

GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2020

In attendance:

Cllr Sue Patton (Chair)
Cllr Greg Foxwell
Cllr Jan Hallett
Cllr Dave Lanyon
Cllr Richard Williams
Clerk Kate Mitchell

Also, in attendance Cornwall Cllr Mark Kaczmarek

The meeting Commenced at 7pm

134/20 APOLOGIES

Cllr Hitchens sent her apologies.

135/20 DISPENSATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPI) AND ANY OTHER SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS (OSI)

Cllr Lanyon declared an interest in planning application PA20/08003 , as he lives 3 doors away from the application site .

136/20 OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

137/20 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

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

COVID-19 . After the easing of the Covid lock-down, restrictions over the peak summer period, the amount of cases is now rising faster than predicted. This is going to impact on the way we live our lives and with the winter approaching those vulnerable people are being encouraged to have their flu virus vaccinations.

The Carharrack and St Day COVID Community Support Group are preparing for a busy autumn and winter period and I have offered them additional funding to help them and the community. If you are self-isolating and need help (or even just a friendly phone call) please contact Sarah Hawshaw on 07813637334 or Rachel McEvoy on 01209 822736/07790221275, They will try their hardest to get support to you or your doorstep.

Myself and our Community Network Officer Charlotte Caldwell will continue to keep the Parish Councils fully updated with the latest news on COVID-19 and this will be put onto the local websites.

Comford to Lanner Mini Report from Natalie Warr.

The draft report has been produced by Natalie Warr for Treviskey and the section of the A393 covered by the existing 50mph speed limit. This report has been developed in line with our previous discussions and concerns raised at the meeting in November last year. Please note that this report is based on conceptual feasibility and may be subject to variation when it progresses through detailed design. The report outlines a series of recommendations and accords with the local aspirations regarding the desire for speed reduction.

Subject to your agreement to these proposals, the next stage would be to take this through detailed design. Please note that whilst this scheme has been advanced to this stage, funding for further development and construction is not yet secured and will need to be considered within the programming against other schemes from next year, all within limited funding. We acknowledge that this is a priority for the community, and we will continue to work with you to find opportunities to bring this forward at the earliest opportunity.

A zoom meeting between Lanner and Gwennap parish councils has been called to discuss these proposals. The date is the 20th October at 7pm.

United Downs Deep Geothermal Project. On the 1st October, some people in the area were alarmed by some micro seismic events. The Parish Councils and I have been assured that these were within the regulatory limits and testing on that day was halted. Testing has restarted and I have not had any other reports of this happening since .

UDDGP are keeping people updated on the local Facebook pages and can be contacted at/on

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Unroadworthy vehicles . Following up complaints that I received from the public, I have been working closely with the police to tackle a number of unroadworthy vehicles parked and being driven around the villages. Our local police officer managed to trace all the owners and these vehicles have now either been removed from the highway or have a valid MOT road tax and insurance .

Community Chest Funding. I have just helped to support St Day AFC with their funding request and am currently helping Carharrack AFC with their funding application. My Community Chest Funding is available for all community groups and organisations. If you know of any group locally that would like to apply for funding, then please contact me.

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

138/20 MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING (Thursday 17th September)

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Hallett, SECONDED by Cllr Lanyon, and all AGREED that the draft minutes of the meeting of 17th September 2020 be APPROVED as a correct record.

139/20 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

All matters arising would be dealt with under substantive Agenda items.

140/20 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair and Clerk had received an email from a parishioner looking for support regarding parking at Cusgarne School . The Clerk is to discuss the issue with the parishioner and find out how we can offer support and how she would like us to play a role .This is also discussed later in the agenda under Highways .

Correspondence emails to be discussed under relevant agenda items

- The Chair and Clerk received emails from two parishioners regarding Planning application PA20/07932 .This will be discussed later in the meeting .

141/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PA20/08003 Proposed single storey extension to rear. 5 Chapel Terrace , Chapel Lane ,Crofthandy ,St Day, Redruth TR16 5JQ .

All Councillors agreed that this application lacked in information. There was no reference to the NDP or design guide.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Williams, SECONDED by Cllr Hallett and all AGREED that more information was needed to make a decision on this application.

PA20/06645 New dwelling on the site of an existing workshop. Unit 3A Triplet Business Park, Poldice, St Day, Redruth, TR165PZ

All Councillors had looked at this application prior to the meeting and It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lanyon , SECONDED by Cllr Hallett and all AGREED that this planning application be supported.

PA20/07932 New Dwelling on the site of an existing builder's yard, with associated amenity, and parking. The Yard , Trehaddle , Cusgarne , TR4 8RN.

Objections had been received from two parishioners by email to the Clerk ,which had been circulated to and read by all Councillors. The Councillors understood the reasons and their concerns for the proposed development .

It was unanimously agreed that despite the parishioners concerns, this planning application was within the NDP development boundary and the planning consultant's report contained compelling references to the NDP and design guide .

It was PROPOSED by the Chair , SECONDED by Cllr Williams and all AGREED that this planning application be supported

PA20/06249 Demolition of existing dilapidated barn and proposed erection of new dwelling and detached garage. Land North of Oak Tree Farm, Coombe Hill, Bissoe . TR4 8RQ

The Chair said that she had looked at the pre -application which was not supported by the Cornwall Council development officer . The Chair felt it was an encroachment into the open countryside and there was no reference to the NDP. Cllr Williams agreed.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lanyon , SECONDED by the Chair and all AGREED that the Council would object to the proposed development .

142/20 PLANNING DECISIONS

The planning decisions set out under this Agenda item were formally noted.

143/20 HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Foxwell reported that he had spoken with Adrian Drake from Cornwall Council highways department who is keen to build a good rapport with the Parish Council.

Cllr Foxwell encouraged councillors and members of the public to report anything within the Parish of concern and to have a look around to see what needs to be priority. He pointed out that the road between Cusgarne and Bissoe Valley, down from the school on the right had lots of potholes which needed repair.

Cllr Foxwell asked if anyone else had anything to add. Cllr Lanyon referred to the school parking at Cusgarne School. He suggested that a meeting between Cllr Kaczmarek and Adrian Drake be set up . Cllr Foxwell will report back to Adrian Drake to see if he could propose anything .

Cllr Kaczmarek is happy to help and work with the headteacher. He suggested that the Parish Council contact South West Water about a piece of land down from the school as a possible location for community space for additional parking. Cllr Foxwell was unsure as to whether South West Water owned the land. Cllr Hallett was certain they did. Cllr Williams is going to investigate with the Land Registry and report back at the next meeting .

At the last meeting, Cllr Williams reported a complaint from a resident regarding Trelawney estate and people parking there who were using the playing fields. Cllr

Williams had asked the resident to monitor this. There has been no response so Cllr Williams thinks it is no longer an issue .

143.1/20 Community Speed Watch

A parishioner is looking for volunteers to restart this. Due to Coronavirus and lockdown, this was put on hold. Increased speeding around the Frogpool and Cusgarne areas is becoming a concern. The Clerk is to look for the previous list of volunteers and will then contact the parishioner to move this forward. Cllr Hallett referred to Cusgarne School holding a competition, where the children designed posters regarding speeding. The Clerk is to find out what happened regarding the posters as it was agreed that these would be nice to put up around the Parish.

143.2/20 To note invitation to attend joint parish meeting re A393 and to discuss future meeting attendance and reporting procedures

The Chair is to attend this meeting with representatives from Lanner Parish Council and is to report back at the next meeting.

The Chair and Cllr Williams had had a meeting to discuss historically what groups the Parish Council initiated or attended before Covid hit. A more formal list of what each Councillor is involved in and what meetings the Councillors attend, will be sent out.

Councillors are encouraged to have a think and add anything that they believe is important. The Chair explained that, at present there are only six Councillors and there is a lot to do. The Councillors need to prioritise their time and the meetings they attend .

All Councillors are to report back at the next meeting .

144/20 RICHARD JORY PLAYING FIELD

- The Clerk has emailed Greens about the repairs to the play park equipment which was picked up in the monthly inspections.
- It was agreed that the bins in the play park need emptying once a day, Cllr Lanyon will contact the caretaker to inform of this update.
- Cllr Hallett reported that Greens did not think it necessary to dig up the area of car park which requires repair, however they would like to meet with someone to discuss a way forward on what they suggest. Cllr Lanyon will meet with Greens. The Clerk will arrange this .
- Cllr Foxwell suggested that we need to look at what we do with lost property items that are left at the park after a certain time passes.

- A quote to trim back the trees has been received from Greens. The Clerk will obtain three more quotes before a decision is made.

145/20 PARISH ROOMS

- The Chair explained what work had been undertaken regarding Legionella Management, however the tank has not yet been cleaned and that now would be a good time for this to be undertaken . It was PROPOSED by the Chair , SECONDED by Cllr Lanyon and all AGREED that this was to be carried out .
- An asbestos management survey is being undertaken by Cormac and a report will follow.
- The Chair explained that the Fire risk assessment had be carried out, however before reopening we would need to draw up an evacuation plan.
- The Chair asked Cllr Lanyon if he had checked the plastic sheeting in the loft area . Cllr Lanyon is to do this the next time he is at the Parish rooms .
- Cllr Lanyon is still waiting on a quote from a plumber regarding the gent's toilets. He will chase this up.
- The Clerk has put together a list of local storage/shipping containers and prices. Cllr Lanyon had also looked at a different style . It was discussed that different styles and sizes of storage containers are to be explored by the clerk and Cllr Lanyon before we proceed and that this will be reported back at the next meeting.

146/20 PARISH ROOMS CARETAKERS DUTIES

Councillors discussed the proposed list of jobs for caretaker duties that had been revised. Councillors need to look over the list of duties and report back with any other suggestions. It needs to be decided whether the caretaker carries out the legionnaire tests or whether to explore the option to pay for a company to carry this out .

147/20 PARISH COUNCIL FUNCTIONS & INSURANCE

A decision needs to be made regarding the Parish Council providing adequate insurance for any employees and volunteers . This will be finalised at the next meeting once the caretaking duties have been clarified. Any contractors need to provide their own public liability insurance.

148/20 WHEAL MAID

The Chair explained that she and Cllr Williams had met with an engineer from Wheal Jane at the Wheal Maid site following the last meeting to see whether they could

carry out monthly inspections to fulfil our responsibilities under the relevant regulations . He had promised to submit a quote for undertaking this work which had been received and circulated to all councillors .

The Chair confirmed that she thinks it is important to have monthly inspections and feels that this should be carried out by a competent company who can monitor and advise us of remedial action where necessary. If rainfall is high, then more additional visits may be needed .

It was PROPOSED by the Chair, SECONDED by Cllr Foxwell and all AGREED that the Parish Council should pay for monthly inspections by Wheal Jane consultancy, in accordance with the methodology and figures set out in their quote.

149/20 BANGER RACING

The Chair had received a letter of reply from Cornwall Council regarding noise/activity at the site .The letter explained that Environmental Health are aware of the issues and understand that, due to the nature of the activity, that it can be irritating and disruptive , however they are not aware that the organisers breach any regulations or terms of their tenancy when racing .

The lease provides for 15 days racing per annum. They have requested additional drift racing days, however the Cornwall Council have rejected this application. The Council stated that they will raise our suggestion that racing should be between the hours of noon and 5pm only and will report back to us .

150/20 FACEBOOK PAGES

It was discussed and agreed that only one Facebook page is necessary, and the Clerk is to close the other Facebook group in the next few days.

151/20 FINANCE

151.1/20 Income received since the last meeting was recorded as follows: Burial £65

151.2/20 The following proposed payments (excluding direct debits) were approved:

Ann Gazzard - playing field duties	133.20
Robert Hallett - litter picking	84.82
Alan Collins - litter picking	102.90
Fiona Barnard - Clerking services 17/09/20 - 14/10/20	195.50
Kate Mitchell - Salary	pending
Kate Mitchell - expenses - 6 no. parish rooms keys cut	28.00
Greens (Cornwall) Ltd - monthly play inspection & emergency repairs	135.00
Sparkles Cleaning & Property Maintenance	420.00
Cormac Solutions - Asbestos survey & Management Plan	344.40
M P Chegwiddden - contract grass cutting, invoice 011	638.40
Cormac Solutions - Grounds Maintenance October	66.43
Cllr Lou Hitchens - covid first aid box	18.43

152/20 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – to discuss any other urgent business not available to include on the Agenda at the time of publication.

- The Clerk had reported that she received an email from Natural England regarding the HLS agreement coming to an end. An extension may be considered . Cllr Lanyon agreed to work with the Clerk on this .
- The Clerk received an email today from CALC asking local Parishes to write a letter of support to local MP'S as a response to the Government's white paper 'Future of Planning' It was agreed that the Clerk would draft a response in consultation with the Chair.


153/20 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Richard Jory Playing Fields
- Parish Rooms
- Wheal Maid
- Bostolls Field and Paynter's Pond
- Speeding and Traffic issues
- Councillors representation of the Council at external meetings

154/20 CLOSED SESSION

The meeting concluded at 8.50 pm.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting



(Chair) 19/11/20