

GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2020

In attendance:

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

Also, in attendance: Cornwall Cllr Mark Kaczmarek, Matthew Clifford, and Mary Russell from the Geothermal Rum Distillery whose application PA20/09415 is being discussed later under agenda item 162/20 . There were also four members of the public present.

The meeting Commenced at 7pm

155/20 APOLOGIES

There were none from Parish Councillors as all were present.

156/20 DECLARATION 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 which is being discussed under Agenda item 179/20

157/20 OPEN FORUM

Mr Clifford, the applicant developer, gave a short presentation on the Geothermal Rum Distillery. He gave a quick introduction on the project and the team behind it. He introduced Mary Russell, community engagement lead. Mr Clifford noted that this is an exciting project: a pioneering, 100% sustainable Geothermal Rum Distillery, creating the world's first Tropical Rum cask maturation facility. Mr Clifford went on to address concerns regarding traffic, noise, and the environment. He explained that this is an exciting, carbon neutral project and how there would be plenty of career opportunities for the community and young people. Mr Clifford referred to the project's planning application on Cornwall Council's planning portal, the thorough design access statement, which Mr Clifford believes captures the project nicely along with the heritage and environmental benefits that the project is aiming to bring to the area.

Mr Clifford went on to answer some questions.

Q1. Cllr Foxwell thought that they may have underestimated how many visitors the project will attract and is concerned about the number of car parking spaces, and whether there will be enough space for overflow parking.

A. Mr Clifford answered and agreed that there would be a lot of people interested in the project, however he advised that to manage and control the numbers it would be run on a pre-booking system .

Q2. Cllr Lanyon asked about the likelihood of 30 full time jobs while the maturing process is taking place, and could Mr Clifford explain how those jobs are going to be created.

A. Mr Clifford listed a variety of jobs which would be available. Some of these included full time security, sales, marketing, social media, engineering staff and the more skilled positions of a Master Blender and coopers. Mr Clifford emphasized how there will be a lot of job opportunities, especially for young people in the area, with training provided.

Q3. Cllr Lanyon asked a question about site selection and how he had read that they looked at a piece of land on the other side of the road and wondered why the project did not choose that location instead.

A. Mr Clifford explained how they had investigated the site and carried out a risk analysis with a company of engineers, however underneath the land fill there are eighty mine shafts and evidence of subsidence. Test were carried out, but the combination of the mine shafts and subsidence was a challenge. It was the preferable site but a challenging one and it just would not have worked.

Q4. Cllr Foxwell asked if they had thought about what route would be preferable for big lorries coming in and out of the site.

A. Mr Clifford assumed that the lorries would come the shortest route from the A30 but he stated that there would be very few lorry movements. They are hoping to use electric lorries so it will be quiet.

Q5. Cllr Hallett was concerned about the wildlife and, having read through the plans, it was suggested that bird boxes, bat boxes and hedgehog homes were going to be supplied. Cllr Hallett asked Mr Clifford if he still intended to follow through with this.

A . Mr Clifford answered that the project has every intention of following through. He noted that it is especially important to the project and how he is extremely passionate about wildlife and natural habitat.

Q6. Cllr Williams thanked Mr Clifford for the short (and to the point) presentation. Cllr Williams asked what are the main two or three things that they have changed in the application following on from the advice of the World Heritage Site management team at pre-application stage.

A. Mr Clifford is excited that it is part of a World Heritage Site and has mining history. The first thing they had done was to move the visitors

centre to the west and that then opened the view of Cape mine. By doing this, the business centre and the boardwalk have moved ever so subtly. This has allowed the cobbles to be completely seen as you walk the length of the boardwalk. The third thing, at the bottom of the boardwalk underneath the biome, is Taylor's mine shaft. This is an opportunity for people to be able to stand and see the important features of that mine. Mr Clifford stated that they absolutely support the World Heritage ethos.

Q7. Cllr Hitchens asked if the rum would be bottled on site or moved to another facility for that to be done.

A. Mr Clifford explained that it would depend on the cask owner. It would be a low volume exercise, if it were to be bottled on site.

Q8. Cllr Hitchens asked if the project would be using 100% of Geothermal extra heat or would there be some left for another project.

A. Mr Clifford answered that the biomes would not consume a lot of heat. He stated that he did not quite have the answer and was waiting for the figures from the engineers. It is their intention, in phase 2, to build a rum distillery and that would consume heat and power and use up to 40% of the United Downs Geothermal heat.

Q9 Cllr Lanyon clarified his earlier question and how he was referring more to where the offices are situated on the land fill industrial site.

A. Mr Clifford stated that it was a split site with the road running through it, and how it was a small area. It would be a challenge to fit everything in that they wanted to fit in. They had really tried everything to avoid impacting on the banger racing.

Q10 Mr Rosevear from Autospeed asked whether the project is buying the land or leasing it.

A. Mr Clifford stated that it is a lease .

Mr Rosevear then asked how such a small project would repay itself as he could not see the economics of it.

A Mr Clifford explained how the biome is self-funding and that he has budgeted prudently. He is confident the business will be a success.

Q 11. Mr Rosevear had looked at the plans on the planning portal and the project site is in the region of 30 acres. There appears to still be enough room for the track to stay and for the two things to coexist side by side.

A. Mr Clifford responded that it would pose a challenge for investors and that the project and speedway/banger racing are opposites: one is aiming to be carbon neutral and the other is using fossil fuel. Mr Clifford could not personally see how it would work.

158/20 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

Cllr Kaczmarek had attended the Treviskey meeting on the 20 October regarding the speed limit , traffic calming measures and hopefully creating a safer route for cyclists and pedestrians.

He reported cases of fly tipping along United road which consisted of mainly tyres. Cllr Kaczmarek has asked Cornwall Council to put up some cameras in the hope to catch the perpetrators and to stop this happening.

St Day and Carharrack have a food pantry. Cllr Kaczmarek encouraged people to go and use it if they need to. All residents in Gwennap Parish are welcome to use it.

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

159/20 MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING (Thursday 15 October)

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Williams, SECONDED by Cllr Foxwell , and all AGREED that the draft minutes of the meeting of Thursday 15 October 2020 be APPROVED as a correct record.

160/20 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

The Clerk reported that HLS will be putting the Council forward for an extension to the grant from Natural England.

161/20 CORRESPONDENCE

- The Chair and Clerk had received an email from a parishioner looking for advice on planning. The Chair had replied and suggested that they read and consider our neighbourhood development plan and seek pre-application advice.
- The Clerk had received an email from a parishioner regarding speeding. Cllr Foxwell went and had a look at the road in question and reported it to the Highways team, who have since been up and replaced a 'give way' sign. The Clerk has forwarded on the parishioner's name to the parishioner who is looking to start up the community speed watch again in the new year.
- The Clerk had received an email enquiring if the Parish Council has responsibility for maintaining public footpaths and byways. The parishioner reported how a byway leading down past north Tresamble farm is now inaccessible. The Clerk has reported it to the Countryside Access Team who are aware of the problem and are hoping to come up with a solution.
- The Chair was a speaker at the LNP annual conference and had received an email from Lord Teverson thanking her for her brilliant presentation. At some point, Lord Teverson would like to come to Gwennap and see the hard work in person and meet the other Councillors.

Other correspondence emails are to be discussed under relevant agenda items

162/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PA20/08806 Penventon Mill A393 Between the Distract Boundary and Penventon House Gwennap TR16 6AS Amendments to Finished Floor Levels to previously Approved Garage (PA20/01160)

Councillors discussed this application, and it was PROPOSED by Cllr Lanyon, SECONDED by the Chair and all AGREED that this planning application be supported.

PA20/09415 Land at United Downs TR16 5HU Outline planning permission with some matters reserved (access) for mixed-use zero carbon employment development comprising a state-of-the-art rum cask maturation biome (Use Class B8); heat and power connection to existing off-site geothermal energy source; geothermal energy centre; and visitor centre including ancillary shop and cafe (Use Class E) and bar (Use Class sui generis); with associated site remediation, drainage (including attenuation pond and pumping station), landscaping, footbridge, bin store, access, car parking and electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

The application was discussed. Cllr Williams felt uncomfortable making such an important decision less than a week after it was circulated to the Parish Council. He had written to the World Heritage Site Planning Service asking when they would give an update on their advice at pre-application stage. Cllr Williams would prefer it if the Parish Council deferred consideration and called a separate meeting with the benefit of the World Heritage Site Planning Service response.

Cllr Foxwell agreed that more time was needed.

Cllr Hitchens had read the background papers and was very supportive. She noted that it would be good for Gwennap and for Cornwall.

The Chair added that she had also read the report and has no concerns about the environmental aspects. She agreed that it would be a great project and provide good work opportunities for the Parish.

Cllr Foxwell asked Cllr Kaczmarek, who had joined the meeting, if Cornwall Council were trying to help find a suitable location for the speedway track. Cllr Kaczmarek noted that Cornwall Council does not have a responsibility to find another location as it is a private enterprise.

Cllr Williams asked Cllr Kaczmarek if this application was going to planning committee and he said it will not necessarily go to committee. Cllr Kaczmarek noted that the biggest issue would be the World Heritage Site observations and what comments they make.

Cllr Lanyon had circulated his thoughts around earlier to all Councillors and stated he has major concerns. He thought the application did not make reference to Gwennap Parish NDP.

Cllr Williams reiterated that he would prefer it if the Parish Council deferred the application and call a separate meeting once the World Heritage Site team had

responded. Cllr Hallett agreed and said she required more information from the team.

The Chair was happy to defer and call an additional meeting once the World Heritage Site team had responded with an update. It was PROPOSED by Cllr Williams, SECONDED by Cllr Foxwell and all AGREED to defer this application until the updated advice was received from the World Heritage Site Management Team.

It was also agreed that the Clerk would ask Cornwall Council for an extension of time to respond to this application, to enable it to be considered at the next regular meeting on 17 December.

163/20 PLANNING DECISIONS

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

164/20 HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Foxwell had spoken with the Highways Service regarding speeding within the Parish and they had suggested that the only thing that would work is speedwatch/ cameras. Cllr Foxwell also noted that the Highways Service could not help with the school parking issue.

164.1/20 Speeding and Traffic issues

The Clerk reported that she had forwarded on the volunteer list to the parishioner in charge of the community speedwatch, however due to lockdown this is temporarily on hold. The Clerk also reported that she has located the signs made by the children of Cusgarne school regarding speeding. The Chair noted that the Parish would look at putting the signs up after lockdown.

A discussion was had regarding parking at Cusgarne school. Cllr Williams clarified that the land next to the school is owned by South West Water and that the field opposite was owned by a parishioner. It was noted that the only realistic way to create additional parking is to have a discussion with the landowner of that field. Cllr Lanyon noted that a strip of land at the back of the school was once offered to the Governing Body but had been turned down. Perhaps this could be explored again if all else fails.

Whilst this matter is of concern to the Parish Council because of the potential dangers to pedestrians and road users caused by parking outside the school, it was primarily a matter for the school to address in tandem with Cornwall Council, as the highways authority.

164.2/20 The chair to report on Treviskey meeting attended

Cllr Kaczmarek had reported and had given an update on this matter under Agenda item 158/20.

165/20 RICHARD JORY PLAYING FIELD

The Chair noted some photos which had been received from the Caretaker. Someone had smeared mud all over the notice boards, gate, and signage . The Chair thanked the Caretaker for cleaning it up so promptly.

- The Council discussed a quote from GREENS to lay gravel, to match existing, over the parking grid area, following a meeting between the Clerk, Cllr Lanyon and GREENS. It was PROPOSED by the Chair, SECONDED by Cllr Foxwell and all AGREED that GREENS be asked to carry out the work in accordance with their quote. Clerk to action.
- The Clerk was asked to locate the last tree inspection report and to forward it to Cllr Hallett for review.
- Councillors discussed some quotes regarding tree maintenance work. It was PROPOSED by the Chair, SECONDED by Cllr Lanyon and all agreed that GREENS be requested to carry out the work. Clerk to action.
- The Clerk had received a quote from GREENS regarding the play park repairs. Cllr Foxwell reported that the climbing frame rope was a little frayed and a screw had come loose on the frame of the tunnel. He suggested that GREENS could review and see if they are able to carry out the repairs alongside the other works. It was PROPOSED by Cllr Hallett, SECONDED by Cllr Lanyon and all AGREED that GREENS be requested to carry out the repairs to the play park. Clerk to action.
- There was a discussion around the walnut tree that had been talked about at a previous meeting. Cllr Foxwell thought he had found a suitable area for it in the north west corner of the playing field, however Cllr Hallett reported that the area in question had not been proposed as there were hopes for a skate park there, in the future. It was PROPOSED by the Chair and SECONDED by Cllr Lanyon that the space be kept free for future plans. This was supported by Cllr Williams but Cllr Hallett, Cllr Hitchens, and Cllr Foxwell all voted in favour of planting the tree. The Chair cast her second vote and it was AGREED to leave the space open.
- Cllr Williams was concerned about the standard of the work that has been carried out behind the playing field on the byway. Cllr Williams thought the Parish council should contact the Highways Service to review. Cllr Foxwell agreed, however thinks the Council should leave it a week to settle down and for some dry weather before raising any concerns. Cllr Foxwell to progress this, if required.

166/20 PARISH ROOMS

- Due to time pressure, it was agreed that the Asbestos report would be deferred to next month's meeting.
- A discussion was had around Legionella. The Chair thanked Cllr Hitchens for all her hard work regarding the Legionella testing and fire safety. There was no further update from Cllr Hitchens due to the lockdown. The Chair is keen to relieve Cllr Hitchens of her responsibility for this and for the Caretaker to carry out the legionella daily/monthly testing. Cllr Lanyon believes that clear instructions of exactly what should be done would help the Caretaker. The Chair and Cllr Hitchens are to review this next week.
- Cllr Hitchens reported that there are two more spaces left on the legionella training course and the Chair noted that more spaces could be purchased, if required. The Caretaker had reported to the Clerk that a

hose is required for cleaning mud away outside the toilet area. The Caretaker reported that the hose they were using is not legionella compliant. The Chair is to look at the report next week.

- Cllr Lanyon is still waiting on a quote from a plumber regarding the gent's toilets. He will chase this up.
- Cllr Lanyon and the Clerk have obtained quotes for different sizes and styles of storage containers. Cllr Foxwell asked if the Clerk could put them together on a spreadsheet. It was agreed that once the Clerk has circulated this information by email a decision will be made based on the majority view and one can be ordered before the next meeting.

167/20 PARISH ROOMS: CARETAKERS DUTIES

The Chair explained how she had met with the Caretaker and they had discussed and made changes to the list of Caretaker duties. The Chair asked all Councillors to have a look at the updated list and if everyone agreed, the Council can move forward with this.

168/20 PARISH COUNCIL FUNCTIONS & INSURANCE

The Chair explained how the Parish Council's litter pickers and Caretaker need to have public liability insurance. The Clerk had contacted the auditor to ask if the Parish Council could pay £10 a month to help towards the insurance. The auditor stated this would not comply with the rules. The Chair explained that the Council need to come up with a solution on how it could help towards the insurance. Cllr Williams suggested an honorarium payment after the contractors have purchased their own insurance. Clerk to contact auditor to enquire if this is allowed.

The Clerk would also contact the contractors and ask them to request some quotes for public liability insurance to help determine a way forward.

168.1/20 Parish council insurance up for renewal

The Parish Council insurance is up for renewal at the end of this month. Cllr Williams explained that the insurance company which has provided cover for the Council over the past year, has been taken over and the new company will not cover public liability for Wheal Maid. In view of the timescales, it was PROPOSED by Cllr Williams, SECONDED by the Chair and AGREED that the renewal of the insurance cover for the Parish Council BE DELEGATED to Cllr Williams in consultation with the Chair.

169/20 WHEAL MAID

The Chair reported that the Wheal Jane Consultancy has almost installed all gauge boards and is ready to carry out the first monthly survey. The Chair asked if Cllr Lanyon had met up with the engineer yet. He wanted to meet with Cllr Lanyon to go through everything that had been done before. Cllr Lanyon will respond when the engineer makes contact.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Lanyon had been made aware of some damage to the grill above Taylors shaft. The Clerk contacted a company and this has now been repaired.

170/20 CEMETERY

A quote had been received for twelve 'reserved' markers for purchased plots. It was PROPOSED by Cllr Williams, SECONDED by Cllr Foxwell and all AGREED that the quote be accepted.

A discussion was had regarding coping stones which have been stolen off the left-hand side of the cemetery wall. The Clerk had obtained a quote for replacements. Cllr Foxwell suggested removing and replacing the other side's coping stone at the same time in order that they would match and would weather at the same time. Clerk to obtain a quote for both sides.

171/20 BOSTOLLS FIELD AND PAYNTER'S POND

Due to time pressure, this was deferred to next month's meeting.

172/20 REPRESENTATION OF COUNCIL AT MEETINGS

Due to time pressure, this was deferred to next month's meeting.

173/20 LNP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This had been discussed under Agenda Item 161/20.

174/20 BANKING

Due to time pressure, this was deferred to next month's meeting.

175/20 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

It was agreed that the advertisement for the Councillor vacancy will close at the end of December.

176/20 BUDGET /PRECEPT 21/22

The Clerk informed all Councillors that a budget meeting is required and the Precept deadline for the financial year 21/22 is the 31 December. The Clerk is to arrange a meeting via Microsoft teams.

177/20 CLOUD BACK-UP

Due to time pressure, this was not discussed, however the Clerk is to look at options and report back to the Chair.

178/20 FINANCE

29/10/2020	DD	BT Group plc - broadband & line rental
06/11/2020	BACS	Kate Mitchell - Salary October
21/11/2020	BACS	Kate Mitchell -Expenses November
21/11/2020	BACS	Kate Mitchell - Salary November
20/11/2020	BACS	Fiona Barnard- Handover training
22/11/2020	BACS	Paul Chegwidden
20/11/2020	BACS	Robert Hallett - litter picking
22/11/2020	BACS	Cornwall Council newsletter print and mailing (spring)

20/11/2020 BACS Ann Gazzard - playing field duties
20/11/2020 BACS Lou Hitchens Thermometer
20/11/2020 BACS GREENS Play park inspection (October)
20/11/2020 BACS Clark Jenner Angove Accountants Ltd (October)
20/11/2020 BACS Clark Jenner Angove Accountants Ltd (November)
20/11/2020 BACS Sparkles Cleaning & Property Maintenance
20/11/2020 BACS Black Rock Joinery
21/11/2020 BACS Young People Cornwall
19/11/2020 BACS HMRC PAYE
20/11/2020 BACS Cormac solutions - Grounds maintenance (November)

179/20 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

At the last meeting, Councillors were unable to make a decision on Planning application PA20//08003 5 Chapel Terrace, Chapel Lane ,Crofthandy, St Day, TR165JQ due to lack of information. The Clerk had contacted the Planning development officer who has sent more information through. The Clerk had circulated the new information to all Councillors. It was requested that the Council consider the following options as set out within the protocol for local Councils by the planning officer.

1. Agree with the recommendation for approval.
2. Agree to disagree
3. Having made strong planning reasons to maintain your original position on the proposal against the recommendation, it is requested that the application is determined by the planning committee.

It was PROPOSED by the Chair, SECONDED by Cllr Hallett and all AGREED that the Council would support option number 1. The Clerk is to inform the planning development officer .

180/20 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MATTERS TO CARRY FORWARD

- Banking
- Bostolls Field and Paynters Pond
- Representation at Council meetings
- Asbestos Report

181/20 CLOSED SESSION

Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.



(Chair) 17/12/20