

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Gwinear-Gwithian Parish Council held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at the Hall for Gwinear commencing at 7.00pm.

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| <u>Present</u> | Councillors | A Crocker                | D Cupples     |
|                |             | R Marks                  | Mrs S Negus   |
|                |             | L Pascoe (Vice Chairman) | M Roberts     |
|                |             | S Rowe                   | B Slade-Elmes |
|                |             | C Spence                 | A Young       |

Others present

Cllr R Tovey CC  
 Mrs Vida Perrin, Clerk to the Council  
 4 members of the public

1. Routine matters

- a) Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Pocock
- b) Members to declare personal and prejudicial interests (including the details thereof) in respect of any items on the Agenda. None.
- c) Public Participation.

*Cllr Cupples arrived during this item*

Mrs Mackenzie read out the following statement on behalf of the members of public present regarding agenda item 5c. Various words have been used in previous applications to build a dwelling on this site. In 1988 it was rehabilitation, in 1989 rebuilding, in 2003 reinstatement. All these applications were refused and lost on appeal. The current application speaks of renovation of a former dwelling and associated works.

As you might imagine over the last 23 years the remaining walls have suffered further collapse. There has been considerable growth of trees and ivy on and through the walls. Despite considerable clearance of the site last year there is currently willow and sycamore growing from the top of the walls and mature ivy has taken over two of the corners. There is a wild rose on top of a piece of wall that stands as a pillar. The plan proposes to retain the existing walls that will then form 55% of the new dwelling. However I find it difficult to imagine that much of the remaining structure is solid enough to retain as has been submitted in the plan.

The application is unclear in some material respects and gives rise to a number of questions

The total 64 square metres of wall will NOT enclose a floor space of 303 square metres. Both these figures are mentioned in the plan. This needs clarification.

There is no mention of a water supply or services other than the installation of a septic tank. This needs clarification.

There appear to be two staircases in the plan, but it is said to be a single story building. This needs clarification.

The bat and bird survey took place on Feb 17 2011. The report stated that, "No evidence of bats or nesting birds was found", this is not surprising in February and needs clarification

Two sycamore trees and a dead elm as well as a "young oak" which I estimate to be between 20 and 30 years old have been earmarked for removal. The sycamores and elm stand on a bank, possibly a Cornish hedge, that is between 1.5 and 2.5 metres high. As this area is shown as part of the parking for 2 cars, how much earth moving with consequent root damage will be required? Felling of more than 5 cubic metres requires a license from the Forestry Commission. A tree survey BS5837 was not seen with the application and I believe it may be required. This all needs clarification.

In addition to the above points there are a number of fundamental objections.

The adverse impact, on the adjacent property, if 303 square metres is the correct floor space.

Many remaining trees will have to be sacrificed, if this application is not to create a cramped building

The necessary tree removal and regular pruning of the remaining trees would have a prominent visual impact (Other mature trees in the hedgerow along the lane are within 2.5 metres of the proposed property)

The proposal, alongside the lane, a public byway, which is very beautiful but in disrepair, is out of keeping and detrimental to the character and appearance of the lane.

Another septic tank near to a borehole water supply could compromise its purity.

If this application were granted it would set a precedent for the owners of numerous similar ruins to be granted permission.

Cornwall Council, in its planning documents, rightly identifies "Cornwall's environment is a key asset and contributes to the quality of life for residents and visitors." The byway forms part of a rich footpath and bridleway network. I am certain that residents of Leedstown and visitors to the nearby Callose Caravan Park would not like this impact on the byway which forms part of a popular evening stroll.

*The Chairman asked that items 4c and 5a be brought forward at this point so that Cornwall Cllr Tovey could speak to them and this was agreed by the meeting but for the purpose of the minutes are in agenda order.*

*Cllr Tovey left after discussing agenda items 4c and 5a which had been brought forward to this point.*

*The Chairman asked that agenda item 5c be brought forward At this point and this was agreed but for the purpose of the minutes is in agenda order.*

## 2. Minutes

- a) To confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011.  
RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- b) Business arising from the Minutes. None.

## 3. Reports

- a) Report from the Police Neighbourhood Beat Manager. The report had been circulated with the agenda. Cllr Cupples raised concerns regarding the fact that future reports would not contain logs/calls to the police due to a change in focus internally. Cllr Roberts suggested we ask if we could have incidents reported in our area instead and encourage residents to get an incident number when reporting crimes and this was agreed by the meeting.
- b) Verbal and Written reports from Parish Councillors/representatives.
  - i. PTR – Cllr Roberts advised the meeting that a skateboarding event which is for all ages as there will be stalls and a bbq, the event should be held on 9<sup>th</sup> July although problems with insurance may delay the event.
  - ii. Carnhell Green Xmas Lights Committee – Cllr Rowe said that there would be a table top event at the Pendarves Inn public house this weekend.
  - iii. Hayle Day care Centre- Cllr Marks advised that she attended the last meeting and everything was okay at present although cash was tight, she said she was taking part in a sponsored walk on the 26<sup>th</sup> June at Hayle to try and raise money and encouraged others to take part or sponsor her.
  - iv. ESPF – Cllr Marks advised that Bernard Jones was happy with any decision made on the park and said that the park was running much better now. The issue was with the CDRA and the ESPF Committee would be writing to them to explain the situation before making any decision and committee meetings would be as normal until a decision is made.
- c) Community Pride Officer Report. The report had been circulated with the agenda and was noted.

## 4. Correspondence received

- a) Cornwall Council – Planning training events. A number of Councillors put their names forward for events for the next year and the Clerk asked anyone who wanted to attend later on in the year to let her know asap and she would try and get them on to the events.
- b) CALC – Future standards of conduct of members of Local Authorities in England. Noted.
- c) Cllr Tovey – Kite surfing event request for Gwithian. Cllr Tovey advised the meeting that after many emails he had made the decision not to support the event due to the fact that the event would take up the whole of the CC car park with no reimbursement for revenue lost, there would be a number of stands which could take business away from the existing businesses, there was already a booking for an area of the beach which may conflict with this event, there were health and safety issues and it may encourage overnight camping which was increasingly becoming a problem in the area.  
After a brief discussion the meeting agreed to ask Cornwall Council when they had first been notified of the event and to ask for their procedure requirements for all events involving Gwithian Beach.
- d) Cornwall Council – Street Naming, Connor Downs. The Clerk advised that she had since received a letter from THF Ltd the owners of the site and read the letter which explained the reasons for choosing Ellis and Bodriggy as possible names for the new development.

After a brief debate the meeting agreed to write to THF Ltd advising them the of names preferred by the Parish Council i.e. Elizabeth Sampson Meadow (the playing field adjacent to the development is called the Elizabeth Sampson playing field) and Pras Chileskys (this is a Cornish version of Burnthouse Meadow which is believed to be the original name of the field where the development is to take place) but that if there is any valid objection to either suggestion the Parish Council sees that ‘Ellis’ does appear to have local connection but would ask the developer to keep the Parish Council’s options above in mind both now and in the future.

5. To consider planning applications

- a) PA11/04025 – Stephens – Laity Cottage, Trenorth Deveral Rd, Fraddam. Extension to Dwelling  
**Planning zone officer – Cllr Pascoe.** Cllr Tovey advised the he had received two letters of objection from owners of properties near to the site, He outlined the concerns raised in the letters and advised that he felt a site meeting would be advisable.  
Cllr Pascoe advised that he had visited the site and was concerned that the plans did not show neighbouring properties which in his opinion would be overlooked by the proposals, he felt the proposals constituted an overdevelopment of the site and felt a site meeting was needed with the planning officer regarding the application and the objections raised by local residents. RESOLVED that due to concerns raised by the Parish Council and local residents regarding the accuracy of the plans which do not show neighbouring properties that are overlooked by the proposals and the overdevelopment of the site it is felt that a site meeting is needed with the planning officer regarding the application and the objections raised above.
- b) PA11/03935 – Pollard – 4 Calloose Lane East Fraddam. Change of use of land to expand caravan storage business. **Planning zone officer – Cllr Mrs Negus.** Cllr Negus advised that she had visited the site which she found to be very organised well sheltered from view and very well laid out and she saw no reason for objection. RESOLVED that there is no objection.
- c) PA11/03891 – Glinski – Land at Calloose Lane West, Leedstown. Renovation of former dwelling to form dwelling and associated works. **Planning zone officer – Cllr Rowe.** Cllr Rowe advised that he had visited the site and knew the area very well. He commented that planning permission had been refused every time on the site in the past but that the property was similar to others in the area some of which had gained planning permission some of which had not. He felt that a meeting to discuss the application and the concerns raised earlier by residents was needed with the planning officer. He felt that the Parish Council should ask CC for their policy on this sort of development so an informed decision could be made. RESOLVED to ask for a meeting with the planning officer to discuss the application and the concerns raised by residents. To ask Cornwall Council for their policy on this type of development.

6. Other matters requiring decisions of the Council

- a) Receipts and payments: to approve the statement for the period ending on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2011 and the payments due.

The following payments are now due:

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| 1351 | Inland Revenue          | £ 168.84` | PAYE & NIC (debit from 2010/2011)         |
| 1352 | Jewson                  | £ 43.74   | wood preserver                            |
| 1353 | GDVA                    | £ 10.00   | Signpost article – June                   |
| 1354 | Open Spaces Society     | £ 40.00   | Annual subscription                       |
| 1355 | BT payment services ltd | £ 48.28   | Telephone & Internet services             |
| 1356 | Mr D Goodere            | £ 27.30   | Materials for hand rail at Gwithian Green |
| 1357 | CDRA                    | £ 80.00   | Annual newsletter advertisement           |
| 1358 | Gwithian Church         | £ 60.00   | Hall hire – 28/3, 19/4, 9/5 & 23/5        |
| 1359 | Zurich Insurance        | £1109.60  | Annual insurance cover                    |
| 1360 | Peters Garden Services  | £ 600.00  | Grass Maintenance – Cemetery              |
| 1361 | Lizard Trailers         | £1250.00  | 2 notice boards                           |
| 1362 | Cornwall Council        | £ 180.00  | CPO payment – March 2011                  |
| 1363 | Mick Young              | £ 221.33  | Repair to bridge at Gwithian Green        |

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| 1364 | Inland Revenue | £ 440.64        | PAYE and NIC  |
| 1365 | Mrs V Perrin   | <u>£1292.29</u> | Clerks Salary |
|      | <b>Total</b>   | <b>£5572.52</b> |               |

The Clerk asked that the following invoices be added and this was agreed:-

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| 1366 | Hall for Gwinear | £ 20.00  | Hall hire – 24/5 & 13/6  |
| 1367 | Malcholm Heather | £ 648.00 | Grass maintenance – ESPF first half 2011/12 & refixing of monument at cemetery (£48) |
| 1368 | GDVA             | £ 10.00  | Signpost article – May 2011  |

RESOLVED that the payments be accepted.

- b) To consider applicants for the Gwithian Ward Casual Vacancy and agree the way forward. The Clerk advised that two applications had been received, one of which was a recent interviewee from the last casual vacancy. After a debate the meeting RESOLVED to invite the new applicant for an informal interview before making a decision.
- c) To receive information on the Cornwall Council Local Maintenance Partnership for 2011/12 and agree the way forward. The Clerk advised that she had circulated information regarding the offer from Cornwall Councillor with the agenda and handed out further information on costings for the annual maintenance programme. She advised that it would be possible to cut all of the gold paths at least once within the offer and due to the time of year and the growth this year most paths may not need two cuts. A debate ensued and the meeting RESOLVED to accept the grant offer for this year and the quote from the contractor to cut the paths once which would be within the offer price and to assess the paths as an ongoing project and consider further cuts as and when required and the cost implications at that time.
- d) To discuss a report and recommendations made on the possible Relistian Project. The Clerk advised that she had spoken with CALC regarding the possible project and any implications if a Parish Council office was included in the possible scheme. The advice given from CALC stated that it would be okay for the Parish Council to facilitate the project to include a Parish Office if this was what was needed as long as the Parish Council was open and honest at all times and did not prejudice ourselves when looking at any possible future planning applications. The Clerk advised that she had also spoken to a senior planning officer who said that he would be happy to help in any way he can. The Clerk said that she felt the next step was to write to the potential land owner and possible developer to advise them of the parish Council's position and let them discuss the next stage but to keep the Parish Council informed of developments. The Clerk had written a draft letter which was circulated with the agenda and the meeting RESOLVED that Cllr Rowe forward the letter to the possible landowner and possible developer so further talks could take place between the two of them which would not involve the Parish Council at this stage.
- e) To receive a report from Gwinear Ward Councillors on the Reawla Streetscape project and agree the way forward. Cllr Rowe worked through the points raised by the Gwinear Ward Councillors which were:-
1. That yellow lines should be considered along the frontage of numbers 17-18 Reawla Lane as cars parking here will make passing through the build out dangerous to vehicles.
  2. That consideration should be given to using granite or brick on the surface coloured yellow on the plan to discourage cars from racing or carrying out dangerous maneuvers at this point.
  3. That consideration should be given to where cars belonging to numbers 1, 2 & 3 Wall Veian will park if the two bays on either side of Wall Veian are removed.
  4. That consideration is given to moving the bus shelter further back within the bank of the bus shelter.
  5. That consideration is given to continuing the footpath further up Wall Road.
  6. That consideration is given to having a mini roundabout at Henver Close rather than some of the proposed traffic calming measures.
  7. To consider widening the entrance to the footpath to the park and installing a community shelter but to ensure railings are installed to stop vehicles entering this area.
- Cllr Rowe advised that it was difficult to visualize whether or not these points would work or not and felt that a site visit involving all Councillors was needed. After a discussion the meeting agreed to hold a site meeting for all Councillors but due to busy diaries next week would put an item on the next agenda for week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> June and that everyone contact the Clerk with dates they were available that week in the evenings.

- f) To receive information regarding antisocial behaviour and vandalism at Gwithian/Godrevy and approve recommendations made by the Chairman. The meeting RESOLVED to accept the Chairman's recommendation that he and Cornwall Cllr Tovey visit the owners of the business mentioned in the email to try and resolve some of the issues raised by residents.
7. Late or urgent items not on the agenda
- i. The Clerk advised that a letter had been received after the agenda had been set from Mr Duncan Thurnell-Read and she read the letter out which thanked the Parish Council for their card and the lunch.
  - ii. The Clerk advised that copies of the agenda for the next Hayle Town Council meeting on Thursday was in correspondence as a late item received.
  - iii. Cllr Rowe advised that he had been contacted by local residents regarding the drug issues in the area and they had been gathering information which they had passed on to him. He asked if the Parish Council would approve that he speak with the Police regarding the information and this was agreed by the meeting.
8. Agenda items for future meetings
- a) Raised in public participation. These had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.
  - b) Raised by members. Cllr Roberts asked if any progress had been made on making Gwithian Towans a conservation area and the Clerk said she had emailed the CNP but would chase it again.
  - c) Late items notified to the Clerk. None.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.36pm.