

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 15 April 2014** at **7.00pm** at The Centenary Room, Methodist Chapel, Churchtown, Mullion

Councillors Present

D German	J Lang (Chairman)
A Gilbert	Mrs C Rule
Mrs S Ormond (Vice Chairman)	R Willey
P Wilkins	D Williams
I Harvey	

Eleven members of the public attended the meeting.

1. Public Session

Mr Justin Whitehouse, National Trust Ranger attended the meeting. He advised that the leaflet brought to the attention of the Parish Council at its last meeting had been produced in 2006, and had been in circulation ever since. He also commented that he did not believe that a Parish Council meeting was the correct forum to discuss whether climate change was to blame for the recent damage caused to Mullion Harbour, but did confirm that the Harbour would be repaired this time and would not continue to be repaired forever.

Mr Whitehouse gave an update on the repairs to the Harbour. Initial emergency repairs had been completed and the Harbour would be accessible for the Easter period. Boats were back on their moorings and the seaward side of the breakwater was to be inspected the following day, weather and tide conditions permitting. Listed Building Consent for the repair of the southern breakwater was in the process of being applied for, as was required for any repairs or alterations to that structure. The National Trust were awaiting the insurance payment, and it was hoped that the southern breakwater could be repaired in concrete in a similar style to previous repairs, by the same company who undertook the those repairs and who had also been awarded this contract. The Trust had a 'whole hearted' commitment to repairing the harbour, and was grateful for the Community effort at the Cove so far. Mr Whitehouse also remarked that, hopefully, the Harbour would stand for a while longer.

Responding to a question regarding Harbour Day, Mr Whitehouse advised this would be held in September this year due to the repairs required to the Harbour and the local Ranger recently leaving her position. The Chairman thanked Mr Whitehouse for attending the meeting.

Mrs Kemp, Chairman of Mullion in Bloom, showed the meeting the final design for the new map that had been erected in the Village. The original artwork would be placed in the Heritage Centre for safe keeping, and postcards, etc. would be available to purchase in due course.

Two members of the public left the meeting.

2. Police Report

The Chairman advised the meeting of the Police Report for the month of March as attached to these minutes.

3. Absence

Apologies had been submitted on behalf of Councillor Mrs S Ireland.

4. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor I Harvey, seconded by Councillor Mrs C Rule and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18 March 2014 be approved as a true record and be duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Declarations of Interest

None received.

6. Planning

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

PA14/02344 - Mr & Mrs Scott Paterson - 29 Clifden Close - Retrospective planning for self contained unit attached to no 29 Clifden Close

The Applicants attended the meeting and outlined the reasons for the planning application. They stated that they fully intended to return the self contained flat to the original permission granted for this dwelling in the future.

It was suggested that this additional unit of accommodation should fall within the local needs housing policy. However, enforcing such planning obligations in the Village proved to be unsuccessful.

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor D German and RESOLVED to support this application.

PA14/03024 - Mrs Louisa Ellery - Angrouse Farm, Angrouse Lane - Variation of condition 2 in respect of decision notice PA11/06229 dated 20 September 2011 to allow stables to be used for business purposes

Three objectors attended the meeting and spoke against the application. Their concerns included increased traffic over a private lane that was also a public right of way. They also stated that there were currently no horses on the site, and that the owners of the property and equestrian facility were currently absent. The dwelling was known to be for sale, with or without the equestrian facilities, and it was felt that the equestrian facilities should be tied to the dwelling as there was not sufficient land for a livery business.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor I Harvey and RESOLVED to object to the planning application due to the original planning condition of 'personal use only' being imposed for the above reasons. The Parish Council unanimously agreed that nothing has changed, in their opinion, to allow that condition to be removed.

The Chairman read out the following Decision Notices received from Cornwall Council:-

PA14/01639 – Ms Shelly Powell – 73 Redannack North - The demolition of a previous utility room and replacement with a kitchen – Approved

PA14/01013 - Mr and Mrs N Upton - 9 Gibbons Fields – Approved

Seven members of the public left the meeting.

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had very recently been contacted by two housing developers in relation to three sites located within the Parish. The companies had requested a meeting the Councillors to get a feeling for what housing, if any, the Parish required. Both companies involved had no plans or ideas to present to the Council, and merely wanted to talk with Councillors. A lengthy discussion took place, and it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor D German and RESOLVED that the Councillors would meet with the developers at an informal meeting. Councillor Mrs C Rule suggested that she could make enquiries at County in relation to the numbers listed on the housing register.

The Clerk was asked to respond to both companies with the following statement:- “The Parish Council have asked me to advise all developers that a Housing Survey took place in August 2011. The results of that Survey showed that approximately 15 social rented houses were required in the Parish over the next five years. The Parish Council are unlikely to support any large scale open market housing schemes.”

7. Report from Cornwall County Councillor Mrs C Rule

Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that Cornwall Council had recently reduced the number of Corporate Directors from six to three to further reduce staff costs.

Communities had been asked to advertise the recently launched Apprenticeships campaign. The Clerk would contact the relevant officer to request posters to display in the Village.

Councillor Mrs C Rule was asked what cuts would be made to the bus services in the Parish following the recent announcement that cuts were to be made. She confirmed that all routes were being looked at, but was unable to confirm which services would be affected.

8. Chairman and Clerks Comments

The Chairman advised the meeting that a new Head Teacher had been appointed at Mullion School. Councillor Mrs C Rule and the Chairman had been invited to listen to the presentations made by the applicants, and Mr Wayne Randle (current Deputy Head at Redruth School) would take up post in September 2014.

9. Public Rights of Way

It was noted that the South West Coast Path between Mullion Cove and Predannack was extremely muddy in places, due to cattle being grazed on the cliffs over the winter months. The cattle had now been moved, but the situation would continue to be monitored.

10. Public Open Spaces

Councillor I Harvey confirmed that the Park was in good order. The Clerk had requested that the fireman's pole adjoining the large climbing frame be replaced, and she was awaiting an installation date. The Climbing Frame also needed to be stained this year, and the Clerk was obtaining quotes.

The trees and bushes in the park that required attention have now been dealt with.

11. Highways

A road sign had been left on the Chypons Road near to Bochym Manor following roadwork's in the area. The Clerk would contact the Highways Department.

12. Affiliation to Cornwall Association of Local Councils

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Mrs C Rule and RESOLVED to affiliate to the Cornwall Association of Local Councils for the forthcoming year.

13. Formation of an Emergency Plan

Councillor R Willey advised the meeting that progress was being made on the Plan, which was now close to completion. Letters had been sent to the local grocery shops in relation to their opening during an emergency so that supplies could be purchased for the Emergency Centre. Mullion Primary School and the Methodist Church had replied to confirm that they were happy for their facilities to be used in an emergency.

It was suggested that all public buildings should display postcodes and/or grid references that could be quoted in the case of an emergency.

14. LGA 1972 requests for funding

No requests for funding had been received.

15. Finance and Accounts

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor D Williams and RESOLVED to confirm the accounts and to pay the invoices.

15. Other correspondence received

The Clerk advised the meeting of a letter received from Mullion Surf Life Saving Club who had been unable to form a committee at their recent AGM and had therefore disbanded. They were therefore not in a position to take on a lease agreement on the building at Polurrian Cove. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council was grateful to everyone involved in the Club over the many years it had been running.

Councillor I Harvey advised the meeting of a concert being performed by the Helston School Jazz Orchestra at the Methodist Chapel on Friday 25 April 2014. Tickets were available to purchase for this event.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Dated:

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