

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Gwinear-Gwithian Parish Council held on Monday 12th September 2011 at Gwithian Church Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

<u>Present</u>	Councillors	A Crocker	D Cupples
		T Homes	R Marks
		Mrs S Negus	B Pocock (Chairman)
		M Roberts	S Rowe
		B Slade-Elmes	A Young

Others present Mr D Thurnell-Read
Mrs Vida Perrin, Clerk to the Council

1. Routine matters

- a) Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Spence and Pascoe and Cornwall Cllr Tovey.
- b) Members to declare personal and prejudicial interests (including the details thereof) in respect of any items on the Agenda. No declarations were made.
- c) Public Participation. Mr Thurnell-Read advised the meeting that he was in attendance regarding agenda items 5a and 5d.

The meeting agreed to bring forward items 5a and 5d to this point in the meeting but for the purpose of the agenda are in item order.

2. Minutes

- a) To confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 8th August 2011. RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- b) Business arising from the Minutes.
21/042 (7d) – Dog fouling, Higher Goneva Lane, Rosewarne. The Clerk advised that the dog warden had visited the area and signs would be erected shortly to deter further problems, the dog warden would be visiting the site regularly and contacting each of the complainants regarding the issues they raised.

3. Reports

- a) Report from the Police Neighbourhood Beat Manager. The report was circulated.
 - i. Cllr Rowe advised that there had been a number of burglaries on the same night in August but a lot were unreported, he urged Parishioners to report all crimes.
 - ii. Cllr Pocock advised the meeting that he and Cllr Tovey had met with Sgt Dobson last week to discuss the issues of speeding in the Parish. He advised that the speedwatch team had not been able to get out as much this year due to personal issues and more volunteers would be needed if we were going to tackle the issue. He felt that local people needed to help the Parish Council to overcome the problem of speeding and asked that it be discussed at the next Parish Plan meeting and this was agreed. Cllr Pocock advised that in Connor Downs alone almost 40% of drivers were exceeding 35mph and most were local, he felt there was a need for physical obstructions to the entrance of the village coming from Camborne direction and it may be worth investing some of the second tranche of 106 money in a scheme.
- b) Verbal and Written reports from Parish Councillors/representatives.
 - i. CNP – Cllr Marks advised that the main issue at the last meeting was the Hayle Town Framework there has been debate over the content and it has been very difficult to discuss anything which is not within the draft framework which has left many CNP member frustrated. St Erth PC has managed to get part of the Framework altered to ensure future projects they would like to undertake can be made feasible. There was also a discussion about the possibility of up to 50 dwellings within the village of Phillack and there was mixed response to this suggestion. The Chairman thanked Cllr Marks for attending the meeting on his behalf.

ii. Reawla projects – Cllr Roberts advised the meeting that he had had a very positive response to the projects at the Reawla park and Streetscape, nobody saw a problem with the park alterations and although there were some residents who were unsure about the benefits of the streetscape project to begin with they were generally happy with the changes as they stood. The meeting thanked Cllr Roberts and those Councillors who had helped him at the vintage rally for all their hard work.

iii. Planning Low Carbon Workshop – Cllr Cupples advised that he had attended the workshop which he found most informative, he had a large pack which covered many subject which would be useful for future environmental projects and gave a brief outline of each section within the pack. The meeting thanked Cllr Cupples for his report.

iv. Hayle Youth Centre – Cllr Marks advised that she was now a volunteer for the group and reported that they had gained more funds for the centre which meant they could employ another youth worker and run the centre more often, they were also setting up an internet radio station. The Connor Downs Youth Group is within the catchment area of the youth centre which means this is all a huge benefit to our Parish.

c) Community Pride Officer Report. The meeting received the report and agreed that the bus shelter at Carnhell be painted Magnolia.

4. Correspondence received

a) CC – Beach Owners Advisory Group meeting – Tues 20 Sept – 10am – Passmore Edwards Institute. The meeting agreed to ask Cllr Spence if he would like to attend, Cllr Homes said he would be happy to if not.

b) CC – Revision of the Local Validation List. Noted.

c) CC – Neighbourhood Data Map. Noted.

5. To consider planning applications

a) PA11/07140 – Basnett – Treeve Lane (Part no 7647) Connor Downs. Change of use of field to seasonal touring caravan site, construction of reception block and shower/toilet block. Planning zone officer – Cllr Spence. The Clerk advised the meeting that Cllr Spence had visited the site and advised that the area had been left as waste ground and did not appear to be overlooked by any neighbouring properties. *The meeting agreed to Mr Thurnell-Read speaking on the application.* Mr Thurnell-Read advised that it had been the Parish Council's policy in the past not to welcome anymore caravan sites within the Parish which was already saturated and this had been endorsed by Penwith District Council at that time. He advised the site was in a green area outside the natural boundary of the village and infill of the site would set a precedent for similar sites and further development of neighbouring plots. He noted that the density of the units was very high compared to the available amenity space provided on site which was inadequate in his opinion for families compared to other within the Parish. Mr Thurnell-Read had concerns over extra traffic movements over Treeve Lane as it is a very windy road with no footpath to parts of it and not enough passing space for vehicles with caravans in places. He estimated that with 60 units and an average of 4 trips out a day it could equate to almost 1700 movements a week. He said that there was also no benefit to the community through a section 106 agreement on the application at present.

Cllr Cupples said that the traffic was also an issue for vehicles coming through the village with speeding already an issue and vehicles would have to pass the local school where congestion was a very serious issue currently.

Cllr Pocock said that the toilet block would need to be connected to the current sewerage system which was not fit for purpose.

Cllr Young agreed that the Parish Council had said that no more caravan parks would be welcomed within the Parish.

After a discussion the meeting RESOLVED to object to the application on the following grounds:-

1. Object strongly to the application due to the lack of any evidence that another touring caravan facility is required locally, the Parish of Gwinear-Gwithian is already saturated with similar sites which offer far more to the community and are better placed for such activities.

2. any development on this site would represent unnecessary development in the countryside, and would set a precedent for further development on green space.

3. The access road is dangerous with single line traffic at points and no footpath which are unsuitable for caravans passing regularly. There are existing congestion problems around the school which is near to the site and the Police have advised the Parish Council that speeding within the village is an issue.

4. The existing sewerage system although may be able to take the capacity of a new toilet block is not fit for purpose with regular problems for existing users, no further development should be permitted until the current pipes are upgraded.

5. The development would not be of sufficient benefit to the local community as there are currently no section 106 agreements on the development for the problems outlined above such as road infrastructure, school congestion and the sewerage system.

6. The density of the site compared to the available amenity space for the development is inadequate.

- b) PA11/06162-Bows-Midway Service Station 1 The Causeway, Hayle. Construction of ecolodge hotel and restaurant and associated works (extension of tome of W1/08-0999) Planning zone officer – Cllr Homes. Cllr Homes advised the application was for an extension of the existing permission which would be for another 3 years and could see no reason to object. RESOLVED that there is no objection.
- c) PA11/06163-Fenn-Land north of 19 Reawla Lane, Reawla. Construction of dwelling with decked patio and associated works. Planning zone officer – Cllr Rowe. Cllr Rowe felt that the main issue was the access as it was on a very dangerous bend with poor visibility. After a brief discussion the meeting agreed that the comments made previously by the Council should stand.
RESOLVED to object to this application as a number of residents have raised concerns over the loss of a green space and the potential harm which could be caused by placing a dwelling on a busy junction causing visibility problems when accessing and exiting Henvy Close, the Parish Council also objects on the grounds that the proposal represents overdevelopment of the site.
- d) PA11/05545-Orchard Housing Developments Ltd-Land adj Connor Downs Surgery, Turnpike Road, Connor Downs. Planning zone officer – Cllr Marks.
Mr Thurnell-Read said that he was concerned there was no provision for affordable housing on the site, the 3 storey design of the properties was out of keeping with the village and the access road was currently only a byway and should be brought up to Highways standard and adopted before the properties were occupied.
Cllr Marks agreed with Mr Thurnell-Read's comments.
Cllr Crocker said there are already issues with the build out and the access to the site.
After a discussion the meeting RESOLVED to object to the application on the following grounds:-
1. The design and character of the dwellings being three storey high is out of character with the village
 2. No development should take place unless the access road to the development is brought up to highways standard and is adopted by the local authority (an example of a road in the village that has suffered from not having this condition placed on developments is the Beramic Close road which is in a very bad state of repair)
 3. There is no provision for any affordable dwellings within the development
 4. The development will add to the current sewerage system which is already causing problems to existing users of the system and the pipework is not fit for purpose at present
 5. The Police have stressed that speeding is an issue within the village and the current layout when exiting the site is dangerous due to the poorly designed build out and needs to be addressed before any further development is permitted
- e) PA11/06767-Low Carbon Solar UK-Land south of Nanterrow Cottage, Nanterrow Lane, Connor Downs. Variation of condition 8 on application PA11/00751 Planning zone officer – Cllr Cupples. Cllr Cupples said that there were some small alterations mainly to the security with 10 cameras being added and the Cornish hedge being reinstated, he felt the alterations were favourable. RESOLVED that there is no objection.

6. Other matters requiring decisions of the Council

- a) Receipts and payments: to approve the statement for the period ending on 12th September 2011 and the payments due.

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1389	Multisigns – GGPC Banners	86.40
1390	BT Plc – Internet & telephone services	54.21
1391	Carnhell Green Fellowship – Electricity	74.25

1392	Firecrest – Annual Service – Fire safety equipment	40.20
1393	Officesmart -stationery (inc printer cartridges & new drum)	199.79
1394	Peter's Garden Services- cemetery maintenance	200.00
1395	Cash – postage	30.00
1396	Hall for Gwinear-Hall hire 19/7 & 25/7	20.00
1397	O'Dell Signs-Gwithian Green signs	231.84
1398	Audit Commission-audit fees 2010/11	660.00
1399	Cornwall Council – CPO costs July 2011	180.00
1400	Fix I.T. computer – laptop maintenance	60.00
1401	Mr J R Fox – T&T & Installation of 2 notice boards	149.01
1402	Jewson – CPO materials	43.50
1403	Connor Downs & Gwithian WI – hall hire 8/8	8.00
1404	Mrs V Perrin – staff wages	1286.55
1405	PAYE & NI	440.64
		3764.39

RESOLVED that the payments be accepted.

- b) To discuss a Parish Council logo. The Chairman felt that too much time had been spent trying to bring everyone's views on the logo together; he said that the launch of the website needed to be the focus now and the temporary logo should be used. After a brief discussion the meeting agreed to press on with the website with the temporary logo.
- c) To discuss information regarding the lease of an office unit at Bosprowal Farm. The Chairman advised that the only real change was the rent review which our solicitor suggests should be on RPI. After a brief discussion the meeting RESOLVED to accept the draft lease as it stood and assuming the landlord was happy with the Parish Council's solicitors comments the Chairman could sign the lease. The meeting RESOLVED that notice be given on the current office.
- d) To receive information on the new email system. The Chairman asked all Councillors not currently on the new system that were having problems to contact him direct for assistance.
- e) To discuss the way forward regarding the Reawla projects.
 - i. Cllr Rowe advised that the land owner would be meeting with the potential developers to discuss the project further this week and Cllr Rowe would get an update once the meeting had took place.
 - ii. Cllr Roberts said that the general response was very good for the play park and streetscape projects, the only part which needs looking at is the raised coloured tarmac area to the square as it did not last well in other locations.

The meeting agreed the following:-

- a) a mail shot of the proposals be delivered to all houses surrounding or overlooking the Reawla Park.
- b) The Clerk contact Mike Peters of Highways to see what his thoughts are on the current plans and ask for updated costings on the project.
- c) once actions a and b have been completed a further consultation of the whole village be arranged.
- d) Cllr Roberts to write to PHA regarding the possible land for a shelter
- f) To receive information on the damage at ESPF. The Clerk advised the meeting that the Police has asked that personal details of suspects not be put in future minutes. The Clerk advised that she had had no response from the Youth Group regarding restorative justice and she had asked the Police for more assistance with this as no one on the Council had the appropriate training to deal with the offenders.
- g) To discuss the way forward regarding the protection of Gwithian Towans and planning for the future (Cllr Roberts). The Chairman advised that the National Planning Policy Framework would overtake current planning policies and the way forward for local communities was Neighbourhood development Orders. The Chairman said the other issue was the future of services on the Towans and said that he had been advised by Cllr Tovey that the Parish Council should write formally to express and interest in taking over these services and the meeting agreed that an expression of interest should be made.

RESOLVED to extend the meeting to 9.15pm

- h) To set a date for the next Parish Plan Implementation Committee Meeting. The meeting set a date for Thursday 13th October 2011 at 7pm, venue to be arranged.
- i) To receive information on the new Parish notice boards and agree the way forward. Cllr Rowe advised that he had been in talks with the company that supplied the boards and they were currently investigating the problems, Cllr Rowe agreed to monitor the situation.

- j) To receive information from the Chairman on sewerage issues at Gwithian. The Chairman gave the meeting a brief update regarding the situation at Gwithian with sewerage and advised that he had written a letter to SWW to ensure improvements are made.
 - k) To discuss Local Development Orders and the way forward (Cllr Homes). Cllr Homes gave a brief report on how the development orders worked and the best way forward. He agreed that NDO's would probably be the best option but that it would be a costly and timely project but worthwhile as without them in place it could be virtually impossible to properly control development within the Parish at Parish Council level.
7. Late or urgent items not on the agenda
- i. The Clerk advised she had received a complaint from a local resident regarding a footpath that needed cutting back and that she had informed the contractor and would be writing to the resident to update her.
 - ii. The Clerk advised that notices had been put up for the Kelvin Jenkin Community Achievement Award and asked if the meeting felt it appropriate to ask Mrs Tracey Jenkin if she would like to give out the awards in October and this was agreed.
8. Agenda items for future meetings
- a) Raised in public participation. These had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.
 - b) Raised by members. None.
 - c) Late items notified to the Clerk. None.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.