PA19/04354 Gleneagles, Consols Rd, Carharrack Proposed extension and alterations *APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS*

PA19/03854 The Lodge, Sues Field, Sparry Lane Outline planning app (with all matters reserved) for replacement of existing building with certificate of lawfulness with a single dwelling *APPROVED WITH COND.*

PA19/02397 Field at Poldice, St Day Agricultural machinery storage building and 2 stables *APPROVED WITH COND.*

PA17/06744 Britannia Farm, Sunny Corner, Change of use to create a dwelling house from redundant farm building (barns). *Finally Disposed of [Article 36(13)] Clerk to check what this means.*

e) **Update on any ongoing planning enforcements**

EN18/01533 Wood Yard, Poldory, St Day Alleged siting of 1-2 caravans for residential use. *Stage 6 – breach identified, working to find an appropriate outcome*

EN17/01005 Land north of Lower Tolgullow Vean Farm, Poldice Land being used as a landfill site. *Stage 6 – breach identified, working to find an appropriate outcome*

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 at. *Step 6 – breach identified, working to find an appropriate outcome.*

EN18/02150 Land south of Unity House, Little Beside Alleged tipping of soil and rubble in field and causing surface water drainage issues. *Stage 5 – Case closed, breach identified*

EN19/00054 Land NE of Rose Villa, Bissoe Valley, Bissoe Alleged engineering operations and formation of an access to include large gateway. *Stage 4 ongoing.*

EN19/01438 2 Rose Cottage, Frogpool Alleged erection of a 2m high boundary fence - *Stage 6 – breach identified, working to find an appropriate outcome*

EN19/01445 New structure crossing stream at Gwennap, Gwennap to Sunny Corner road - *Stage 6 – breach identified, working to find an appropriate outcome*

f) **To note planning appeals or inquiries**

PA19/06131 – Cllr Forrest confirmed that he would be prepared to speak on behalf of the Parish Council if this application goes to the Planning Committee. The Clerk will advise the Councillors if it does go to Committee.

g) **To report any planning problems or possible breaches**

An update from an Environmental Protection Officer regarding noise complaints concerning the tannoy system at Poldice Equestrian Centre was noted. The Community Protection department has closed its case because the original complainant has not returned the noise nuisance diary issued to them and the complainant has said the case is best being handled by the planning enforcement department. The Env Protection Officer stresses that all residents that have complaints about noise should contact Community Protection, not just one resident on their behalf.

19/099 CORRESPONDENCE

099.1 Email from CC ref. Casual Vacancy – no election requested, vacancy can be filled by co-option. Post advertised with 7th October deadline.

099.2 Advice from Mr Humble re defibrillators re expected costs of £780 + VAT for replacement batteries & pads over the next year was noted and will be included in its next budget.

099.3 A copy of an email from a local resident re Poldice Equestrian Centre/Chenhale Farm highlighting various ongoing complaints was noted.

19/100 REPORTS ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

100.1 Cllr Forrest and the Clerk attended the MVRG meeting at which it was agreed that the group will have a rotating Chair. The group shares a concern re the concentration of spending in urban areas and is trying to push for increased investment in rural areas. Cllr Forrest & the Clerk reminded Cllrs of Incident Report Card training – it was agreed that the Clerk will attend and update the Council. Cllr Forrest noted the Community Governance event on 1st October and the Localism Summit on 6th November. Also discussed at the meeting was the possible need for parishes to adopt Emergency Plans for the event of drought, flood, terrorism etc, in terms of what resources would be available, how messages would be communicated etc. Cllr Lanyon believes that is the role of Cornwall Council. The Clerk will investigate further.

100.2 Cllr Lanyon attended the CIPR Network Panel Meeting which included a presentation by the fire brigade. They have CCTV units available to communities. The Clerk advised that she had already registered an interest with

the department. St Day Parish Council have noticed a positive reduction in speed since installing their Mobile Speed Activated Sign. The Clerk advised the Council that she is still awaiting a quote from Cormac for post installation.

- 100.3 Cllr Lanyon attended the Geothermal Community Fund Panel meeting at which several local projects were supported. The fund had received more applications than it could support.
- 100.4 Cllrs Hallett and Patton attended an Environment and Climate Emergency Action Working Group meeting.
- 100.5 Cllrs Leach & Hallett met with Rev'd Wallis to discuss the Church, churchyard and wider community ideas. Rev'd Wallis advised that they had recently given a donation to the local youth group, and that donations raised at the Church's Christingle service will also be donated to the youth group.

19/101 WORKING GROUPS/PROJECT REPORT UPDATES

- 101.1 United Downs Deep Geothermal Power Project – the testing phase will commence once plugs removed.
- 101.2 Neighbourhood Development Plan – the Plan has now been reviewed by an Independent Planning Inspector and the agreed changes, mostly to do with compliance with planning law and minor errors of duplication, have been made to the documents. These documents will have a final review by CC before being sealed.
- 101.3 Community Land Trust Housing Working Group – Public events to inform the public about what the Housing Working Group hopes to achieve are planned for November, following a slight delay.
- 101.4 Community Transport Scheme – no update, awaiting Clerk's action.
- 101.5 Environment & Climate Emergency Working Group – Clerk to arrange a meeting with senior CC reps to discuss two possible land acquisition sites for planting and wildlife schemes.

19/102 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY/OPEN SPACES/ENVIRONMENT

- 102.1 Monthly Wheal Maid Inspection Report – Cllr Lanyon to action and send to Clerk
- 102.2 Cllrs are frustrated that someone, assumed CC, have strimmed a section of the triangle at Greensplatt, presumably for junction visibility. The whole area now requires strimming and clearing for the year. Clerk to ask make enquiries re granite sets for edging, Cllr Lanyon happy to transport to location.

19/103 HIGHWAYS Nothing to report.

19/104 CEMETERY / CHURCHYARD

- 104.1 The Council noted receipt of a Purchase Order from Cornwall Council in relation to grass cutting at Gwennap Churchyard. The Clerk will chase up the signed Grass Cutting Agreement. Clerk to arrange a meeting with representatives of the Church, the Church Council, volunteers and the Parish Council to discuss future maintenance and ideas for the churchyard.

19/105 PARISH ROOMS AND PLAYING FIELD

- 105.1 The Council resolved to give the Play Park Inspector a £100 max budget for emergency repairs/maintenance in the playpark. Work not considered to be emergency or exceeding £100 will be discussed by the Council before being carried out.
- 105.2 The Council discussed a quote received for drawing and/or submission of plans for the erection of a garage store at the parish rooms. The Parish Council's original idea is not possible because of mature trees in the vicinity so the Parish Council needs to review its plans. Council resolved to first hold an all-user meeting to discuss needs, demand etc. All agreed that the Council must first prove the need for an extension through surveying existing groups etc. Cllr Lanyon believes its important not to encourage more people to come from outside the parish to use our facilities rather than those within their own parishes. Council agreed the following action plan – 1) all user meeting, 2) survey existing users, 3) survey in December newsletter
- 105.3 The Clerk was instructed to investigate obtaining super-fast broadband at the parish rooms – Clerk to obtain quotes from the existing and alternative providers.
- 105.4 Records Management – it was agreed that some Cllrs will help the Clerk go through files for archiving/destruction.
- 105.5 Decoration of Parish Rooms – Clerk to obtain two quotes for internal decoration (ideally with low modular water-based paint). Exterior to be pressure-washed in the spring, possibly by volunteer group.
- 105.6 Cllr Leach has instructed Paul Chegwidden to install a post in the playpark for erection of plaques.
- 105.7 Cllr Hallett to purchase wildflower seed mix for playpark boundary wall. Not to be mixed with grass seed.
- 105.8 Clerk to see if the fete book stall books can be stored off site.

19/106 FINANCE

- 106.1 Income received for August & September was recorded as follows: Room hire £458, Burial £310, Interest £17.53, Precept & CTS grant £17,169.44.
- 106.2 September's petty cash spend of £399.47 was noted (£329.72 being youth group funds). Transfer of £400 to the petty cash account was approved (£200 Aug transfer not made).
- 106.3 The following payments were authorised:

12/09/2019	BACS	Mrs D. Broad	Refund for purchase of plot 216	£240.00
14/09/2019	BACS	Cornwall Landscaping	Advance payment for materials (parking)	£2000.00

20/09/2019	BACS	Mr Ray Humble	Batteries, re defibrillators	£4.99
20/09/2019	BACS	MVRG	Donation for grant fund	£100.00
20/09/2019	BACS	Enviro Weed Control	Contract weed & moss control	£210.00
20/09/2019	BACS	Mrs F Barnard	Salary & expenses, less employee NIC	£878.78
20/09/2019	BACS	HMRC	Employee NIC August	£23.85
20/09/2019	BACS	Mr D Lester	Parish Rooms DIY (plumbing mostly), inc expenses	£133.71
20/09/2019	BACS	A Gazzard	Playing field duties Aug & Sep + expenses	£530.75
20/09/2019	BACS	Mr R Hallett	Litter picking September	£157.95
20/09/2019	BACS	Greens Grounds & Trees	Play park inspection July	£108.00
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20/09/2019	BACS	Greens Grounds & Trees	Footpath trimming 14/08/19-27/08/19 + removal of fallen tree	£1080.00
20/09/2019	BACS	M P Chegwidden	Contract cutting Sep	£1159.20
20/09/2019	BACS	Bartlett	Water boiler filter replacement	£75.05
20/09/2019	BACS	Cormac	Grounds maintenance July-Sep	£199.31
20/09/2019	DD	Good Energy	Electricity supply June-Sep	£244.51
				<u>£7,254.10</u>

19/107 ANY OTHER BUSINESS / MATTERS TO CARRY FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING

Cllr Hallett requested that Lengthsman be added to the next meeting agenda

Meeting closed at 9.50pm

Signed  Chair (17th October 2019)