

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 21 July 2009** at 7.00pm at The Schoolroom, Methodist Chapel, Mullion

Councillors Present

R Curnow	C Rule
Mrs S Ireland	P Wilkins
J Lang (Chairman)	R Willey
Mrs C Rule (Vice Chairman)	

PC Derek Cormack and a member of the public also attended the meeting.

1. Public Session

There were no comments from the public.

2. Police Report

PC Cormack advised the meeting of the Police Reports for the previous month as attached to these minutes.

PC Cormack advised the meeting that it was rumoured that the police would no longer be providing officers for traffic control (and temporary road closure) for events such as the Christmas Lights switch on. Councillor Mrs C Rule was asked by PC Cormack to investigate this allegation at County Hall.

3. Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor A Gilbert. Councillors C Williams and D Williams were also not in attendance.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 07 July 2009 were proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor C Rule, unanimously approved and then signed off by the Chairman as a true record.

5. Declarations of Interest

Councillor C Rule declared a personal interest in respect of item 12 due to being a resident of the estate.

6. Report from Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule

Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that she was incredibly busy in her newly elected role as Portfolio Holder for Economy and Regeneration. Services such as Newquay Airport, funding from Europe and County Farms all fell under this Portfolio. Councillor Mrs C Rule confirmed that she had requested an urgent meeting with the County Farms Manager to establish the current position of Predannack Manor Farm.

An informal meeting had been held with the Community Network Manager, Charlotte Chadwick, and her assistant, Amy De'Ath. Seven Cornwall Councillors will sit on the Helston and Lizard Community Network, and it had been agreed that Parish and Town Councils would be heavily involved and eligible to vote during the decision making process, although the mechanics behind the voting had yet to be decided. It was hoped that the Community Network Manager would introduce herself to Mullion Parish Council at the earliest opportunity.

Cllr Mrs Rule further advised that unfortunately Councillors Community budgets had been heavily cut, and the amount of £2195 per Councillor had been agreed for 2009/10.

7. Public Rights of Way

The Clerk confirmed to the meeting that the overgrowth from the Churchyard had been trimmed back by Cornwall Council the previous week.

Complaints had been received regarding works being undertaken at Polbream. The National Trust had been contacted and they had advised the Clerk that the entire area was a designated SSSI and that the matter had been referred to the Legal Department for further investigation.

An email had been received from a member of the public congratulating the Parish Council for the work carried out this year in clearing the parish footpaths.

Footpath 4/4 which follows the perimeter fence at Predannack was reported to be overgrown, and the contractor has been asked to attend to the path as a matter of urgency.

A lengthy discussion then took place regarding the issues surrounding the paths requiring one and two cuts, the payment received from Cornwall Council and the monies paid to our contractor. The Clerk was asked to contact the Access Team and Councillor Julian German (Portfolio Holder) regarding the issues. In relation to maintenance of open spaces, Councillor Mrs C Rule was asked to investigate the provision of village wardens in other Parishes.

Complaints had been received in relation to the newly fenced field at Angrouse Farm. The 'Wesley Field', as it commonly known, houses a commemorative stone which is now difficult to access due to the new fence and gate layout. Further comment was made regarding the stile exit on the village side of this field being slippery and difficult to negotiate, Council was also informed that the small copse beyond this stile was increasingly difficult to transit due to large puddles on the footpath. The Clerk was asked to investigate ownership and contact the Landowner(s) in an attempt to address the situation.

8. Public Open Spaces

The Clerk advised the meeting that Mullion School had agreed to paint the white lines on the 5-a-side pitch on a one off basis. The Site Manager for Mullion School suggested that the use of weedkiller to "burn" lines into the grass would be more permanent, but that a licence to spray in public places would be required. It was agreed that the painting of white lines was a temporary solution for the short term, and the Parish Council would monitor the use of the football pitch over the summer with a view to providing a longer term solution in the future.

The Clerk advised the meeting that the fundraising event for RNLI scheduled to take place in St Mellans Park on Sunday 22 August had been cancelled.

The Parish Council had been approached by Tonkin's Funeral Directors in relation to providing a hard surface in the new part of the Cemetery to allow a hearse closer access to grave space. New grave spaces are now located further from the Chapel of Rest, the current parking area, and it was becoming more difficult and taking longer for bearers to carry the coffins to the grave side particularly in wet conditions.. After a lengthy discussion, the Clerk was requested to obtain quotes before any further decision was made by the Parish Council.

9. County Highways Issues

Councillor R Curnow advised the meeting that he had investigated the problems with parking on Redannack Estate at the junction with Polhorman Road with the Police Traffic Officer. The Officer had decided that the parking was safe, and that residents should continue to monitor the situation. Councillor R Curnow also mentioned to the meeting that Polhorman Road would be resurfaced during the forthcoming week.

The Clerk advised the meeting that the bus shelter had been scheduled to be installed that day, but due to difficulties unloading the shelter in the one way system this did not occur. The shelter is now scheduled to be installed "next week"..

A Program of Scheduled Works had been received from the Highways Department at Cornwall Council. This confirmed that small works, such as gully emptying and estate road cleansing took place on a two yearly rolling programme, and that the maintenance team inspected the area on a 14 week frequency, but no major works in the village were due to take place in the foreseeable future. The A3083 from Higher Bochym to Penhale was scheduled for surface dressing during the current financial year.

10. Planning

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

PA09/00953/F – Mr J Thomas – Erection of extension to dwelling – 54 Laflouder Fields, Mullion

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

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and unanimously agreed to support the planning application.

The Chairman advised the meeting of the following Decision Notice received from Cornwall Council.

PA09/00305/F – Mr A Ross – Erection of a domestic garage - Gwyn Gala, Meres Valley – Application withdrawn

It was also noted that the National Trust had formally objected to the amended plans at Criggan Mill.

Following previous complaints relating to the “takeaway” van at Laflouder Fields, a response had been received from the Planning Enforcement Officer at Cornwall Council stating that a breach was not occurring.

11. Amenity Monies

Following correspondence with Stuart Wallace relating to the installation of play equipment in the Park, he had suggested that amenity money could be spent on the one off capital investment for installation of CCTV cameras in the Park. The Clerk was asked to write to the appropriate Officer at Cornwall Council to obtain written confirmation.

No further recommendations for the spending of the money had been received from residents in the Village.

12. Parking arrangements at Parc En Venton

Councillor C Rule declared a personal interest, and signed the Declaration of Interests Register, in respect of this item due to being a resident of the estate.

Following a request from a resident at Parc En Venton, the Clerk had investigated the legality of the parking spaces located on the site. DCHA had confirmed that the spaces were not designated for occupiers or visitors of either Parc En Venton or Redannack. They were to be used on a first come, first served basis. DCHA mentioned that if the residents of Parc En Venton wished to fund and install a sign at the site stating that the spaces were for residents parking only, then they would first need to contact DCHA. The Clerk confirmed that she would write to the complainant explaining this.

Concerns were also raised over the fish van that was parked on Redannack Estate. It was alleged that the van was being cleaned out on the road. Although not unanimously, it was decided that the Clerk should contact the Environmental Health Department to see if a breach was occurring.

13. Annual Budget Statement – Mullion In Bloom

The Clerk circulated the Annual Budget Statement received from Mullion In Bloom.

Some concerns were voiced by Councillors in relation to the work that the organisation undertook in the Village. The Councillors were keen to ensure that value for money was being achieved by all contractors. The Clerk advised the Councillors that she believed a contract had been drawn up by a previous Clerk in relation to works, and that she would try to locate it prior to the next meeting.

14. CCTV in Tremenhee and The Forge car parks

The Clerk advised the meeting that three quotes had now been received from various companies for the provision of CCTV in the car parks and public park. The Chairman requested that the Clerk circulated a report and the quotes prior to the next meeting, when the item could be discussed in depth.

15. LGA 1972 requests for funding

No requests for funding had been received.

16. Finance and Accounts

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor R Willey and unanimously agreed to confirm the accounts and to pay the invoices.

It was also mentioned that Mullion Gymnastics Centre would be holding an open day on Sunday 26 July 2009 between 10.00am and 4.00pm and that everyone was invited to attend.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Dated: