

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 18 February 2025** at **7.00pm** in The Centenary Room, Methodist Chapel, Churchtown, Mullion

Councillors Present

Mr G Atkinson	Mrs C Rule (Chair)
Ms J Birnie	Mrs L Skeites
Mr R Ormond	Mr R Willey
Mr J Pascoe (Vice Chair)	

The Chair opened the meeting, advised of the fire and public speaking procedures and welcomed everyone.

Cornwall Councillor Anthony Soady and four members of the public were present.

1. Public Session

A Caseworker for Andrew George MP attended the meeting and introduced himself as Rory. He was happy to listen to any concerns raised.

The potential buyer of a bungalow in Meres Valley introduced herself to the Meeting and stated that she was looking for local residents who had known the previous occupier of the dwelling to confirm that a parcel of the land belonged to that house. Although the Parish Council was unable to help, individuals in the village may be able to.

2. Absence

Councillors A Gilbert, M Rowse and Mrs K Wilson had submitted their apologies to the meeting.

3. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs L Skeites, seconded by Councillor J Pascoe and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21 January 2025 be approved as a true record and were duly signed by the Chair.

4. Declarations of Interest

None.

5. Planning

The following application was received after the agenda had been published.

PA25/00209 - Hill House, Churchtown - Demolition of a glazed porch. Provision of a part single, part two storey extension. Re-roofing with additional solar panels, replacing glazing and upgrading of internal insulation to the existing building

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs L Skeites, seconded by Councillor J Pascoe and RESOLVED that the discussion would be deferred until the March meeting as it was a significant application and the neighbours may not be aware of it.

6. Report from Cornwall Councillor A Soady

Cornwall Councillor Anthony Soady advised the meeting that a woman had been fined in Cornwall for allowing her dog to foul in a public place. The evidence had been submitted via a video camera.

7. Chair and Clerks Comments

The Parish Council had been invited to send a representative to a workshop being hosted by the National Trust in relation to the adaptation pathway for Mullion Cove on 27 March 2025. It was agreed that the Chair should attend.

8. Public Rights of Way

Weedkilling would be deferred until the March meeting so the Clerk could ascertain the name of the weedkiller to be used.

The byway at Laflouder Lane had been tarmaced by private individuals. Illegal signs were being displayed which were prohibiting the passage of motor vehicles. As the lane was a designated byway, vehicles were entitled to use the lane. Councillor R Willey would continue to liaise with the residents of the lane to ensure that correct signage was displayed, before involving the Countryside Officer.

Concerns had also been raised about permissive path signs that had been erected at Meres Farmhouse. Further investigative work would be undertaken by Councillors Willey and Rowse, which would be fed back to the Clerk before a Definitive Map Modification Order was explored.

9. Public Open Spaces

The Cemetery gates on Lender Lane were slightly broken. Councillor R Ormond agreed to have a look. He had also rehomed the bins from the Chapel of Rest to an organisation in Porthleven, instead of taking them to the tip, for which he was thanked.

Cornwall Council were keen to approve a Management Agreement for Mullion Garden to regularise the Parish Council's involvement, in lieu of devolvment. The Clerk had circulated the Agreement, and it was proposed by Councillor J Pascoe, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Skeites and RESOLVED to sign the Agreement.

The new CCTV system had been installed and was now up and running. Councillor J Pascoe would meet with the Clerk to install the system on the office PC for regular monitoring. A new door to the CCTV hut was needed, and a quote had been sought. Councillors thanked Cove Security and Councillor J Pascoe for a swift installation.

The Clerk was delighted to announce that £19,000 had been received from the National Lottery to help towards the cost of the new park equipment. Councillor Mrs K Wilson was writing the crowd funder appeal to launch in February 2025 to help fund the remaining £10,000 within the next month. The crowd funding appeal would be advertised on Facebook, as well as in the Helston Packet and with both schools. The deposit for the play equipment would now be sent to Elevate Play.

10. Highways

The new speed limit proposals were now official being consulted on. The Clerk had publicised the proposals, as well as Cornwall Council. The Parish Council comments remained the same as previously highlighted to Cornwall Council, and the Clerk would send them to the Highways Team once again.

A trench which had been excavated and backfilled on the Mullion Meadows to Mullion Cove had started to sink. The Clerk would report the issue.

The drainage ditch on The Commons, at the top of FP15, had been cleared following a blockage.

11. To receive any LGA 1972 Section 137 Requests for funding

Mullion Cove Harbour Group had sent a thank you letter

12. Parish and Town Council and Cornwall Council Elections 2025

The Clerk explained the key dates and information for the upcoming elections in May. The Notice of Election would be published on 14 March and candidate packs would be available from this date. Anyone who wished to join the Parish Council could contact the Clerk for further information.

13. Finance and Accounts

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor G Atkinson and RESOLVED to confirm the accounts and to pay the invoices.

14. Other correspondence received

None.

15. Planning Enforcement

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

Signed:
Chair

Dated: