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MINUTES OF MEETING OF GWENNAP PARISH COUNCIL **Tuesday 27th July 2021 (reconvened on Thursday 12th August)**

In attendance:

Cllr Richard Williams (Chair)	RW
Cllr Greg Foxwell (Vice Chair)	GF
Cllr Andi Freeman	AF
Cllr Norma Johns	NJ
Cllr Steve Trelease	ST
Chris Ring (Parish Clerk)	PC
John Thomas (Cornwall Councillor)	
Ronnie Henderson (Member of Public)	
Ray Humble (Member of Public)	

RW welcomed Chris Ring the new Parish Clerk, who started on July 1st 2021

AGENDA

123/21 APOLOGIES: None received

124/21 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: RW declared a non-registerable interest in planning application PA21/065501 on the basis that his property is directly opposite the application site.

125/21 OPEN FORUM: For residents of the Parish/members of the public to make representations to the Council.

RAY HUMBLE: An error on the previous minutes with the spelling of 'Humble' was pointed out. He also reminded the Council of the need to include the financial report in the published minutes. Ray gave the Council information on the Wheal Maid site including the need for inspections. RW thanked Ray and confirmed that regular inspections of both the tailings dams and the culvert were taking place.

RONNIE HENDERSON: Mr Henderson informed the Council of his potential planning application for housing for the over 55s in Frogpool. He gave a detailed explanation of his proposal.

RW, AF and Cornwall Councillor Thomas advised of the need to follow the full planning application process and the need to work within the NDP. The Councillors were supportive in principle of the need for affordable housing within the Parish but emphasised that they were not in a position to take a view on any specific application until it was referred to them by Cornwall Council as part of the formal consultation process.

126/21 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR REPORT:

Cornwall Councillor John Thomas submitted a formal report which can be found at the end of these minutes. RW and the PC had visited the site mentioned regarding fly tipping. JT confirmed he is and will continue to bring this to the attention of the relevant officers at Cornwall Council. JT discussed the planning application PA21/4435. AF asked about PA21/03129 which was discussed fully

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during item 130/21

127/21 MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING: (Tuesday 15th June 2021)
After the correction of spelling of 'Ray Humble' and inclusion of the financial report, it was MOVED by AF, SECONDED by GF and AGREED that the minutes of the meeting of 15th June be approved as a correct record.

128/21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

RW confirmed that the objection lodged by the Parish Council in respect of PA21/04435 had not been supported by Cornwall Council who are minded to grant the application. The Parish Council has re-stated its objection. PA21/04961 had not been granted by Cornwall Council as they consider that a new planning application is needed rather than a variation to the existing planning permission.

129/21 CORRESPONDENCE:

The PC confirmed an interment of two lots of ashes had taken place and, as the cost was the same as would have been required for a single interment, in consultation with RW and GF, it had been agreed that the charge would only be for a single interment.

Peninsula Transport Consultation: RW advised that this Consultation was open until February and that because of the importance of rural transport, it may be that someone would wish to comment on behalf of the Parish.

The issue of large vehicles on the smaller roads of the Parish was discussed. Councillor Thomas will take advice on appropriate signage. Charlotte Caldwell, Community Link Officer, will be asked to help with this.

Countryside Stewardship Scheme: RW explained the delay in submitting the application for the renewal of payments under this Scheme. This has now been done.

Wacky Races: GF reported that he had been informed this had been a success with over 350 attendees over the 3 days.

130/21 PLANNING: to consider the following planning applications:

PA20/06291

Change of use of land to residential and construction of domestic garage
Fairways Farm. Wheal Clifford. St Day. Redruth

Mr & Mrs Hambly

It was MOVED by RW, SECONDED by AF and AGREED that there be no objection to this application.

PA21/04686

Works to trees subject to a TPO: To coppice row of semi-mature Ash and Sycamore trees and to remove 3 large Cypress trees. Montana Coombe Hill Bissoe TR4 8RQ

Having noted the comments by the Forestry Officer, it was MOVED by

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GF, SECONDED by ST and AGREED that there be no objection to this application.

PA21/05983

Proposal to fell 12 Monterey Pines
Blujenn. Consols Road. Carharrack. Redruth
Mr Bradley Avent

It being noted that there was no advice from a Forestry Officer in relation to this application and that trees should not be cut down without justification, it was MOVED by AF, SECONDED by GF and AGREED that this application be objected to.

PA21/04899

Change of use from residential to business, to use the majority of the bedrooms for bed and breakfast purposes. With new proposed recycling area.
Cusgarne Manor Road from Rose Cottage East of Sunny Corner to Cusgarne
Cusgarne. TR4 8SE
Fiona Sherriff

It was MOVED by NJ, SECONDED by AF and AGREED that there be no objection to this application.

PA21/03129

Construction of stable block, comprising stables, hay store, and tack room.
Change of use of agricultural field to multi-use agricultural and equine. Goon Farm Lower Goongumpas Lane Goongumpas St Day
Mrs Valerie Sparrowhawk

Although it was felt that private equine use of a farm was acceptable, there was concern expressed about additional traffic, the fact that the development had been carried out without permission and that the World Heritage Site were not supportive of the application.

It was, therefore, MOVED by NJ, SECONDED by ST and AGREED that this application be objected to.

PA21/03129

Side extension of bungalow domestic dwelling to provide two bedrooms. 7
Chellean Vean Frogpool Truro Cornwall
Mr Dan Orchard

RW withdrew himself from the meeting at this point due to having declared an interest and GF took the Chair.

It was MOVED by ST, SECONDED by AF and AGREED that there be no objection to this application. It was noted, however that this was a poor application as it was stated that no tree removal was required for the development but one exists within the area of the extension. Also, the laurel hedge should be retained and advice should be taken as to the colour choice of roof tiles to ensure that they match the rooves of surrounding properties.

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131/21 PLANNING DECISIONS:

The following decisions were noted

PA21/02608 **APPROVED**

New agricultural building

Land North Of Oak Tree Farm Coombe Hill Bissoe TR4 8RQ

PA21/06075 **Prior approval not req'd**

Approval for an extension to agricultural clear span shed for general purpose machinery/forage South Tresamble Farm Lane From South Tresamble Farm To Junction At South Tresamble House Tresamble Gwennap TR16 6BQ

PA21/06312 **Prior approval not req'd**

Agricultural prior notification for the construction of a Polytunnel Britannia Farm Road From Sunny Corner To Cusgarne Hill Sunny Corner Cusgarne TR4 8SE

PA21/03186 **APPROVED**

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. Clifford House Race Hill Bissoe Truro Cornwall

PA21/05781 **APPROVED**

South Crofty Ltd

Submission by South Crofty Ltd as formal notification to the Mineral Planning Authority (MPA) to carry out a programme of exploration drilling on land at Cusgarne Organic Farm, Cusgarne, Gwennap, TR4 8RL

132/21 HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY:

It was noted that the PC has asked via the Facebook page whether Parishioners had noted any missing or damaged footpath signs and how many salt bins there are in the Parish.

RW will discuss the footpaths and absence of signs at the next Mining Villages meeting

It was confirmed that a tree has been moved that was blocking a footpath in Frogpool and that an area at the end of the main road into the village has been strimmed as has the hedgerow by Cusgarne school.

RW asked the PC to ascertain from various contractors the work they do regarding clearing the footpaths.

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133/21 RICHARD JORY PLAYING FIELD:

An inspection report had been received from a potential new supplier. This was compared with previous reports and the costs of the inspections were discussed.

It was MOVED by RW, SECONDED by AF and AGREED that the new supplier be awarded the work and the old supplier informed. Weekly inspections would need to be carried out by the Parish Council. A schedule for this and possible training will follow.

134/21 PARISH ROOMS: Painting of the new container.

Two quotes had been received to paint the new container; the lowest quote was noted at a total cost of £600.

It was MOVED by RW, SECONDED by GF and AGREED that the tender of £600 for painting of the Container be accepted.

136/21 FINANCE: to approve payments for approval and receive the finance report

It was MOVED by RW, SECONDED by GF and AGREED that the finance report be duly noted and that the monthly payments referred to within the report, be approved.

It was noted that there was insufficient time to address the remaining Agenda items that evening and it was, therefore, MOVED by RW, SECONDED by GF and AGREED that the meeting be adjourned at this point (9.15 pm) and that it be reconvened at 7.00 pm on Thursday 12 August.

The meeting was reconvened at 7pm on Thursday 12th August.

135/21 REPRESENTATION OF COUNCIL AT OTHER MEETINGS:

Site meeting at Wheal Maid.

RW reported that RW, AF and the PC had met the Mountain Bikers at the Wheal Maid site on 29 July 2021. It had been a very useful and interesting visit, and all were impressed by the skills of the riders and the commitment of all to keeping the site useable and safe for all users. A dangerous mine cap had been noted and RW was pleased to report that this had now been made safe. The other safety issue raised was that of crossing points of the tracks that other users of the site walk or ride on and that the bikers used at speed often with limited visibility. Several possible ideas were discussed to improve the safety of the crossings, and these will be investigated.

Car parking, signage, other users, and the future of the site were discussed, and it was agreed that another meeting should be arranged in October with all interested parties invited.

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Site meeting at The Blackmans Site. RW reported that RW, GF and the PC met Lucy Richards and Jade Dunbar at the Blackmans / United Downs Raceway site. They were shown a drawing of potential plans for the site to include educational facilities for the performing arts and other facilities for creative industries. These plans would allow the raceway to continue and would bring improvements to the whole site.

The Councillors agreed that they would support projects, in principle, that would improve the overall site and provide facilities for all. It was duly noted that the Parish Council had previously supported the planning application for the rum maturation plant on the site but there was a significant delay in this application being determined by Cornwall Council.

Site meeting at Cornish Metals exploratory drilling site.

RW reported that RW, ST and AF had met Steve Tarrant at one of the exploratory drilling sites. The noise levels were noted as being lower than expected and that although there was still some concern over the length of drilling each day, it was encouraging that the noise problem was not as significant as first thought.

Site meeting at Bostols Field/Paynter's Pond.

RW reported that RW, GF, AF and ST had visited Bostols Field on 22nd July 2021 and that RW, GF and ST had visited Paynter's Pond on the same evening. Jonny Alford from Cornwall Council was present for both visits.

Paynter's Pond is substantial in size and has beautiful views of the surrounding countryside. The terrain is 'evolving' naturally and there was some doubt as to the value the Parish Council could add by taking it on. It was agreed that Mr Alford would check on the levels of maintenance being carried out by Cornwall Council and future plans. The Parish Council would ask Cornwall Wildlife Trust to visit the site and to advise before taking a final decision.

Bostols Field, by contrast, would seem an ideal site for tree planting pursuant to the Parish Council's Climate Change Action Plan. Mr Alford was supportive as this mirrored arrangements that had been agreed with other parishes in Cornwall. He will look at the terms of transfer and where trees could be accessed from. Again, the Cornwall Wildlife Trust would be asked to visit the site and to advise.

137/21 Frogpool Burial Ground:

A request had been received for a refund of a fee for a burial plot previously purchased but no longer required. It was **MOVED** by RW, **SECONDED** by GF and **AGREED** that this be refunded on receipt of the Deed.

The 'Toppie Tester' had not been located at Frogpool Cemetery, it was suggested that this may be located at Gwennap Church.

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138/21 Wheal Maid: There had been damage to the Culvert Gauge Board, Wheal Jane had quoted £280+Vat for repair/replacement. This had been requested to be actioned. It had been brought to the attention of the Parish Council via Facebook that during the hot weather children had been seen swimming in the Tailings Pool. As response had been posted emphasising the dangers. There was a discussion about additional signage pointing out the dangers on the site and it was agreed that advice should be taken from the Environment Agency on this.

139/21 Unsung Heroes: It was agreed that recognition should be given to those who had given their time to help others and the community during the Covid pandemic. A Christmas event will be planned at the Parish Rooms, with a proposed date of the 2nd December 2021, to include celebrating the Unsung Heroes of the Parish. The Parish will be asked, in due course, for their nominations.

140/21 Car Boot: The next car boot sale will be 15th August followed by the 5th and 19th of September. Ann Gazzard has stepped down from organising the catering and Charlotte Caldwell will take over, with help from other Parishioners. The long term organisation of ongoing car boot sales will be discussed at a future meeting. It was recognised that this is an important community event and should be fully supported by the Parish Council.

141/21 Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022: GF proposed a date of Sunday 5th June 2022 as the 'Big Tea' Parish Jubilee event. GF will lead a sub-committee to plan this event involving the Fete Committee and other community groups.

142/21 NALC/CALC, National/Cornwall Association of Local Councils: The Membership Renewal for 2021/22 had been paid and membership would be reviewed on a yearly basis.

143/21 Climate Change:
RW reported on the work previously actioned by the Parish Council which included an environmental action plan, the planting of over 900 trees and investigations into a community orchard, safe weed control, bee bombs and the planting of hedging plants.
AF discussed future work could include more tree planting, increased recycling, being a plastic free Parish, water refill stations, air quality improvements, community composting, peat free compost use and community bulk shopping vans.
AF will make contact with previous Climate change committees and groups.

144/21 Date of Future Meetings: Next meeting will be Wednesday 25th August. Following meetings will be September 15th, October 12th, November 9th.

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and December 14th with future meetings being on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

145/21 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS:

Parish Hall hire rates: It was MOVED by RW, SECONDED by GF and AGREED that there should be no exceptions to the standard Hall hire rates. The level of hire charge costs will be discussed at a future meeting.

Planning item PA21/04435, it was MOVED by RW, SECONDED by GF and AGREED that that there should be no objection to the revised planning application.

Playground equipment repairs: It was MOVED by RW, SECONDED by GF and AGREED that repairs of less than £100+vat could be actioned without the requirement of receiving additional quotes to expedite those repairs. Repairs of over £100+vat would normally require 3 quotes which would be reviewed and agreed by the Parish Council.

146/21 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MATTERS TO CARRY FORWARD:

Paynter's Pond/Bostols Field

Wheal Maid

Costs of Footpath and other Grounds Maintenance

Car Boot Events

Unsung Heroes

Parish Room Hire Rates

147/21 CLOSED SESSION - EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC: None.

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FINANCES June 16th - July 26th

Chris Ring Re Amazon new Laptop	£1,247.97	New Clerk Laptop
Clerk expenses	£83.56	
Ann Gazzard	£318.57	Caretaker
Ann Gazzard expenses	£5.10	sundries
CALC yearly membership	£624.21	
Wheal Jane	£174.00	Wheal Maid monitoring
Greens	£108.00	Play equipment inspection
Young People Cornwall	£1,200.00	Youth work
Cormac	£64.27	Parish Field
Rob Hallett	£94.65	Street Cleaning
BT (Direct Debit)	£148.76	FYI
Salary Chris Ring July	£896.76	JULY
Jayne Angove Payroll	£10.00	
Salary Danny Moore June	£877.15	JUNE
PAYE NIC to HMRC	£52.05	
Paul Chegwidden	£1,257.60	Grounds upkeep
C Wicks	£67.80	Street Cleaning
TOTAL	£7,230.45	

Clerk Expenses

Jul-21

Working from home allowance	31 days	£6 per week	£26.57
Travel Around Parish	30	at £0.45 per mile	£13.50
WH Smths Stationery		Stationery	£25.23
Car insurance business add		Travel	£18.26

£83.56

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