

Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT FROGPOOL CHAPEL ROOMS ON 21st JUNE 2007

Present. Cllr I Herbert (Chairman), Cllr J Wharton , Cllr R Snell

In attendance Alan Blamey - Clerk, District Cllr J Whiteley

Apologies Cllr Squibb, County Cllr Hichens, Tree Warden Paul Millett

Also present : Ray Humble, Kevin Furnish, Julie Ward

PARISHIONERS' DISCUSSION

There were no members of the public in attendance therefore no points were raised.
There was no Police report nor Police attendance.

07/191

CO-OPTION OF ADDITIONAL COUNCILLORS

1. The Council has held interviews since the last meeting and three new Councillors have been selected. Ray Humble, Julie Ward and Kevin Furnish now make the Parish Council up to a full compliment of seven.

SIGNING OF THE DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

07/192

1. The three new Councillors signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office, countersigned by the Clerk as the Proper Officer of the Council.

BANK MANDATES

07/193 Each new Councillor also signed the HSBC Bank mandate to become authorised signatories of the Council, and each now needed to present themselves at a HSBC bank with their required proofs of identity, following which they would be confirmed as signatories on the Parish Council accounts. This also applies to Cllr Squibb who was absent this evening.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

07/194

none.

MINUTES.

07/195

The minutes of the May meeting were signed as a true record following an amendment to 07/187 para 5, which the Chairman initialed.

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

07/196

1. The future timing and title of the PACT meetings was thought to be changing, but there was no Police presence to discuss how the new arrangements would fit in with the Council schedule.
2. The Pulla Bridge travellers enforcement notice was still with Carrick legal department but was anticipated to be served in the next week. There would then probably follow an appeal process which could also take quite a time, but due process had to be followed.
3. The County Surveyor had inspected both proposed sites for a new bus shelter, and considered the Trelawney Estate site to be the better of the two. The next stage was for the Parish Council to assess usage, and it was suggested we write to Truronian to see if they would count the numbers over a period of time to assist. The school buses would have to be tackled differently.
4. The Code of Conduct training on 11th July would be attended by Councillors Humble and Ward as well as the already notified Wharton and Squibb.

CORRESPONDENCE

07/197

- 1 St Day Parish Council have sent the Minutes of the Mining Villages Regeneration meeting of 17th May 2007
- 2 Standards Board for England - guides for members were distributed to Councillors.
- 3 Carrick DC - Code of Conduct Registration of Members' Interests forms were given to each Councillor and the Clerk would then send the completed copies to Carrick.

4. Carrick DC had written outlining available Grants for Play Projects, and although the Parish Council had no immediate plans, it was proposed that a copy be sent to the school who might be planning something.
5. CCC - welcomed views on Rural Bus Services, and the Chairman undertook to reply.
6. CCC have published their Draft Cornwall Countryside Access Strategy consultation. The Clerk, Cllr Furnish and Cllr Snell would review the document and make any useful comments.
7. CCC extended an invitation to the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site first anniversary celebration. The Clerk would be on holiday, but the Chairman would deputise, gathering copies of any literature on offer to feed back to the Council.
8. Carrick DC Chairman was inviting views on his idea for an occasional coffee morning for Clerks / Chairmen. The Clerk would reply confirming that we felt this would be beneficial.

WHEAL MAID

07/198

1. The Clerk had spoken to Joe Ryan at the Environment Agency to get an update on the progress of the report into contamination at Wheal Maid. He was still waiting for the Health Protection Agency (HPA) to report back on the human health risk, but anticipated that this would be a matter of weeks.
2. Joe had met with a group of Crofthandy area residents to explain the process in detail, mainly to allay any fears created following the unofficial tests carried out at Wheal Jane.
3. The Clerk had written to the 'Competent Person' – Mike Cambridge, who, on behalf of the Parish Council, was responsible for assessing the risks associated with the structural stability of the dams and culvert. He would be visiting the site in July and the Clerk would accompany him on the site.

PLANNING

07/199

NEW APPLICATIONS

Appn Ref	PA13/0614/07/M
Applicant	Mr D Moses
Location	Cornish Concrete Products, Point Mills, Bissoe
Development	erection of finishing and bar bending building
Grid Ref	177180/41430

SUPPORT, but with conditions attached to noise levels, & screening

Appn Ref	PA12/0684/07/M
Applicant	Mr C Bailey – Holman Wilfley
Location	United Downs Industrial Park, St Day
Development	Three industrial buildings and offices. 1 for own use, 2 speculative.
Grid Ref	174470/41590

SUPPORT, but mention the granite railway setts on site.

OTHER PLANNING

Decision notices had been received back from Carrick

Mr & Mrs Grubb, Penventon Nursery – removal of flagstaffs, provision of 2 pole mounted non-illuminated signs APPROVED.

Mr Elliott, Sampsfeld, Sparry Lane, Carharrack - change of use to domestic, plus garage. APPROVED.

SPECIAL PLANNING MEETING

Because of the length of time between meetings, it was necessary to consider the following plans at a meeting held on 30th May in order to get the comments back to the District Council on time.

1. Mr & Mrs Parker Price, Carn View, Lower Goongumpas - upper floor extension to form en suite and balcony SUPPORT.
2. Mr R Drew, Scrap Yard, United Downs - change of use of land from scrapyard into open storage areas, including engineering operation to provide new ground levels (part retrospective). SUPPORT.
3. Mr N Datson, Point Villa, Point Mills - proposed single storey extension to rear and side . SUPPORT.
4. Mr B Rowe, Lower Tolgullow Vean Farm, Little Beside, St Day - Mattress & Bed-Base segregation within the existing building. REFUSE.

FINANCE

07/200

1. Income of £320 had been received from the football club for 06/07 season's rent, and £349.93 from Zurich in settlement of the stolen Playing Field gates claim.
2. It was RESOLVED to close the 14 day notice account at HBC and transfer the balance to a High Interest Deposit Bond, moving the interest payable from 2.29% up to 4.18%.
3. The Annual return for 06/07 had been returned for amendment, and was countersigned by the Clerk and Chairman.

Accounts.

IT WAS RESOLVED to pay the following accounts: -

CHEQUE NO.	TO WHOM	DETAIL	AMOUNT (£)
100715	Cornwall & Devon Media Ltd	Adverts	52.89
100716	Carrick District Council	Election expenses	86.98
100717	A Blamey	Salary/Expenses Apl – June	988.73
100718	HM Revenue & Customs Only	Income Tax	414.42
100719	T H Douce & Sons	Haulage	411.25
100720	M P Chegwidden	Grass cutting / footpaths	1400.60

FOOTPATHS

07/201

1. The works to byways 44 and 47 were the subject of a site visit by Councillors on Wednesday 30th May. It was RESOLVED to get Paul Chegwidden to carry out the clearance of the drain leading from Path 44 to Path 47, also re-creating the small channel outside the gully to enable pooling surface water away. Also, tarmac was required outside Chapel Terrace where the road scalplings were very loose and needed binding.
2. District Councillor Whiteley agreed to take a Parish footpath map to Carrick to have copies made for each Councillor. The Council were prepared to pay for this as it was felt to be an important aide.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

07/202

1. It was RESOLVED to concrete the area beneath the new picnic table, and to kerb and gravel the area in front of the Portakabin, eventually putting some plant containers on the gravel.
2. The Chairman would attach chains to the climbing ropes, but needed the ropes to be taken down, one at a time, to carry out the work.
3. The Clerk would write to the County Surveyor asking for the white lines in Crofthandy to be renewed, and also for a sign at Comford to indicate to traffic coming from the Falmouth direction that there was a concealed entrance immediately following the corner.

CHAIRMANS URGENT BUSINESS.

07/203

1. The Clerk would inform Councillors of the level of insurance liability cover.
2. The next Agenda would discuss the potential for a Parish Newsletter aligned to a Parish website, with Cllr Furnish expressing an interest in furthering this idea.
3. The Chairman / Chairman’s wife wanted weekly input from Councillors on items that could be fed into the West Briton relating to Parish news. The layout for this would be an agenda item next month.
4. It was felt that new Councillors could, if they wished, accompany existing Councillors who represented the Council on outside bodies, thereby getting a flavour of the range of issues / topics being covered, and perhaps eventually replacing the existing Councillor.

Signed.....
Chairman

26th July 2007