

**Mullion Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting** held on **Tuesday 11 August 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)	C Williams

Two members of the public also attended the meeting.

### **1. Public Session**

There were no comments from the public.

### **2. Absence**

Councillors A Gilbert and D Williams were not in attendance.

### **3. Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21 July 2009 were proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by the Chairman, unanimously approved and then signed off by the Chairman as a true record.

### **4. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor C Williams declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to planning application PA09/00905/F - Mr T Williams – 40 Laflouder Fields – Conversion of existing domestic garage into part of residential accommodation, formation of a pitched roof over and erection of a new domestic garage.

### **5. Introduction of the Helston and The Lizard Community Network Manager**

The Chairman welcomed Charlotte Chadwick, Community Network Manager for the Helston and The Lizard area, to the meeting.

Charlotte Chadwick informed the meeting that she had previously been employed by Penwith District Council as Business Advisor for six years and previous to that, she had a considerable amount of experience in supporting communities and young people.

Nineteen Community Networks had been established in Cornwall, with Helston and The Lizard being one of the largest and most diverse with a range of different towns, villages and communities in the area. The Community Network Managers principal role was to support the seven Cornwall Councillors with regard to delivering the priorities of towns and villages in the area. Other duties would include maintaining service delivery, creating active partnering between Cornwall Council and Parish and Town Councils and to access funding for community groups.

The Community Network Manager advised the meeting that a review of the Community Network Panels was now underway at the request of the new administration at Cornwall Council. The meeting that was scheduled for 10 September 2009 was therefore likely to be deferred to a later date, following the outcome of that review.

The Community Network Manager mentioned a scheme currently available to towns and villages in Cornwall. The Community Payback Scheme was introduced as a result of convictions resulting in community service. Any groups within the community could request supervised work to be undertaken in the village. The Clerk confirmed that she would publish the details in the village, along with the Community Network Managers contact details.

The Chairman thanked Charlotte Chadwick for attending the meeting.

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

Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that she had requested a meeting with the County Farms Manager in September to discuss the future of Predannack Manor Farm.

Councillor Mrs C Rule had recently returned from a visit to Finland to secure the Region of Culture status and, therefore, funding for the area.

It was suggested that notices be published in the village to make residents and groups aware of the Community Payback Scheme.

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

The Clerk advised the meeting that following correspondence with the Countryside Access Officer, no budget was available for the improvement of Bridleway 35 leading to Polurrian Cove. Councillor R Willey suggested using the Community Payback Scheme to improve the hedgerows on that bridleway to increase the amount of sunlight reaching the floor of the path. The Clerk confirmed that she would pass this request on to the Community Network Manager.

The Chairman informed the meeting that several Councillors had that morning met with Tom Fletcher, Principal Access and Development Officer for Cornwall Council. The discrepancy between the amount of funding the Parish Council receives, and the actual amount it costs to undertake the work was the main concern raised. A new map of an ideal cutting regime for the footpaths in the area would be created by the Parish Council, which would hopefully secure more funding and an improved network of tended paths.

The Chairman had met with the land owner of Angrouse Field since the last meeting. The land owner had agreed to have the stile modified in an attempt to make it safer for walkers. Unfortunately the ownership of the small wooded area on the village side of this field could not be established, and the matter of the poor condition of the site had been referred to the Countryside Access Officer for determination.

## **8. Public Open Spaces**

The Clerk advised the meeting that three contractors had been approached to provide quotations for the provision of a newly formed track to be created in the cemetery. The quotes would be presented to the Council for further discussion on the matter once they had been received.

## **9. County Highways**

The Clerk was delighted to inform the meeting that the bus shelter had finally been installed outside of the Methodist Chapel. The installation did not go without problems, and the initial holes were excavated in the wrong place. Eventually the shelter was erected in the correct location, and the bus users were pleased with the new facility.

After discussion with the Highways Electrical Inspector, the Clerk advised the meeting that Cornwall Council were unable to adopt the street lights at Gibbons Field due to the road network not being owned by them. As previously agreed, the Clerk would go ahead and instruct the replacement of the three street lights requiring attention.

Temporary repairs were taking place on the road network in and around the village, but unfortunately the temporary fix at Ghost Hill had failed again, and the Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Team in an attempt to find a more permanent solution.

A complaint had been received from a resident at Predannack regarding the newly installed cattle grid. Water was collecting in and around the cattle grid, and this matter had been referred to the Highways Team.

## **10. Planning**

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

Councillor C Williams declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to this planning application, and did not take part in the discussion or vote.

PA09/00905/F – Mr T Williams – 40 Laflouder Fields – Conversion of existing domestic garage into part of residential accommodation, formation of a pitched roof over and erection of a new domestic garage

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

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C Rule, seconded by the Chairman and agreed to support the planning application.

PA09/01001/F – Mr & Mrs S Lester – 31 Gibbons Fields – Erection of an extension to dwelling

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

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor P Wilkins and unanimously agreed to support the planning application.

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

PA09/00410/F – Mr D Archer – Redannack Bungalow, Lender Lane – Erection of a dwelling – Conditional Permission for Development Granted

PA09/00663/F – Mr & Mrs R Walker – 14 Redannack Estate – Erection of an extension to dwelling – Conditional Permission for Development Granted

PA09/00762/FD – Mrs N Sutherland – Pippins, 3 Elm Terrace, Churchtown – Retention of vehicular access - Conditional Permission for Development Granted

PA09/00753/F – Mr & Mrs Yendall – Oasis, Tregellas Road – Erection of extensions and alterations to dwelling - Conditional Permission for Development Granted

PA09/00822/F – Mr & Mrs Courtis – Cresta, 24 Meres Valley – Erection of extensions to dwelling - Conditional Permission for Development Granted

PA09/00679/F – Mr E J Townsin – Bryher, Trewoon Road – Erection of an extension and alterations to dwelling - Conditional Permission for Development Granted

The Clerk advised the meeting that the Planning Application for the Replacement of Holiday Chalets at Criggan Mill would go before the Planning Committee for decision in September 2009. Councillors would be advised of the exact date, time and location in due course.

## **11. Mullion In Bloom Contract**

A copy of the Mullion In Bloom Maintenance Contract had previously been circulated to Councillors. As a member of the Mullion In Bloom (MIB) Committee was present at the meeting, she was asked to advise the Parish Council of the works that were undertaken by MIB, which included the following:-

### Mullion Garden

Grass cut weekly

Outside and Cornish hedge trimmed weekly

Inside of Church Wall trimmed fortnightly

Perimeter beds tended fortnightly, pruned twice yearly and bark mulch spread annually

Rose bed weeded fortnightly and tended weekly

### Tremenhee Car Park

Grass cut weekly, including areas to the right and left of entrance

Area swept at least once a fortnight

Cornish hedges trimmed twice yearly

Care of beds tended fortnightly

Other works were also undertaken in the village, for which further funding was raised by the Charity.

The Councillors were advised by the Clerk that the contract had been in place since 2002 and renewed on a biannual basis, with the current contract running to March 2010.

**12. Installation of CCTV in St Mellans Park and The Forge and Tremenhee Car Parks**

After a lengthy discussion, the Clerk was instructed to request a further quote from the Security Companies to an exact specification as determined by the Council. This would include a pole in St Mellans Park housing four cameras to cover the park and The Forge Car Park entrance as well as the related monitoring and recording equipment. In addition to this, provision needed to be made for the installation of additional cameras at a later date. The quotes would hopefully be presented to the Council at the next meeting for a decision.

**13. Recycling Facilities in the Forge Car Park**

Recent activity at the recycling centre in the Forge Car Park had led to overflowing recycling bins and general litter being dumped in the area. The bins had now been emptied by the company, but other rubbish remained on site, including numerous cardboard boxes. The Direct Services Team had been contacted with a request to remove the general litter (which was bagged) from the area when visiting the car park’s litter bin.

The Recycling Manager at Cornwall Council had been contacted with regard to the cardboard boxes being left on site, and he had contacted businesses within the area to ensure that they are aware of their duties with regard to disposing of waste. Another option would be to install a cardboard recycling facility in the Car Park. The container is large and costly to maintain, and the Recycling Manager would make the final decision on whether or not the village could justify such a facility.

The Council then took a vote of the installation of a cardboard recycling container in the Forge Car Park. It was proposed by Councillor P Wilkins and seconded by Councillor C Rule to request that a container be installed. This motion was carried by a vote of 5 for and 2 against. The Clerk would contact the Recycling Manager with a request to have the container installed in the Car Park.

**14. Finance and Accounts**

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.53pm.

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

Dated: .....