



# GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Gwennap Parish Council held remotely on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors S Patton (Chair), J Hallett, L Hitchens, Richard Williams

In Attendance: Tomas Hill (Clerk) and 4 members of public

41/20 APOLOGIES – to receive, note and accept apologies

None.

42/20 DISPENSATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPI) AND ANY OTHER SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS (OSI) – to receive and note (if any)

None.

43/20 OPEN FORUM: for members of the Parish to make representations to the Council

Ms Maria Taylor and Mr Neil Dunbar spoke about their application at Wee Chy An Brea and spoke about why they were submitting their application.

Another member of public highlighted that there was some planning history to the above site which Councillors may wish to consider.

Greg Foxwell introduced himself and spoke about why he wished to become a Councillor.

44/20 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR: to receive Cornwall Councillor report (if available)

Cllr Kaczmarek submitted the following report prior to the meeting:

*“Again so much information going out on the easing of the covid 19 restrictions, and I must again thank Cornwall Council and Charlotte Caldwell on the way they have communicated this to the town and parish councils.*

*All of the CPIR Community Network councillors have agreed to fund an information covid 19 leaflet which we hope will be delivered free of charge by the Royal Mail. The cost of sending out these leaflets would cost £15k if we had to pay for them to be delivered to every household, hopefully the Royal Mail will help us on this.*

**Highways** *People are now starting to go back to work and there has been a noticeable increase in traffic of our road network. Complaints of speeding are coming in especially from the Little Beside area and these have been passed onto the police and Cormac.*

*The amount of people out enjoying the good weather is good to see and there has been a marked increase in walking and cycling . However people must be very careful as the once quite roads are not as family friendly as they were.*

*Cormac have been carrying out some resurfacing works in the parishes and there has been a lot of complaints about the one unclassified road from Frogpool to Trehaddle. This quiet road had hedgerows and verges fully of beautiful wild flowers , unfortunately to carry out these works Cormac cut back all of the verges .*



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**HWRC** *The opening of the Household Waste Recycling centres in Cornwall has been welcomed and the one at United Downs has been well managed and the people are very please with the way it is working.*

**Wheal Jewel Traveller Site** *There has been even more problems with these travellers , the police and fire and rescue service has been on site on numerous occasions. Social distancing, theft from local businesses and vandalism are just some of the reports that I have received in the last week. Cornwall Council cannot and must not allow this cannot continue”.*

The Chair thanked him for his report which was well received.

45/20 MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING (Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020) – to confirm accuracy and approve

Cllr Patton proposed, seconded by Cllr Hallett and the Council **resolved** to accept the minutes as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

**Richard Williams joined the meeting (having suffered technical issues with Zoom).**

46/20 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (not on the agenda & for report only)

Per 32/20, the Lady's Smock flowers are growing well by the bus shelter.

Per 37/20, Aron Walsh conveyed the following message:

*“Thank you for your email and thank you and your committee in coming to the decision to allow me to place the memorial this really means a lot I can't thank you all enough”.*

47/20 CORRESPONDENCE (not on the agenda & for report only) – if any

The Clerk received an email from the Cornwall Community Land Trust with details of their virtual AGM on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 10am. No Councillors were able to attend but the Chair suggested that Kevin Furnish may wish to attend on behalf of the Council.

A lady had written to the Chair asking for contact details of any local gardeners for her mother's property. The Clerk had approached Paul Chegwiddden but he was too busy. The Chair suggested checking the newsletter for any advertisements and for the Clerk to respond to her letter.

Crispen Rosevear from the United Downs Raceway had contacted the Chair as their lease was due for renewal but Cornwall Council have not renewed it. They currently are subject to a 'tenancy at will'. It's been running for 50 years and they have stuck within their restrictions. He wanted to send a copy of his correspondence with Cornwall Council but the Chair has stated that this would need to be shared with fellow Councillors.

The Chair reported that she had received complaints concerning the cutting of the hedgerows for road works on the narrow lane between Trehaddle and Frogpool. The Divisional Surveyor responded explaining that this was due to surfacing works. Members of the public questioned why these works were necessary given that the road was only treated last year. The Divisional Surveyor explained that within 2 years a top dressing had to be applied to extend the life of the surface of the road for a further 15 years. The Chair had pressed CORMAC as to why the wild flowers had been so severely cut back. CORMAC are currently reviewing their protocols and will look at this as an example to identify better working practices for the future.



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48/20 PLANNING – to consider the following planning application:  
PA19/11149 Outline planning permission with some matters reserved: Residential development of one affordable and one open market dwelling - Land North Of Crossways Crofthandy TR16 5JQ

The Chair explained that the application has changed from two affordable dwellings to one affordable house and one open market dwelling. Cllr Hallett felt that the affordable dwelling should be the one to be situated outside of the development boundary to accord with the Council's policy.

Cllr Hallett proposed, seconded by Cllr Williams and the Council **resolved** to support the application subject to the dwelling situated outside of the development boundary being restricted as an affordable dwelling and highlight that the applicants will need to refer to the Gwennap Neighbourhood Plan and Design Guide for their reserved matters.

49/20 PLANNING – to consider the following planning application:  
PA20/03372 Retention and Completion of Farm Access Track, Erection of Polly Tunnels & Soakaway Pond - Court Farm Church Lane Gwennap TR16 6BD

Councillors discussed the application at length.

Cllr Patton proposed, seconded by Cllr Hallett and the Council **resolved** that the Council are concerned about the proximity of the development to the World Heritage Site and note that a Heritage Impact Statement has been provided but urges the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site Office to carefully consider the contents of the Heritage Impact Report and make a judgement. Gwennap Parish Council will follow that judgement but also highlight that the Council has concerns about the scale of the potential impact of the development.

50/20 PLANNING – to consider the following planning application:  
PA20/03962 Construction of Double Garage, Office and Store - Wee Chy An Brea Pulla Cross TR4 8SB

Councillors discussed the application and noted that this was ancillary development.

Cllr Patton proposed, seconded by Cllr Hallett and the Council **resolved** to support subject to it remaining ancillary use to the dwelling.

51/20 FROGPOL CEMETERY – to review cemetery fees, cemetery plans and procedures

The Council held a general discussion to understand how the Council would continue to provide burial services to parishioners in light of the Council's reduced budget. It was felt that a dedicated meeting was required after some further thought.

The Clerk reported that Paul Chegwidden has highlighted that the window in the cemetery building needs cementing in and quoted £20.00.

Cllr Patton proposed, seconded by Cllr Hallett and the Council **resolved** to accept Paul Chegwidden's quote.

The Clerk felt that the Council should join the Institute of Crematoria and Cemetery Management (ICCM) either via the Clerk as an Associate Member or via Council membership. The Clerk would investigate which was more advantageous in terms of obtaining professional advice and future training. Both attracted the same fee of £95.00.



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## 52/20 LAND REGISTRY – update on registration of Council owned assets

The Clerk reported that he had found the deeds to the Richard Jory Playing Field and Parish Rooms but not the deeds to the cemetery. The Clerk reported that after much investigation, he believes that the cemetery deeds might be held at Kresen Kernow (the new County Records Office).

The Clerk highlighted that there was a lease of the Richard Jory Playing Field dated 18/03/1982 between Gwennap Parish Council and the Gwennap Parish Recreation Association. As the Association is no longer extant, it was felt unnecessary to formally record the lease.

The Clerk had reviewed the Land Registry titles at Wheal Maid and noted that three titles should be upgraded from possessory title to absolute title together with all thirteen titles requiring a change of address from a previous Clerk's address. The Clerk had obtained a quote of £120.00 plus VAT from Borlase & Co for undertaking this work.

Councillors considered that the address should be changed to the Parish Rooms. The Clerk was concerned that this might cause a delay in actioning any correspondence but Councillors were content to use the Parish Rooms as the registered address.

Cllr Patton proposed, seconded by Cllr Williams and the Council **resolved** to accept the quotation from Borlase & Co and use the Parish Rooms as the registered address.

## 53/20 WHEAL MAID – to discuss various matters

The Clerk reported that the Police wish to use Wheal Maid as a drone training area and highlighted the benefits of increased police presence and have asked for a combination padlock.

Cllr Patton proposed, seconded by Cllr Hallett and the Council **resolved** to purchase a combination padlock and approve the onsite drone training.

## 54/20 UNOFFICIAL NOTICEBOARD AT CUSGARNE – to discuss use

The Clerk highlighted that the notice board at Cusgarne only contains Councillor details and is not fit for purpose as an official parish noticeboard. Due to the size and design, the grid like door obscures details. Any notice also requires lamination which is not environmentally friendly. The Clerk also felt that a noticeboard might be beneficial in the vicinity of Point Mills.

Councillors felt it was important to have a noticeboard in Cusgarne and the Clerk would investigate the price of a new noticeboard and would be happy to consider additional locations in due course.

## 55/20 SUMMER NEWSLETTER – to discuss publication date and costs

The Clerk stated that the newsletter was coming together but felt that COVID-19 information was no longer required as a Cornwall Council publication was due to be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

The Chair explained that the summer newsletter was normally published in early June in anticipation of the June fete but felt it more appropriate to sent it out at the end of June when hopefully some additional articles would be submitted.



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The Clerk suggested that it should be delivered via Cornwall Council's print room as per the Spring newsletter to ensure the safety of volunteers. All Councillors were in agreement.

56/20 FINANCE – to include finance report and payments for approval

The Clerk presented a budget monitoring report with payments due amounting to £1,882.67. This did not include direct debit payments. The Clerk highlighted that a revised budget had been added to the schedule.

Cllr Williams proposed, seconded by Cllr Hallett and the Council **resolved** to approve the payments schedule.

57/20 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - matters to be included as an agenda item at the next meeting

Next scheduled meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020.

The meeting closed at 21:06

Signed as a true record of the meeting.

Chair