

# Gwennap Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT GWENNAP CHURCH HALL ON 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2010

Present.	Cllr Furnish (Chairman), Cllr M Padmore, Cllr P Roscorla, Cllr R Snell, Cllr Barton
Apologies	Cllr Squibb, Cllr Humble
Also present :	Mr Bawden, Mr Reburn, Mr & Mrs Stone, PC Staines, PCSO Woodward, Ms Ward, Mrs Wharton

### **PUBLIC CLINIC**

1. PC Staines gave the police report on activity since the last meeting. Reported crime numbers were down from eight last year to two in the same period this year. The PACT initiative on off-road vehicles had been a success, with greater inter-force liaison and help from Cornwall Council with additional signs. Efforts will continue against those who use public rights of way illegally.
2. Mrs Stone spoke of the retirement of the vicar from 25<sup>th</sup> March. The Benefice was currently that of Perranarworthal, Sithians and Gwennap, but the future was not yet known.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

#### **09/116**

1. Cllr Padmore declared a personal interest in anything SITA related
2. Cllr Furnish declared a personal interest in anything related to Wheal Maid.

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES.**

**09/117** It was RESOLVED that the previous minutes be signed as a correct record of events.

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

#### **09/118**

1. Taylor-Made had sent three fixing "eggs" free of charge, and the Clerk had used one to repair the small climbing net.
2. A further complaint from the Little Beside residents regarding the poor state of their lane had been forwarded to the Countryside Access section for comment. They were also requesting road planings to make repairs themselves.
3. The Clerk had met with the Area Surveyor at Trelawney Estate and confirmed the positioning of the Bus Shelter. A firm order would now be placed with the suppliers.

### **WHEAL MAID**

#### **09/119**

1. The Clerk had to replace four signs in the valley since the last meeting.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **09/120**

1. Cornwall Council had written regarding preservation works to Taylor's and Davey's engine houses and chimney, at Wheal Maid. They were happy to include these works in their scheme with Natural England. Nothing further was expected from the Parish Council, as they would handle all payments.
2. The Information Commissioner's Office had sent the reminder for our Data Protection renewal. It was RESOLVED to pay the £35 fee.
3. Julia Goldsworthy MP had written to explain why we did not receive an invitation to the Transfer Station meeting. Apparently, no invitations were sent, instead the press and posters were the main way of advertising the event. Her offer to keep us in the loop in future would be taken up.
4. Cornwall Council had written to confirm the Corlink transport changes that Cllr Humble spoke of at our previous meeting.
5. Resident Robert Cook had written about the state of roadside litter. He enclosed photographs taken of litter collected on a recent walk. The Clerk will write to him explaining the frequency of our litter picking, and to thank him for taking the time to pick up the offending articles.
6. Tony Mogford Associates had sent their annual report on the condition of play equipment in the Playing Field. All comments made were of 'Low' priority. It was RESOLVED to renew our arrangement for another year.

7. The Open Spaces Society had sent a reminder of the annual subscription. Given the current financial restraints, it was RESOLVED not to renew this subscription.
8. Cornwall Council had sent our small societies lottery certificate
9. The Minutes of Carharrack Parish Council meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009 were noted.
10. Cornwall Council had written to confirm Building Regulation permission for the new Parish Rooms.

## PLANNING

09/121

Planning Applications had been received from Cornwall Council for comment in respect of:-

1. Mr P Beaumont, Jenkins House, Hicks Mill - first floor extension, relocation of front door & driveway SUPPORT
- 2&3 Mr D Bawden, Trehaddle Barns, Cusgarne - proposed alteration and extension to dwellings SUPPORT

### Decision notices had been received back from Cornwall Council for:

1. Crofthandy Village Hall Committee - new village hall and associated parking. APPROVED
2. Mrs Grubb, Penventon Nursery, Treviskey - enclosure of external seating area. APPROVED.
3. Mr E Hall, Chelean Farm, Frogpool - proposed hay and machinery storage building. APPROVED

## OUTSIDE MEETINGS FEEDBACK

09/122

1. The Clerk and Cllr Snell had attended the Mining Villages Group on 14<sup>th</sup> January. It was decided that the group becomes a sub-group of the Community Network, representing the rural parishes whilst a second group would consist of the town/urban parishes. A meeting with the Network Officer to iron out the details would take place on 9<sup>th</sup> February.

## FOOTPATHS

09/124

1. The Clerk and Chairman signed the second claim for reimbursement from Cornwall Council, totalling £144.

## PARISH ROOMS AND PLAYING FIELD UPDATE

1. During the recent cold spell, a water pipe had burst in the loft of the toilet block, causing electrical failure and damage to the ceilings in the garage and one changing room. The Clerk turned off the water and power and called in a plumber /electrician to carry out repairs. The ceilings are currently being repaired by Phil Hedges. As yet, it was not clear what the total cost of the repairs would be, but with a £250 excess on our insurance policy we may have to carry the costs ourselves. It was RESOLVED to retrospectively confirm the Clerk's actions in arranging for the repairs.
2. It was RESOLVED that this expenditure, when known, should be reclaimed from the GPRA along with the recently supplied new football posts.
3. The Council would meet on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 10.30 at the Playing Field to decide what to keep and what to throw away from the Portakabin. This was necessary before building works removed the Portakabin completely.
4. The Clerk was to ask the contractor for a programme or plan of work on a week by week basis.
5. Cllr Plummer was to be thanked for contributing £1,000 from his Councillor fund towards the new build.
6. The Building Regulation approval had been received.

## 09/125 REVIEW OF MEETING DATES

It was RESOLVED that the March meeting be moved to 18<sup>th</sup> March to avoid any possible conflict with elections, and that from April onwards, the Council would meet on the THIRD THURSDAY of each month.

## FINANCE

09/126

1. Income had been received of £174 newsletter advertising, £480 burial related fees and £1,657.34 interim footpath reimbursement from Cornwall Council.
2. It was RESOLVED that the following cheques be authorised for signature:

CHEQUE	PAYEE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
100924	A&N Media Finance	grass tender advert	£99.36
100925	Information Commissioner	data protection fee	£35.00
100926	Cornwall Council	grass cutting	£586.50
100927	Tony Mogford Associates	play equipment inspect.	£105.75
100928	L Moody	litter/toilets	£237.76
100929	M P Chegidden	footpath trimming	£702.65

## MISCELLANEOUS/ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

09/127

1. To confirm meeting dates for 2010/2011

**GRASS MAINTENANCE TENDERS**

**09/128**

The Public was excluded from the meeting for this item under Schedule 12A, Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1972. The closing date had past and the Clerk had received five tenders in response to the fifteen sets of information sent out. He produced a comparative table of anonymous tendered prices for the five contractors, setting out the information for the Councillors to examine and discuss.

It was RESOLVED to accept Tender No 3, despite being £25 per annum higher than Tender No 4. This would give continuity of contractor, which was felt to be a significant consideration given the closeness of the bids.

Signed.....  
Chairman

25<sup>th</sup> February 2010