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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON Tuesday 18th May 2021

In attendance:

Cllr Richard Williams (Chair)
Cllr Greg Foxwell (Vice Chair)
Cllr Andi Freeman
Cllr Norma Johns

Lucy Richards Member of Public
Paul Bateman Planning Consultant
Cornwall Councillor John Thomas MBE

83/21 APOLOGIES – to receive, note and accept apologies:

There were none as all Councillors were in attendance.

84/21 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR:

The Parish Clerk opened the meeting by inviting nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair.

It was MOVED by Cllr Foxwell, SECONDED by Cllr Freeman and AGREED that Cllr Williams be elected as Chair.

It was MOVED by the Chair, SECONDED by Cllr Freeman and AGREED that Cllr Foxwell be elected as Vice-Chair.

The Chair thanked the Clerk for his support to the Parish and his fellow Councillors for being willing to stand for the Parish Council. He gave a warm welcome to Cllr Johns, as a new member of the Parish Council.

All Councillors duly signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

85/21 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPI) AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS (NPI) – to receive and note (if any):

None were declared

86/21 OPEN FORUM - for members of the Parish to make representations to the Council:



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Lucy Richards spoke in depth about the work of the Gwennap Traffic Group and their desire, prior to covid restrictions, to implement a neighbourhood speed watch. Before March 2020, there had been a lot of work completed on establishing the concerns from the Parish and hot spots for speeding. They also had had discussions about parking and traffic around Cusgarne School. Lucy had been trying to get in contact with the police liaison officer for training to be able to carry out speed watch duties with a handheld camera. They have good support with volunteers ready and willing for future activities. Lucy asked Councillor Thomas to support her approach to the police so they could progress their plans. Cllr Thomas acknowledged the emails that had been sent to him and said that he would try to bring about the same success that they had achieved in Lanner.

Paul Bateman, was representing Parish residents in respect of planning application PA19/11149. Paul explained that the Parish Council had supported this application previously but they had been required to make changes to the application so that one of the houses could be affordable. However, the family who were to live in that property were not eligible for a mortgage on an affordable home. However, the intention will be realised because the property will be used by a family member as their main residence. The other change was the wording to the application which was to show that it met both the criteria of the NDP and the Cornwall Council Local Plan.

Paul also said that he would be happy to give guidance to the Parish Council on planning policy and decision-making. The Chair thanked Paul and indicated that his kind offer was welcome.

Ray Humble had been a Parish Councillor when the defibrillators were installed around the Parish and he had been maintaining them since then. He is happy to carry on doing this but there is a need to replace the pads. This would be a cost of around £200+vat. Councillors expressed their appreciation for Ray's commitment. It was MOVED by Cllr Foxwell, SECONDED by Cllr Johns and AGREED that the purchase of replacement pads for the defibrillators be approved.

87/21 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR - To receive a report from Cornwall Councillor John Thomas MBE:

The Chair welcomed Cllr Thomas to the meeting and congratulated him on being elected to the new division of Stithians, Lanner and Gwennap. He asked Cllr Thomas to outline his objectives for the next four years.



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Cllr Thomas replied that Adult Social Care, Planning and Speeding were his generic priorities but that he was keen to help the local Parish Councils with individual issues. He had not prepared a written report for this meeting due to only being sworn in on the previous Friday. He also informed the meeting that he did not know his Cornwall Council commitments yet as appointments had not been made. However, he was hoping to sit on Central Planning Committee which he has been a member of for the last two terms.

Cllr Foxwell presented the priorities of the Parish Council and indicated that he would email the list below to Cllr Thomas.

Cllr Foxwell thanked Cllr Thomas for attending the meeting and setting out his priorities. He reiterated the Chair's comments that the Parish Council were intent on reinvigorating themselves to best serve the Parishioners. The Council has lost some excellent Members over the past year but, although the Councillors are all relatively new, there is a determination to be proactive.

The list of priorities (in no particular order) is as follows:

- 1) Housing within the Parish, particularly affordable housing. The Council were made aware of a scheme initiated by Cornwall Community Land Trust (CLT), that would provide affordable houses in the Parish. The Diocese owns the relevant land and movement at the moment is stalled so, as a Parish Council, we want to move things along and start consulting our parishioners.

Neighbouring parishes seem to be ahead of our agenda with developments for over 55's, for example, so that residents can stay in their parish whilst releasing family homes (hopefully for local people).

- 2) Cornish Metals are drilling in United Downs to see if there is sufficient high grade ore including lithium to warrant shallow mining. This will inevitably be controversial with parishioners' opinions being very diverse.
- 3) The proposal for a Rum Distillery facility sited on the banger racing track split both the Parish and the Parish Council, with 3 votes for and 3 against with the Chair's casting vote coming into force. What is going to happen now?
- 4) The Geothermal project is moving on apace with G7 visitors likely to be on site. The seismic reactions have caused some concern. That said, the green environmental credentials are very strong and we will probably see other enterprises (apart from the rum distillery) keen to move in.
- 5) Wheal Maid was acquired by the Parish 17 years ago, as there was concern that it would be turned into a giant landfill site. Various 'schemes' for its use were discussed. We are now faced with two issues: the insurance premium for public liability is massive £10,000; the upkeep is on-going and we have a mountain bike presence. Mountain bikers have over several years created huge jumps and tracks. This attracts riders from across the country to visit and use what has been created. This Council only became formally aware of this over the last few weeks.



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- 6) The Council has always had and will maintain a keen priority of fighting global warming.
- 7) Finally, there is also the on-going issue of speeding and traffic and every other 'issue' common to all parishes.

88/21 MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING (Wednesday 14th April 2021)– to confirm accuracy and approve:

It was MOVED by the Chair, SECONDED by Cllr Foxwell and AGREED that the draft minutes of the meeting of 14 April 2021 be approved as a correct record.

89/21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (not on the agenda, for report only):

There were none that didn't appear on the main Agenda.

90/21 Revised Code of Conduct

The Chair explained that a revised Code of Conduct had been circulated by Cornwall Council which took account of some of the recommendations of the Committee on Standards in Public Life (CSPL). The advice to all town and parish councils was to adopt the new Code. The Standards Committee of Cornwall Council would be producing a revised Code once the legislative changes required to implement the CSPL's full recommendations had been brought into force.

It was formally noted that the Clerk had provided online copies of the Code to all Councillors and hard copies were provided at the meeting.

The Chair also advised that all Councillors had to undertake training on the Code within 6 months of taking office. Three sessions had been arranged by Cornwall Council but if people couldn't attend, the sessions would be recorded for accessing at a later date.

It was MOVED by the Chair, SECONDED by Cllr Freeman and AGREED that the revised Code of Conduct as circulated by Cornwall Council be adopted as the Code of Conduct for Gwennap Parish Council.

91/21 CORRESPONDENCE (not on the agenda and for report only, if any)

- Mountain biking at Wheal Maid- The Chair had met the complainant on site and he and Councillor Foxwell had made a further site visit the following week. They had also had the opportunity of talking at length



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to two users of the track. It was clearly a well-used and appreciated facility which had national profile. However, damage was being caused to the land and the track was growing bigger all the time. Cllr Foxwell confirmed that the land in question is within the Parish Council's Wheal Maid ownership. Possible solutions will have to be discussed as part of the wider debate around the future of Wheal Maid.

- Youth Group- The Chair advised that he had secured the agreement of the funding body to allow the Council to utilise existing grant funding up until March 2022. Funding beyond that date would have to be approved by way of a further application.
- Mount Wellington Farm- The Chair and Cllr Foxwell had attended a site meeting at the industrial site at Mount Wellington to discuss the concerns of damage to trees covered by a TPO, a potential landslide and tipping down the back of the site. The complainant and the former site manager had also attended. As a result of that meeting, the former site manager had contacted the site owner with suggestions to address the problems.
- Planning Complaint – Concerns have been expressed about a possible camp site at Court Farm. Both the Complainant and the Parish Council have written to the Planning Enforcement Service.
- Affordable Housing Development – The Chair reported that there were concerns over the progress of a possible Affordable Housing Development in the Parish. The Chair has written to seek clarification of the position.

92/21 PLANNING – to consider the following planning applications:

Application PA21/03186

Proposal Creation of a new access gate from Race Hill to a field that forms part of the property at Clifford House TR4 8RH with works to boundary Cornish hedge. The new entrance gate would also be set back 7m so that it can be opened and closed without vehicles blocking the lane.

No trees are affected by this proposal.

Location Clifford House Race Hill Bissoe Truro

Applicant Stephen Grant

Grid Ref 176426 / 41267

It was noted that the scheme would provide greater safety for highway users and that the Cornish hedge that would be taken down would be replaced with a superior one.

It was MOVED by Cllr Foxwell, SECONDED by Cllr Freeman and AGREED that there be no objection to this application.

Application PA21/02608

Proposal New agricultural building



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Location Land North Of Oak Tree Farm Coombe Hill Bissoe TR4 8RQ
Applicant MR DANIEL CREWES
Grid Ref 176361 / 41328

The Council noted that a residential application had been made previously for the same barn. It was confirmed that approval for this development would not facilitate a further application to convert the barn from agricultural to residential use which would fall foul of the provisions of the NDP.

It was MOVED by the Chair, SECONDED by Cllr Johns and AGREED that there be no objection to this application.

Application PA19/11149

Proposal The construction of two open market dwellings on previously developed land within and adjacent to the settlement of Crofthandy

Location Land North Of Crossways Crofthandy St Day Cornwall

Applicant Mr And Mrs D Emmett

Grid Ref 173875 / 42543

The Councillors took note of the representations made by the Planning Consultant and by the applicants who joined the meeting online.

It was MOVED by Cllr Foxwell, SECONDED by Cllr Freeman and AGREED that there be no objection to this application.

Application PA21/04579

Proposal Non material amendment in relation to Decision Notice PA19/09184 dated 11.12.2019

Location Rosemerryn Road From Rosemellyn To Coldwind Cross Coldwind Cross Perranwell Station TR3 7NA

Applicant PW & DA Pryor

It was noted that the only change from this application to the one supported previously by the Parish Council was the word 'incidental' in relation to the garage.

It was MOVED by Cllr Williams, SECONDED by Cllr Johns and AGREED that there be no objection to this application.

Amendment to published agenda

Application PA21/04085

Proposal Proposed carport, replacement of garage door with pedestrian door and increased porch size

Location Trelene Road From Trelawney Estate To Greensplat Frogpool TR4 8RU

Applicant Mrs V Tomlinson

Grid Ref 175851 / 39944

It was MOVED by Cllr Foxwell, SECONDED by Cllr Freeman and AGREED that there be no objection to this application.

Decisions



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29.04.2021 PA21/02254 APPROVED

Applicant: - - -

Location: Land Adjacent To The United Downs Deep Geothermal Power Project United Downs TR16 5HY

Proposal: Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved: Sustainable Distillery Research Centre including demonstrator geothermal energy centre; demonstrator spirit distillery; demonstrator spirit cask maturation pods; areas for research and development; laboratory; spirit cask processing, filling and repair (cooperage); warehousing; and ancillary storage, office space, presentation room, kitchen, rest area and WC; with associated service road, vehicle turning head and parking area, drainage and utilities.

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30.04.2021 PA21/03281 No objections (OHL/OHE/HG apps)

Applicant: Mr Martin Casson

Location: Race Hill Bissoe Cornwall

Proposal: Overhead Lines Exemption (England and Wales) Regulations 2009 -

Erect a new overhead Low Voltage Line consisting of 2 poles and 2 stays to supply a single point connection

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Ward : Carharrack, Gwennap And St Day Electoral Division

93/21 HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – to report issues, note updates and discuss highways' priorities and liaison with Cornwall Council:

Cllr Foxwell updated the meeting on pothole issues within the Parish with several outstanding on Coombe Lane, Bissoe. Cornwall Council have confirmed this is on a schedule of works and is awaiting a special machine to complete the task.

Cllr Freeman confirmed that she had also reported several pothole issues which had been addressed.

It was confirmed that the major pothole near the entrance to the Frogpool Burial Ground had been filled.

94/21 RICHARD JORY PLAYING FIELD – to report issues, note updates and discuss any actions required:

Subject to Government guidance, it was agreed that the play equipment which had been taken down due to covid would be put back again and the tunnel would be re-opened.

It was suggested that this be done on 19 June.



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The purchase of the storage container from Cleveland Containers had been approved by the Chair and Cllr Foxwell under delegated powers and delivery details are now awaited.

95/21 PARISH ROOMS

The use of the Rooms for election purposes had passed without incident and the Parish Council expressed their thanks to all residents for their co-operation with the socially distanced arrangements.

96/21 REPRESENTATION OF COUNCIL AT OTHER MEETINGS – to discuss and agree which meeting Councillors would like to attend and who will be the lead Councillor:

It was agreed that the Councillors referred to would represent the Council at the following meetings.

Due to the elections, the only meeting that had taken place since the last Council meeting was the GEL Consultation Group.

The Parish Rooms would be hosting the MVRG on 27 May.

The Chair - *Mining Villages Regeneration Group
Community Network
Housing Group*

Cllr Foxwell- *Rights of Way
GEL Consultation Group
Housing Group*

Cllr Freeman- *Climate Change Action Group
Housing Group*

Cllr Johns *TBC*

97/21 FINANCE – to include finance report and note income received and payments for approval:

The Finance Report (including proposed monthly payments) had been circulated online to Councillors prior to the meeting and was presented by the Clerk on screen. The Chair thanked the Clerk for the huge amount of work done to clarify and balance the figures.

It was MOVED by the Chair, SECONDED by Cllr Freeman and AGREED that the proposed monthly payments as set out in the table below, be approved.



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Paul Chegwidden Cementary	902.08
Paul Chegwidden Playing field	614.40
HMRC	17.95
Cormac Apr- May	128.53
Greens Inspection Feb Mar	216.00
Greens Inspection April	108.00
Host Media	26.35
Staffing Costs	1,785.41
Total	£3,798.08

98/21 Frogpool Burial Ground:

The Clerk advised of forthcoming funeral and internment of ashes arrangements which will take place in May and June.

99/21 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS – at the Chairs discretion to discuss any other urgent business not available to include on the Agenda at the time of its publication:

The Chair advised that he had not received any urgent business.

100/21 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MATTERS TO CARRY FORWARD – matters to be included as an agenda item at the next meeting:

- Update on Affordable Housing Development

101/21 CLOSED SESSION - EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – to discuss any matters of a confidential nature. The press and public will be excluded from this part of the meeting.