

Mullion Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 17 November 2009** at 7.00pm at The Schoolroom, Methodist Chapel, Mullion

Councillors Present

R Curnow	C Rule
Mrs S Ireland	R Willey
A V Gilbert	C Williams
J Lang (Chairman)	

One member of the public also attended the meeting.

The Chairman opened the meeting by congratulating Councillor R Curnow on his award from Devon & Cornwall Watch Association and sending congratulations to the Clerk, Mrs Sam Folds, on the birth of her baby daughter.

The Chairman introduced Mrs Joanne Pearce who was acting Clerk for this meeting.

1. Public Session

The member of the public queried whether his planning application at Wayton House, Nansmellyon Road had been forwarded to the meeting for comment. The Chairman advised that the application had been discussed at the Extraordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 3 November and explained that notice of this meeting was made in the usual way. The Chairman read the extract from the minutes regarding the application and advised that further contact should be made with Cornwall Council regarding progress of the application.

2. Police Report

No police report was available to the meeting.

3. Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors P Wilkins and Councillor Mrs C Rule. Councillor W D Williams was also not in attendance.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3 November 2009 were proposed by Councillor R Willey, seconded by Councillor R Curnow, unanimously approved and then signed off by the Chairman as a true record.

5. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made by the Councillors.

6. Report from Cornwall Councillor Mrs C Rule

Due to Councillor Mrs C Rule not being present the Chairman read her report to the meeting.

Officers in Cornwall have been working with partners to progress a 'Regions of Culture' bid so that places like Cornwall are not excluded from the initiative.

Cornwall Council are holding regular meetings to formulate a proposal to put before members with regard to the service provision they are able to provide and the Council Tax needs. Redesigning and streamlining the process of provision in many areas will be one benefit of being one council and will result in cost savings.

Councillor Rule has drafted a 'green paper' on the economy for Cornwall and the consultation process is now starting.

All members have a small budget for community grants which needs to be spent by end March 2010. Grant applications forms have been made available for completion by the public, and community groups were required to contact the Clerk of the Council for copies.

The Community Network at Helston appeared to be working well. Cornwall Councillors have met on a regular basis but the first scheduled network meeting is to be held on Wednesday 13 January 2010 at 7.00pm at Helston School. Invitations would be forwarded nearer the date.

Representatives of the residents of Mullion Cove had contacted Councillor Mrs C Rule to highlight the errors in the issued planning approval notice relating to Criggan Mill as the wording did not comply with the actual wording agreed at the planning meeting. After contacting the senior officers and providing evidence for the assertion they have confirmed that an error has been made. The officers will be issuing a correctly worded approval notice to the applicants which will ensure that the correct Grampian condition is in place to prevent works until they have complied with conditions regarding surface water and sewage.

7. Public Rights of Way

Councillor Mrs S Ireland reported that comments had been received regarding moss growing on the pedestrian tarmac footpaths at Laflouder Fields and Old Vicarage Lane. Councillor R Curnow also reported similar problems at Redannack. The Chairman asked all Councillors to report any similar matters to the Clerk, who would contact the Highways Department.

Councillor C Rule raise the matter of a car which is regularly parked on the junction at Redannack which is causing problems and is a danger to road users. The Chairman suggested contacting the police to deal with the matter but it was decided, in the first instance, that Councillor R Curnow would speak with the car owner and make them aware of the problem.

Councillor A Gilbert queried who is responsible for overhanging foliage from private properties and the Chairman suggested that any such problems should be reported to the Clerk in the first instance.

8. Public Open Spaces

No issues were raised.

9. County Highways Issues

Details were received from Cornwall Council stating that the highway repair works reported by the Clerk were being investigated and work would be carried out in due course, this included works at Redannack. The Chairman reported that he had seen a vehicle around the village carrying out some surveying work and suggested waiting until the December meeting before contacting them again in relation to the recent damage to the road into Redannack following heavy rainfall.

A reply was received from the Parking Enforcement Section at Cornwall Council in relation to the parking bays not being painted in the centre of the village. The Parking Enforcement Section confirmed that because of these problems the enforcement of a breach of parking conditions was not possible and at present no works can be carried out to rectify the situation.

The Highways Department had replied to the request for directional signs for Mullion Cove from the centre of the village and had confirmed that a brown tourism sign could be provided if the Council were willing to fund it, but that their policy for brown signs in rural areas can only be signed from the nearest B road and as the B3296 runs all the way to the harbour the only sign permitted is a flag sign at the harbour itself. With regard to the condition of existing signs, Highways requested that Councillors indicate which signs require the most urgent attention. The Chairman agreed to photograph poor signs and requested that Councillors advise the Clerk where such signs were positioned.

10. Planning

Following consideration by the Councillors of the Planning Applications received from Cornwall Council, the following decisions were made. Councillor A V Gilbert abstained from voting on all applications.

PA09/01393/F – Ms M Pepper – Park Bean, Trewoon Road – Erection of a replacement dwelling and detached domestic garage.

No comments had been received from the public.

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

PA09/01413/F – Mr M Bird – Bel Air, Churchtown – Conversion of integral garage to from additional living accommodation

No comments had been received from the public.

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

PA09/01383/F – Mr M Barlow – Polurrian Hotel, Polurrian Road – Replacement of the existing single storey section to include part glazed roof and balconies for three first floor bedrooms

No comments had been received from the public.

Councillors felt that the development would be an improvement to the existing building which is a business providing employment and tourism to the area. It was proposed by Councillor J Lang, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Ireland and unanimously agreed to support the planning application.

PA09/01438/F – Mr M Burgoyne – The Monkey House, 1 Commons Close – Erection of extensions and alterations to dwelling

The Chairman explained that this application had been added to the agenda as observations needed to be returned to Cornwall Council before the next scheduled meeting.

No comments had been received from the public.

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

11. Amenity Monies

The Chairman confirmed that the Clerk was still researching the ideas discussed at the previous meeting in October regarding using amenity monies to appoint a warden. It was agreed that this matter be deferred to the December meeting.

12. CCTV in Tremenhee and The Forge car parks

The Chairman opened the discussion by asking Councillors to show their support for the idea of siting CCTV in St Mellans Park although all Councillors said they needed more detail before they could make a final decision. It was also agreed that the quotation from Delta seemed favourable. Councillor Rule gave further detail of the areas the cameras would cover but felt that until a decision was made regarding the equipment in the park it would not be possible to decide if the CCTV would be suitable for purpose. Councillor R Willey questioned whether the cameras would also cover the Atlantic Forge car park and Councillor C Rule confirmed that he did not think they would. Councillor C Williams gave details of the low rates of prosecution resulting from CCTV and whether this would be cost effective. Questions were also raised regarding 'dummy' cameras and lengthy discussions followed. The Chairman proposed deferring the issue to the December meeting to allow further input from the Clerk regarding details of the positioning of the cameras and when the equipment would be needed.

13. Criggan Mill

The Chairman opened the discussion of this item with a brief history of the application/approval. The Chairman asked Councillors to vote on whether the Council could forward a letter of support to the CPRE. Councillor C Rule stated that he did not think the public would want their money spent supporting this action, while Councillor R Willey disagreed and gave his support. The Chairman confirmed that, at this time, he was only seeking agreement to sending a letter of support and if any money was needed in the future he would bring this to the vote. It was agreed unanimously to send a letter of support.

14. LGA 1972 Requests for funding.

No requests were received.

15. Finance and Accounts

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

The Chair advised the meeting that a letter had been received from Mullion Methodist Church regarding an increase in the room hire fees. The Chairman asked Councillors to agree the increase from £10.00 to £12.00. It was agreed unanimously to pay the new hire rate.

16. Policing Issues in the Lizard Area

The Chairman gave details of a letter received from Andrew George MP regarding concerns over policing and a reply from Devon and Cornwall Police.

17. Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

A letter of thanks was received from the Royal British Legion for the donation for the wreath.

18. Cornwall Air Ambulance

A letter of thanks was received from the Air Ambulance Trust for the donation.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.23pm.

Signed:

Dated: