



## GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020

In attendance:

Cllr Sue Patton (Chair)  
Cllr Jan Hallett  
Cllr Lou Hitchens  
Cllr Dave Lanyon  
Cllr Richard Williams  
Greg Foxwell (From Item 3 onwards)

Also in attendance: Cornwall Cllr Mark Kaczmarek

The meeting commenced at 7 pm

**58/20 APOLOGIES** - None, all Councillors present.

**59/20 CO-OPTION** - It was unanimously agreed that Greg Foxwell be co-opted onto the Parish Council and he was warmly welcomed by the Chair.

Councillor Foxwell joined the meeting.

**60/20 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPI) AND ANY OTHER SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS (OSI)** - None were declared.

**61/20 OPEN FORUM** - There were no members of the public present.

### **62/20 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Cornwall Councillor Mark Kaczmarek attended the meeting and his report is set out below:

**Covid 19.** All of the information relating to the Covid 19 pandemic and the easing of lockdown has been passed onto to all of the parish councils and community groups. The health service are expecting a peak in either August or October, this is probably because of the influx of tourists coming into Cornwall. The leaflet of 'Useful Support and Help Through The Coronavirus Crisis', funded by the Cornwall Councillors in the CPIR and Mining Villages Community Network Area has now been delivered. The Royal Mail delivered these free of charge to every household in the parish. This information has been well received.

**Highways.** I have had a number of complaints about overgrown hedgerows, these have all been passed onto Cormac.

A393 Burncoose to Comford. There has been a complaint from a resident over the road noise along this recently resurface road. Following an inspection from Cormac I



received a reply from Graham Dean, Infrastructure Asset Supervisor, Cornwall Council, Highways & Infrastructure, stating: *"I can confirm, unfortunately, that significant areas of the surface dressing have failed. This seems to be primarily due to a failure of the aggregate to adhere correctly to the surface. I will be submitting a defect form to Cormac and discussing remedial works with them"*.

Speed limit reduction/ road safety. I have been campaigning to have the speed limit reduced on the A393 in Gwennap parish reduced and the latest response from Natalie Warr of Cormac was: *"The section between Lanner and Comford (currently 50mph) is still under review in conjunction with the potential improvements at Treviskey. The report is nearing completion on this and I expect to be in a position to share this before the end of this month. The national speed limit from just after the Fox and Hounds pub towards Ponsanooth is the section that is not currently being considered for speed reduction to 40mph."*

Planning and environmental issues. The makeshift tents at United Downs have now been removed following complaints over anti-social behaviour, damage to the trees and fires.

I have received many complaints from people in Carharrack and Gwennap who are concerned about the amount tipping being carried on land off United Road . This has been reported to the Cornwall Council Planning Enforcement Team who will visit the site.

**Wheal Jewel Traveller Site.** I have lost count in the amount of times the police and the Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service have been call out to the site during lockdown. Last week the Fire and rescue Service were called out 3 times and the police have to accompany them. Following a number of online meetings and telephone discussions with senior officers. I have been given assurances that there are plans being put into place that will benefit the whole community. Hopefully I will be able to share this news with the parish councils soon.

**Community Chest Funding.** I do have my Community Chest Funding available for community groups and organisations . If you know of any group that would like to apply for funding then please contact me.

**Resignation of the Parish Clerk.** I would like to pass on my thanks to Tomas Hill who for the short time he served the parish did a very good job. I wish him all the best with his future plans.

Cornwall Cllr Kaczmarek further reported that concerns had been expressed to him about speeding on the road between Comford and Ponsanooth (A393). He will seek to reduce the limit from 60 mph to 40 mph but his main focus is still that part of the road between Lanner and the Fox and Hounds public house.

In terms of planning enforcement, he made reference to the unauthorised removal of many tons of earth from a business at Bissoe.

The Chair thanked Cllr Kaczmarek for his report and his attendance at the meeting.



## **63/20 MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING OF 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020**

It was MOVED by the Chair, SECONDED by Councillor Hallett and AGREED that the draft minutes of the Council meeting of 4 June 2020 be APPROVED as a correct record.

## **64/20 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING OF 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020**

53/20 The Chair advised that the inspection of the culvert at Wheal Maid will take place during the first week in August.

54/20 Further to the agreement at the last meeting of the Council, Councillor Foxwell volunteered to apply through Councillor Kaczmarek's Community Chest scheme for financial assistance with procuring new parish notice boards.

55/20 The Chair made reference to the incorrect pagination of the latest Parish Newsletter. The numbering was correct at proof stage and representations have been made to the printers.

## **65/20 CORRESPONDENCE**

Councillor Hallett reported as follows:

- Mrs Richards had successfully identified all the pupils at Cusgarne School in the photograph from 1968 in the latest Parish Newsletter
- A complaint had been received about children using the adult gym equipment at the Richard Jory Playing Field. It was MOVED by the Chair, SECONDED by Councillor Hitchens and AGREED that a laminated sign would be put up indicating that the gym equipment was for adult use only.
- A request has been received from Power For People to support the Local Electricity Bill. As there is a specific motion they would like to be passed, it was agreed that this should be a formal agenda item for consideration at the next meeting.
- A request had been received for a new piece of litter picker equipment to be acquired. It was MOVED by Councillor Hallett, SECONDED by Councillor Lanyon and AGREED that the Council would purchase 3 new items of equipment.
- The Parish Council have been offered two trees. Councillor Hallett will bring back a recommendation for where these should be planted, to the next meeting.

The Chair reported as follows:

- Councillor Williams has agreed to attend the next meeting of the CPIR Community Network on 4 August.
- The Geothermal Project is moving to the next stage. GEL are holding a webinar on Tuesday 21 July. Councillor Foxwell volunteered to dial in.



- Councillor Williams has volunteered to prepare a draft response to the Cornwall World Heritage Site Draft Management Plan 2020-25 Consultation, the closing date for which is 31 August 2020.
- The United Downs Raceway were concerned that their lease was not going to be renewed. Cornwall Council have brokered a deal for the redevelopment of the site but that will not commence until October 2021, at the earliest. Racing has, therefore, been guaranteed for the 2021 season.
- Gillian Neil, a researcher for Channel 5 on lost railway routes, will be filming in the Gwennap Parish area as there is particular interest around mining history.
- Councillor Williams had been in correspondence with the Rural Services Network about the short return date (31 July) for their 'Revitalising Rural: Realising the Vision' Consultation. They have confirmed that responses received after that date will be welcomed. Councillor Lanyon agreed to prepare a draft response for the next Council meeting.

### **66/20 PLANNING APPLICATION**

PA20/04594 Proposal to rebuild a chimney at Cusgarne House, Cusgarne, Truro

*It was MOVED by Councillor Lanyon, SECONDED by Councillor Williams and AGREED that this application be supported.*

### **67/20 PLANNING APPLICATION**

PA20/04595 Proposal for Listed Building Consent to rebuild a chimney at Cusgarne House, Cusgarne, Truro

*It was MOVED by Councillor Lanyon, SECONDED by Councillor Williams and AGREED that this application be supported.*

### **68/20 PLANNING APPLICATION**

PA20/04824 Proposal for a change of use of two residential sheds into glamping units for holiday lets at Treguth Road from the junction north of Woodview to the junction at Little Beside Bungalow, Litte Beside, St Day

*It was MOVED by the Chair, SECONDED by Councillor Williams and AGREED that this application be supported.*

### **69/20 PLANNING APPLICATION**

PA20/04230 Proposal for a single storey rear extension to form a dressing room and en-suite bathroom at Cascadden Barn, Trewithen, Stithians TR3 7DU

*It was MOVED by Councillor Lanyon, SECONDED by the Chair and AGREED that this application be supported.*



## **70/20 PLANNING APPLICATION**

PA20/03372 Proposal for the retention and completion of farm access track, erection of polytunnels and soakaway pond at Court Farm, Church lane, Gwennap TR16 6BD

*It was MOVED by Cllr Patton, SECONDED by Cllr Hallett and AGREED that Gwennap Parish Council OBJECT to this application – it remains concerned about the size, scale and potential impact of the proposed development. Since our previous consideration of this application, it is noted that the Cornish World Heritage Site Service have formally commented and expressed similar reservations to ourselves. Should planning permission be granted, we support their views as to the conditions to be imposed. We also note that the Environment Agency has formally responded with concern that a full and proper Flood Risk Assessment has not been carried out. We support their view that this application should not be determined until this Assessment has been undertaken and its outcome has been reviewed and commented upon by the Environment Agency.*

## **71/20 PLANNING APPLICATION**

PA20/04981 Proposal for the conversion of existing ancillary accommodation to a dwelling at The Mill, Trehaddle, Cusgarne, TR4 8RN

*It was MOVED by Councillor Hallett, SECONDED by Councillor Foxwell and AGREED that this application be supported.*

## **72/20 PLANNING APPLICATION**

PA20/01381 Demolition of part of dwelling and erection of dwelling with detached garage in lieu of permission PA19/03597 and erection of detached garage with ancillary accommodation over, serving the other dwelling at The Homestead, Lower Goongumpas Lane, Goongumpas, St Day TR16 5JL

*It was MOVED by Cllr Patton, SECONDED by Cllr Hallett and AGREED that Gwennap Parish Council OBJECT to this application – it has noted the concerns raised by the Cornish World Heritage Site Service in respect of this development and, for the reasons they have given, have resolved to object to this application.*

## **73/20 PLANNING APPLICATION**

PA20/01038 Change of use of agricultural land to accommodate a caravan club with up to 16 pitches and associated works on land north east of Rose Villa, Fernsplatt, Bissoe TR4 8RJ

*It was MOVED by Cllr Patton, SECONDED by Cllr Hallett and AGREED that Gwennap Parish Council OBJECT to this application – this is a significant and retrospective application. Gwennap Parish Council are concerned about the lack of any real information supplied by the developer and, in particular, the failure to supply a heritage impact assessment. For these reasons, the Parish Council resolved to object to this application.*

## **74/20 PLANNING DECISIONS**



The planning decisions set out on the Agenda under this item were duly noted.

### **75/20 HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

- The Chair reported that the battery for the speed warning sign as you enter the village from the direction of Pulla Cross has been replaced.
- The Chair reported back on her discussions with CORMAC regarding the significant damage done to the hedgerow at Trehaddle during the recent resurfacing works.

Although it was understood why the work had to be done and by a contractor from outside Cornwall, due to resource difficulties, it had been recognised that the communication and engagement had been poor and a new protocol would be circulated which should improve this in the future.

It was agreed that prioritisation of highways work in the parish would be an item for discussion at the next meeting.

- A concern had been raised about the lack of indication near Ruby Farm that a byway became a footpath, leading to confusion for drivers. Councillor Hallett will be writing to the complainant with details of who to contact at Cornwall Council.

### **76/20 RICHARD JORY PLAYING FIELD**

There was a discussion following the re-opening of the Playing Field and play equipment. This was considered to be satisfactory although there were difficulties with the taped off tunnel area and with people not taking their rubbish home despite the signs. This will be further reviewed at the next meeting.

*It was MOVED by the Chair, SECONDED by Councillor Hitchens and AGREED that the CORMAC quotation for cutting the grass for the next year be APPROVED at £664.36, being the same cost as the current year.*

### **77/20 WILD FLOWERS**

There was a discussion regarding an email from a resident who was hoping that wild flowers could be allowed to grow on highway verges between the parish and Truro. This ambition was supported by Councillors but is a policy matter for Cornwall Council. Councillor Hallett will reply to her.

### **78/20 WEED SPRAYING**

The areas due for spraying were duly noted.

### **79/20 TREE SURVEY**

Following his initial inspection in January, Colin Hawke came to do a follow-up inspection of the ash trees at the Playing Field.



It was noted that, contrary to what was expected, all but one are in a healthy condition.

### **80/20 GWENNAP PARISH ROOMS**

It was noted that the Parish Rooms would be used as an emergency centre in the unlikely event that it was required by GEL.

### **81/20 FINANCE**

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Lanyon, **SECONDED** by Councillor Hallett and **AGREED** that the following payments be made (excluding direct debit payments):

Hudon Accounting - annual Independent Internal Audit	£200.00
Kevin Furnish - replacement battery for MSAS	£43.50
Robert Hallett - litter picking	£44.32
Alan Collins - litter picking	£114.15
Susan Patton - laminating pouches	£11.95
M.P. Chegwidde - Inv 008, contract grass cutting	£492.00
Ann Gazzard - playing field duties	£151.12
Cornwall Council - Address registration	£80.00
Greens (Cornwall) Ltd – contract PROW cutting	<u>£3,284.40</u>
	<u>£4,421.44</u>

### **82/20 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Weed control
- Wheal Maid
- Highways Priorities
- Local Electricity Bill
- Draft WHS Consultation Response
- Draft Rural Network Consultation Response
- Review of use of Playing Field

### **83/20 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Hitchens, **SECONDED** by Councillor Foxwell and **AGREED** that due to the confidential nature of the following items, the press and public be excluded from the meeting, in accordance with Standing Order 48.

- CLERKING
- SECURITY

The meeting concluded at 8.40 pm

Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chair 20/08/20