

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE PARISH ROOMS, PULLA CROSS ON
17th OCTOBER 2019 at 7.00pm



Present: Cllr Patton (Chair), Cllr Leach, Cllr Lanyon, Cllr Forrest, Cllr Hallett, Cllr Pascoe, Lou Hitchens
Also present: Clerk, Rev'd Wallis, Mrs Pettigrew-Jolly + relative, Mr Round (Cornish Lithium), Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek

19/108 APOLOGIES None, all Councillors present

19/109 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Chair welcomed newly co-opted member of the Parish Council, Lou Hitchens, who signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was also signed by the Clerk, as the Parish Council's Proper Officer.

19/110 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None.

19/111 PUBLIC CLINIC

- Mrs Pettigrew-Jolly discussed her application (PA19/07538), her previous application was withdrawn on advice of the planning officer. The revised application has a smaller footprint allowing for greater investment in the dwelling's environmental credentials. Mrs Pettigrew-Jolly answered questions from the Councillors.
- Mr Round (Operations Manager, Cornish Lithium) gave an update on their drilling programme. Their General Permitted Development Order has been accepted and they have subsequently submitted PA19/08352 for approval. They hope to mobilise at the end of October, with drilling taking place for 6 weeks, within the agreed noise limit parameters. Agreed locations are on private land in the United Downs area. Mr Round answered questions, including discussions re the importance of reinstating the Cornish wall to match the local style, direct extraction techniques, and the hope to source a strategic supply of lithium in Cornwall. Mr Round confirmed that because of the geology of the area they are not looking at hard rock extraction here.

19/112 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR KACZMAREK'S REPORT

- A recent fire at Wheal Jewel was captured on the site CCTV so appropriate action will be taken.
- The Cornish Arms' Harvest Auction was well attended and raised £1000 for charity.
- Cllr Kaczmarek continues to press for a meeting with CC and the Police re traffic management on the A393 from Pelean Cross to Lanner, Cllr Kaczmarek would like the speed limit reduced to 40mph.
- New road markings on the A393 at Burncoose need replacing due to an error.
- A recent meeting with members of the Parish Council, Cornwall Council and Cormac regarding traffic management of HGV's, particularly in the Coldwind Cross area was productive. The Clerk is to arrange a follow up meeting.
- A blocked drain at Crofthandy is scheduled to be rodded this week.

19/113 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

19/114 MATTERS ARISING – REPORT BY THE CLERK

- 100.1 The Clerk updated the Council on the Incident Report Card training she had attended. All Councillors agreed that it would be good for them to also receive the training. *Clerk to arrange.*
- 102.1 Having inspected the granite sets, Cllr Lanyon advised that he does not believe they are suitable for edging the land at Greensplatt. Cllrs discussed other options (fencing, hedging) but no decision was made.
- 104.1 The signed Grass Cutting Agreement has been received from Cornwall Council. It was agreed that the Cemetery & Churchyard Working Group will meet to discuss a way forward, before holding an all-party meeting.
- 105.2 A meeting with frequent users of the parish rooms was extremely informative and Councillors will reflect on the comments and suggestions received, to help inform any proposed refurbishment or extension works.
- 105.6 A post has been erected in the play park for funding providers' plaques. *Clerk to arrange for plaques to be fitted.*
- 105.7 Wildflower seed has been sown along one of the boundary walls in the play park.

19/115 PLANNING

a) To receive and comment on planning applications:

PA19/07538 Purple Haze, Lower Goongumpas Lane Construction of 1.5 storey 3-bedroom family home to replace existing building, previously used as a pigsty, sign makers and studio *SUPPORT*

PA19/07759 Geor Chapel, Gilly Vean, Gwennap Proposed small extension to rear of property *SUPPORT*

PA19/08352 Cornish Lithium, United Downs Prior approval to carry out a mineral exploration drilling programme in the United Downs area, consisting of up to 3 diamond core boreholes. The programme is expected to take less than 6 months. Primary aim to test for lithium enriched geothermal water. *SUPPORT, submitted 08/10/19*

PA19/08555 Unit 1E United Downs Ind. Park Without compliance of condition 2 proposed use within class B2 inc. installation of silo for bulk cement storage *Delay decision until further information obtained from Planning Officer*

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

PA19/02225/PREAPP The Old Mills, Hicks Mill Pre-application advice for listed building consent for an infill extension

PA19/07080 Tremore, Goongumpas Discharge of condition 2, 3 and 4 in respect of approved application PA17/12137 dated 26.04.2018

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

d) To note planning decisions

PA19/06682 Glas Argel, Chenhale, Carharrack, TR16 5RB Submission of details, discharge of condition number 3 of PA19/04545 Construction of single dwelling with variation of conditions 2, 3 and 4 in respect of PA18/05484 *S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps*

PA19/06572 Gilly Vean Farm, Merrymeeting, Gwennap Extension to main house, layout alterations and extension to holiday lets. *Approved with conditions*

PA19/06343 14 Treneglos, Frogpool Proposal to convert loft space, with associated dormer *Approved with conditions*

PA19/06131 Bissoe Cottage, Bissoe Hill Outline application with some matters reserved for a new dwelling in the grounds of Bissoe Cottage – approval sought for matters of access, layout and scale. *Refused.*

PA19/08352 Cornish Lithium, United Downs Prior approval to carry out a mineral exploration drilling programme in the United Downs area. *Approved unconditional*

PA19/02198/PREAPP Tramroad Cottage, 1-2 Poldice Cottages, Poldice, Preapp advice for a single dwelling. *Advise against submission of planning application*

PA19/04687 Elmsford, Cusgarne Submission of detail to discharge details of fenestration & doors, access deck to rear. *S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps*

PA19/00010/NDP Gwennap Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan *Referendum Agreed*

e) Update on ongoing planning enforcements - the Clerk provided an update on enforcement investigations.

f) To note planning appeals or inquiries - none

g) To report any planning problems or possible breaches

Cllr Lanyon informed Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek of a discrepancy in the post code search on Cornwall Council's planning portal, for a site on the Gwennap/Carharrack parish boundary.

19/116 CORRESPONDENCE

116.1 Email of complaint re handling of FOI request, and subsequent reply was noted. *Clerk to confirm time spent.*

116.2 Email from Mr Bailey re condition of grass triangle of grass at Greensplatt, Frogpool was *noted and proposed response was approved.*

116.3 Invitation to Planning Conference was noted. *Clerk to attend.*

116.4 Invitation to 2019 Localism Summit on 6th November. *Cllr Forrest to attend.*

116.5 Invitation to 2019 Cornwall Community Flood Forum Annual Conference on 4th November *No one to attend*

116.6 Copy of expressions of interest in the Parish Councillor vacancy were noted

116.7 Email from SUEZ re handover of the United Mines Landfill site to Cornwall Council for continued maintenance on 02/09/19 was noted.

19/117 TO DISCUSS POLICY DOCUMENTS

- 117.1 Cllrs approved the Chair's proposed changes to the draft Gwennap PC Publication Scheme (inc. clarifying it relates to what the Parish Council stores, and changing the number of years Minutes are stored for) and resolved to adopt the policy.
- 117.2 The Council also resolved to adopt the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004 Policy.

19/118 REPORTS ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

- 118.1 Cllrs Patton, Leach, Hallett and Forrest attended a Community Celebration event with the former Chair Kevin Furnish and his wife. Kevin Furnish was nominated for his work on the Neighbourhood Development Plan, and his voluntary work for the parish during his 12 years on the Parish Council.
- 118.2 The Clerk attended Incident Report Card training, she will arrange training for the Councillors. She also attended the Fete Committee meeting, and a meeting with Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek, Cornwall Council, Cllrs Forrest and Hallett and a Cormac Highways Manager regarding management of HGV's around the parish. Clerk to arrange a follow up meeting with Perranarworthal Parish Council.
- 118.3 Cllr Leach reported on the Fete Committee meeting. Cllr Leach was asked to circulate his proposals for Councillors to consider.

19/119 WORKING GROUPS/PROJECT REPORT UPDATES

- 119.1 United Downs Deep Geothermal Power Project – the Council were successful in obtaining at £350 grant for tools and equipment for the monthly Repair Workshop.
- 119.2 Neighbourhood Development Plan – the Referendum date has been set for 21st November. The Council agreed that in its current form it would support adoption of the NDP. Cllrs approved printing costs for flyers and posters advertising the Referendum date.
- 119.3 Community Land Trust Housing Working Group – No further updates at this time.
- 119.4 Community Transport Scheme – No further updates at this time.
- 119.5 Environment & Climate Emergency Working Group – Cllrs Patton, Hallett and the Clerk to meet with Cornwall Council re proposed transfer of land assets, in particular Paynter's Pool at Crofthandy and Bostol's Field at United Downs. It was agreed that it may be necessary for the Parish Council to obtain legal advice. Cllrs are happy for trees to be given to private land-owners and/or local residents providing some form of agreement is in place to protect those trees – Cllr Hallett to investigate, and to contact the Woodland Trust to enquire what, if any restrictions or conditions are in place for the trees they are providing. It was agreed that sourcing and planting on communal land takes priority over private land.

19/120 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY/OPEN SPACES/ENVIRONMENT

- 120.1 Monthly Wheal Maid Inspection Report – Cllr Lanyon provided a verbal inspection report, including one damaged No Motorcycling sign. The Clerk requested written reports.
- 120.2 The Clerk has received a complaint about drones being flown over Wheal Maid, causing a noise disturbance, and distress to nearby horses and dogs. The Council recommends the complainant contact Cornwall Council's Public Protection Service at <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/contacting-the-council/contact-us-online/contact-the-public-protection-service/>.
- 120.3 As per Minute ref 102.1, having inspected the granite sets, Cllr Lanyon advised that he does not believe they are suitable for edging the land at Greensplatt. Cllrs discussed other options (fencing, hedging) but no decision was made. Cllr Hallett advised that the area requires cutting once per year, around end Aug/early Sep; the cuttings will need to be removed from site to create the right soil conditions for the wildflowers.

19/121 PARISH LENGTHSPERSON – deferred to next meeting. *Cllr Leach to forward the draft role specification.*

19/122 HIGHWAYS

- 122.1 The Parish Council approved a quote for £692.44 for installation of 5 posts for the Mobile Speed Activated Sign. The sixth location's post is suitable for use. *Clerk to action.*

19/123 CEMETERY / CHURCHYARD

- 123.1 Cemetery & Churchyard Working Group to meet to discuss way forward.

19/124 PARISH ROOMS AND PLAYING FIELD

- 124.1 Clerk to arrange for the towel dispenser in the parish rooms toilet to be moved to deter people from flushing down the toilet which causes it to get blocked.
- 124.2 It was agreed that a Fire Risk Assessment should be carried out at the Parish Rooms. *Clerk/Chair to action.*
- 124.3 The Awards For All grant application for continuation funding for Youth Group had not been successful. The Clerk will look for alternative sources of funding.

19/125 FINANCE

- 125.1 Income received for was recorded as follows: Room hire £492, Burial £570, Grant for Repair Workshop £350, total income £1,412.00.

125.2 October's petty cash spend of £83.20 was noted. Transfer of £200 to the petty cash account was approved.

125.3 The following payments were authorised:

17/10/2019	CHEQUE	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Remembrance Day Wreath	£19.25
17/10/2019	BACS	A Gazzard	Playing field duties October	£171.00
17/10/2019	BACS	Mrs F Barnard	Salary & expenses Oct	£1,056.20
17/10/2019	BACS	HMRC	Employee NIC Sep	£23.85
17/10/2019	BACS	Mrs J Hallett	Wildflower seed mix (playpark)	£51.95
17/10/2019	BACS	M P Chegwiddden	Contract cutting Oct	£1,178.40
17/10/2019	BACS	Viking	Envelopes & stamps for newsletters	£271.08
17/10/2019	BACS	Martin Smith Inspections	Annual Playpark Inspection	£115.00
17/10/2019	BACS	Cormac Solutions	Yellow hatching in car park	£72.00
17/10/2019	BACS	PKF Littlejohn LLP	Audit fee for Annual Return 2018/19	£480.00
17/10/2019	BACS	Mr R Hallett	Litter picking October	£114.30
17/10/2019	BACS	Mr A Collins	Litter picking October	£244.20
17/10/2019	BACS	Young People Cornwall	Youth Work sessions July-Sep Cornish wall around shaft at Wheal Maid	£2,483.28 £3,100.00
17/10/2019	BACS	J P Ely	Broadband and phone line rental	£123.24
29/10/2019	DD	BT	Water services Parish Rooms (18/06/19-18/09/19)	£92.95
01/11/2019	DD	South West Water	Water services Cemetery (18/06/19- 18/09/19)	£17.30
01/11/2019	DD	South West Water		<u>£9,614.00</u>

19/126 ANY OTHER BUSINESS / MATTERS TO CARRY FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING

126.1 Parish Lengthsperson

Meeting closed at 10.00pm

Signed.....  Chair (21st November 2019)