

**Mullion Parish Council Meeting** held on **Tuesday 16 June 2009** at 7.00pm at The Schoolroom, Methodist Chapel, Mullion

### **Councillors Present**

A Gilbert  
Mrs S Ireland  
J Lang (Chairman)

Mrs C Rule (Vice Chairman)  
C Rule  
C Williams

PCSO Julia Berry and two members of the public also attended the meeting.

#### **1. Public Session**

There were no comments from the public.

#### **2. Police Report**

PCSO Berry advised the meeting of the Police Reports for the previous month as attached to these minutes.

It was reported that cars parking on the junction of Polurrian Road and Nansmellyon Road were causing a hazard to passing vehicles and vehicles leaving the junction. PCSO Berry confirmed that she would speak to the owners of the vehicles.

It was mentioned that the take away van situated in Laflouder Fields was still causing difficulties to pedestrian and vehicular movement in the area. PCSO Berry advised that meeting that she had visited the site with a Senior Police Officer, who suggested that the position of the van was acceptable. The Clerk was requested to contact the Planning Enforcement Department again to determine whether permission was granted for the positioning of a trade vehicle on the driveway.

#### **3. Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors R Curnow, P Wilkins and R Willey. Councillors D Williams was also not in attendance.

#### **4. Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Assembly and Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 May 2009 and the Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 02 June 2009 were proposed by Councillor Mrs S Ireland, seconded by Councillor C Williams and unanimously approved and then signed off by the Chairman as a true record.

#### **5. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Mrs C Rule declared an ongoing interest in relation to Planning items for the moment pending the composition of the new Cornwall Council Planning Committee.

#### **6. Report from Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule**

The Chairman congratulated Councillor Mrs C Rule on her election to the Unitary Authority, Cornwall Council on 04 June 2009.

Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that training sessions were currently taking place at County Hall for the newly elected Councillors, and were to continue for the forthcoming weeks.

The Cabinet, Committees and Portfolio Holders of Cornwall Council would be ratified at the first Full Council meeting on Tuesday 23 June 2009.

The IDeA had been working with Council Officials and Councillors to ensure that a smooth transition took place following the cessation of Cornwall County Council and the District Councils.

## **7. Public Rights of Way**

The meeting was advised that positive feedback had been received from Councillors and members of the public in relation to the condition of the footpaths. These comments had been passed on to the footpath contractor, Mike Tonkin.

It was noted that the footpath from Redannack Estate to the Village had been cut by Mr Greet, and the Parish Council thanked Mr Greet for undertaking this work.

The Clerk was requested to contact the Churchwarden regarding the overgrowth of greenery from the Churchyard onto the pedestrian footway opposite the Old Inn.

## **8. Public Open Spaces**

Mullion In Bloom (MIB) had contacted the Parish Council requesting permission to remove the chippings from the three raised beds in Tremenhee Car Park and resurface with grass. The Parish Council felt that this would much improve the appearance and safety in the car park, and the Clerk was instructed to contact MIB to grant permission for the work and to obtain confirmation that MIB would maintain the grassed areas.

It was reported to the meeting that dog fouling had become a significant problem in St Mellans Park. Dogs were banned from this area, and the Clerk was requested to ensure that signs were located at both entrances to the park, and to reinstate any signs that were not present. The Clerk was also asked to publish notices in the village regarding dog fouling and advising the public that they can report sightings of dog fouling anonymously to the Dog Warden who would deal with the offender directly. This had already occurred at least once previously in the village.

## **9. County Highways Issues**

The Chairman advised the meeting that the new cattle grid was currently being installed on the road leading to Predannack Wollas. Delays had been created at the site due to drains, pipes and failing concrete being discovered following the removal of the previous cattle grid.

It was again reported to the meeting that the road between the Mounts Bay Inn and the Old Inn had disintegrated and the temporary fix of tarmac had risen higher than the surrounding tarmac. A manhole opposite Tremenhee House on Lender Lane had also lifted and was causing a significant

disturbance to neighbouring properties and businesses. The Clerk was asked to contact County Highways in relation to these matters.

The Clerk informed the meeting that a letter had been received from the Parking Department at Cornwall Council following previous complaints made by the Parish Council. The Clerk requested that photos of vehicles obstructing driveways should be forwarded to her to pass to the Police and Cornwall Council.

## **10. Planning**

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

PA09/00753/F – Mr & Mrs M Yendell – Erection of a conservatory extension and alterations to dwelling – Oasis, Tregellas Road

No comments had been received from the public, and the site was located within the village development boundary.

It was proposed by Councillor C Williams and seconded by Councillor C Rule to support the planning application with the condition that the dwelling be used solely for private residential use.

PA09/00762/FD – Mrs N Sutherland – Pippins, 3 Elm Terrace, Churchtown - Retention of vehicular access without compliance with Condition 1 attached the Decision Notices Numbered PA04/00737/F dated 8 July 2004

No comments had been received from the public in relation to this application.

Following a lengthy discussion, Councillors remarked that parking on the road in the area would increase if the parking space was removed from the front of the property.

It was proposed by Councillor C Williams and seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ireland to support the application. However this proposal was not supported further.

It was then proposed by Councillor C Rule, seconded by Councillor A Gilbert and agreed by the remainder of the meeting to object to the planning application on the following grounds:-

- A breach of a planning Condition had taken place;
- The reason for the granting of previous permission was no longer in situ at the dwelling;
- Reversing onto the main highway would cause problems for oncoming traffic and dangers for pedestrians walking on the footpath adjacent to the property; and
- The neighbouring property has been served with an enforcement notice for parking in the front garden.

## **11. Amenity Monies**

A discussion took place amongst Councillors regarding what the monies could be spent on. Following a letter being sent to Cornwall Council requesting the use of monies for the provision of street lighting in Gibbons Fields, it was noted that Cornwall Council had declined the request. The

Clerk had requested clarification and guidance on what the monies could be spent on. Ideas from constituents continued to be collated by the Clerk which included a pavilion/bandstand/marquee and a fence to enclose the children play area. The Clerk was requested to contact Stuart Wallace at Cornwall Council for funding information for the installation of new play equipment in the park.

## **12. Play Area Safety Report – St Mellans Park**

The Play Area Safety Report produced by RoSPA for St Mellans Park had previously been circulated to Councillors. Councillor A Gilbert agreed to address the issues surrounding the scramble net and vehicle gate. It was also suggested that the basketball net be repositioned away from the footpath, and that Mullion School be contacted regarding the painting of white lines on the 5-a-side pitch.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor C Williams and unanimously agreed to note the report and to action risks as mentioned above.

## **13. CCTV provision within the Village**

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Church had offered the use of one channel on the CCTV receiver located within the Church. This avenue had previously been investigated, and, on the advice of the professionals, the use of the Church would not be suitable for the provision of CCTV to cover the car parks or parks due to the significant distance. The Clerk was requested to write to Mr David Welch to thank him for the kind offer.

The Clerk was also asked to contact Western Power and the electrician to ascertain whether the cable would be laid in ducting, and whether this was included in the price quoted. She was also requested to obtain two more quotes for the installation of CCTV.

Cornwall Council would be approached again to reconsider its decision not to allow the Amenity Monies to be used on the CCTV in the village.

## **14. Public Conveniences at Polurrian Beach**

As previously mentioned in the Police Report, the Chairman advised the meeting of the recent criminal damage to the public conveniences at Polurrian Beach. They had been broken into and used, and this had been reported to the Police and Cornwall Council quickly.

Cornwall Council has since confirmed that they had repaired the damage, and that the water would be turned on in the near future. They also advised that the toilets would be opened, closed and cleaned by Cornwall Council for the six weekends that the RNLI were present at the beach over the school holidays.

## **15. Installation of bus shelters in the village**

The Clerk advised the meeting that the bus shelter had been ordered, and should be installed by the end of August, although she confirmed that she would chase the company for a more precise installation date.

## **16. Update on the proposed Criggan Mill development**

The Chairman advised the Councillors that a meeting had taken place that morning between the Parish Council, Planning Officers from Cornwall Council and the Applicant, her Agent and the Planning Consultant regarding the proposed development at Criggan Mill.

All of the objections raised by the Parish Council were discussed, and the Applicant was requested by Mark Broomhead to submit informal plans to the Parish Council prior to submitting amended plans to Cornwall Council for public consultation.

**17. Communications between Parish Council and CALC**

Following an email sent to CALC from the Chairman of Cubert Parish Council regarding CALC 'bias' towards Quality Status Councils (previously circulated to Councillors), it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor A Gilbert and unanimously agreed to write to CALC regarding this Council's discomfort with the management of CALC at the present time.

**18. Use of St Mellans Park for a fundraising day for the RNLI**

Mrs Jill Cuff had requested the Parish Council's permission to use the park for a fundraising day on Saturday 22 August 2009.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor C Williams and unanimously agreed to allow the use of the park for a fundraising day for the RNLI on Saturday 22 August 2009.

**19. LGA 1972 requests for funding**

A request for funding was received Churches Together in Mullion, Cury and Gunwalloe to contribute towards the cost of the Annual Carolaire.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor C Williams and unanimously agreed to donate £135.00 to Churches Together to cover the cost of the band at the Carolaire.

**20. CALC AGM**

The Clerk advised the meeting that Annual General Meeting of CALC would take place on Monday 29 June 2009 at Dolcoath Avenue Offices, Camborne at 7.30. Councillor Mrs C Rule agreed to attend the meeting with the Clerk.

**21. Finance and Accounts**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by Councillor C Rule and unanimously agreed to confirm the accounts and to pay the invoices.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.56pm.

Signed: .....  
**Chairman**

Dated: .....