

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT FROGPOOL CHAPEL ROOMS ON 26th October 2006

Those Present	Cllr. M.I.T. Herbert (Chairman) Cllr J. Wharton (Vice Chairman) Cllr. R. Snell Cllr M Ivey Cllr. D. Lanyon
In attendance	District Councillor Whiteley District Councillor Banks Alan Blamey - Clerk
Apologies	Cllr Nicholls, County Calr Hichens
Also present :	PC Filkins, P. Millett

PARISHIONERS' DISCUSSION

1. PC Filkins reported 3 crimes during the past month, the same as the previous year. His PCSO's return from training next week and will begin their new role in providing support to the beat police. He had attended a meeting at County Hall with other agencies seeking a solution to the off road motorcycle problem.
2. Ditching work was needed in the Crofthandy area. It was normally carried by CCC out in September. It was noted that similar work had commenced in the Frogpool area this week, therefore Crofthandy should follow in the near future. There had also been reported flooding in Trehaddle where ditching was awaited.
3. It had been noticed by several people that the hedgerows had been trimmed by the County in the Frogpool area. This had been left to the landowners in previous years and was welcomed.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

06/98

Councillor Lanyon declared his interest as Chairman of the GPRA and GPPA.

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed as a true record with the amendment of the surname 'Thomas' for 'Brown' in 06/93.

MATTERS ARISING

06/99

1. There had been no action taken to collect the fly tipping despite several calls and the efforts of Cllr Whiteley, who took the details again to chase up. All were in the United Downs / Mount Wellington area.
2. Cllr Wharton had spoken with the Speedvisor operatives to understand the occasional partial covering of the equipment. It was to measure the effect of vehicles speed when the "30 mph" sign was illuminated and when it was not.
3. The next Agenda should include the Great Yard for discussion and consensus on its possible renovation.
4. The 3 reported accidents in two years at the St Day / Crofthandy crossroads was thought to be inaccurate. Cllr Wharton agreed to ask PC Filkins whether any police data was available to compare with the County's assertion.
5. The war memorial at Gwennap had been cleaned and was looking very satisfactory.
6. The visibility at Pulla Cross corner, travelling towards Gwennap was impaired by tree planting by the residents of the property. Accidents were common on the corner, and with buses and dustcarts frequently using the road the chances were high of further problems. A letter would be sent to the residents asking them whether they would consider lowering the height of the hedge.
7. The Chairman undertook to investigate the problem of the Playing Field gates swinging out into the road in high winds.

8. The Council's litter-picker would be asked to carry out a one-off clean at Gwennap in the week preceding the Armistice ceremony.

CASUAL VACANCY

06/100

Councillor Langley had handed in her written resignation from the Council and this had been accepted. Carrick had been informed and their formal notices were being displayed on our notice boards until 2nd November. If less than ten persons had requested an election to fill the vacancy, they would ask the Parish Council to co-opt a councillor until the local elections next May.

The Clerk was asked to prepare notices ready to place on the notice boards asking for those interested to contact the Council. These expressions of interest would then be considered at our next meeting on 23rd November, following which interviews may be necessary.

WHEAL MAID UPDATE

06/101

An e-mail from Mike Hawkey confirmed that the County Council would be carrying out fencing in and around Wheal Maid to protect the erosion of the World Heritage Site by motorised vehicles. The multi-agency approach would take place early in the new year.

There was no mention of the potential leasing of the site to the County Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

06/102

1. Zurich Municipal - It was RESOLVED to pay the insurance renewal premium of £1,773.24.
2. Tony Mogford - It was RESOLVED to continue with the services of Mr Mogford regarding Safety inspections at the Playing Field for another year.
3. CCC Planning - The Tyre shredding facility at Malcolm Drews, United Downs continued to cause problems and the County Council had confirmed they had visited the site recently and would continue to do so in order to ensure the conditions of the recent planning permission were adhered to.
4. Frogpool Cusgarne Football Club - A change of keyholder to the playing field had been notified and would be reflected on the appropriate notices.
5. Cornwall AONB Partnership - With no sites in the Parish, sustainable development fund grants were unlikely to be available to us.
6. CDC - Similarly, with no Parish Plan, small grant funding was also inapplicable.
7. CCC Marketing - Mineral Tramways interpretation panel logos were now available should any organisation wish to introduce their own interpretation panels.
8. CDC - The District Council's Core Strategy Development Plan Document was circulated for councillors comment.
9. The Heathland Survey had been given to those Councillors expressing an interest.

FOOTPATHS

06/103.

1. Cllr Lanyon had asked Paul Chegwidden to revisit Path 58 and cut it wider than at present.
2. Cllr Banks reported Path 36 at Bissoe Hill to Bissoe Lane needed a cut.
3. The short section of Path 53 that met the Crofthandy – Triplet road was thought to be flooding still, despite County works and local infilling. A further check would take place and the matter would be discussed at the next meeting.
4. Cllr Lanyon had contacted Dan Thomas of Countryside Access regarding progress on Path 44 , Chapel Lane Crofthandy. Little seemed to be happening and the Parish Council has assured local residents that it would pursue the matter. Mr Thomas had made a recommendation to his manager for 'major surgery' to the bottom flat section
5. The drain at Higher Goongumpas Lane (near Homecroft) that we had recently carried out works on should be added to Paul Chegwidden's annual ditching list.

PLANNING MATTERS

06/104

NEW APPLICATIONS

Appn Ref PA12/1706/06/R
Applicant Mr & Mrs Steen
Location Tresamble Vean, Tresamble, Gwennap
Development replacement garage with room over
Grid Ref 174750/40210

SUPPORT.

Appn Ref PA12/2016/06/B
Applicant Mr R C Jose
Location part plot 23, United Downs Industrial Park
Development 4no. beehive type industrial units and landscaping
Grid Ref 174370/41530

SUPPORT

Appn Ref PA12/1957/06/B
Applicant Cornwall Wood Treatment Service
Location 12, United Downs Industrial Park
Development proposed covered storage facility for storage of timber
Grid Ref 174140/41880

SUPPORT (mention security lighting)

Appn Ref PA12/1767/06/B
Applicant Mr & Mrs Grubb
Location Penventon, Treviskey, Lanner
Development proposed polytunnel
Grid Ref 173140/39690

SUPPORT

Appn Ref PA12/1997/06/R
Applicant Mr R Drew
Location Harmony Cottage, Lower Goongumpas Lane, Crofthandy
Development proposed 2 storey side extension, including external balcony
Grid Ref 174650/42430

OBJECT (flat roof, overall size, WHS, visual impact)

DECISION NOTICES received back from Carrick..

1. Mr & Mrs Buhagiar, Cascadden House, Trewithen Moor - extension APPROVED
2. Mr C F R Evans, 1 Poldice Terrace, Todpool - retention of caravan APPROVED
3. Mr & Mrs Grubb, Penventon Farm Nursery, Treviskey - horticultural store APPROVED
4. Mr Darlington, Coombe Lane, Bissoe - barn conversion with extension APPROVED
5. M Rowe, Truro Auction Centre, Triplet - change of use from car spares to auction rooms APPROVED until 21/09/07
6. Mr & Mrs Timms, The Cottage, Coombe Lane, Bissoe - retention of garden shed APPROVED

OTHER

1. Mr & Mrs C Gregson, North Tresamble Farm, Gwennap - Erection of tractor shed. No prior approval required.

FINANCE

06/105

IT WAS RESOLVED to pay the following accounts: -

CHEQUE NO.	TO WHOM	DETAIL	AMOUNT (£)
100668	RBL Poppy Appeal	wreath	18.75
100669	Tony Mogford Associates	safety inspections	105.75
100670	Zurich Insurance	annual premium	1,773.24
100671	David Dyer	war memorial clean	295.00
100672	M P Chegwidden	ground works	1,381.80
100673	L Moody	litter / cleaning	280.00
100674	J Wharton	gate lock	31.47

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

06/106

Paul Chegwidden would be asked to clear the path at the playing field which connected the toilet block to the play area. Debris and leaves were the main problems.

The Clerk would also ensure the gutter clearing at the Portakabin and toilet block were on his programme of work.

Grass cuttings were sometimes left on the play matting following grass cutting and should be brushed / blown off.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

06/107

A discussion took place regarding the publication of a parish magazine. All thought that it would be a good idea and could potentially incorporate newsletters, which other parish organisations currently circulated. Problems could arise over distribution with such a widespread parish but the first hurdle was to find someone sufficiently interested to take on the editor role. There were possibly others who would lend assistance but there needed to be one co-ordinator, and the Clerk was asked to place a poster on the notice boards seeking volunteers.

CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS

06/108

1. The Chairman felt we should begin to think about possibly replacing the portakabin with a purpose built room on the same site. Whilst there was support for this, it was also suggested that any such development might be better sited nearer the nucleus of the village. Land availability was the problem. Further thought was needed before a fuller discussion could take place.
2. It was agreed that a letter of thanks and best wishes be sent to the retiring landlord and his wife of the Cornish Arms. They had supported many village organisations during their 23 years and provided one of the few meeting points left in the village.

Signed.....
Chairman

23rd November 2006