

**Mullion Parish Council Meeting** held on **Tuesday 20 May 2025** at **7.00pm** in The Centenary Room, Methodist Chapel, Churchtown, Mullion

## **Councillors Present**

G Atkinson  
J Birnie  
R Ormond  
M Rowse

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

Four members of the public, plus Cornwall Councillor Rory Gow, also attended the meeting.

The Clerk opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

### **1. Election of a Chair**

Councillor R Willey nominated Councillor Mrs C Rule as Chair, which was seconded by Councillor Mrs L Skeites and unanimously agreed.

The Chair accepted the position and signed the Acceptance of Office form. She thanked everyone for their support and welcomed the new Cornwall Councillor, Rory Gow. She congratulated Councillor R Ormond on his election campaign.

### **2. Election of a Vice-Chair**

It was agreed that this item would be deferred to the June meeting.

### **3. Public Session**

Following the creation of a pathway from Half Tides to the bottom of the valley, two members of the public attended the meeting to advise the Council that that path had now been hard surfaced. The Clerk confirmed that Planning Enforcement had been made aware, and that she would contact them again, copying in Cornwall Councillor Gow and the AONB Department.

### **4. Absence**

Councillor A Gilbert had submitted his apologies to the meeting. Councillor J Pascoe was not in attendance.

### **5. Minutes**

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Skeites and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 April 2025 be approved as a true record and was duly signed by the Chair.

## **6. Declarations of Interest**

None.

## **7. Planning**

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

PA25/02660 – Greenacres, Polurrian Road – Proposed extensions and alterations

Neighbours of the application site attended the meeting and raised concerns over the size and orientation of the proposed balcony which would cause overlooking into their property's living areas. The location of the application site was elevated, which escalated the overlooking issues and made the proposals overbearing to the neighbouring properties.

Five objections had been submitting online, including one from Cornwall National Landscape (AONB).

Councillors raised the following concerns:-

- Overbearing design
- The upstairs living areas and proposed balcony would create overlooking issues
- Light and sound pollution would be escalated due to the elevated position of the application site and the vast use of glazing on the first floor
- Not in keeping with other properties in the area

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor G Atkinson and unanimously RESOLVED to object to this application which would give rise to harmful effects on the designated landscape.

PA25/03209 – Woodland Area, Woodlands – Application for tree works in a Tree Preservation Order Area

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor Ms J Birnie and RESOLVED to support the views of the Tree Officer.

PA25/02649 – Flying Gulls Day Nursery, Mullion Primary School – Proposed play cabin for nursery

It was agreed that this facility was much needed within the village.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs K Wilson, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Skeites and unanimously RESOLVED to support the application.

The following decision was made by Cornwall Council:-

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 – Refused

PA25/02048 – White Wings, Polhorman Lane – Erection of conservatory - Approved

Following the creation of a pathway from Half Tides to the bottom of the valley, that path had now been hard surfaced. It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor J Birnie and RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to write to the owner of Half Tides to make them aware of the upset that has been caused in the village by these actions. Planning Enforcement would also be contacted again.

## **8. Report from Cornwall Councillor R Gow**

The Chair welcomed our newly elected Cornwall Councillor, Rory Gow to the meeting. The first meeting of the newly formed Cornwall Council had been held that day and Councillor Gow looked forward to working for the people of Mullion.

## **9. Chair and Clerks Comments**

The Clerk reminded Councillors to send their election expenses returns back to Cornwall Council.

## **10. Public Rights of Way**

Concerns had been raised about the number of cyclists using the South West Coast Path, particularly between Poldhu and Polurrian. The Clerk was asked to contact the National Trust to see if a solution could be found.

FP16/1 was overgrown and required cutting.

The unauthorised footpath signs were still in place on FP15/3 at Meres Farmhouse were still in place. The Clerk was asked to write a letter to the landowners asking for them to be removed.

## **11. Public Open Spaces**

The Mullion in Bloom payments were due for discussion at this meeting. Councillors had not seen the accounts for Mullion in Bloom prior to the meeting. It was therefore agreed to defer this item to the next meeting, once the accounts had been received.

Vandalism had occurred in Mullion Garden. Everyone was reminded to report any issues to the Police on 101. The Clerk advised the meeting that a new electricity supply was required in the Garden before the lights could be repaired. Quotes were being obtained.

There was a concrete pad in amongst the cremation plots in the cemetery. Councillors were asked to have a look and to come to the next meeting with suggestions on what to do with it.

The tap in the cemetery required some attention – Councillor R Ormond offered to have a look.

Damage had occurred to CCTV hut in the Park. Fortunately, the cameras had picked up the culprits and a full report had been sent to the primary school for action. The door would be replaced within the next few weeks, as previously agreed.

The Co-Op had agreed to donate £250 towards a new bench for the park. The Clerk would order an indestructible bench, similar to what we currently have in the park. She would also send a thank you letter to the Co-Op.

The Clerk explained how the central management system served the defibrillators in the village, and the work that she had to do to maintain them.

## **12. Highways**

Councillor R Ormond was speaking to Mullion in Bloom about the installation of planters on the pavement adjacent to the YMCA building on Nansmellyon Road. The Clerk was asked to chase Cornwall Highways in relation to the installation of bollards on the narrower pavement opposite, and to copy in Cornwall Councillor R Gow.

The speed limit amendments that Cornwall Council had consulted on had been approved. The Parish Council's concerns and comments had not been listened to.

The hedge on the Commons corner needed cutting back.

## **13. Dispensation for voting of matters relating to the Playing Field as Trustees**

The Clerk advised the meeting that a Dispensation was required to allow the Parish Councillors to discuss and vote on matters relating to St Mellans Park as Trustees. A Dispensation had been granted to the Parish Councillors previously, but a fresh agreement was required at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Skeites and RESOLVED for the Council to award all Members a dispensation in respect of decisions relating to the St Mellans Park until the day of the Annual Meeting in May 2026.

Two members of the public then left the meeting.

## **14. Insurance Policy 2025-26**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs K Wilson, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED to accept the insurance quotation from Clear Councils.

## **15. To affiliate to Cornwall Association of Local Councils**

It was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED to affiliate to CALC.

## **16. Representative to attend the Community Network Area meetings**

It was proposed by Councillor M Rowse, seconded by Councillor Mrs K Wilson and agreed that Councillor Mrs C Rule would attend the meetings.

## **17. To receive any LGA 1972 Section 137 Requests for funding**

A thank you letter had been received from Mullion Extravaganza.

## **18. Annual Accounts to Year End 31 March 2025**

- i) To complete the Annual Governance Statement for the Year Ending 31 March 2025**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs L Skeites, seconded by Councillor Mrs K Wilson and RESOLVED to complete the Annual Governance Statement. The Chair signed the relevant section of the audit form.

**ii) To receive and approve the internally audited accounts for the Year Ending 31 March 2025**

It was proposed by Councillor G Atkinson, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Skeites and RESOLVED to approve the audited accounts. The Chair signed the relevant section of the audit form.

**iii) Conflicts with BDO LLP**

It was confirmed that there were no conflicts with the external auditors.

**iv) To appoint an Internal Auditor for 2025-26**

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor Mrs K Wilson and RESOLVED to appoint Michelle Bowley as the Internal Auditor.

**19. Finance and Accounts**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs K Wilson, seconded by Councillor R Willey and RESOLVED to confirm the accounts and to pay the invoices.

Councillor Mrs K Wilson was thanked for running the Crowdfunding page for the new play equipment.

**20. Other correspondence received**

None.

The public were excluded from the meeting.

**21. Planning Enforcement**

The Clerk left the meeting.

**22. To discuss the Clerks Salary**

It was proposed by Councillor M Rowse, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Skeites and RESOLVED to increase the Clerks Salary to SCP29.

The Clerk rejoined the meeting.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Signed: .....  
**Chair**

Dated: .....