

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 20 October 2009** at 7.00pm at The Schoolroom, Methodist Chapel, Mullion

Councillors Present

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

Seven members of the public also attended the meeting.

1. Public Session

Five occupants from the Riviera Close made representations to the Council regarding unreasonable behaviour taking place on the estate by children. Children (both from the estate and from other areas of the village) were allegedly creating a noise nuisance and danger on the road and pathways in the Riviera Close. Personal driveways were reportedly being blocked, and residents were becoming increasingly worried for the safety of the children, and for their own properties.

Due to the absence of Police Officers from the meeting, the Clerk advised the residents that the Police would be contacted and the complainants would be contacted by either the Police or the Clerk prior to the next meeting. The complainants were invited to attend the next meeting of the Council, when it was hoped that a Police Officer would be in attendance.

2. Police Report

Apologies were received on behalf of PC Derek Cormack and PCSO Julia Berry. A report had been submitted to the Clerk, and the meeting were advised of its contents, as attached to these minutes.

3. Absence

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

4. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 September 2009 were proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ireland, unanimously approved and then signed off by the Chairman as a true record.

5. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Mrs C Rule and R Curnow declared personal and prejudicial interests in respect of item 18 due to collecting monies on behalf of the Mullion Christmas Lights Appeal.

6. Report from Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule

Councillor Mrs C Rule advised the meeting that she had a Community Grant Pot available to the sum of £2,195.00. She was keen to distribute smaller amounts to local organisations and groups, and urged interested parties to contact with herself or the Clerk for an application form.

The Cabinet at Cornwall Council had formally agreed to build Council housing in the County. The Right to Buy clause would still be applicable, with certain conditions applied. Further details were yet to be decided.

A budget of £1million had been assigned to Disabled Facilities grants by Cornwall Council, in an attempt to bring living conditions in Cornwall up to a better standard.

The baseline exercise undertaken by Cornwall Council for the 2009/10 budget had been completed, and it was confirmed that budgets had been considerably overspent.

7. Public Rights of Way

Following the recent voluntary work undertaken by the Community Payback Service on Bridleway 35, it was suggested that the landowners with boundary's abutting the bridleway be requested to cut back any overgrowth on the path in accordance with The Highways Act 1980.

A letter of thanks had been received from a member of the public following the improvement of the stile at Angrouse Farm. A Councillor once again questioned the ownership of the small wooded area in this area, and the Chairman advised that following a Land Registry search, it was confirmed that the land was not registered.

Comments had been received following the erection of a gate to a property situated on Byway 34 , and a previous turning area, to the north of Meres Valley. It was noted, however, that this was a private driveway, and no obstruction to the byway had been caused by the installation of a gate.

8. Public Open Spaces

The Clerk advised the meeting that Mullion had received an Outstanding Achievement Award in the Neighbourhood Category of the South West in Bloom Award 2009. She went on to say that this award was given in recognition of community participation, ongoing horticultural achievement and environmental responsibility. The judges of this category were of the opinion that with a few improvements, Mullion had the potential to enter the main category of the South West in Bloom competition next year. The Councillors were delighted to receive the Award, and were fully supportive of any further works that needed to undertaken in the village, subject to any financial constraints. The Clerk was requested to write a letter of congratulations to Mullion In Bloom for their efforts in obtaining this Award for the village.

9. County Highways Issues

The non-working light in the Millennium Gardens had been reported to Cornwall Council.

It was noted that many of the street lights in the village were permanently on, and this was due to new bulbs and controls being installed in all of the street lights. The Parish Council had been assured by Cornwall Council that this fault would not occur for too much longer.

The Clerk advised the meeting that the replacement lights for Gibbons Fields had been ordered, but had yet to be installed. Following two complaints on one of the old lights not working, the Clerk had requested that SEC issue a temporary fix on that light.

It was suggested that directional signs be requested for Mullion Cove as there were none in the village centre. Whilst contacting the Highways Department, the Clerk was asked to mention the general state of the directional signs in and around the village, as it was mentioned that some were in a bad state of repair.

The Clerk was also asked to contact the Parking Enforcement Section at Cornwall Council in relation to the parking bays not being painted in the centre of the village, and therefore the enforcement of a breach of parking conditions was not possible.

10. Planning

The Clerk advised the meeting that no planning application or decisions had been received prior to the meeting taking place.

The Chairman, however, advised the meeting of the approval of the Criggan Mill development that had taken place at that afternoon's West Area Planning Committee of Cornwall Council. This approval was contrary to the Parish Council's observations, and to many objectors in the village.

A planning enforcement complaint had been made relating to the erection of a block building in the pay and display car park at Mullion Cove.

A letter had been received from the Planning Department advising of the necessity for a planning application to be submitted for the erection of an agricultural barn at Paradise Farm, Trevitho Lane, Meaver Road following the application under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995. It was thought that a planning application would be sent to the Parish Council for consultation in due course.

11. Amenity Monies

The Clerk circulated a letter, with photographs attached, which highlighted the possibility of enhancing the park with a fenced area around the play equipment. This suggestion would be added to the list.

12. CCTV in Tremenhee and The Forge car parks

Following the last meeting of the Parish Council, the Clerk had contacted all the relevant companies in relation to the revised specification for the provision of CCTV in the park and car parks, and had received two revised quotations. Specifications and prices were circulated to the Members, and the item was deferred to the November meeting for a decision following digestion of the information by Councillors.

13. Polurrian Public Conveniences

The Chairman opened the discussion of this item with a brief history of the public conveniences at Polurrian. The toilets were owned and operated by Cornwall Council, and at a meeting of all

interested parties in October 2008, it was resolved that the Surf Life Saving Club would liaise with Kerrier District Council to ensure the future of the site for the benefit of the club and the village.

Unfortunately, this opportunity was not taken up, and the toilets were only opened for the six weekends of the summer holidays, when the RNLI were in attendance at the beach.

It had therefore fallen back to the Parish Council to make a decision on next year's operating of the public conveniences. Councillor Mrs C Rule advised that she would make contact with a possible contact, and report back to the December meeting with an update.

The Clerk was requested to contact the Operations Manager at Cornwall Council to ascertain the costs and possibilities for the site prior to that meeting.

14. Village Warden

The Clerk opened the discussion of this item by advising of the current costs involved in maintaining the village through various contracts. This amounted to almost £20,000.00 per annum. It was suggested that this expenditure could be used to employ a person to undertake all of the work involved in the contracts, as well as other day to day maintenance in and around the village.

The Clerk had take advice from CALC, who had highlighted employment issues and suggested a fixed term contract, of say 12 months, to ensure that funds were available for the subsequent year before employing a member of staff and possibly overburdening the Council's finances.

After a lengthy discussion, the Clerk was asked to contact a number of Town and Parish Council's in Cornwall, setting out what Mullion intended to do, and asking for advice and/or suggestions on what other parishes undertake. She was also asked to make an application to Cornwall Council for the use of some of the amenity monies to purchase equipment for use by the Village Warden. It was understood that if the start up costs of this project could not be financed from the amenity money, this project may not get the go ahead due to a lack of funds.

15. Cleaning and Maintenance of the War Memorial

It had been suggested that prior to Remembrance Sunday, the War Memorial should be cleaned by a professional company. The Clerk had contacted Robert Lawrence Monumental Mason and obtained a quote, which was for the cleaning of granite, repainting of inscriptions and the levelling up and repointing of the paving – all of which amounted to £250.00 and could be completed prior to Remembrance Sunday.

It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor R Curnow and unanimously agreed to instruct Robert Lawrence Monumental Mason to undertake the above mentioned works.

16. Priority highway repairs

Following numerous complaints to the Highways Department of temporary fixes in the village, the Highway Area Manager had requested that the Parish Council submit priority highway repairs to the Asset Team for consideration and prioritisation against other similar requests throughout the County.

The Clerk was asked to submit the following suggestions to the Highway Area Manager:-

- Road leading onto Redannack from Lender Lane (poor quality surface)
- Trenance Corner, leading to Mullion Cove (road breaking up)
- Teneriffe Farm to Predannack Wollas (side of road collapsed)
- Meaver Road, from School to Village (poor quality surface)
- Ghost Hill (ongoing temporary fixes being installed on pot hole, permanent solution needed)

17. Cornish Declaration on Climate Change

A request had been sent to the Parish Council by Cornwall Council Cabinet Member, Councillor Julian German, for the Council to sign The Cornish Declaration on Climate Change. The Clerk read the pledge to the meeting. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk could sign the declaration on behalf of the Parish Council.

18. LGA 1972 requests for funding

Councillors Mrs C Rule and R Curnow declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the discussion of the Mullion Christmas Lights grant request, and did not take part in the discussion or vote.

A letter had been received from Mullion Christmas Lights requesting the sum of £250.00 to cover the cost of Public Liability Insurance, as supported in previous years by the Parish Council. It was proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by the Chairman and agreed to donate the sum of £250.00 to the Christmas Lights Appeal.

A letter had been received from the Mullion Branch of the Royal British Legion advising members of the Parade and Services to be held, and also advising that the cost of laying a wreath at the Cenotaph was £16.50.

The Remembrance Day Parade would take place on Sunday 8 November 2009, and participants were invited to muster at the RBL hall at 2.30pm and parade to Mullion Church for the 3.00pm service, and afterwards at the Cenotaph for a short service and wreath laying. On Wednesday 11 November, the two minute silence and short service would be held in the New Cemetery, and attendees were invited to muster at 10.45am.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor C Rule and unanimously agreed to purchase a wreath and to make a donation totalling £25.00.

19. Finance and Accounts

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

20. Community Network Panels – Call for Evidence questionnaire

Following the circulation of the above document, the Clerk was requested to submit the Parish Council's comments before the deadline of 29 October 2009.

21. Planning Liaison Panel Update

Following the submission of a representative to sit on the above Panel, it had been decided at the General Meeting of CALC to set up a Planning Forum due to the amount of nominations received. This Forum would then elect its representatives to sit on the Planning Liaison Panel. The Clerk would circulate details of the first meeting in due course.

22. Lizard Peninsula Heritage Trust 12th AGM

The Clerk advised the meeting of the Lizard Peninsula Heritage Trust 12th AGM which would take place at the Mawgan Village Hall on Tuesday 17 November 2009 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.47pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Dated: