Gwennap Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT CROFTHANDY VILLAGE HALL ON 24th APRIL 2008

Present. Cllr I Herbert (Chairman), Cllr R Snell, Cllr K Furnish, Cllr R Humble,

Cllr Padmore & Cllr M McInnes

In attendance Alan Blamey - Clerk

Apologies Cllr Squibb, County Cllr Hichens

Also present: P.Millett, P.Hawke, Mr & Mrs Clinton, Mr & Mrs Allard, J.Wharton,

J.Ward,

PUBLIC CLINIC

 The Chairman gave Mr Wharton a summary of the Culvert survey and how the valley remediation now gets taken forward.

- 2. Mr Allard asked how the sale of the Banger Racing track at United might affect Wheal Maid. It was feared that the current use by landrovers and other organised motor sports might drive them into the Wheal Maid valley. The Chairman explained that the Parish Council had no knowledge of the future plans.
- 3. Mr Wharton informed the meeting that a motorcycle 'course' had been made in the tree area owned by the County Council above the valley. The Clerk would draw this to the attention of Mike Hawkey.
- 4. Mr Allard believed that the incident log reporting system was being misinterpreted by the Police, and that the number of complaints was actually higher than shown.
- 5. The 'SLOW' sign in the road outside the village hall in Crofthandy had never been re-painted since the last resurfacing. The Clerk would draw this to the attention of the Area Surveyor, along with the need for a similar sign at the foot of Cusgarne hill.
- 6. District Cllr Whiteley explained to the meeting the position of the travellers at Trehaddle. Unfortunately, the officer in Carrick who should be giving an update of 'what happens next' was off sick. The Clerk would press for a reply before the next meeting.
- 7. A letter from Mrs Millett explained that in millennium year, a group of individuals got together to raise money towards a parish magazine. They raised £212 which was lodged with the GPRA, and was then passed to the Parish Council. It would be appropriate if this funding was now put towards the cost of the current parish newsletter and an acknowledgement included in the next edition.
- 8. Ms Ward showed Councillors a video of bikers in the Wheal Maid valley taken this evening. It appeared that some were using a spade to make mountain bike ramps.
- 9. Rubbish was being dumped alongside the bridge at Pulla Bridge the Clerk would investigate and inform the appropriate agency.
- 10. PCSO Boyle presented the Police report for the past month. Comparatively, crime was down on the previous year, with five reported crimes in the past month.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

08/001

Cllr Furnish declared a personal interest in the planning application of Mr Veal of Wheal Fortune and would take no part in the discussion or vote.

Cllr Padmore declared a personal interest in the SITA planning application and would take no part in any vote.

PREVIOUS MINUTES.

08/002

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

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

08/003

- Cllr McInnes spoke of the dangerous parking by school parents outside Horseshoe Cottage, on a blind bend. Both
 he and Cllr Humble had seen near misses in recent days. PCSO Boyle took the details and would look into the
 matter.
- 2. The lychgate at Gwennap Church appeared wide enough to take a disabled wheelchair.

CORNWALL ELECTORAL REVIEW

The review now leaned towards 130 Councillors to serve the new Unitary Authority. The clusters of Parish Councils had already changed twice in a week, and we were unhappy to be grouped with St Gluvias and Stithians when we had pointed out the advantages of linking with fellow mining parishes. The Clerk would reinforce these views to the Boundary Commission.

The Chairman confirmed that a similar request had been made through the Mining Villages Regeneration meeting. There would be a further opportunity to comment in July when their work would be published.

WHEAL MAID

08/005

- 1. The Culvert draft survey had been carried out and indicated that it was in good condition. There were recommendations that the Council would follow up and others that they were seeking expert advice on from Cantab.
- 2. The Steering Group had met since the last Parish Council meeting. The Environment Agency spoke of the draft report that their consultants had prepared indicating varying degrees of remediation. The next stage would be for the E.A. to get further work carried out to test the options then to approach DEFRA who would have the final say in what they might be prepared to fund.
- 3. PCSO Boyle was still of the opinion that officers were not to enter the valley. The Clerk explained what he believed Inspector Trott had said in the recent steering group, and this would be followed up.
- 4. The Police report showed a log total to date of 186 pages of complaints made to them regarding nuisance caused by motorised vehicles in the valley. The Police presence in the area had increased significantly.

CORRESPONDENCE

08/006

- 1. The County Council's report on access to Public Transport was now available and the main headline recommendation was that 'a study be commissioned to fully explore the potential for introducing concessionary bus travel for residents of Cornwall aged 19 years and under'.
- 2. A copy of the SITA quarterly review had been received. The recent Open Day had been very informative. The Clerk had attended the Liaison Group meeting held on 17th April where it was confirmed that the final tonnage of material tipped by October 2010 (closure date) would be between 300,000 400,000 tonnes less than planned. The restoration plans were now being remodelled.
- 3. The County Archivist estimated that it would be 2-3 months before we would receive tithe maps and CDs
- 4. The minutes of Carharrack Parish Council's meeting of 17th March were noted.
- 5. A press release had been received from RE:SOURCE a local furniture reuse centre.
- 6. A letter of invitation had been received from Cusgarne School to a meeting that planned to re-introduce a Parish Summer Fete. The Clerk had attended and gave a summary of what was planned for Saturday 28th June. It would be possible to use the Parish Council licence to print and sell raffle tickets as it was a Gwennap Parish Community event.
- 7. A reply from the Chief Executive of the County Council confirmed that our request for the new Unitary Authority to consider sites for travellers had been taken on board.
- 8. Cornwall Hospice Care had sent promotional information for their 'Make a Will' week.
- 9. The County Council had sent leaflets on Civil Parking Enforcement. They had taken over this responsibility from the Police w.e.f. 5th May 2008.
- 10. A copy letter from the County Surveyor to the W.I. reiterated information that the Parish Council had received when making a request for a 20mph limit on the approaches to Cusgarne School. They were unable to create such a zone.
- 11. A letter of reply from the Area Surveyor regarding Point Mills junction had been received. He was happy that all signs/markings complied with their legislation, but would renew the worn out road markings. This was not accepted by the meeting and further enquiries would be made and Cllr Hichens copied in to get his support.

PLANNING 08/007

NEW APPLICATIONS

Appn Ref PA12/0535/08/R

Applicant Mr & Mrs Hustler, Bay Tree Barn, Cusgarne

Development 1st floor extension, increase height of barn conversion, rear single storey extension

Grid Ref 175380/41300

SUPPORT.

Appn Ref PA12/0420/08/R

Applicant Mr R Veal, Wheal Fortune Farm, Wheal Henry

Development raise roof of building for 1st floor & loft accom. & erect single storey side extension

Grid Ref 175330/42300

SUPPORT

Appn Ref PA12/0561/08/B

Applicant Mr J Tonkin, United Downs Industrial Park

Development new industrial units for the storage and recovery of vehicles

Grid Ref 174190/41470

SUPPORT

PLANS DEALT WITH SINCE THE LAST MEETING.

- 1. Mrs H Cox, The Glebe, Gwennap fell one acacia tree SUPPORT.
- 2. Mr D Bedford, Magpies Cottage, Higher Goongumpas conv. of garage to holiday let. SUPPORT

OTHER PLANNING DECISIONS FROM CARRICK.

- 1. Mr A Smith, Wee Chy An Brea, Pulla Cross extension. APPROVED
- 2. R.M.Developments, Plot 10, United Downs Industrial Estate storage/office space. APPROVED
- 3. Mr & Mrs Monks, Cusgarne House replace various doors, windows & gates. APPROVED.
- 4. Mr & Mrs Ellis, Glenshael, Frogpool conservatory extension. APPROVED.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

- Invitation from the Environment Agency to comment on the application by SITA for a variation to their tipping permit to accommodate the additional waste being transported from Connon Bridge.
 There is no increase in the total void capacity, or the October 2010 closure date. The Parish Council gave their support to the variation.
- 2. A copy of a letter sent from a 'concerned resident' to Carrick Planning had been received for our information. It related to an area of land at Goongumpas. No Parish Council action was necessary.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE 08/008

- 1. It was RESOLVED to purchase four wooden plant containers to be placed outside the Portakabin at the Playing Field. We would then seek advice on what should be planted in them.
- 2. It was RESOLVED that the steps of the Portakabin be pressure washed and the facing part painted white.
- 3. As we were in a new financial year now, works on the island at Crofthandy could now be put in hand. The Clerk would liase with Paul Chegwidden.
- 4. The works on making safe the headstones in Gwennap Churchyard had now been completed by Paul Chegwidden, with help from the Chairman.
- 5. Additional works were approved that were included on Paul Chegwidden's account this month. They were clearance of rubbish and bleaching of tables at the Playing Field. The painting of the toilet block had been previously agreed.

FOOTPATH MATTERS

08/009

1. Footpath 54 was still very muddy. The Clerk is to press the County for a reply to our earlier correspondence.

FINANCE

08/010

1. It was RESOLVED that the following cheques be signed:

CHEQUE NO.	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT(£)
100785	A.E.Harris	Internal Audit	£75.00
100786	EDF Energy	P.Field electricity	£110.04
100787	Cwll & Devon Media	Adverts	£74.03
100788	M P Chegwidden	grass, paths & headstones	£1993.37

- 2. The Clerk presented the notes and recommendations from the Internal Auditor. It was RESOLVED to let the matter of Acland Plant rest, whilst all other matters raised had now been satisfactorily cleared by the Clerk. The recommendation that footpaths and grass cutting be put to tender before next year was agreed. The street cleaning would be reviewed when the grant situation was known.
- 3. It was RESOLVED that the Chairman sign the Audit document and along with the Vice-Chairman, sign the cash book for the 2007/08 year.
- 4. The Clerk confirmed income of £1,408.81 from HM Customs and Excise (vat from October '07 to March '08), £13,964 precept half year from Carrick and £1,228.58 cleansing grant from Carrick for the year.

Signed	22 nd May 2008
Chairman	