

# Gwennap Parish Council

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT GWENNAP CHURCH HALL ON 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2009

Present. Cllr K Furnish(Chairman) ,Cllr R Snell, Cllr R Humble (Vice Chairman), Cllr M Padmore, Cllr K Furnish, Cllr P Roscorla

Apologies none

Also present : PCSO Woodward, Mr Reburn, Mr Bawden, C.Councillor Plummer

### **PUBLIC CLINIC**

1. PCSO Woodward presented his report for the previous month. It showed a slight decrease in reported crime. Nineteen calls during the month to the Force Enquiry Centre related to Gwennap Parish. A recent 'Speedwatch' check at Frogpool showed 6 of 24 motorists travelling above the speed limit. He also passed on a message regarding warning signs that were missing from the valley. The Clerk explained that he no longer replaced the signs on the upper dam as the E.A. had confirmed there was no danger to human health there. He had, the previous day, replaced one other sign and also removed a damaged wooden sign for repair. All of the other Parish signs were intact.
2. County Councillor Neil Plummer introduced himself, giving the Parish Council an update of what was happening at the new Council. He explained that as an Independent, he was always available to represent parishioners, they were his main concern, not party politics.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**09/026**

Cllr Padmore declared a personal interest on anything SITA related.

Cllr Humble declared a personal interest on anything related to the caravans at Pulla Bridge or the Trehaddle Farm development.

Cllr Furnish declared a personal interest in issues relating to Wheal Maid.

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES.**

**09/027**

It was RESOLVED that the previous minutes be signed as a correct record of events.

### **ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.**

**09/028**

1. The Clerk had met with the tree surgeon regarding the maple in the Playing Field. He felt confident that any foundation work for the new building would not interfere with the root structure sufficiently to kill the tree, although he could not be 100% sure. It was RESOLVED that we continue with the work as discussed at the previous meeting.
2. No details had been forthcoming from the Wheal Maid Action group regarding the name and address of the alleged harassed horse rider, therefore the Parish Council could not further their investigations. The Council also awaited two other documents from the Action Group – a DEFRA letter on food safety and the results of noise levels following equipment placed by Carrick.
3. Cllr Roscorla had attended recent Summer Party meetings. Help was still required on the day, but otherwise plans were going ahead. The Parish Council was thanked for their £30 contribution towards tokens for prizes.
4. The trimming required at Trelawney Estate had still not been carried out. The Clerk would chase Carrick Housing Ltd.

### **WHEAL MAID**

**09/029**

1. One sign had been replaced by the Clerk and another sign board removed for repair.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

**09/030**

1. Cornwall Council had advised that the Tithe Map digitised discs would be made available very soon. There had been technical problems, but these had now been resolved.
2. A Community Network update news sheet had been circulated to Councillors.
3. Our Bond with HSBC was due for renewal on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. It was RESOLVED to renew for a further three months.

4. FIRST travel had written requesting details of the times and dates the 47 service had missed Frogpool village. As the service had now reverted to normal, it was agreed that this was probably due to a new driver and the matter would be monitored for a period.
5. The minutes from the meeting of the Mining Villages Historic Churchyards Group held on 5<sup>th</sup> June were noted.
6. Details from Cornwall Council, relating to possible free parish hedge trees had been passed on to the Tree Wardens.
7. The Clerk had circulated a user guide explaining how the process of Lawful Development Certificates worked following a request for clarity at the previous meeting.
8. The Audit Commission had signed off our accounts for 2008/09 with no adverse comments. The Clerk will place a notice of inspection on the notice boards.
9. Cornwall Council will be visiting the Wheal Maid site in July as part of their responsibility under the Mines and Quarries Act. The Clerk would accompany them on their Condition Monitoring Visit.
10. The Clerk had drawn to the attention of Countryside Access that signs had been placed on gates along footpath 56/3, from Crofthandy Hill to Consols Road Carharrack. The signs asked for dogs to be kept on a lead as roaming dogs may be shot.

A reply from Cornwall Council said that they had investigated and were satisfied that the signs should stay, as there had been instances of dog problems. The land owners of the adjacent fields also owned the route of the right of way.

11. A letter from Frogpool Cusgarne Football Club informed the Council when their annual 5-a-side event would be held. They also asked for permission to carry out some trimming to hedges/trees where the growth encroached on the playing surface. The Clerk was asked to write agreeing to this, but asking for prior details of tree works.
12. The minutes of Carharrack Parish Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May were noted.

## **VACANCY ON PARISH COUNCIL**

**09/031**

Cornwall Council had sent notices to be displayed on notice boards giving notice of our vacancy. If, after 1<sup>st</sup> July, fewer than ten parishioners had specifically requested an election to fill the vacancy, the Parish Council could then proceed to fill it by co-option.

As the Clerk will be on holiday, the earliest that the co-option notices could be advertised would be 7<sup>th</sup> July. It was agreed that a closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> July would be reasonable, following which the Clerk would liaise with the Chairman and Vice Chairman as to how to proceed.

## **PLANNING**

**09/032**

### **Planning received from Cornwall Council for Parish Council comment:**

1. Clear Flow Ltd, Plots 13-16 United Downs Ind. Park - temporary siting of portakabins for office use  
SUPPORT
2. Mr Angel, 45 Treneglos, Frogpool - re-consultation for amended plans OBJECT

### **Decision notices received back from Cornwall Council.**

1. Certificate of Lawfulness for The Studio, Highlands, Fernsplat GRANTED
2. Gwennap Parish Council, - Parish Rooms, Playing Field, Pulla Cross APPROVED
3. Mr Saunders, 6 Trelawney Estate, Frogpool - new dwelling at rear APPROVED
4. Mr DC Nicholls, Primrose Farm, United Road, Carharrack - change of use from agric.land to storage, site access, mobile home REFUSED.

## **REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE**

**09/033**

1. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk asks Paul Chegwidden to remove a fallen tree near the lower entrance to the Playing Field on the Byway.
2. Cllr Humble had removed a piece of the climbing wall at the Playing Field. It needed re-fixing, which he would carry out. He would also check and replace the fixings on the existing planks.
3. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways again regarding the bollards missing at the road edge on the entrance to Trehaddle Lane, near Greystones.
4. Cllr Squibb spoke of the poor road surface outside the entrance to the Landfill Site. Highways would be informed.

## **PLAYING FIELD PARISH ROOMS UPDATE**

**09/034**

1. Planning permission had now been granted.
2. The specification for going out to tender was now being prepared.
3. The SITA Trust now had our grant application for consideration in July.

- The Clerk had met with a representative from Cornwall Football Association with a view to obtaining a grant from the Football Foundation towards the additional works to the changing rooms and showers. This was at an early stage.

## FOOTPATHS

### 09/035

- A recent communication from the Countryside access section had confirmed that an increased revised offer was close to being sent to us.
- It was also confirmed that the process to downgrade the byway through the Hale Mills tunnel had been established. It could be done through the Magistrates Court but would cost £1,500. There was thought to be no budget for this at C.Council and a request for a contribution was made to the Parish Council. As there were benefits to Cornwall Council in protecting their World Heritage Site and their Cornish Way, the Clerk is to write back pointing this out whilst not committing the Parish Council financially at this stage.
- Cornwall Council had also suggested the alterations to two other linked paths . Path 46/1 had byway status yet was an extension to the footpath 46/7 and could be downgraded, whilst byway 43/5 no longer existed, its place being taken by the coast to coast cycle trail. It should be extinguished. The Parish Council supported both these suggestions.

These “add’ons” would not increase the overall cost.

The Chairman, Cllr Furnish declared a prejudicial interest before this item and took no part in the discussions. Cllr Humble chaired the item.

- The Clerk would remind Countryside Access that they were looking into the missing stiles and poor route signing on footpath 14/1, Crowsmenegus to South Tresamble Farm entrance. A parishioner had raised the matter prior to the meeting.

## FINANCE

### 09/036

Income had been received of £137.60 and £152.54, both from Car Boot sales.

It was RESOLVED that the following cheques be signed for payment:

CHEQUE	PAYEE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
100873	Cwll & Devon Media Ltd	Advert	£18.40
100874	Greenham	Cleaning sundries	£60.33
100875	F Isaacs	Burial fee refund	£190.00
100876	A Blamey	Salary/expenses qtr1	£1,607.30
100877	HM Revenue & Customs	Income Tax	£290.23
100879	M P Chegwiddden	grass/footpath trim	£1,334.00
100880	K Furnish	newsletter printing	£541.20
100881	VCWG Church Hall Fund	hire of hall	£18.00

## MISCELLANEOUS/ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

### 09/037

- The enforcement notice served on residents at Bal Maiden, Pulla Bridge would be an item for the next agenda. Cllr Plummer would take up with Cornwall Council the lack of any replies to our letters.
- Cllr Snell reminded Councillors that they could attend external meetings covered by him if they wished. It would give them a wider appreciation of Parish affairs. Cllr Furnish would like to attend the Mineral Tramways meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> July.

Signed.....  
Chairman

23rd July 2009