

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 21 January 2025** at **7.00pm** in The Centenary Room, Methodist Chapel, Churchtown, Mullion

Councillors Present

Mr G Atkinson
Ms J Birnie
Mr A Gilbert
Mr R Ormond

Mr M Rowse
Mrs C Rule (Chair)
Mrs L Skeites
Mr R Willey
Mrs K Wilson

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

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

1. Public Session

The Chair advised the meeting that Dr Geoffrey Wood had sadly passed away. He was the doctor for Mullion for many, many years and had done so much for the village. Dr Wood was presented with the Ron Curnow Award for Outstanding Contribution to Mullion in 2016, and it was on show at the meeting while a one minutes silence was held.

A local resident asked what work was being undertaken on FP49, Churchyfields. The Clerk explained that the path would be scraped off to reveal the true width of the concrete and widen the path.

2. Absence

Mr J Pascoe had submitted his apologies to the meeting.

3. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs L Skeites, seconded by Councillor M Rowse and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17 December 2024 be approved as a true record and were duly signed by the Chair.

4. Declarations of Interest

None.

5. Planning

Following consideration by the Councillors of the Planning Applications received from Cornwall Council, the following decisions were made:

PA24/09013 - Trenance Farm Cottages, Trenance Lane - Removal of condition 5 in regards to W2/71/33902/O and W2/72/33902/SA without compliance with condition 2 of decision notice PA16/00594 dated 10/03/2016

The Applicant attended the meeting and outlined the need for the application, which was to change six of the holiday lets into residential and/or holiday use.

Some concern was raised over using the units of accommodation for winter long lets only, which would not help to solve the housing crisis in Mullion, only create additional profit for the owner.

However, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs L Skeites, seconded by Councillor M Rowse and RESOLVED to support the application with seven votes.

Two Councillors abstained from the vote.

One member of the public left the meeting.

The following application was received after the agenda had been published, but the Chair was willing to accept it for discussion.

PA25/00285 – Karena, Glenmoor Lane – Works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor A Gilbert and RESOLVED to support the opinion of the Tree Officer.

The following appeal had been received by Cornwall Council:-

PA24/06825 – Land NE of Steephurst, Nansmellyon Road

The Clerk was asked to send the original objections to the Planning Inspector.

6. Report from Cornwall Councillor A Soady

Cornwall Councillor Anthony Soady advised the meeting that there was no update on the future of Newquay Airport.

With regards to the proposed Cornwall/Devon devolution plan by Central Government, Cornwall Councillors had voted unanimously to push for a Cornwall Only devolution deal.

The car park at Poldhu would be transferring from Cornwall Council to the National Trust on 01 April 2025.

The Clerk and Councillor Soady had submitted their concerns over the proposed speed limit amendments for Mullion. Cornwall Council had replied explaining their reasoning and unwillingness to amend the proposals.

7. Chair and Clerks Comments

The next Community Area Partnership meeting would take place on 29 January 2025 and the Chair would attend on behalf of Mullion Parish Council.

8. Public Rights of Way

Footpath 49 would be widened by the Footpath Contractor on Wednesday and Thursday. Signs had been erected at each end of the path.

9. Public Open Spaces

The Clerk had spoken to South West Play for suggestions to replace the broken adult gym equipment and had circulated some proposals. Councillors G Atkinson and A Gilbert would have a look at the broken equipment to see if it could be fixed.

Councillor Mrs K Wilson was writing the crowd funder appeal to launch in February 2025 to help fund the new park equipment.

The buddleia at the entrance to the park needed severely cutting back.

The owners of the Old Inn had asked the Clerk if the recycling bin area of the Forge Car Park could be rented and used as a bin store. It was explained that the Car Park was leased from Cornwall Council and could not be sub-let.

Mullion In Bloom had advised the Clerk that they would not be applying to Greem Flag for assessment in 2025. A lot of the paperwork required updating, which would be undertaken in time for 2026. The Green Flag award had been achieved for the last ten years.

Mullion Extravaganza wished to use St Mellan's Park for the 2025 event, on the same terms as last years' event. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs K Wilson, seconded by Councillor J Birnie and RESOLVED to allow the event to take place in the Park on 27 July 2025.

The spare bins located next to the chapel of rest needed to be taken to the tip. Councillor R Ormond agreed to do that.

10. Highways

Cornwall Councillor A Soady was asked to follow up on the proposed speed limit amendments and to ask if the road signs could be cleaned.

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

Mullion Cove Harbour Group had asked for a donation towards a new bench which had been sited in the Cove. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs K Wilson, seconded by Councillor J Birnie and RESOLVED to donate £200 to the organisation.

12. Finance and Accounts

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

13. Other correspondence received

None.

14. Planning Enforcement

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.53pm.

Signed:
Chair

Dated: